



Summer Meadows Newsletter

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Social Events Committee



Several people interested in forming a Social Events Committee met in August. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Joy Eske through the "Contact Us" section of the website. The following events are planned:

- **Neighborhood Lights Walk**

Everyone is invited to decorate their homes for the holidays. On Dec. 11, families can walk through the neighborhood to enjoy the decorations. Votes for most lights, prettiest display, etc. can be made via the Website. Prizes will be given to homes with the most votes!

- **March 4 & 5, 2006**

Community Garage Sale, watch for more details to follow.

Special Thanks to:



The Block Watch Kick Off in September was very informative. Special thanks to the Gilbert Police Department for their time and tips. Our neighborhood can always use more people who are willing to be Captains for their street also! Here are some tips from the presentation:

- Make your house look like someone is home. Perception is everything!

- The Gilbert P.D. will provide free steering wheel lock and gun trigger locks.
- 66% of crimes occur through unlocked door or windows. Be sure to lock the door between the garage and home also!
- Get the junk out of the garage and park your car in it!
- Watch the trash/recycling after holidays. People are watching to see what new gifts are in your home!
- The Gilbert P.D. will perform vacation checks on your home while you are away upon your request.

Board News



- 1st edition of Summer Meadows Newsletter distributed in July. A copy is posted on the website also.
- Transition of the new landscaping company Trademark.
- Please read the Message from the President on the back on this newsletter for detailed news from the Board.

- Next Board meeting is January 25, 2006 at Playa del Rey Elementary.
- Please watch for mailings and future newsletters for Board meeting information. All homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend!

Message to the Summer Meadows homeowners from the HOA President:

Hello everyone,

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with changes made in the last 6 months. AAM, the management company that oversees our property has provided us with a new property manager. Her name is Jennifer Lundmark. She is your contact if you receive any correspondence regarding CC&R violations, or assessments. Our web site allows you to contact her or any of the HOA board with your questions, comments or suggestions.

I hope you have noticed a marked improvement in the landscaping over the last few months. We changed landscaping contractors to make the common areas look their best. The plants and trees are trimmed, the winter grass is beginning to come in and overall Summer Meadows is looking better then it has in a long time. Jennifer and our landscaper are in constant contact and if you see anything that needs attention please use the web site to voice your concern. Vandalism of our parks, watering system and playground equipment has cost us a lot of money this year. Call 911 if you witness any vandalism in progress. You will also need to over seed your front yards with winter rye. We have not over seeded in the past two years at the request of the City of Gilbert, as part of the water conservation plan, but this year we will need to have green front yards year around.

We still have the same old problem of leaving trash receptacles on the street past the Monday pickup day. Please bring them in and out of sight by the end of day Monday. We want our neighborhood to look the best it can be, and trash cans at the curb two days after pick up just doesn't look like well kept neighborhood.

Did you know that parking on the street overnight is against the CC&R's? Please put your car in the driveway at night. The streets in Summer Meadows were not designed wide enough for on-street parking and the City of Gilbert allows our HOA to control parking. It may be a public street, but with the cities permission the HOA may fine and possibly tow your vehicle if you consistently violate this rule. Warnings are always given well in advance of towing, so there should be no surprises. Just because you have parked on the street sense you moved in will not get you a free pass to continue to do so.

With the cooler weather the real estate enhancement projects are now coming to the top of your "to-do" list. Please remember that we have an architectural committee that needs to know your plans. Driveway extensions, cemented in basketball stands, backyard play equipment and painting your house requires the committees' written approval. Asking for permission is much better then begging for forgiveness after the project is complete and fines have been issued. Read your copy of the CC&R's to find out what projects require committee approval.

The purpose of the HOA is to maintain the common areas and enforce the CC&R's that we all agreed to when we purchased our home. Our home values have increased substantially over the last year and part of that is because of the HOA. I hope the Summer Meadows board is living up to your expectations. The board is an extension of your voice, so we want to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Greg Anderson
Summer Meadows HOA President