

LA SONATA NOTES

ASK THE BOARD

If you have a question for the Board of Directors email hoa@lasonata.org with the subject line "Ask the Board" and the question will be answered in the following newsletter. No names will be printed to keep all questions anonymous.

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From the President's Desk

I hope by now you have noticed the **new fence** across the northeast end of the neighborhood and the playground. With safety in mind, we wanted to invest in something that will last longer than the split rail fence and also offer a little more security around the area.

Don't forget to vote for the **2020 General Election on November 4!**

Join us for our **Annual Business Meeting on November 10** to vote for the HOA Board Officers and Members, review the 2020 Financial Report and more. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please email secretary@lasonata.org

Veteran's Day is Wednesday **November 11**, to honor and support all the Veteran's in the neighborhood I encourage you to put out a **green light bulb** on your porch. For more information please click here [Greenlight a Vet](#)

Don't forget to put your Christmas lights up to enter into our **Christmas Lights & Decoration Contest**. Our secret judges will be out **December 5-10** with winners will be announced **December 12**.

-Rebecca Chappell, President

COVENANTS AND SAFETY REMINDERS

Reports of violations may be sent to safety@lasonata.org. Please include pictures with time stamp and location, and, for overnight street parking: color, make, model, license plate state, and number. If you are interested in volunteering for the Covenants and Safety Committee please contact hoa@lasonata.org.

Lawns and shrubbery (CCR 4.4) shall be kept mowed and trimmed, with **grass in excess of eight inches** being in violation of these mowing requirements. **Landscaped beds should be free of weeds with shrubbery pruned as needed.** Yards consistently unmaintained can end up costing homeowner **\$100 fine**.

Overnight street parking in LaSonata is not allowed (CCR 4.6). Overnight street parking is considered to be between 1 am and 6 am. Overnight parking in the street can end up costing homeowner a **\$100 fine**.

Trash containers (Rules IV. D.7/Municipal Code Ch 49, Sec 45) must be placed behind the front house building line. Trash and trash bins **may not be put out for pick up before 7:00 pm the evening before pick up and must be returned to their storage location by 8:00 pm the evening of pick up**. Placing trash out for pick up for a longer period is subject to a fine by the City of Oklahoma City and the La Sonata Homeowners Association.

If you are planning **external changes** to your property in the front, or **Storage Buildings/Patio Roofs** or anything that may break the fence line in the backyard, please email hoa@lasonata.org to request an **Architectural Approval Request Form**.

Fences are jointly owned with whichever neighbor shares that fence and costs for repair or replacement should be agreed on and paid for 50/50.

La Sonata HOA is **not responsible** for **retaining walls**. Retaining wall maintenance/replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS / GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

If you wish to speak to the Board about an issue, suggestions, etc, please contact hoa@lasonata.org to request to be put on the next agenda.

November 10, 2020 6:30 PM, Zoom - Annual Business Meeting. Please email secretary@lasonata.org for the link to this meeting, or to file Proxy form if you will not be attending.

Business to be Presented to the Owner Membership:

- Highlights from 2020
- 2020 Financial Review & 2021 Proposed Budget
- 2020-2021 Business- Service Contracts
- Election of 2021 Board Members - Vice President, Treasurer, Member at Large 2, Member at Large 4

If any Owner is interested in standing for any of the seats open for election, please contact the Secretary at secretary@lasonata.org. All Owners in Good Standing- with HOA Dues up to date and no violations/fines within 6 months may stand for a seat on the Board of Directors.

Please note that normally we invite not only Owners to this meeting, but residents as well, this time due to the need to authenticate the owners and electronic voting for various items of business, **this meeting will be open only to Owners.**

Owners, with the changes brought about with the COVID-19 pandemic, La Sonata HOA has needed to become more innovative in handling the business of the HOA.

First, our Annual Business Meeting will be held virtually. We will be using Zoom for this meeting. The web address to access the meeting is on the Notice and Proxy, along with the **Passcode** that will be **required** to attend the meeting as a way of authenticating our owners in lieu of the Signature

Sign In we normally use. If you would prefer a direct link, rather than typing in the web address, to be able to put in your Passcode, please email the HOA Secretary at secretary@lasonata.org.

Proxies will be handled slightly differently this year. You will still fill out, sign and return the Proxy as detailed on the Notice and Proxy letter, and that may be done in person, by USPS mail, or by email. **Proxy forms MUST be received by November 10, 2020 at 5 PM. Late Proxies will not be accepted or added to the voting counts.** At the meeting is where the difference will occur.

During the meeting, a poll has been created for each voting area we will be considering at the meeting. The Poll will show as just a percentage vote in the virtual meeting room, preserving our blind ballot voting. After all of the polls have been closed, the Secretary will call out to those holding proxies individually and will ask if they have cast the recorded vote for both themselves and any Proxies they hold. Answering in the affirmative will serve as record that the Proxy was recorded and voted. After the meeting, the poll will generate a report that will go to the Secretary that will include name, email address and vote, and with a copy of our usual Signature Sign In sheets notating Proxies held, will serve as record that all votes were recorded. The poll result may be altered depending on the number of proxy held by an individual, but the Secretary will have the numbers available in real time, and will be able to announce the correction to the displayed poll/ full results of the votes before the meeting ends. The poll is just being used as a vehicle for voting without having to do a full verbal roll call for all 432 properties in La Sonata.

We appreciate your patience as we move in to, for La Sonata HOA, uncharted territory both now and during the meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at hoa@lasonata.org, or by phone at 405-726-8309.

December Board of Directors Meeting is canceled to allow new Board members to be briefed on

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recent issues and receive training. All business will be handled via email. Meetings will resume in January 12, 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECT UPDATES

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the [Committees](#) page on the website.

Finance *If you are interested in volunteering for Finance Committee, please contact hoa@lasonata.org*
2020 HOA Dues still unpaid have seen interest added to the accounts, and Assessment Liens have been prepared to be filed. Key Fobs have been deactivated on these accounts. ***Owners with Outstanding Dues or Violations fines cannot vote at the Annual Meeting.***

Payments may be made by requesting an **electronic invoice** (+\$7.00 processing fee) or **In-Person Payments** can be scheduled by emailing hoa@lasonata.org, or emailing or messaging the Treasurer or Secretary. Checks or money orders may be mailed to: **La Sonata HOA, 2301 NW 196th Street, Edmond, OK 73012**

Payment arrangements can be made to pay off outstanding Dues balances by emailing hoa@lasonata.org.

Social *If you are interested in volunteering for Social Committee, please contact hoa@lasonata.org*
December 5-10 Neighborhood Christmas Lights Contest - No registration. Just decorate as you wish. Judges will be out during this week to find the best and brightest decorated houses. Winners announced December 15th, prizes awarded following week.

Infrastructure/Maintenance *If you are interested in volunteering for Infrastructure/Maintenance Committee, please contact hoa@lasonata.org*

Exterior doors will be repainted to freshen up the clubhouse's appearance.
Volunteers will be needed to perform a few **handyman type repairs** such as re-leveling doors.

The **Fencing** along N. Penn and along side the

Playground on NW. 198th has been replaced!

Pond *If you are interested in volunteering for Pond Committee, please contact pond@lasonata.org*

Pond Committee Chairperson **Kelly Dunagan** has offered several suggestions for improvements to the Board. There is now a trash bin located at the pond and "Resident Only" signs with rules for the Pond have been purchased and will be posted as a result of his suggestions. We will also be setting an appointment for a noted Aquatic Ecologist to evaluate our Pond and offer suggestions.

La Sonata's Fishing Pond is located at NW 198th St. and Vista Ave. Please remember that the pond is **CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY and there is NO SWIMMING allowed.** The pond is stocked with Channel Catfish, Grass Carp, Bass, Copper Nose Bluegill and Minnows.

Beautification/Holiday Decorating *If you are interested in volunteering for Beautification/Holiday Decoration Committee, please contact hoa@lasonata.org*

Volunteers will be needed to decorate the main entrance and Clubhouse with flags for **Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11th**. If you are interested, please contact hoa@lasonata.org.

Pool

The pool is currently has been **closed** for the season. The anticipated date for the pool to open for 2021 is **May 29, 2021**.

Playground *If you are interested in volunteering for Playground Committee, please contact hoa@lasonata.org*

The Playground has a new safety fence! If you have not seen it, take a moment to have a look! We wish to thank **Ms. Anne Baxter** for continuing to volunteer to change the trash liner weekly. A "Resident Only" sign will some rules for the Playground has also been posted.