



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Flooding 101

Types of Flooding in Olde Oaks

Olde Oaks is subject to three distinct types of flooding depending on where in the community you live.

Sewer System/Air Bubbles

The first type, which rarely occurs currently, is due to overload of the storm water runoff (sewer) system during heavy rain events. In the past this was a more frequent type of event but work by the County has alleviated most of this type of flooding which is from backup of the sewer system during rainfall events exceeding design parameters or natural purging of an air bubble in the system which causes rapid expelling of fluids into the streets.

Ponding

The second type of flooding is caused by local topological anomalies and referred to as “ponding.” Some of these anomalies can be noticed by the naked eye but others are slight and can only be documented by surveys. Characteristics of ponding are flooding in the street during a rain event followed by rapid draining of the water as the sewer system catches up. Some ponding can result in rather deep water in the streets, and vehicles can become inundated or disabled if attempts are made to drive through the water. The most prolific of these types can be seen on Falling Creek Dr. just north of Fernglade in the Oak Creek subdivision near the front of the street. I’ve seen cars flooded up to the windows for short periods during a heavy rain event. Fortunately, the County has prepared a map

of flooding potential, and one selection on the map is “ponding” which shows all the places in a community where it may occur.

Now it’s time to introduce you to the Harris County Flood Map (it’s a good idea to bookmark this map for future easy access). Visit the website at <http://www.harriscountyfem.org/>.

Notice the search box on the upper left of the map where you should enter your address. As an example I entered 15000 Pebble Bend Dr. Click “Find.” Next get rid of the small box that comes up showing your address and some other info by closing that box. Now you are looking at the map of our subdivision, Cypress Creek on the upper part, 1960 on the lower part. You can zoom in or out by using the wheel on your mouse or using the + or – zoom icons at the top of the map. Look below where you entered your address and you will see several options including Floodway, Floodplain and Ponding. If you click on the O next to the word Ponding you will see the next map with reddish/pink areas in the subdivision where ponding occurs due to natural topography. If your house is subject to ponding then it is suggested that you move cars up into your driveway before heavy rain events, especially if you have previously experienced a ponding event. You may have to zoom in a little further for the ponding feature to show up on the map. An additional use of this map is to note the condition of areas immediately next to our community, the woods south of Brightwood Dr. being a prime example. Areas such as these woods can and do act as detention ponds during heavy rains, filling the low areas with storm water, and then slowly draining toward the natural watershed (the Creek) or seeping into the

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NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS
OOCIA
Board Meetings

THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT 6:45 P.M.

Residents are invited to attend
General Meetings.

MUD #44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester Blvd.

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To have your house checked on while you’re away on vacation go to www.harriscountysos.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

Flooding 101 - continued

ground where it can. Because drainage across the rough natural terrain occurs more slowly than across concrete streets and sewers, it can occur for some time (days) after a heavy rain has finished. Keep in mind that the streets are usually cut lower than the surrounding homes and woods so that the sewer system will work (water runs downhill). This same phenomena can be seen when owners overwater their lawns; after the sprinklers are turned off water continues to bleed over the curb into the street for some time and then move to the sewer system, a great waste of resources and costly to boot.

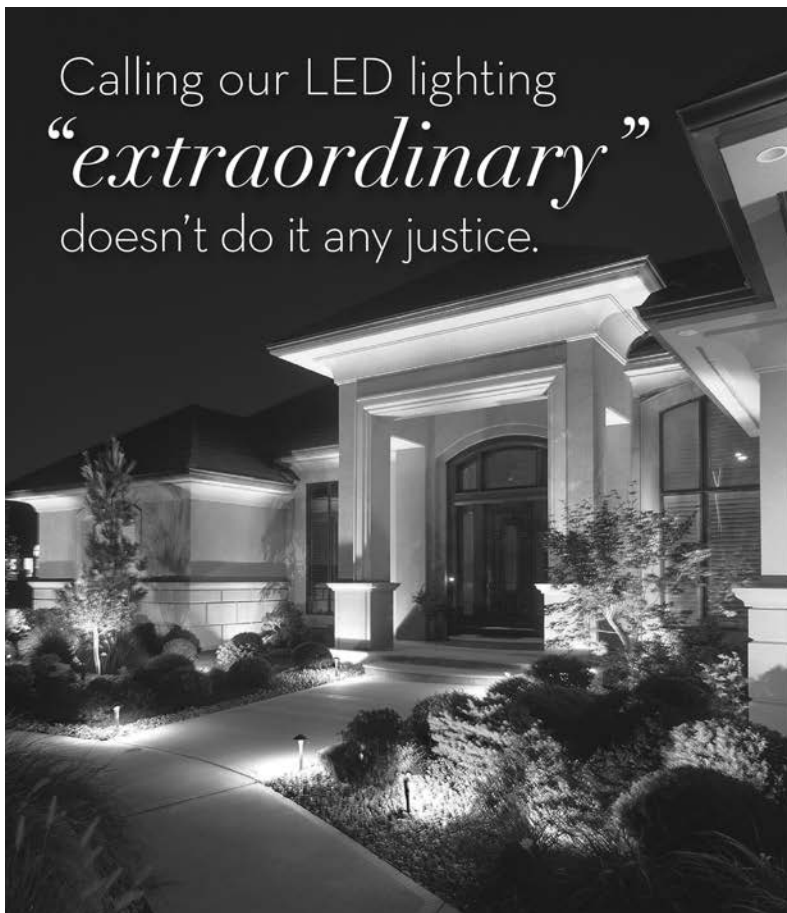
Living in the Floodplain

By far, the risk of flooding is much higher if your home is in the floodplain. The extent of flooding varies depending on the distance water rises above the top of the bank of the creek. Floodplain maps have long been prepared and periodically revised by the Harris County Flood Control District. In addition, sensors are installed in numerous places along the path of the creeks in the county for purposes of notification and forecast of existing and pending water levels. In our area, a website is available that is maintained by the Harris County Flood Control Warning System that shows the status of Cypress Creek at the intersection with Stuebner Airline Rd. on a 24-hour basis. That website can be seen at <http://www.harriscountyfws.org/GaeDetail/Index/1140?>

By using the search features or date adjustments on the site, you can go back in history and note the rise and fall of Cypress Creek during the tax day flood event in April of this year.

It is impossible to forecast when a 100-year or 500-year flood event will occur. However, it is possible to log each event and inform the population of such occurrences in the past so homeowners may get some sense of the risk associated with a location in this area. The most recent revisions to the flood control maps are clearly shown on the floodplain maps mentioned above. By clicking on the "Mapped Floodplains" option, the three conditions of "floodway, 100-year floodplain, and 500-year floodplain" are color coded on the map. Floodway is an area that no one should live in because it is the natural flooded area any time the creek tops its bank. The 100-year floodplain area is the area where the risk of water intrusion is 1% (i.e., once every 100 years). Similarly, the risk of the 500-year floodplain is 0.2% (once every 500 years). These risk levels are used by FEMA in arriving at costs of flood insurance. History indicates that the creek has reached the 100-year floodplain level 13 times since October 1949. It is significant to note that flooding may occur anytime the creek tops its bank, the severity of which will depend how high above the bank the water extends.

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Why Our Community Floods

Simply stated, our community floods because the carrying capacity of Cypress Creek is insufficient to contain and drain during heavy rains the immense runoff that occurs from the upper watershed, the direct storm sewer runoff from numerous developments along the waterway, runoff draining into the creek from numerous outside areas mainly from the north, and drainage from natural and manmade gullies, small creeks, canals, etc. Constant increasing of the severity of flooding potential has occurred with the never ending increase of developments in the upper watershed areas on the Katy Prairie. While attempts have been made to mitigate the severity of flooding by construction of detention ponds here and there, the contribution of these ponds has had essentially no effect on the impact of 100-year+ flooding events.

In addition to the above, it has not gone unnoticed that there seems to be, in the eyes of some, a deference given to protection of the areas along Buffalo Bayou at the expense of the areas along Cypress Creek. That is the subject for another discussion on the subject of flooding.

*Report submitted by
OOCIA Strategic Planning Committee
Torrence Smith, Committee Chairman*

Deed Restriction Reminders

Garbage cans and recycling bins are to be stored out of public view unless it is garbage day. This means cans and bins should be stored behind a wooden fence, brick wall or in your garage. Cans should not remain visible all week. Homeowners who continually leave their garbage cans and recycling bins in plain sight will receive a deed restriction violation notice.

1. Yard maintenance is everyone's responsibility.

If you drive around the neighborhood, chances are you will see far too many homes with unkempt lawns. Not maintaining your yard on a weekly basis is one of the easiest ways to bring everyone's property values down and make the neighborhood look unkempt, not to mention inviting crime to take place. At a minimum, during the summer months, homeowners should do the following on a weekly basis:

- Mow the lawn.
- Edge the curbs, around flower beds and driveway expansion joints and cracks to eliminate weeds.
- Sweep or blow and then bag all lawn clippings for trash pickup on the next regular trash day.

Not mowing and edging your yard on a regular basis is a deed restriction violation, and homeowners will receive violation notices from the management company. Homeowners who



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continually ignore violation notices will have their yard force mowed and will be billed for this cost. It is also unacceptable to just mow the yard and not edge, as vines of grass hanging over the curb are also a deed restriction violation. Let's all work together to keep Olde Oaks and Waterford Park presentable and maintain property values.

2. **Homeowners with delinquent dues should contact Crest Management to set up a payment plan.**
3. **Help keep the neighborhood pristine. Remove illegal signs.**

Sometimes, doing small things can help to vastly improve the appearance of a neighborhood. This is true with respect to removing illegal flyers and signs posted to stop sign poles, speed limit sign poles and streetlight posts. We have all seen them for lost dogs, garage sales, swim team signups, etc. Please help to keep the neighborhood looking presentable for residents and visitors by removing any signs you see affixed to the above-mentioned poles. Not only are the signs illegal, they leave poles looking messy and dirty, which helps to give Olde Oaks and Waterford Park an unkempt appearance. You are also asked to refrain from posting any type of sign to the poles. Working together, we can all make a monumental difference in keeping up the appearance of our community.

4. **Parking Reminder**

Several homes have recently received deed restriction violation notices due to cars parked on lawns. Please park vehicles in your garage or driveway (or on the street, as a last resort). Parking vehicles on lawns is a violation of our community's deed restrictions, and residents parking in such a way will continue to receive violation notices and can face legal action for non-compliance. Please also remember it is a deed restriction violation for any commercial vehicles to be parked in public view. All commercial vehicles (such as a car or truck bearing a commercial company's name, logo, etc.) must be parked in your garage at all times.


Norman Nelson, II
OOCIA Board Member

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for newsletter is the 10th of every month by noon. If you would like to see the number of pages we can utilize increase 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.


Deadline for September newsletter is August 10 by noon.


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Spring ISD New Student Registration and Family Resource Expo Is August 6

Spring Independent School District will host a New Student Registration and Family Resource Expo for the 2016-17 school year from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, August 6** at Dekaney High School, located at 22351 Imperial Valley.

The event is for families with prekindergarten through 12th-grade students who will be new to the district and need to register. It will offer interactive parent workshops about increasing reading and math skills, college and career readiness, and English as a Second Language programs. Additionally, there will be several agencies available to share information about services available to help families academically, socially, and emotionally.

A Care Van will be on-site at the event to provide free vaccinations and health screenings. Parents must bring their child's immunization record with them to take advantage of this opportunity. Students must meet state immunization requirements to start school.

This one-stop New Student Registration and Family Resource Expo will offer families the convenience of registering their student for any Spring ISD school at one location, saving time on multiple trips or time off from work during the week. Campus and district-level representatives will be available to assist families with registration and answer questions.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring the required documents to swiftly process their child's registration. Documents required for registration include a certified copy of their child's birth certificate or passport; a current immunization record signed by a physician or physician's designee; proof of residence in Spring ISD – an original lease/mortgage agreement, water, natural gas, or electric bill are acceptable; Social Security card – if not available, the student will be assigned a state identification number; legal guardian's Texas driver's license or Texas Department of Transportation identification card – if the parent or guardian does not have a Texas driver's license or a TxDOT ID card, other photo ID will be considered in combination with a birth certificate; a most-recent report card and withdrawal form from their previous school; and a high school transcript if applicable.

For more information and registration forms, parents should go online to www.springisd.org/registration, call the school where their child will be attending, or call 281-891-6019.



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Spring ISD

2016-2017 School Calendar

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September 5	Labor Day Holiday
October 10	Fall Holiday
November 8	Election Day
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 16	Last Day of First Semester
December 19 – January 2	Winter Break
January 3	First Day of Second Semester
January 16	M.L. King, Jr. Holiday
March 13-17	Spring Break
April 14	Spring Holiday
May 26	Last Day of School/Early Dismissal
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday

Inclement Weather Days: January 2 and May 30

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church

Annual Fall Festival and Craft Fair

Saturday, October 1 from noon to 9 p.m.

Sunday, October 2 from noon to 6 p.m.

Come one and all to St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church's annual Fall Festival and Craft Fair the first weekend in October! The event includes live entertainment, book sale, bingo, silent and live auctions, games and prizes, inflatables for the children, face painting, international food booths, cake walk, jewelry, crafts and more!

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church is located at 7810 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. For more information, go to our website at www.silcc.org/fall-festival.



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YARDS *of the* MONTH

Congratulations to these July 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 Beautification Committee: Susan Szota at szotaociaboard@gmail.com.



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Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition

Information From the Harris County Flood Control District About Debris Removal Efforts on Little Cypress and Cypress Creeks

Following the recent historic Tax Day and Memorial Day floods, downed trees and other debris have piled up in some Harris County bayous. This debris can create blockages to stormwater flow, especially along natural forested channels. The Harris County Flood Control District is in the process of clearing debris and damaged trees that are causing blockages on Little Cypress Creek, from its confluence with Cypress Creek upstream to Cypress Rosehill Road. Along Cypress Creek, debris-clearing will take place from the confluence with Spring Creek upstream to US 290. The purpose of this work is to reduce flooding risks and damages by helping Little Cypress and Cypress creeks convey stormwater more efficiently. This job is especially important as Harris County moves further along in hurricane season, which lasts through November.

The Flood Control District either owns property in fee or holds drainage easements along Cypress and Little Cypress creeks that vary in width from 85 feet to over 400 feet. These easements give the Flood Control District the right to remove blockages for flood damage reduction purposes.

So that personnel and equipment can reach the creekbed and our drainage easements, our crews will clear ten- to 12-foot wide access paths to the creek in multiple locations. Where these paths cross private property, our contractor will obtain a written temporary right of entry from the underlying property owner. Then, in order to reach the blockages with the necessary equipment, our crews will clear limited portions of the streambank within our easement, upstream and/or downstream from the access points.

We are not widening the creek or removing vegetation from all of the channel banks. These access paths are generally chosen so as to reach the blockages with the least necessary amount of streambank clearing.

Our contractors are bound by contract to take only storm-damaged vegetation or what is necessary to clear a point of access. They are using smaller-track vehicles and small tractors for a reduced footprint. Machinery is necessary because of the nature and size of the debris.

The Flood Control District employs certified arborists to manage the work. The arborists explain, "We are monitoring the contractor closely and have actively taken measures to keep their impact on the land as light as possible. We are encouraging them to find paths that have already been established by hikers, horses and all-terrain vehicles, which helps to further reduce the impact."

After the debris is removed from the channel, it may be temporarily stockpiled on the creek bank in several locations for collection and transportation to an appropriate disposal site. Where access to our right-of-way is limited, access paths may be maintained for the future.

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Mosquito Bite Prevention

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Types of Mosquito	Viruses Spread	Biting Habits
<i>Aedes aegypti</i> ,	Chikungunya,	Daytime
<i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Dengue, Zika	
Culex Species	West Nile	Dark/evening to dawn/morning

Protect Yourself and Your Family From Mosquito Bites

Use Insect Repellent – Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated for safety and effectiveness.

Active ingredients (Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection).

- **Deet** – examples: Off, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon
- **Picaridin**, also known as **KBR 3023**, **Bayrepel** and **icaridin** – examples: Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Auran (outside the United States)
- **Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)** or para-methane-diol (PMD) – example: Repel
- **IR3535** – examples: Skin So Soft, Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart

Note: Insect repellent brand names are provided for information only. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Department of Health and Human Services cannot recommend or endorse any name brand products.

Always follow the product label instructions. Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose. Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing. If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

The EPA has not evaluated natural insect repellents for effectiveness, but some of the more common ingredients are citronella oil, cedar oil, geranium oil, peppermint oil or soybean oil.

If You Have a Baby or Child:

- Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than two months of age.
- Dress your child in clothing that covers the arms and legs, or cover crib, stroller and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, or on cut or irritated skin. An adult should spray insect repellent onto hands and then apply to child's face.

Treat Clothing and Gear:

- Treat items such as boots, pants, socks and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
- If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home:

- Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use air conditioning when available.
- Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water. Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, bird baths, flower pots or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.

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Events for August

Be Smart Gun Safety Class (Monday, August 15 from 7-8 p.m.) – Come and learn how to keep your kids safe when guns are around. The class will teach parents and caretakers to “BeSmart” and take simple safety steps to help protect children from guns. While most firearm owners store their guns responsibly, nearly 1.7 million children live in homes with unsecured guns). The BeSmart presentation outlines simple steps that all adults – whether they own guns or not – can take to keep our children safer. No politics, just safety!

What Does Human Trafficking Look Like? (Thursday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.) – This class, open to the public, will educate community members about human trafficking. Learn to recognize the red flag indicators, how to respond, and ways to be proactive. Take a stand and make a difference!

Pen and Paintbrush Book Discussion (Tuesday, August 30 at 1:30 p.m.) – Northgate Forest Conference Room. Presented in partnership with the Barbara Bush Branch Library. Open to all interested; no reservations required! Escape to the

Florida Keys and Dry Tortugas National Park in the best-selling novel, *Flashback* by former US National Park Ranger and author Nevada Barr. Copies of *Flashback* are currently available through the Harris County Public Library system. Although it is encouraged, it is not required to read the book in order to participate in the discussion. A special guided tour of the current exhibition of Mark Burns’ photographs celebrating the Centennial of America’s National Parks will follow the discussion. For questions, contact education@pearlmfa.org.

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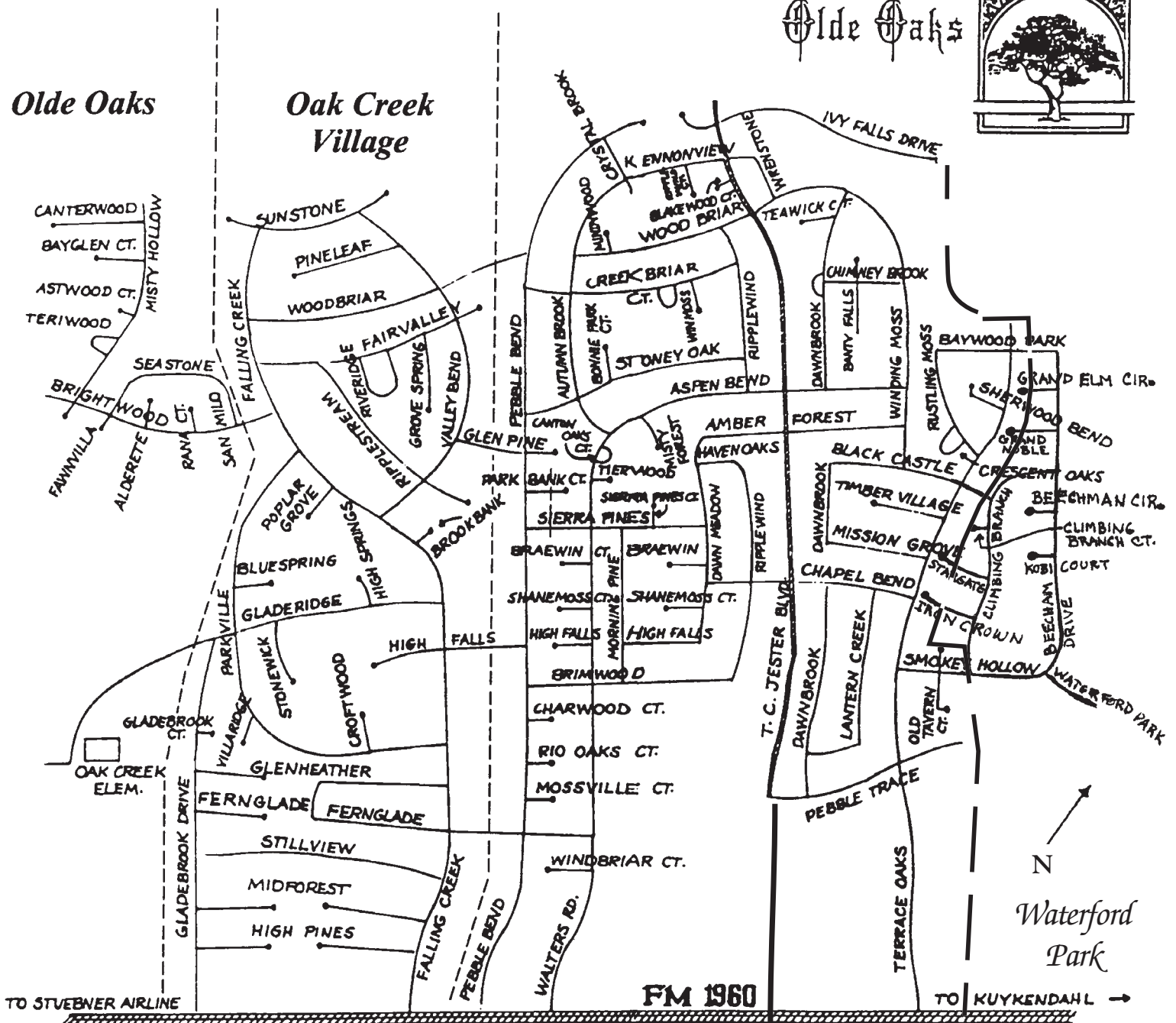
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