



EKANA GREEN NEWS



A DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY

December 2009

Parking Policy...

A reminder that temporary parking permits are required for on street parking in any area other than the white striped area. If you are hosting a party or guests for any occasion, a temporary pass will allow parking in front of your home for a short period of time. NO temporary parking permits are allowed for overnight parking. Temporary parking permits are available from any board member or from Lisa Donahue at EPM. Please request parking permits 24 hours BEFORE the day of your event.

The white striped areas along the common areas are provided for overflow guest parking. Residents are to use their garages and driveways for their individual parking needs and not use the white striped areas for "permanent" parking of their vehicles. All cars parked in the designated area must have a current tag, be drivable and maintained or they will be subject to towing.

The Parking Policy will be in effect during the upcoming holidays. Entertaining? Remember to request parking passes prior to the date of your event.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Reminders

Let's all strive to make our community a safe and beautiful place to live!

- Architectural Review approval is required for any changes to house or landscape (i.e., paint colors, removal of shrubs, addition of pavers, etc.)
- Garbage cans and recyclable containers are to be stored out of sight when not curbside for scheduled pickups. No storing of garbage or recyclable containers in the driveway outside the garage.
- Trash should be placed curbside after 6:00 p.m. Monday evening prior to pickup on Tuesday. Landscape trimmings should be placed curbside on Tuesday evening after 6:00 p.m. for pickup on Wednesday.
- Dogs being walked are to be on a leash at all times and the **owner is responsible for cleaning behind the dog**. Leaving waste on lawns, common areas and sidewalks is a sanitary issue and unacceptable for the residents of Ekana Green. There is a county ordinance that a violator can be fined \$50.



Interested in being a HOA Board Member?

Serving on the Board is more than just attending a Board meeting four times a year. The Board needs residents willing to give of their time in all aspects of the HOA throughout the year – reporting street lights out of service; writing of the quarterly newsletter; serving on the ARC committee; representing our community at various Oviedo meetings and programs, meeting contractors onsite when necessary for the maintenance of the common areas, just to name a few.

Call Lisa Donahue at EPM and place your name in for nomination for election at the annual Board meeting in January. Retired and looking for a way to serve? What better way than to give your time and talent to your neighborhood? No take home pay- only quiet pride and satisfaction in making a contribution to the Ekana Green Community

Qualifications:

- Have a conscientious interest in the value of our homes and community.
- Enjoy volunteering your time and service to make Ekana Green a safe and desirable neighborhood.
- Attend quarterly Board meetings
- Must endorse and support the Covenants and Restrictions of Ekana Green. Lead by example.

The entry gate code will change effective, January 4, 2010. The new codes are mailed to all residents in the newsletter. Residents should advise vendors providing services to their homes of the vendor number (e.g. cleaning companies, lawn maintenance and pest control services). Residents may provide guests or deliveries access by pressing "9" when called from the gate. In an effort to provide limited access to our community, please do not freely distribute these codes. The cooperation of all residents in keeping the codes confidential is necessary for the safety of everyone.

Remote controls may be purchased from Lisa Donahue at EPM

SPEEDING within EKANA GREEN

Speeding within our development continues to be an issue with both residents and visitors. It is easy to exceed the speed limit without even being conscious you are speeding. However; there's a large number of children living within our community and every caution should be taken for their safety when playing on the sidewalks, riding bikes and crossing the street. The posted speed limit is 20 MPH.

Please help the HOA and the Oviedo Police department in a joint effort to make our community safe for our children. Be aware of your speed and come to a full stop (2 seconds) at all stop signs within Ekana Green. Your cooperation is appreciated.



OVIEDO CRIME REPORTS ONLINE

The Oviedo Police Department is using the Internet to spread the word about criminal activity in the city. Oviedo police Lt. George Llemsky is quoted as saying, "It is important for the community to know what is going on around them." (Orlando Sentinel September 3, 2009) CrimeReports.com provides free online access to crime reports compiled by the Oviedo Police Department. Oviedo is the 16th agency in the state to join CrimeReports.com, which also is used by Flagler County, Flagler Beach and Bunnell in Central Florida. Residents can get a report of incidents for the previous three days, week, two weeks or 30 days and narrow the search to their street or neighborhood or see what is happening in the entire city. The service does not provide exact addresses, only narrowing the incident to a block. For instance, a crime at 420 Oak Ave. would appear as the 400 block of Oak Avenue.

Attention Parents of Middle High Students

A number of middle high students from our neighborhood are climbing over the common wall in the mornings when boarding the bus and in the afternoon after exiting the bus on Lockwood. This action has been witnessed and noted by a number of residents. Not only is this dangerous but it is unacceptable as it jeopardizes the wall given its age. Any damage to the wall resulting from climbing will be the responsibility of the parents of the student(s). Also, the HOA will not be liable for any injuries which may occur from climbing over the wall. As parents, please make sure your children understand the consequences of their actions. If this issue continues, the parents of these students will receive letters from EPM/attorney. Sidewalks are provided from the bus stop to the main entry gate of the community - the route students should take walking to and from the bus stop.

ARE YOU AWARE?

Cutting through the backyards of homeowners (where the yards are not fenced) is trespassing. Residents backing to the common area at the tennis courts continue to have persons traipsing through their yards. Also, cutting through the side yards of homes (between houses) within the neighborhood is also trespassing. Every homeowner is entitled to the privacy of their yards. Please call Lisa Donahue if you experience people trespassing through your yard and the issue will be addressed personally with those who are trespassing. A sidewalk on the south side of the community provides access to the tennis courts and common areas and should be used rather than the yards of residents.

Ekana Green Website

Our community website is updated frequently with news items and other points of interest. Be sure to check frequently. www.ekanagreen.net

EPM Services

If you, as a resident, see anything that needs to be addressed please notify Lisa Donahue, our EPM representative: 407-327-5824, ext. 20.



New Irrigation Schedule To Take Effect November 1, 2009

Earlier this year, the St. John's Water Management District (SJWMD) made significant changes to scheduled irrigation days.

These changes were enacted to further enhance existing water conservation measures and conserve limited water resources. To comply with the SJWMD mandate, the Oviedo City Council was required to revise existing landscape irrigation policies and the applicable City Code of Ordinances. The new schedule can be found here:

http://www.cityofoviedo.net/files/2009_Irrigation_Schedule.pdf

The regulations apply to water resources derived from:

- Ground (well) or
- Surface water (pump)
- Public utility (potable and irrigation system water).
- The new irrigation schedule does not apply to reclaim water.

Roof TLC

With the hurricane season drawing to a close, roofs which need to be cleaned will be addressed by EPM beginning in January. The Board had voted to not have EPM address these issues until the end of hurricane season in the event roofs were damaged by a hurricane in 2009. The maintenance of homes within Ekana Green is addressed in the Covenants and Restrictions including roofs, paint of exterior, landscaping, driveways and other exterior improvements. Article III, Section 18 or the [Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Ekana Green](#)

Other Board News

Nancy Revell resigned from the Board of Directors at the November Board meeting. The Board has appointed Beth Pattillo to serve as president for the remainder of this year. Beth has resided in our community since its beginning and has served on the Board in years past. She is a welcomed addition to the HOA Board of Directors.

The common area wall is in need of repairs. Restoration will commence in December.

Community News



*Joan Gudenkauf passed away on Tuesday,
October 13, 2009.*

*We, as a community, extend our
sympathy to her family.*



Web Site – “Trade, Sell or Give away”

With the holidays just around the corner, do you have something you would like to sell? Or perhaps something you would just “give away” to reduce clutter? The old saying...“One man’s trash is another’s treasure” often is very true. Go to our website and click on “Trade” to take advantage of getting rid of items at no cost of advertising. Visit www.ekanagreen.net and be among the first to have your items listed.



Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays from your neighbors in Ekana Green. Wishing you and your loved ones joy this season and a Happy New Year!

Sorry to see you leave us!

Nancy and Terry Revell, Allie and Nick are moving to Jackson, Tennessee. Nancy has faithfully served on the HOA Board for the last two years and is also the creator and web master of our Ekana Green website. She has given of her talent and service very generously. Her leadership will be greatly missed.

Best wishes to the Revell family as we say good-bye.



Thank you to the following residents who have given unselfishly of their time and assistance to the HOA during this past year:

Gregory Gast

Overseer of the maintenance issues of our tennis courts

John and Barbara Gregory

Assistance in overseeing installation of the fence in the cul-de-sac on Ekana Green Court

Bill and Rita Finn

Opening the gates for each entering car with his gate transponder during our Garage Sale and posting a directional sign for the flow of traffic as well.

Tracy Tolley

Layout and graphic design of our quarterly newsletter.

Your time and willingness to make our community a better place to live is appreciated.

Welcome New Homeowners

Joseph and Mary Herzog
2125 Emerald Green Circle
Mike and Amanda Constantino
2130 Emerald Green Circle
Bernd and Samantha Hohmann
2155 Emerald Green Circle

Annual Homeowners Assoc. Meeting January 19th, at 7:00 PM

Reformed Theological Seminary, Room # 205