

## **Oakwood Security Committee Update**

Your Oakwood Security Committee is up and running; and as a result, you may see Committee members around the entrance/exit gates, the pool/tennis courts/playground, and other common neighborhood areas as we review the status of current security systems and explore possibilities for updates or changes. The Committee will provide security updates and make recommendations on Oakwood security matters to the Board for review and evaluation. The Committee plans to communicate security information for all Oakwood neighbors to consider.

Oakwood has experienced relatively few security incidents over the prior years. We all wish to keep it that way and ask ALL neighbors to consider neighborhood security in their daily activities.

We would like all neighbors to participate as their time permits! If you see something that you think can improve security, please tell those of us listed below or an Oakwood officer. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. If an incident should occur and be reported, please consider signing up for security alerts or updates. You can sign up by registering for access to the Oakwood website: <https://oakwoodsantonia.com>. If you are a registered website user and a security incident occurs and is reported or becomes known, it is anticipated the website administrator will send a notification to the email address you used for registration.

As we build and communicate plans for a secure and safe Oakwood, here are some thoughts to consider for keeping your home and surroundings secure and safe:

- **Use smart lights and other devices to create the impression you are home**
- Keep your vacation dates off **all family members'** social media
- Consider light timers if you're away overnight
- Lock/recheck all doors and windows, including the one between the house and garage
- Use blinds/curtains to prevent someone seeing where you put valuables
- Do not pass personal gate codes to anyone except residents at your address since this provides them 24-hour access and is tracked to your residence
  - Provide contractors, including delivery people, only contractor access codes from AAM that are limited to access between 7 AM and 8 PM or other time that you request, such as 8AM to 5PM.
- Ask all other guests to call the owner on the Gate Access Panel to gain entrance
- Consider locking gates to your fence
- Consider motion-sensor lights outside
- Consider security cameras
- Consider a monitored security system for doors and windows
- Keep exterior lights on at night
- Keep a well-maintained yard so intruders cannot hide
- Park vehicles inside your garage whenever possible
- Do not leave anything visible in your car—even low value items may prompt a break-in

- Do not leave garage door or gate openers in a car outside—a gate opener, garage door opener, and any paper in your car with your name or address may provide directions and easy access to your home
- Bottom Line: If you see something, say something!

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