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## Print Edition Newsletter, August 2009

### Newsletter & Email Updates

As you may have noticed, we have not had a printed newsletter in some time. That is because we have moved to an e-mail format to communicate with Auburn Meadows residents. This move was designed to reduce costs associated with printing and distributing information as well as doing our part in conserving natural resources. Oh, and mostly because we lost our newsletter author, publisher, and distribution volunteers! **If you have not already done so, please visit our neighborhood website at [www.auburnmeadows.org](http://www.auburnmeadows.org), click on "email list", and "opt-in" or sign-up** to begin receiving neighborhood updates and important notifications about events via email. We promise not to spam your inbox, but still keep you in the loop on important updates and events. You can also view HOA board minutes, board contacts/emails, and news items on our website.

If you like the paper format and would like to volunteer to take on the writing (with HOA board oversight), publishing, and distribution roles, we'll concede that our paper will be recyclable and continue the publication on a quarterly basis. If you would like to join the newsletter team, please reach out to Joel Rathke at [laurarathke@hotmail.com](mailto:laurarathke@hotmail.com).

### Social Committee Volunteers

Karen Stolz will be acting as the coordinator for our Social Committee and would like to solicit your ideas for having either a Fall or a Winter Festival. If you have suggestions or would like to help, please email her at [mstolz@cox.net](mailto:mstolz@cox.net). She is also adding a Tween/Teen Social Committee as an opportunity to allow this age group more visibility to events and to help in planning. Let Karen know if you have a Tween or a Teen interested in being a part.

### A Big Thank You!!

The HOA Board and residents who enjoyed the fireworks display and picnic celebration at the Third Annual Auburn Meadows 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Celebration would like to thank all of the residents who generously pitched in funding to support our fireworks display and inflatables. It was absolutely a great night of fun and a beautiful fireworks display to celebrate our independence as a Nation. We were able to collect enough donations to cover the entire fireworks display and hope that we can do it again next year for our Fourth Annual! With the operating costs of our neighborhood, the only way we can afford something of this magnitude is through private donations, so a sincere thank you to those who contributed to the cause.

### Upcoming HOA Board Meetings

We've got only two HOA board meetings left this year and we hope that you will take the time to attend. The next meeting is **Sunday, Sep 14 at 4 PM**. At these board meetings and aside from the agenda items, we will be putting together a nominating committee to nominate the 2009 Auburn Meadows HOA Board and at the following meeting electing new officers and board members. We hope that everyone can be in attendance and that many of you can volunteer to be on the board and join a committee to keep our neighborhood running effectively and efficiently. Not to mention we always welcome new ideas and new leadership to keep our neighborhood a fun and safe place. Please bring your thoughts on goals for the HOA in the coming year and contribute your time to help Auburn Meadows continue to be a great place to live.



*Don't forget to register online for email updates!!*

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## Adult Swim Reminder

Several residents requested an opportunity for an "Adults-only" swim time. The idea was to provide some times throughout the week that the pool is open for adults only to exercise, swim, and enjoy the pool facilities without children and without interfering with the normal, life-guarded pool hours of operation. We have developed a program to accommodate this but will require each resident who would like to swim during this time to 1) Sign a waiver to hold the HOA and pool management company harmless in case of accident. Basically, acknowledging that you are swimming at your own risk and 2) Provide a deposit for a key to the main pool entrance door that will be tracked for security. The hours and rules of this program will be discussed at future board meetings and likely changed up for next year. If you are interested in this program, please plan to attend the board meetings to find out more and feel free to contact Erin Bowlby, Pool Committee Chair, at [ebowlby@cox.net](mailto:ebowlby@cox.net) or 359-4124.

## HOA Requests and Dues

As we mentioned in the earlier article, we need communication from the neighborhood on ideas for improvements, things that need to be fixed or purchased, and what priorities we need to set for next year. As you would guess, it is all based on our budget which has been very tight. We have had discussions about raising annual HOA dues by 10% for 2009 and will be voting on that motion before the end of the year. Please be sure to show up at the meetings to discuss your ideas.

## Making Home Improvements?

If you plan to make any outdoor or structural changes to your property, remember we have neighborhood by-laws that govern what can and can not be added/changed. Fran Kleese can be contacted at [fkbk972@yahoo.com](mailto:fkbk972@yahoo.com) for an application for exterior improvements to your property.

## Speeding Cars & Stop Signs

There have been several reports of cars racing through the neighborhood and particularly running the stop signs at Auburn Meadows Drive and 182<sup>nd</sup> Street. This raises serious concerns about the safety of our residents and specifically our children playing at the pool and park area. Please be careful to watch your speed as you drive through the neighborhood and stop at the stop signs.

If you would like to report spotting this activity, please call the police as the board has no authority for our public streets. Also, we have been given a contact within OKC Police Department who is responsible for having a team patrol our neighborhood. If you see illegal activity and speeding cars, please call Captain Willford at 297-1150.

## Pool Access: Card key?

If you need a card key for normal access to the pool and work-out facilities, please mail a check (payable to Auburn Meadows Owners Association) for \$15 per card (limit 2 per family) to: **Auburn Meadows Owners Association, c/o Danforth Development, PO Box 424, Spencer, OK 73084. Phone (405) 771-5135**

We also ask that everyone please take some time to review the pool rules next time you are around the pool as we need all residents aware of and following the rules adopted by our neighborhood and pool committee. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## New Residents and Directory

If you are new to the neighborhood and would like your information included (or edited) in the next neighborhood directory, please **send the following information to Stacy Penix at [spenix2@cox.net](mailto:spenix2@cox.net) by Monday, Sep 15, 2008:**

- 1) Name and names/ages of children
- 2) Address info
- 3) Phone number and email address
- 4) Pets/types (in case they get lost)

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