

## Park Meadows Parking Reminders

June 2023

The PM trustees know that all of you are eager to hear our latest reminders about parking. We understand that by 2023 standards there aren't enough places to park all of our cars, let alone provide additional guest parking. Like previous trustees, we've discussed how we might provide more parking space – but that is a challenge with no easy answer. No solution has been reached. If any of you can come up with reasonable suggestions -we'd love to hear them!

So, we're left with trying to balance the needs of everyone looking for parking space with everyone else's safety and convenience. A large part of that is being considerate of others – making sure your parking isn't making life more difficult, or more dangerous, for your neighbors.

The ***Policies and Procedures*** are the rules we've all agreed to follow (because of purchasing property in PM). There's a full section (6.x on page 5) on parking. The salient details we would like to draw to your attention again are as follows.

**6.2 – Parking places at the end of each lane are for guests only.** Yes, every now and then most of us have used them. But continuously using them is unacceptable putting a real burden on your neighbors as well as any workers needing a place to park. Guests should be advised to park in the circle (not on the grass) or on Dayton Street if guest parking cannot accommodate them.

**6.3 – Do not park in the lanes at any time.** Again, most of us have left our cars in the lanes for short periods. For example, to unload groceries or pick up or drop off someone. Extended parking in the lane is not only a potential problem for your neighbors, it creates a safety issue –if an ambulance or fire truck can't get through it can get serious very quickly.

**6.4 - Do not park in or block a neighbor's driveway without permission.** This should go without saying.

**6.7 - A few cars may be parked temporarily on the east side of Park Meadows Drive where the asphalt has been widened by Park Meadows Association.** If you have more cars than garage/driveway spaces then this is where you should park. **Please don't park on the sidewalk or on the grass.**

The trustees have been fielding an increasing number of complaints from our PM community, plus adding our own observations of the increasing tendency of residents parking with little regard for others. We're currently studying several solutions that we really don't want to implement. One is contracting with a towing company, where a car illegally parked will be towed at the owner's expense. This is stated on the Guest Only Parking sign. Another is placing some sort of barrier to protect the grass along Park Meadows Drive.

Park Meadows is a small community composed of residents whose ages span the relatively young to residents who are seniors and in need of our collective thoughtfulness and consideration.

So please, everyone be more mindful of others.

Respectfully,

Park Meadows Trustees.