

# The Park News

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## Home Security Tips

### 1. Change the Locks

Remember to change all the locks when you move into a new house. You'll never know who had access to the keys before you moved in. If you lose the keys to your house, you should also replace all the locks for the maximum home security.

### 2. Install an Alarm System

Alarm systems are one of the best forms of home protection. Home alarm systems immediately inform emergency authorities and warn homeowners of any potential dangers. Seeing that a home has an alarm system often prevents an intruder from even attempting a burglary. Hearing an alarm go off usually sends a burglar running.

### 3. Conceal All Wiring

Burglars often look for wiring around the exterior of a house and can cut it to disable the security system. Keep your home security wires hidden.

### 4. Give the Appearance That Your House is Occupied

Professional burglars scour neighborhoods looking for homeowners who are away from their home for an extended period of time. Automatic timers are great ways to turn lights on and off while you're away.

### 5. Don't Leave Your Key in the Mailbox

This is a [home security tip](#) that everyone has heard, but many still ignore. One of the easiest ways to enter a home uninvited is by finding a key in the mailbox or under the doormat. Wrap your key in foil and place it in a secret spot that only your family knows about.

### 6. Light Up the Entrance to Your Home

A smart way to keep thieves away is to utilize lighting. Lighting with an infrared detector automatically turns on when someone is in a specific zone or area. No burglar wants to be in easy view while committing a crime.

### 7. Install Deadbolt Locks

All exterior doors should have at least 1 inch thick dead bolt locks. Although more expensive than spring latch locks, dead bolts are much stronger and provide significantly more protection. When installing deadbolts, make sure to leave a minimal amount of space between the door and its frame, as this provides an opportunity for an intruder to pry the door apart. Doors can be reinforced with plywood or a piece of sheet metal.

### 8. Use Metal Bars on Sliding Doors

Any sliding glass doors, patio doors, or sliding windows should have a metal bar that is placed along the bottom track of the door or window. The metal bar can prevent a burglar from forcing the door or window open.

### 9. Use Interior Door Hinges

If your door has hinges on the outside of your house, an intruder can easily remove the hinge pin to gain entry. For optimal home security, remove the door and reset the hinges so that they are on the inside of the house.

### 10. Protect Your Windows

Burglars often gain entry into homes through windows. Protect these vulnerable areas with window locks and/or burglar-resistant glass. Installing many small panes of glass instead of one large pane of glass is a good option as well.



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## Message from the Board

To report a code violation of any kind such as un-mowed lawns or trash build up in a yard, or to report street lights that are out, call the city's Action Center at 918-258-3587 or email [action@brokenarrowok.gov](mailto:action@brokenarrowok.gov). Make sure to include the address of the property in question as well as your address and phone number so someone from the city can follow up with you.

**Next association meeting is scheduled for Monday April 2, 2018 @ 6:45pm. All Park on Florence homeowners are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the South Broken Arrow Library.**

### Board Officers

President: Mark Eley

Vice President: Chris Lemley

Secretary: Donetta Eley

Treasurer: Julie Hogan

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### Next Board Meeting

Monday April 2, 2018

South Broken Arrow Library

3600 S. Chestnut Avenue

6:45 pm

## HOA Notes

Thanks to everyone in the HOA for effort put forth in decorating your houses over the past holiday season, it seems every year that more and more people are putting up or adding to their decorations. Congratulations to the homeowners whom were chosen for the Christmas Spirit awards this year, as always it is a difficult decision for the Christmas committee to select the residences that receive the award.

## Park on Florence Trash Service Schedule

Trash pickup is Tuesdays and Fridays

If a route cannot be completed on schedule, trash will be picked up first thing the following morning.

### Holiday Schedule

If a holiday falls on a Monday, the Tuesday pickup will be delayed until Wednesday. If a holiday falls on Tuesday or Friday, your trash will be picked up on your next regular pickup day.

# Feb 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17
18	19 President Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



# Mar 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31

# Other Items

There will be Spring Garage Sale sometime in April, the exact date has yet to be chosen. So if you have items you no longer want you can try and sell them at that time. There is also the Goodwill store at 91st and Aspen if you would like to donate the items.

## Broken Arrow Animal Control

If you have a complaint of excessive barking dogs, loose dogs, cats, or if you have a problem with a wild animal such as a opossum, skunk, rabbits, etc, please contact the Broken Arrow Animal Control. 918-259-8311,

email: [www.baanimalshelter.com](http://www.baanimalshelter.com).

## Contact Information

If you would like to place an ad, sponsor an issue, submit an article or suggestion please contact the Editor, Mark Eley at [newsletter@theparkonflorence.org](mailto:newsletter@theparkonflorence.org).

If you live in the Park on Florence and you would like to make an announcement about a new baby, school or club event, community organization or your business, email us and we'll announce it in the next newsletter free of charge. Space is limited, first come first served. Ads must follow newsletter formatting requirements.

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# Apr 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER 	2 Quarterly HOA Meeting @ 6:45	3	4	5	6	7
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