

LA SONATA NOTES

ASK THE BOARD

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From the President's Desk

YARD OF THE MONTH- Summertime is upon us, now is a good time to remind residents to please continue to keep your yards mowed. We recently rolled out the **Yard of the Month** campaign for residents. This campaign promotes neighborhood beautification and instills pride and ownership of a nice yard. Yard of the Month recipients wins a **gift card to Lowes and an HOA approved sign** to be displayed for the month earned. Anyone can nominate a yard they feel is deserving of the honors, to submit your nomination please email secretary@lasonata.org with photos of the yard.

FIREWORKS- Although we may seem to be outside of the city limits, we are still very much in Oklahoma City. It is illegal to buy fireworks in Oklahoma City. Fireworks are banned in OKC **including** sparklers, snakes, bottle rockets, and all other popular fireworks. If you are caught in violation of the City's fireworks ordinance it is punishable by a fine of \$177.00, which also includes confiscation of the fireworks and a possible jail sentence. Lastly, please consider being courteous to your neighbors who may have PTSD, young children, and animals with anxiety.

From the President's Desk (con't)

TRASH CANS- Please bring your trashcans in promptly after trash day. We have noticed an increase in trash cans left in the street exceeding the time limit after trash day. The City of OKC often runs services through our neighborhood and you may be fined by the city if you do not bring your trash cans out of the street promptly.

SOUND ORDINANCE- The City of Oklahoma City has sound ordinances that require quiet times between the hours of 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM on Sunday-Thursdays and 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Friday & Saturday. This includes barking dogs, lawn mowing, construction, and house/car radios. Please keep in mind city service workers who are often in the area reading meters or general maintenance work will report your residence if they find it to be in violation of sound or other ordinances. While most of this information is commonplace, did you know there is also a sound decibel threshold that runs from 7:00 AM – 9:59 PM weekday/10:59 weekend? Neighbors found to be in violation of sound nuisances may be subject to fines.

FUTURE HOA EVENTS- Hopefully, we will see an end to the rising numbers of cases of COVID-19 soon and we will be able to resume all neighborhood activities including Neighbors Night Out, Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale, and Community Clean-ups. We encourage you to please join the HOA for our monthly conference call meetings to stay updated with events. **Email secretary@lasonata.org or message the Secretary, Kathy Walker, to receive the link for the teleconference meeting.**

POND COMMITTEE CHAIR- I would like to recognize and welcome our new Pond Committee Chair Kelley Dunagan. We are excited to have him **From the President's Desk (con't)** join us in helping keep watch over the pond. If you are interested in serving on the Pond Committee, or even just helping keep things clean, please contact Kelly via the [Committees](#) page on the website.

-Rebecca Chappell, President

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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.

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.

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**.

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.

July 8, 2020 6:30 PM, Email secretary@lasonata.org to receive the teleconference link Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

August 11, 2020 6:30 PM, TBD - check social media and website for location Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECT UPDATES

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

Finance

2020 HOA Dues Invoices 3rd Notice Statements were mailed out the first week of July. 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.

Key Fobs have been deactivated for outstanding balances and lien documents will be filed with the OK County Court Clerk for any remaining outstanding balances in August.

Social

Easter Egg-Stravaganza - The Social Committee was trying to re-work it as a summer event, but the rise in COVID-19 numbers has resulted in canceling for 2020 and moving on to work on National Neighbors Night Out.

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National Neighbors Night Out- Currently scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6th, 6 PM-8:30 PM** at the Clubhouse. Dependent on COVID-19 guidelines for large outdoor gatherings. Come join the party! Hot dog cook out with all the trimmings free of charge, door prizes, sidewalk chalk art contest, Neighborhood Market for those with home based businesses and more!

Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale October 10-13 Residents do not need to sign up, but **MUST** purchase an [Oklahoma City Garage Sale Permit](#). Permits may be purchased online. Garage sales allowed by the city to run for three consecutive days. Signs may be placed at the entrances and on the median at the front entrance. Please remove signs at close of your sale.

Yard of the Month Congratulations to our **March** winner: **Kari Wolfe and Brian Lockhart** and our **June** winner: **Carole Keith!** Both yards look awesome and are a credit to the neighborhood! Each was presented with a **yard sign** to display, a **certificate** and a **\$50.00 Lowe's Gift Card!** We look forward to seeing which property the Secret Judges choose for July and August! You may submit recommendations for Yard of the Month to secretary@lasonata.org. The next Yard of the Month will be announced July 10th!

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

Door knobs that were worn out are being replaced as needed. **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.

Landscaping work is planned with the landscaping contractor, and plans are being made for **Neighborhood Improvement Days at Playground/Entrance, Clubhouse and Pond**. Please watch Social Media groups and the Website for dates.

Pond

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

The Pond Committee now has a new Chairperson! **Kelly Dunagan** has lived in La Sonata for 6 years and is a coach at Cimarron Middle School (Edmond) teaching Alternative Inner School Placement. Next year he will continue to be a mentor and resource for students with the addition of coaching Softball, Girls Basketball (8th), and Girls Tennis. One of his goals in buying a house was to be able to walk to an area of water to fish!

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, Coppernose 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, September 7th**. If you are interested, please contact hoa@lasonata.org.

Pool

The pool is currently **open** for the season. Please take the time to review the Common Area Use Rules on the website under [Rules](#) on page 21 at the bottom of the page. Children aged 12 and under are not allowed to be at the pool without adult (over 18) supervision. Guests are allowed, pursuant to the conditions listed in the Rules document.

NOTE: *If your key fob is not working, please contact La Sonata HOA for assistance. **Email:** hoa@lasonata.org **Phone:** 405-757-1886. If someone's key fob is not working, do **NOT** let them in using your key fob. They should contact the HOA for assistance. Allowing entry using your key fob is a violation may result in it being deactivated.*