

# Meadow Meanderings

Sunshine Meadows Newsletter  
Winter '08

## NEW BOARD ELECTED

At the September General Meeting, four new officers and three advisors were elected to serve as the Sunshine Meadows Board of Directors. The new officers are Leon Seats, President; Les Chariton, Vice President; LJ Brown, Secretary and Cindy Neipert, Treasurer. Advisors are Dalen Gunn, Stella Smallwood and Tara Smith. The board holds regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, and each member will also serve as an advisor on a committee.

## HOA MANAGEMENT

The past SMOA Board voted to discontinue the services of Homeowners Association Administration, the management company that previously sent mailings and collected our funds. This was effective at the end of July, 2007, and the management was immediately transferred to our own hands. Now, instead of paying a sizeable fee to the management company each month, the work load is divided between a few of our own members who will be charging small fees for their work. Since we have a vested interest in our neighborhood, we believe we can handle our own business and concerns in a much better fashion "in-house" while keeping our costs down.

## HOMEOWNERS DUES

Please note that your 2008 Homeowners Dues Statements are enclosed with this newsletter. The annual dues are once again \$240.00 and are due at the end of March or within 60 days of receipt of the statement. The long "grace period" that was allowed in 2007 will not be in effect this year, so plan accordingly.

## PARK UPDATE

Throughout the past summer, Doug Eastwood, Parks and Recreation Director, has been conducting meetings with Sunshine Meadows homeowners to develop the topographical plan for the proposed park, as well as choosing the type and style of playground equipment. A few days after the playground equipment was chosen, Doug submitted an application to the manufacturer for a matching grant. Our application was approved, so the City will only have to pay for half the cost of the equipment. At meetings with the Parks and Recreation Board in October and Planning and Zoning in November, the park was approved in both cases, clearing the way for construction to begin as soon as the ground thaws in the spring. Homeowners will have opportunities to help with the playground and the planting of trees. Completion of the park is projected for the end of July. The site plan can be seen and downloaded from our new website.

## SMOA WEBSITE

We're happy to announce the development of a new Sunshine Meadows Owner's Association

website. At this site, you will be able to read and download various documents, minutes and forms to assist both you and the association in the smooth conducting of business and to keep you updated on current happenings. The site address is (or will be) [www.sunshinemeadows.us](http://www.sunshinemeadows.us). If it is not operational at the time you receive this newsletter, please keep trying. One need we have is for a good photographer to capture some shots of the neighborhood this spring.

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## SIDEWALK SAFETY

Fresh snow. It adds beauty to our landscape but creates many hazards, especially for pedestrians on our sidewalks. City ordinance requires all residents or owners to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their home(s) and at the side, in the case of corner lots. This allows our children safe and unobstructed passage to and from their bus stops each day. The snow should be removed by 9:00 am or as soon as the snow stops, during daylight hours. If there is crusted ice on the sidewalk, an ice-melt product should be used to prevent slipping and falling. These requirements must be met even if your home is not occupied, not only to adhere to City code, but to protect the homeowner from possible injury lawsuit.

This is a good time to mention that vehicles parked so that they block the sidewalks are also in violation of City Code. This is not only an eyesore in the neighborhood and a discourtesy to pedestrians, its a hazzard for the kids who have to detour around them into the street on their way to the bus stop. Be aware that this type of parking may result in a violation letter being sent.

## RULES AND REGS AMENDMENTS

As the Association attempted to enforce the Rules and Regulations this past year, it became apparent there are contradictions and ambiguities in the governing documents that need to be cleared up. Recently, these documents were studied, and a number of proposals for changes have been developed. These proposed changes are currently being reviewed by the Board, and will soon be sent to each homeowner for review, as well. At that time, notice for a hearing will be issued, and homeowners will have an opportunity to give their input. All input will be considered when the Board makes it's final decisions.

## COMMON VIOLATIONS

Some of the most common violations to the Rules and Regs in our community have been the following: trash cans left in the street or within view on days other than pick-up day; boats and R.V.s not parked behind a sight-obscuring fence; vehicles blocking the sidewalk; unmowed grass and weeds in the yards and swales; unleashed pets and pet owners that don't clean up after their pets. All of these things contribute to an untidy appearance and the depreciation of all property values. Remember, too, that all city codes are inclusive within our rules. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Landlords must stress these items (and all other rules) to their renters or have their property managers do so. Owners are ultimately held responsible for the upkeep of their properties and the payment of violation fines, whether they occupy the home or not. Everyone's cooperation is needed to keep our neighborhood attractive and safe.**

## SMOA MOTTO AND GOALS

**“Working Together to Build a Safer Neighborhood”.** This is the SMOA motto. Our goal, as we enter a new year, is to work hard to achieve a safe environment and good quality of life for all residents, while promoting the escalation of our property values. These goals can be obtained by common courtesy, cooperation of neighbors and observance of our rules. We look forward to

working with all of our owners and residents, striving together to make this a very successful year for Sunshine Meadows. Please send your suggestions and/or concerns to:

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