



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Meeting
Tuesday, September 19
6:45 p.m.
at 16030 TC Jester, MUD #44 Building.

Meetings are now the third Tuesday of every month. All homeowners are invited to attend!

HOMEOWNER FORUM Bring It to the Board

You live in an HOA. You have a great idea. You're not on the Board, and elections are months away. What next? Present it.

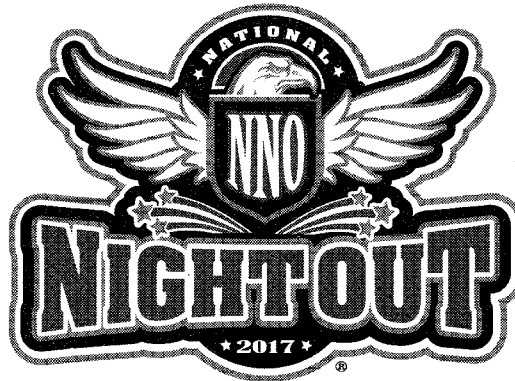
When presenting a good idea, whether to a board or the neighborhood, it isn't about them, or you. It's about the idea.

A good idea needs a spokesperson. And if you've come up with the idea, that spokesperson is you. If you can imagine the concept and how it will benefit your community, paint that picture in your presentation. Or, if you can count the ways it will profit your community, tally it up and explain how the numbers will help.

Before you present your idea at the next Board meeting (in the agenda as **Other or Discussion or Comments**), contact the Board secretary and ask if your idea can be featured as a main topic of the meeting.

Give your idea wings and a voice, and it can fly.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Tuesday,
October 3**

Here are the Top Ten reasons for Hosting a National Night Out

You –

1. Have a lot of fun!
2. Meet your neighbors. Neighbor know neighbor is the first step in crime prevention.
3. Can organize Neighborhood Watch on your street.
4. Can increase the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.
5. Share crime prevention and safety information.
6. Can create a neighborhood or street email directory.
7. Start or continue a tradition.
8. Learn about your neighborhood's history.
9. Learn unique facts about or hidden talents of your neighbors.
(Climbing, sailing, guitar playing)
10. Will enhance your own safety and security by knowing your neighbors and strengthening police-community partnerships.

Plan on joining your neighbors as Olde Oaks /Waterford Park promotes crime prevention and "neighbors looking out for neighbors." Residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening with your neighbors at the MUD 44 building on TC Jester and Ivy Falls or at an organized block party.

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Who You Gonna Call?

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Crest Management Company, AAMC.....281-579-0761
(for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements)
PO Box 219320, Houston, TX 77218-9320
Fax 281-579-7062 | www.crest-management.com

2017-2018 OFFICERS

Pat Ganer, President, pganeroociaboard@gmail.com
Randy Darland, Vice President, rdarlandoociaboard@gmail.com
Susan Szota, Secretary, szotaoociaboard@gmail.com
Deborah Plance, Treasurer, Deborahplance.oocia.board@gmail.com

Community Engagement Committee

Chair, Chatina De Rousselle, cddconsult@yahoo.com

Deputy Patrol Coordinator (Interim)

Randy Darland, rdarlandoociaboard@gmail.com

OLDE OAKS INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS

Book Club.....Kathy Hall, 281-569-4967
Bridge, Women's.....Susanne Bailey, 281-580-1717
Dinner With Friends.....Lauren Hensley, 281-893-1833
Playgroup.....Joyce Ray-Latson, 832-231-3201

PETS – DISTURBANCES, LOST & FOUND

Report injured, vicious animals and bites

Animal Control.....281-999-3191

Complaints about barking dogs

Sheriff Non-Emergency.....713-221-6000

Report lost or found pets in OO/WP

Julie Brown, Pet Liaison.....jbrown@apex-staff.com, 713-302-9148

SCHOOLS

Spring ISD Schools.....www.springisd.org
Pat Reynolds Elementary School.....281-891-8240
Edwin Wells Middle School.....281-891-7750
Westfield High School.....281-891-7130

REPORT UTILITY ISSUES Add these numbers to your cell phone for easy access

Gas Leaks (Centerpoint).....713-659-2111
Power Outages (Centerpoint).....713-207-2222
Street Light Outages (Centerpoint).....800-332-7143
Reporting resident will need pole number and street, including immediate side streets

Road hazards, street sign and light issues, bridges, flooding

Harris County Precinct 4.....www.hcp4.net
Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.281-353-8424
After hours, weekends, or holidays.....713-755-5000

Trash & Recycling

Texas Pride Disposal.....281-342-8178
www.texaspridedisposal.com; service@texaspridedisposal.com
Trash and heavy trash – Tuesdays and Fridays 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
Recycle – Tuesdays 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

General Safety

Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services.....713-274-6300
Report dirty pools, unsafe/unsanitary habitation
Request Vacation Watch (call 8 a.m.–5 p.m.)281-376-2997
Harris County Alarm Detail (Permits)713-755-4600

MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD)

Manhole/Sewer Backup.....713-983-3602
MUD #20.....www.edpwater.com
Billing, Service & Emergencies832-467-1599
Board of Directors: John Dougrey | Robert Skinner
Brian Wright | Ken Ross
Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.
10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston, TX, 713-951-0800
MUD #44.....www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44
Billing, Service & Emergencies281-376-8802
Board of Directors: Rolf Flemming | Toby Landry
Robert Ramsey | Tom Sooy | Harry Swanstrom
Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of month, 7 p.m., 16030 TC Jester
Bammel Utility District Office.....281-376-8802
www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district
Board of Directors: Nicholas Fava | Garey Nelson | Alan Kaniss
Al Habinak | James Armand
Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m.
3904 Gladeridge (clubhouse)

OTHER

Olde Oaks Greenbelt Preservation Association.....<http://oogpa.com>
Greenbelt Preservation Association:
Craig Lewis, President | Kathy Zigler, Secretary
Tanya Morland, Treasurer | John Edmonson, Director at Large
Barbara Bush Library.....281-376-4610
6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379
Hours: Monday 1-9, Tuesday 10-9, Wednesday 10-6,
Thursday 10-9, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday Closed
Northgate Country Club.....www.northgatecountryclub.com
General281-444-5302
Membership.....281-440-4006

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Ambulance.....911
Nonemergency Sheriff.....713-221-6000
Fire Department – Klein Volunteer.....281-251-0101
Animal Control.....281-999-3191
24 hr. Emergency Poison Control Center.....800-222-1222
CenterPoint Electric.....713-207-2222
CenterPoint Gas.....713-659-2111
Harris County Pct. 4 (M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)281-353-8424
Harris County Pct. 4 (outside regular hours).....713-755-5000
Registered Sex Offenders.....www.familywatchdog.us

www.iwatchharriscounty.com Download the app for Apple and Android phones to report criminal activity anonymously.

To have your house checked on while you're away on vacation go to www.harriscountysoc.org/vacation_watch.aspx and complete the form online, or call the Cypresswood substation.

Watch for "Alerts" posted on our community website at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OldeOaksWaterfordPark> and on www.nextdoor.com

Letter From the President - continued

If you don't have a block party already planned and you'd like to do that, give Chatina a call or email her for more information. If your street isn't doing anything and you'd like to participate, come to the MUD building and meet some new neighbors.

Feel free to show off talents or try to learn new ones like line dancing, karaoke machine, or guitar playing. Bring pets or donations to a food pantry. Whatever seems enjoyable and promotes neighborly trust and friendships. This is a great way for neighbors to learn about you and your business. (We will gladly accept donations, notepads, calendars, pens, bottled water, etc.)

You'll get a chance to shake the hand of the brave officers of the Harris County Sheriff's Office who protect our neighborhood. There is no more effective crime prevention tool than one neighbor looking out for another; and communicating with the law enforcement officers who protect your community. Volunteers to help with the event are always welcome and we're always open for ideas.

Please call or contact **Chatina De Rousselle** at 337-602-0549 or cddconsult@yahoo.com for information on getting involved or just about the event itself.

Your Curb Appeal Checklist

The curb appeal of our community depends on each resident maintaining his or her property as completely as possible. For those who keep their homes and yards well maintained, the association thanks you for your efforts and good examples. We encourage all residents to pay particular attention to the following maintenance items:

- ✓ **Exterior paint** – Paint is a quick and easy way to keep your property looking fresh, new and clean. It will also protect against corrosion, weathering and insects.
- ✓ **Landscaping** – Landscaping is extremely important to our community's curb appeal. Please remove dead plants and branches. Keep shrubs properly pruned and flowers well-tended. Keep yards free of leaves and remove grass clippings.
- ✓ **Roofs** – Please ensure your roofs are properly maintained and cleaned.
- ✓ **Driveways and sidewalks** – Please repair cracks, pitted or flaking surfaces and other concrete problems. Remove weeds from sidewalk joints and debris from driveways and sidewalks. Do not use driveways for storage or auto repairs.
- ✓ **Gutters and downspouts** – Please keep them cleaned out to prevent overflowing and flooding.
- ✓ **Window boxes, awnings and decks** – Please replace worn or damaged fixtures, check fittings for stability and paint all items at least bi-annually.

Thanks for keeping our community looking sharp!

Karen Haehn, Realtor

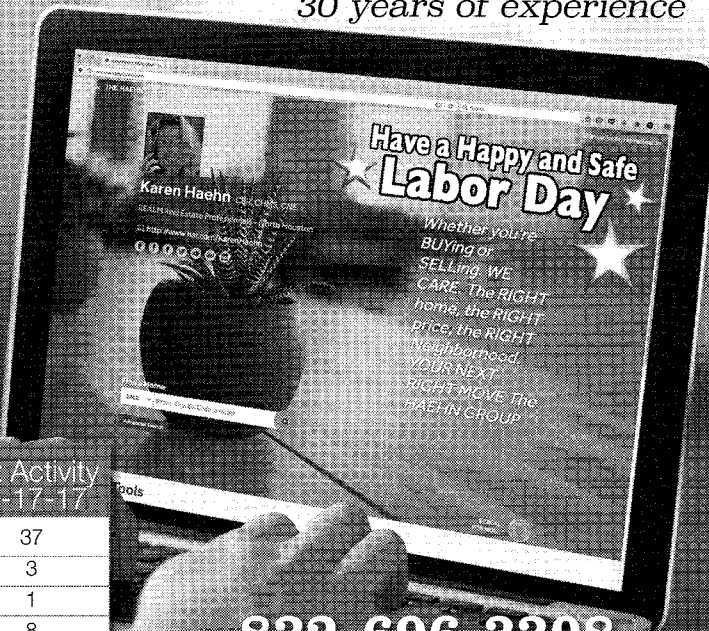
30 years of experience

Olde Oaks Resident

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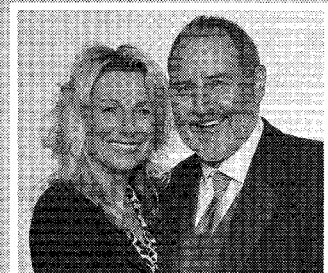
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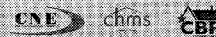


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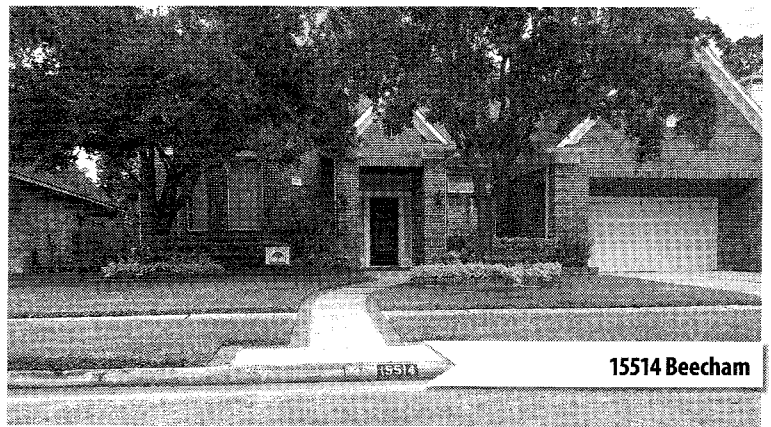
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Yards of the Month



3411 Blakewood Court

AUGUST Yard of the Month Winners

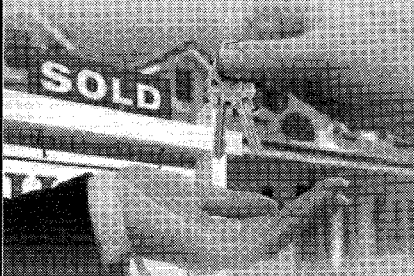


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Congratulations!

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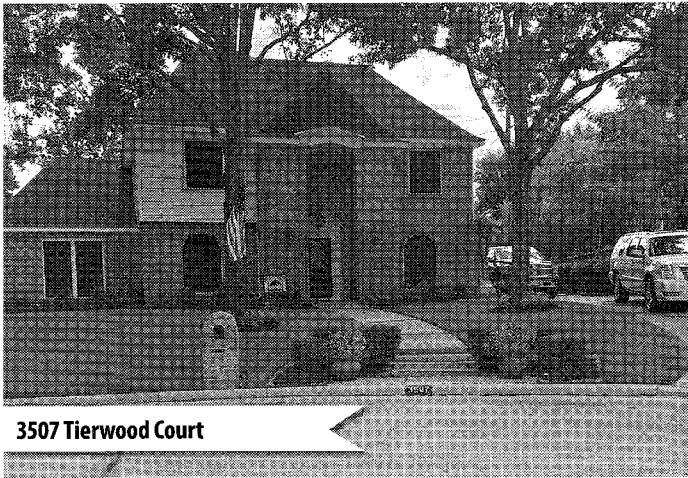
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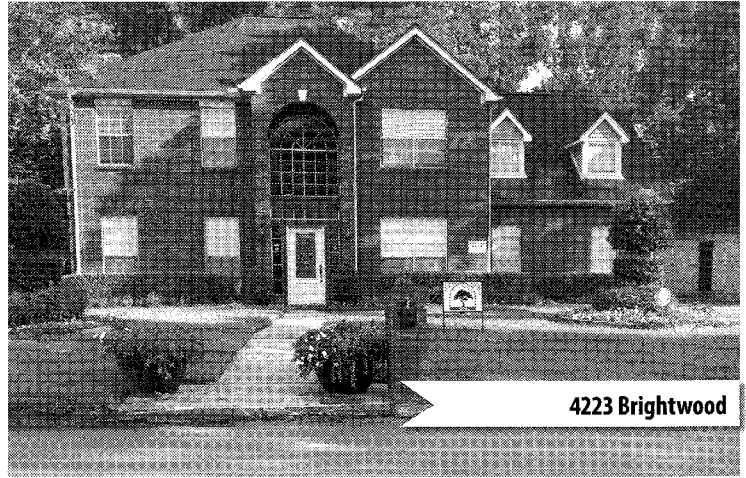
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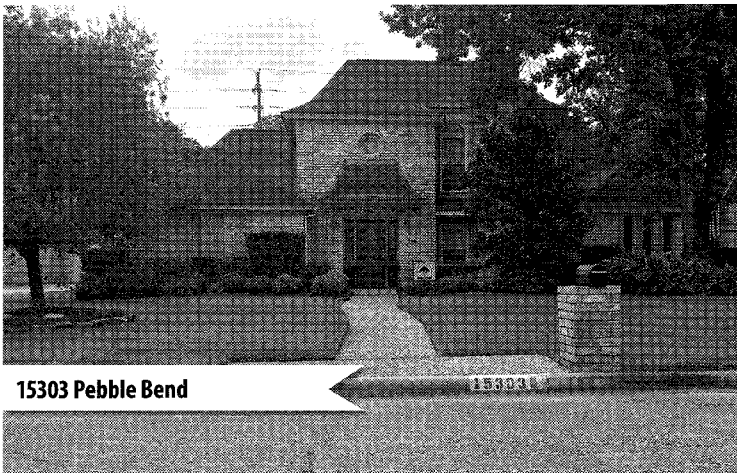




3507 Tierwood Court



4223 Brightwood



15303 Pebble Bend

Congratulations to these August Yard of the Month winners!

The purpose of Yard of the Month is to highlight addresses which enhance our entire community. You are invited to nominate a yard for consideration by emailing the Beautification Committee: Susan Szota at szotaociaboard@gmail.com.

HOUSTON METHODIST WILLOWBROOK HOSPITAL NEUROSURGERY SPINE SEMINAR



Please join Dr. Glenn Anderson, medical director of neurosurgery at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, for a free neurosurgery spine seminar. Dr. Anderson is board certified in neurosurgery in the United States and Canada.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 | 6-8 P.M.

Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
18220 State Hwy. 249
Conference Center, 1st Floor
Houston, Texas 77070

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- Back and neck pain
- Bone spurs
- Herniated discs
- Physical therapy
- Sciatic nerve pain
- Spinal disc disease including fusion and stenosis

To register, visit houstonmethodist.org/events or call **281.737.2500**.

Refreshments ▪ Giveaways



Security Camera Registration

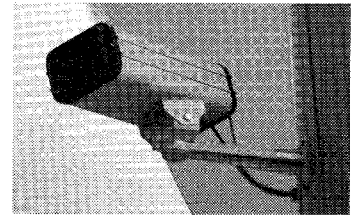
A lot of homeowners, taking a proactive approach to their safety, are installing security cameras around their homes. Generally, they are placed with a good view of our cars, house entrances, and hopefully at least one with a good street view.

There was a local news item about a neighborhood that voluntarily pooled their information regarding homes with video cameras and made that list available to local law enforcement to help in investigating incidents. This information resulted in helping apprehend a suspect.

In another incident off FM 290, neighbors were able to compile videos which showed the same suspect breaking into cars and one video with him riding off in a stolen vehicle. Watching the videos, it was clear where the suspect touched the car, enabling the officers to take fingerprints. Now with an identity and picture, they could see the same suspect from another neighborhood hit, and are currently ready to apprehend him for both subdivision break-ins.

In a talk between the Safety Committee and our contract deputies, the idea of having a list by streets of those who owned security cameras in our community was very well received. We would like to be able to give our deputies this tool in investigating incidents in our area. As you can tell, it will make a definite and immediate impact on the safety and security of our homeowners here, and we don't have to worry at all about increasing our assessment fees to do it; it's free!

We are asking for anyone who owns security cameras and would like to be a part of enhancing the safety and security of our neighborhood to please register your address with us.



This will not be public; it would be strictly confidential information and will **only** be given to our contract deputies.

We have seen questions on Nextdoor concerning security camera installation, best types, purchase service with that company or buy your own, etc. If you are interested in that information please respond to the email address of the Safety Committee member listed below. If there is enough interest we may have a monthly or semi-monthly column in the newsletter to address issues relating to home security.

To register your address and be able to help if needed, please send your information to Randy Darland at rdarlandoociaboard@gmail.com.

If you would rather mail your information you may send to Safety Committee, c/o Olde Oaks CIA, PO Box 682834-77268.

MUD #20

Monthly Meetings and Minutes

The NW Harris County MUD #20 monthly Board of Directors meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month starting at 11:30 a.m. The meeting location is at the offices of Young & Brooks, 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston 77024 and is open to MUD #20 customers. The board meeting minutes are posted each month at the following link: http://www.edpwater.com/your_district.html under North West Harris County Municipal Utility District #20. Please feel free to address any water/sewer issues to the MUD 20 operator, Environmental Development Partners (EDP), at 832-467-1599.

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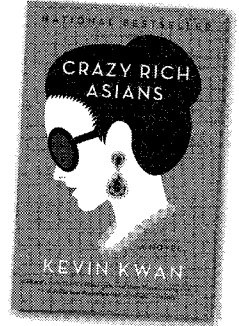
Dancing With Friends

Roger McKnight has graciously opened his beautiful home to neighbors who are interested in learning some new moves on the dance floor. With two professional dance teachers, homeowners have enjoyed some fun times getting to know one another while at the same time learning to impress during those wedding line dances. Neighbors with no previous dance experience have learned other fun dances like the ones on *Dancing With the Stars*. Come on out and join your friends and neighbors as we dance the night away at Roger's. Contact Roger at romak@swbell.net to find out more or to let him know that you would like to join in.

FOOTNOTES BOOK CLUB

We've had the summer off and so have had time to read whatever our hearts have desired.

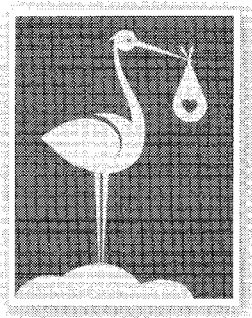
Our group will look forward to meeting again for the fall season starting on **Tuesday, September 26** at the home of Susan Muirhead. Jerry Lutz will be discussion leader for *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan. I don't have the book yet at my fingertips, but an online site offers the following description: "Envisioning a summer vacation in the humble Singapore home of a boy she hopes to marry, Rachel Chu is unexpectedly introduced to a rich and scheming clan that strongly opposes their son's relationship with an American girl." One can only imagine what happens next. In addition the same site tells us that "Kevin Kwan is a Singapore novelist best known for his satirical novels: *Crazy Rich Asians*, *China Rich Girlfriend*, and *Rich People Problems*."



If you are a reader and think you might enjoy discussing what you have read, do consider joining our group. We organized in August 2002 and are a congenial group who welcome new members and visitors. Do call me for details.

Kathy Hall, Coordinator
281-569-4967

New Baby?



Congratulations on your new arrival!

To arrange to have a stork sign in your front yard, please call Kathy Hall at 281-569-4967.

You can EXPECT BETTER™ from a neighbor!

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Deed Violation Reporting

Follow the basic steps for proper reporting. This helps the management company help residents stay in compliance. Talk to the neighbor; if you feel the neighbor is uncooperative or in need of assistance, please contact the management company by phone or email.

Deed restrictions are strictly enforced. To report violations, contact Pam Hummel, Assistant Community Manager, at 281-945-4661 or Pam.Hummel@crest-management.com.

Trash Pickup

Trash Service Days

Trash and Heavy Trash:

Tuesdays and Fridays
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Recycle:

Tuesdays
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Remember, **be kind to your neighbor** and keep **all** trash cans out of sight – either in your garage or behind a fence – except for trash days. Thank you.

Olde Oaks and Waterford Park

Sheriff's Department Patrol Statistics For Year Ending: 2017

Incident Category	May	June	July	YTD
Alarm – Silent/ Panic	0	0	2	13
Alarm – Home Security	1	23	24	107
Assault	2	1	0	7
Burglary – Home	0	1	1	5
Burglary – Vehicle	0	2	0	23
Criminal Mischief	1	1	1	12
Disturbance – Loud Noise	4	2	12	35
Disturbance – Animal	0	2	0	8
Domestic – Prevention	1	1	9	18
Domestic – Violence	1	0	0	2
In Progress	0	1	1	5
Medical / Fire	0	1	0	4
Neighborhood Check	650	827	894	5231
Robbery – Aggravated	0	0	0	1
Robbery – Individual	0	0	0	2
Sex Offender Check	0	1	0	2
Suspicious Person	5	4	8	42
Theft	0	0	4	15
Telephone Harassment	1	0	0	5
Vacation Watch	32	42	40	146
Vehicle – Accident	0	2	0	2
Vehicle – Abandoned/Disabled	1	0	2	15
Vehicle – Speeding	49	47	32	347
Vehicle – Suspicious	13	2	5	53

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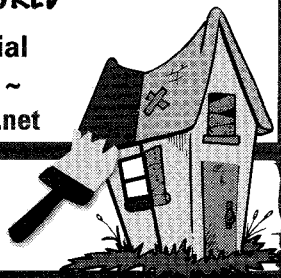
- Interior & Exterior Painting
- HardiPlank Replacement
- Sheetrock Repair
- Cabinet Painting
- Pressure Washing
- Fence Repair/Replacement
- Custom Staining
- Gutter Repair & Replacement
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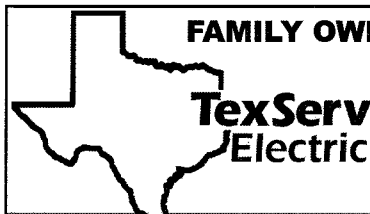
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Deadline for October newsletter is
September 10 by noon.**

Editor Karen Haehn • Email: OOCIAEditor@gmail.com

If you would like to see an increase in the number of pages we can utilize for community information, please let businesses know about the newsletter and have them place an ad by contacting Champions Printing directly at 281-583-7661.

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED



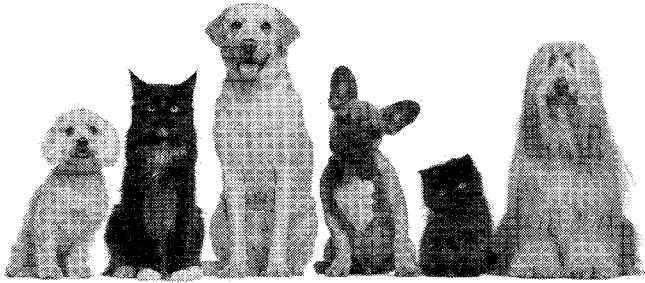
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Lost and Found *Pets*



Please do not post pet photos on stop signs or lamp posts. Please submit a picture of the pet, a detailed description, your contact information and email address, to Julie Brown at jbrown@apex-staff.com, 713-302-9148, or on Nextdoor.

To post online, here are some suggested sites:

- www.nextdoor.com (There is an urgent alert that can be sent!)
- www.houstonpca.org
- houstontx.gov/barc
- www.findingrover.com (install free application)

Old West Melodrama *Motor Coach Murders*

October 6-7, 13-14, 20-21

Make your reservations early for the best seats! For more information, visit www.oldwestmelodrama.com, call 713-364-9190, or email reservations@oldwestmelodrama.com. We only take cash and checks at the door. PayPal is accepted in advance via request. Reservations for six or more must prepay.



Performances occur at Puffabelly's Depot Restaurant, located at 100 Main in Old Town Spring.



Jan Kopfler

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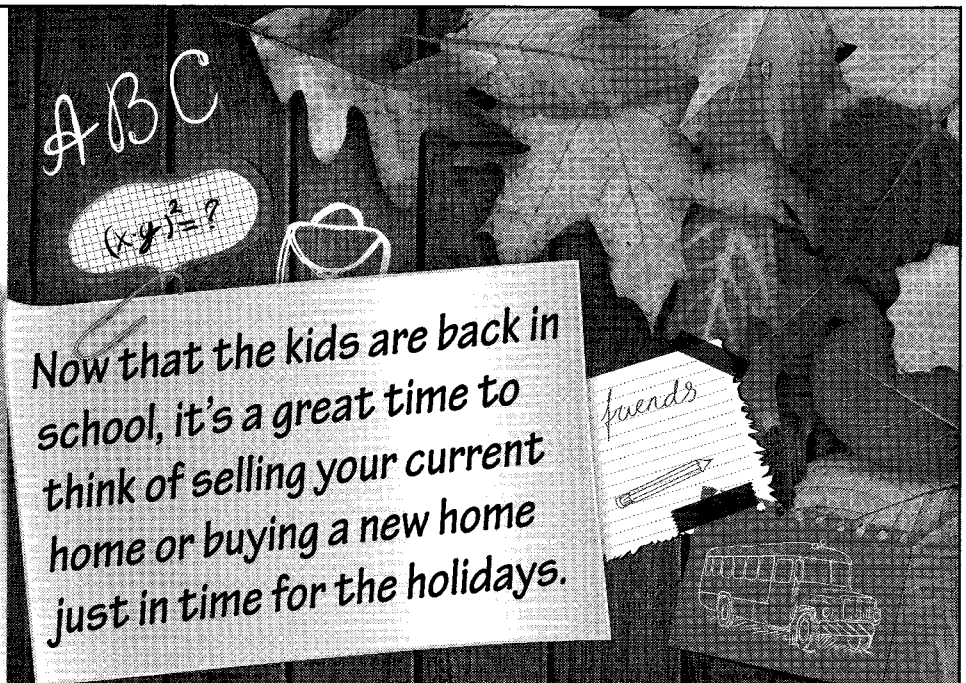
Cell: 713.825.1247

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CREEKFEST: Save the Date!

Saturday, October 7

Save the date for Creekfest, coming on Saturday, October 7! This annual community festival celebrating the arts and outdoors is sponsored by the Cypress Creek Cultural District. Major sponsors include Resource 1, the main event sponsor, as well as Fidelity Investments, sponsor of the high school chalk art competition.

Creekfest will take place in the center of the Cultural District located on Cypresswood Drive, one block east of Stuebner-Airline Drive. A myriad of events, performances and activities will be offered by the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek FACE, Cypress Creek Christian Church and Community Center, the Barbara Bush Library, and the Cypress Creek Greenway in Don and Sylvia Collins Park.

This free festival offers a wide variety of family-friendly activities, including:

- Professional and high school chalk artists
- A huge tent filled with family art activities
- Live entertainment
- Canoe rides on Cypress Creek
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- Dog costume contest
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- Local artists and vendors
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- Paint an official CreekFest t-shirt...and much more!



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New this year is a **Juried Art Show** with up to 35 artists displaying and selling their original works of art. The show will be juried by the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, with categories ranging from painting and drawing to photography, digital art, sculpture, ceramics, stained glass, jewelry, furniture and more. To have your art considered for the show, please contact Emily Guerra at emily@pearlmfa.org or 281-376-6322.

The Cypress Creek Cultural District is a community-driven, civic and cultural complex dedicated to meeting the cultural, recreational, spiritual and educational needs of all people in the Northwest Houston Cypress Creek Community. It is a hub of arts and entertainment for northwest Houston and Harris County, where more than a million people reside. For more information about all that the district has to offer, please visit www.CypressCreekCulturalDistrict.org. For the latest details about CreekFest, visit www.CreekFestHouston.com.

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Fall Exhibits Open September 30

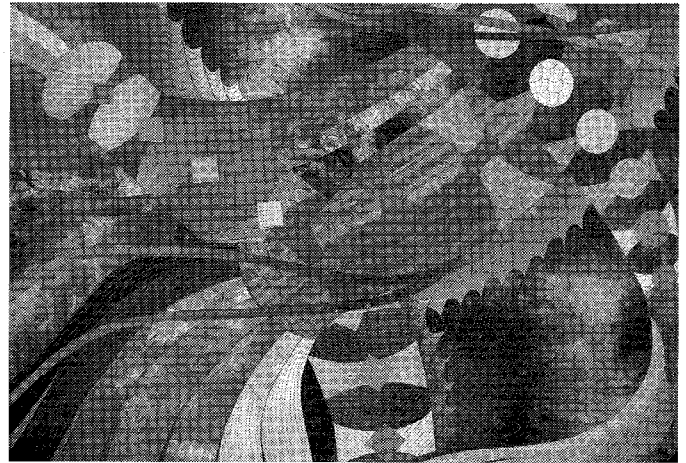
This fall, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is thrilled to present an exhibition titled **Anat Ronen: Urban Legend**.



After coming to the U.S. from Israel in 2007, Anat Ronen embarked on a new career in art and has become one of the most exciting and highly regarded street artists of our day – though she has no formal training in art. Typically she works on large-scale

projects that can reach over 30 feet tall, with more than 500 pieces in public spaces including highways, bridges, buildings, churches, schools and more, in Houston as well as other cities across the U.S. and around the world. The Pearl's exhibit will bring a sampling of her work from the city's social spaces into one gallery, chronicling Anat's journey into art as well as her new life in the United States.

The museum is also pleased to present **Contemporary Quilt Art** from the International Quilt Festival Collection.



Caryll Bryer Fallert-Gentry, Aquarium #1: Fish Tails (detail), 2001, 60x44 in.



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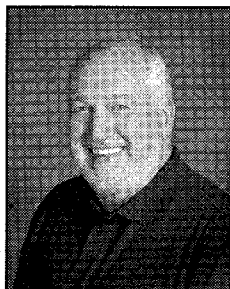
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New Buses, Computers and Other Positive Changes for the 2017-18 School Year

Spring ISD administrators and staff have been working hard over the summer to prepare for the new school year, including several changes that will have a positive impact on students and families. The first day of school for Spring ISD students was Thursday, August 17.

Spring ISD started classes for students earlier than usual this year. During the past year, the district was designated a District of Innovation – a change that allows many unique opportunities, including the flexibility to design an instructional calendar that balances the number of days in each semester, allows students to finish their first semester before winter break and coordinates with local college schedules to enable students to accelerate their learning.

Adding 60 New Buses and Increasing Bus Transportation

Using funds approved by voters in the 2016 Bond referendum, the district has purchased 60 new buses needed to increase transportation services to 5,000 more students who live between one mile and 1.5 miles from their zoned campus of attendance.

Although the state funds transportation services for students who live within two miles of their school, Spring ISD has been working to increase the number of students served in the district. When transportation increased to the one-mile radius this August, about 22,000 students were eligible for services, increasing student safety and decreasing traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal times districtwide.

Computer Upgrades to Classrooms

Over 3,500 obsolete computers at campuses across the district were replaced this summer by Spring ISD's technology staff. The new Dell computers are attached to the back of the monitor, so that they don't take up space on or under the desks – a big improvement over the older models. This massive project is just one of the results of the Spring ISD 2016 bond referendum that was passed by over 70 percent of the voters in November of last year.

Breakfast in the Classroom Offered at all Elementary Schools

Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) is now being offered at all Spring ISD elementary schools. The BIC program provides students the opportunity to start their day with a free, healthy and balanced meal. Breakfast is served to students in their classroom or the hallway. Students have access to both cold and hot breakfast foods that include healthy protein and grain items, fresh fruit and low-fat milk. They have the option to select which food items they take, and participation is not mandatory.

Full-day Prekindergarten Expanded to Two More Elementary Schools

In support of the district's commitment to expand full-day prekindergarten districtwide, two more schools – Anderson and Smith elementary schools – are offering full-day programs this year. This brings the total number of Spring ISD schools that offer full-day pre-K to seven: Clark Primary, Anderson, Heritage, Link, Lewis, Smith and Thompson elementary schools, while half-day classes are offered at all other elementary schools.

Thousands of Books Delivered to Spring ISD Schools

Spring ISD's focus on literacy continued during the summer in a big way with over 150 pallets of books delivered to schools across the district in preparation for the start of school. To build a strong literacy foundation, the district is working to provide elementary teachers and middle school and high school English teachers with an ample supply of good books that will appeal to students and promote a love of reading.

High School Football Fields Get New Artificial Turf

The football fields at all three comprehensive high schools – Dekaney, Spring and Westfield – have new artificial turf thanks to the 2016 Bond referendum approved by voters in November 2016. This will be the first time that Dekaney players have had artificial turf on their practice field.

School Day Hours Extended by Five Minutes

Five minutes have been added to the school day this year to allow more time for instruction as well as more time to accommodate staff development days that will greatly benefit student achievement.

2017-18 School Hours:

Elementary Schools – 7:55 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Middle Schools – 8:55 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

High Schools – 7:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Roberson Middle School – 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spring Early College Academy – 7:50 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

For more back-to-school information, go to www.springisd.org or visit the campus websites. In addition, the 2017-18 School Guide is being mailed to all Spring ISD residents and is expected to arrive in homes the first week in August.

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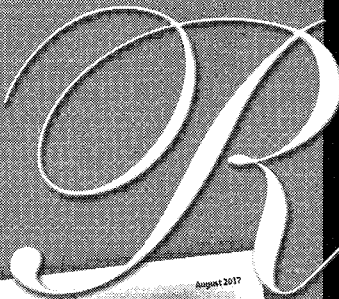


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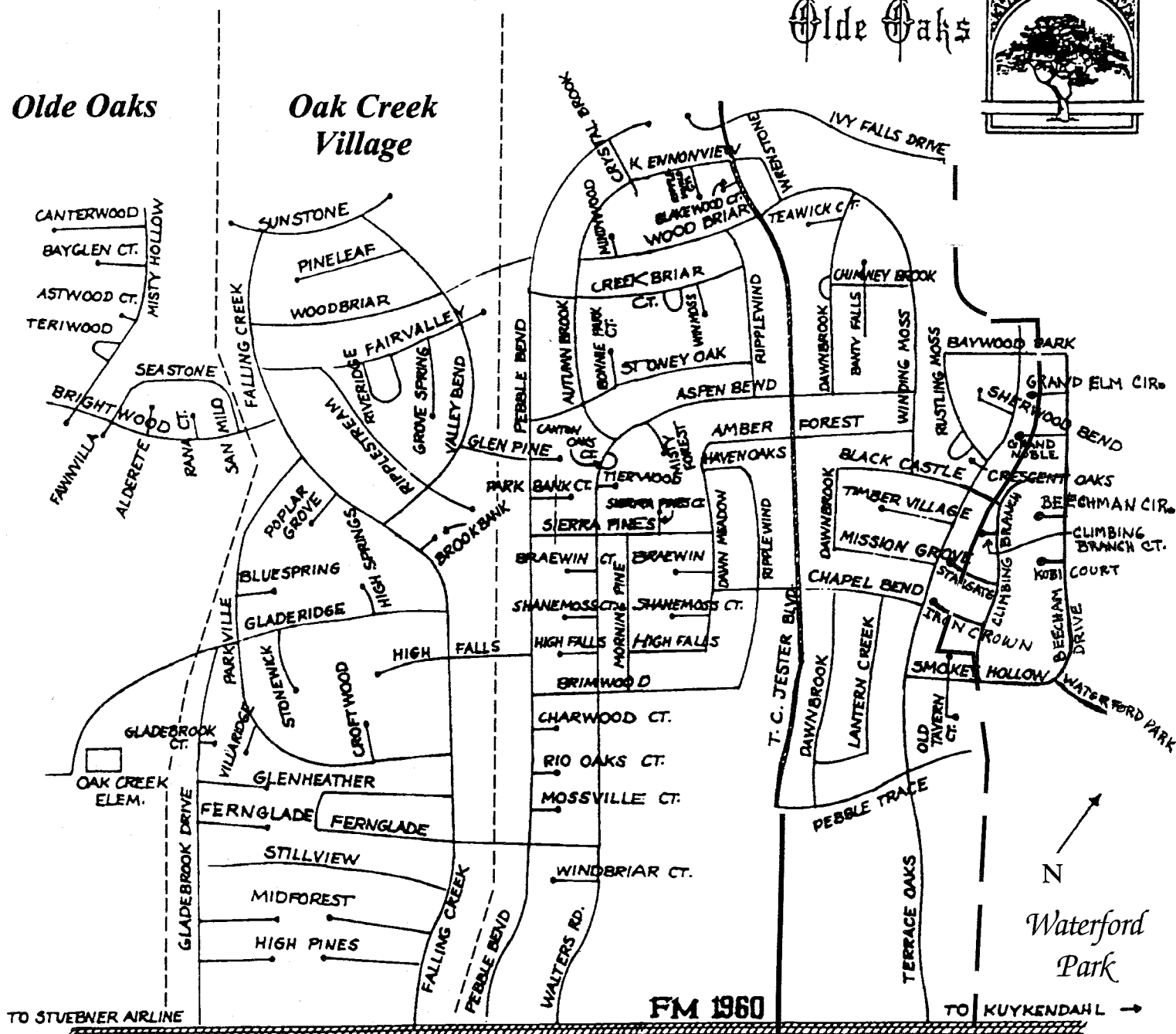


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Immediate Need for Volunteer Drivers for Meals on Wheels

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"It never ceases to amaze me how rapidly we have expanded our program," explained Grace Jackson, Senior Services Director at NAM. "We are currently serving more than 700 people across 24 different ZIP codes and our need for volunteer drivers is greater than ever before. We continue to see a need in our community, and we rely on volunteers to deliver these meals to hundreds of people who otherwise would go hungry. Volunteers are truly the lifeline these individuals have and we couldn't do what we do without them," Jackson said.

To get you started with volunteering for our Meals on Wheels program, please contact NAM's Community Relations Coordinator, Courtney Frost-Tadlock, at 281-885-4604 or volunteer@namonline.org. NAM asks all that all potential volunteers attend volunteer orientation, so they can better understand their volunteer role within the organization. Volunteer orientations are held the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. at 15555 Kuykendahl Road (second floor), Houston, TX 77090.

Requirements to Volunteer for Meals on Wheels:

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- Have a car
- Have a valid driver's license

The Community Relations Coordinator will provide an introduction and materials for the volunteers to complete during the volunteer orientation. Prospective volunteers will also enjoy a video that highlights the scope of NAM's many programs and services. After the video, they will take a tour of NAM's four-story building, so they can learn first-hand from current volunteers, program directors, or NAM staff about current volunteer opportunities from each department.

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For more information about Meals on Wheels, please visit <http://namonline.org/get-help/meals-on-wheels/> or call 281-885-4555.

Northwest Assistance Ministries is a nonprofit, community-based social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. NAM provides assistance in areas such as food, shelter, health, education, and domestic violence awareness and intervention. In the last fiscal year, NAM touched the lives of more than 114,000 people through its many programs and services.


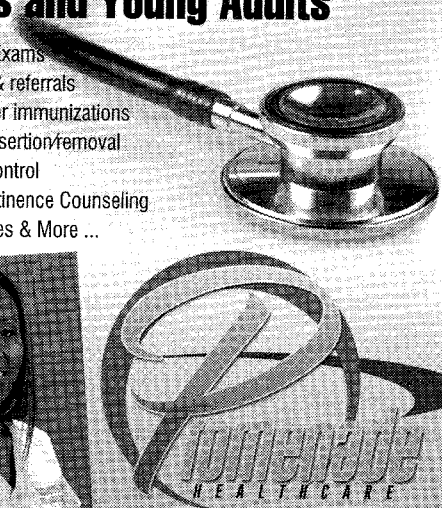
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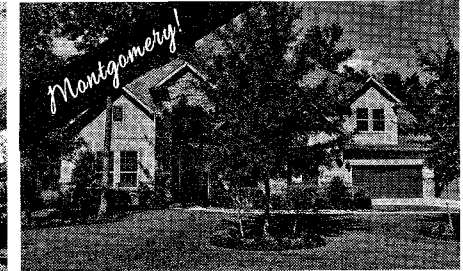
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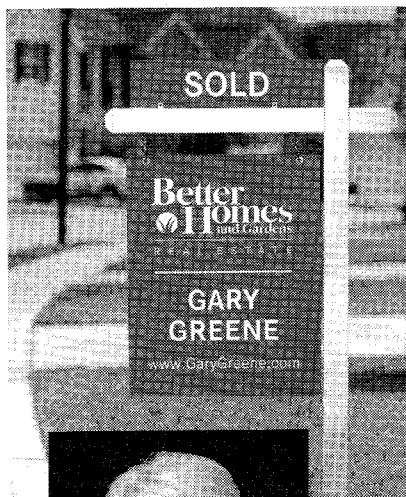
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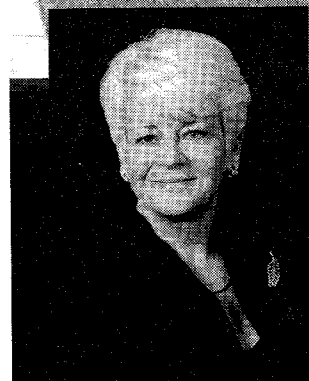
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