



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



VOTE 2016 Election
Call for HOA Candidates



Assessments due
January 1, 2016 DEADLINE

The Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association (OOCIA) consists of the Olde Oaks and Waterford Park subdivisions, and affairs are run by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of five directors who are elected by the Association membership at the Annual Members' Meeting in February. Of the five, three are elected in even-numbered years and two are elected in odd-numbered years; thus three (3) directors will be elected at the Annual Members' Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Official notice will be mailed out in January 2016.**

To be an OOCIA Board Director, an applicant must be a property owner or legal representative of said property owner in Olde Oaks or Waterford Park. Thus, tenants living in Olde Oaks or Waterford Park are not eligible to run for the Board. By Texas HOA Law, anyone having been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude within the last 20 years is automatically disqualified from serving on the Board.

Candidates must be willing to commit to approximately twenty (20) hours per month to fulfill the responsibilities of a director which can include, but are not limited to, working together as a team, following directions of the directors' final decisions, commitment to the hierarchy order of the Board, following Robert's Rules of Order, attendance at the monthly Board meetings (held on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:45-9:30 p.m., approximately), participation on Association Committees, and responding to all forms of communications such as emails, texts, and conference calls as required to conduct business.

Any eligible member interested in running for a Board seat should contact our property manager, Ola Guess, Crest Management, at 281-945-4615 or by email at ola.guess@crest-management.com. There will also be a link on www.oocia.org to a 2016 HOA Board Candidate Bio Form, which can be filled out and submitted to Ola.

The 2016 OOCIA Assessment remains at \$575. Statements were mailed in November, with fees due **January 1, 2016** and considered late on **January 31, 2016. Please take measures to ensure timely payment or advance arrangements to avoid any incremental charges.** If unpaid, a late fee of \$30 will be added to your account on **February 1, 2016** and a statement will be mailed to you. If still unpaid by **February 29, 2016**, then a reminder fee of \$20 will also be added to your account on **March 1, 2016** and another statement will be mailed to you.

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Notice to Homeowners
OOCIA Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.
December 9, 2015
MUD 44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester

OOCIA BOARD NOTES
Join us every month and bring ideas to the meetings.

Residents are invited to attend and participate in a Q&A session held after the general meeting. For specific property or account concerns, contact Crest Management at 281-579-0761. Please sign up to receive email notification of Board meetings at www.oocia.org. Register your email address www.crest-management.com for important community announcements.



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Olde Oaks and Waterford Park

IMPORTANT IN DECEMBER

- 2016 Call for Candidate Bio
- Assessments Due January 1, 2016
- Christmas Lighting Contest Judging: Sunday, December 13



Who You Gonna Call?

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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(for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements)
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OOCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nicholas Summerville, President | Norman Nelson, VP
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Chuck Cornelius, Deputy Coordinator

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MUD #44 www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44

Billing, Service & Emergencies281-376-8802

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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

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Book ClubKathy Hall, 281-569-4967

Bridge, Women's Susanne Bailey, 281-580-1717

Dinner With Friends Lauren Hensley, 281-893-1833

Mixed Bowling.....Francine Alvarez, 281-580-8815

Playgroup..... Joyce Ray-Latson, 832-231-3201

Water Oaks Social ClubDionne Hill, 713-884-5501

OTHER

Olde Oaks Greenbelt Preservation Association<http://oogpa.com>

Greenbelt Preservation Association:

Craig Lewis, President | Kathy Zigler, Secretary

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Assessments Due - continued

You have several options to pay or make arrangements before a Certified Letter/Final Demand is sent to you, which also involves an incremental charge to your account:

- Pay by check or money order for the full amount.
- Pay online with a credit card or electronic check as detailed on your statement or on the Crest website.
- If you are unable to pay the full amount, please contact Crest Management to request a payment plan.

Note: Always include your property address and account number on your check or money order.

Mail check or money order to: Crest Management Company, 17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, TX 77084. For more information, contact Felita Henderson at 281-945-4646 or felita.henderson@crest-management.com, or online at www.crest-management.com.



Small things help improve the appearance of a neighborhood. Attaching flyers and signs to stop sign poles, speed limit sign poles and streetlight posts is illegal, creates driver distraction and can require maintenance and repair to the poles. Working together, we can all make a monumental difference in keeping up the appearance of our community.

MONTHLY STATISTICS

OCTOBER 2015

Category	Incident	Category	Incident
911 Hang-Up Call	1	Neighborhood Check.....	393
Alarm – Silent/Panic	2	Robbery – Aggravated	0
Alarm – Home Security.....	22	Robbery – Individual.....	0
Assault	0	Sex Offender Check.....	1
Burglary/Home	1	Suspicious Person	13
Burglary/Vehicle.....	0	Theft	6
Criminal Mischief.....	2	Telephone Harrassment	0
Disturbance – Animal	0	Vacation Watch.....	1
Disturbance – Loud Noise	4	Vehicle – Accident.....	6
Domestic/Prevention.....	1	Vehicle – Abandoned/Disabled ...	3
Domestic Violence	0	Vehicle – Speeding.....	61
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FOOTNOTES BOOK CLUB

The book club met on November 17 this month, which was after the editor's deadline. We chose books for January through May 2016. In the January newsletter there will be a list of those choices.

Usually, we can find the book club choices at the library. On trips over there I always like to check out the new fiction and non-fiction shelves in the lobby. There are so many choices and not enough time to read so many enticing books! Also, there are about three book clubs that meet at the library, and the notices of the books up for discussion are on the bulletin board in the outer lobby area where the Friends of the Library have their bookracks. I see that they read many of the books that we also choose, and our reading interests are parallel.

A decision was also made about getting together for a holiday luncheon in the first week of December. News about that event will also be in the January newsletter. So for now, we will wish you readers happy holidays and good reading in the New Year.

*Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator
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1. Experts suggest walking 6,000 steps a day to improve health and 10,000 steps a day to lose weight.
2. A 20-minute walk, or about 2,000 steps, equals a mile.
3. Walking briskly for one mile in 15 minutes burns approximately the same amount of calories as does jogging an equal distance in 8.5 minutes.
4. Less than 50% of American adults exercise enough to gain significant health or benefits. Inactivity is the second leading cause of preventable death in the US, second only to tobacco use.
5. The best way to lose weight by walking is to take a longer, moderately paced walk (40 minutes at 60-65% maximum heart rate). Shorter, faster walks (20-25 minutes at 75%-85% maximum heart rate) are best for conditioning the heart and lungs.
6. The Top Reason: There is a group being formed in our neighborhood called the Water Oaks Walkers.

For more information, contact Dr. Dionne Hill, Water Oaks Social Club member, at dionneredmond@sbcglobal.net or 713-884-5501. (Special thanks to Ann Ferrera for her interest in starting this group.)

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The Water Oaks Social Club

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We are looking for a few good residents to help with the development of the Social Club events. Please call or email Dr. Dionne Hill, Olde Oaks resident, if interested at dionneredmond@sbcglobal.net or 713-884-5501.

Join the Social Club December 14 for Holiday Kids' Zone Program With Chick-fil-A and Donation Drive

'Tis the season in Olde Oaks/Waterford Park to show you care. Bring your gently-used children's and youth clothing for a donation to the Salvation Army!

- **Where:** Chick-fil-A, 1960 and Walters
- **When:** Monday, December 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **What:** Free ice cream for children, Christmas crafts for the kids and pictures with the Santa Cow for all.

Christmas Lighting Contest

Light your home for the holidays!

Deadline for Judging Is Sunday, December 13

Christmas lights shiny and bright, helping to guide Santa's jolly flight. Our neighborhood twinkling with cheer, don't forget Christmas lighting will be judged again this year.

Decorate your trees; decorate your pines; make sure your house is ready that night. **December 13** our team will be out and about, trying to decide who earns the biggest shout. Take the time this season to appreciate the sights, of neighbors' hard work adding to our holiday delights.



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The Aranda family

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If you notice a streetlight has a burned out bulb or the fixture is malfunctioning, including bulbs going on and off or staying on all day, please report this to CenterPoint Energy so the problem can be fixed immediately.

Following are ways to report a streetlight needing repair:

1. Report the six-digit pole number (located about six feet off the ground and on the front of the pole), online by visiting <http://slo.centerpointenergy.com>.
2. If you do not know the six-digit pole number, you can use CenterPoint's mapping service online at <http://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting>.
3. Call CenterPoint at 713-207-2222. Have pole number available.

Report the outage even if someone else may have made a report. Multiple reports will help bring attention to the outage and move the work action up in priority. According to CenterPoint, streetlight repairs are typically completed within three days. However, if the outage is due to extensive damage, such as underground cable failure, the repair can take as long as two to three weeks.



Operation "Santa Paws" is under way again in Olde Oaks and Waterford Park, spearheaded by resident Roswitha Shoemake. This will be Roswitha's third trip with donated items. Her first trip yielded two car trunk loads of supplies for HCPHES Veterinary Public Health on Canino Road. Last month she collected one entire van full of items thanks to the generous donations from our residents. Pulling up to the shelter in a rented van, you could see the excitement on the workers' faces and the spring in their step as they unloaded the goodies.

List of supplies needed:

Cat Supplies

- Cat beds (small and washable)
- Cat food (canned and dry)
- Cat toys (new only)
- Cat treats
- Kitten food (canned or dry) **Urgent! Low supply!**

Dog Supplies

- Blankets (small fleece blankets are preferred)
- Dog food (canned) **Urgent! Low supply!**
- Dog toys (new only)
- Dog treats
- Pet training pads or "pee" pads
- Puppy food (canned and dry)
- Cleaning supplies/adoption program
- Bath mats (new or used all sizes) **Urgent! Low supply!**
- Bath towels (new or used all sizes)
- Bleach
- Electric heating pads
- Hand sanitizer
- Laundry detergent (especially high efficiency) **Urgent! Low supply!**
- Laundry detergent with color-safe bleach (especially high efficiency) **Urgent! Low supply!**
- Newspaper
- Paper towels
- Pet grooming supplies
- Washcloths (new or used all sizes)
- Wet wipes

Roswitha is collecting all of the items at her home. She will pick them up or you can drop them off to her. Email her at roswithashoemake@gmail.com for information. Delivery will be made to the shelter **December 18**. Thank you for sharing.

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According to the newspaper, "The *Houston Chronicle* recognized 150 companies and organizations in Houston. These companies have been recognized as top workplaces solely based on surveys about the workplace completed by their employees. Top workplaces are not only better places to work, but are more likely to be successful than their peer organizations."



One, Bam! Three, Crack! Four, Bam!
Sunday, February 7, 2016

Congregation Jewish Community North invites you to their seventh annual Mah Jongg. Four rounds of Mah Jongg will be played from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. A continental breakfast, lunch, raffles, and vendors are included. Contact mahjongg@cjcn.org for more information about vendor opportunities or attending.

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Streetlight Installation Update

This year's HOA Board undertook a comprehensive streetlighting project. Unfortunately, many streets and cul-de-sacs around the neighborhood had inadequate lighting or no lighting at all because of the absence of a streetlight. The HOA Board received complaints about cars idling in dark areas, which was a cause for concern. As a result, the Board approved the installation of streetlights in various areas throughout the neighborhood.

Sixty-plus lights will be installed, not including the additional lighting on TC Jester Boulevard. At the time of writing this piece for the newsletter, 95% of the additional streetlights have been placed in the ground, again, not accounting for the lights along TC Jester. The streetlights are being installed in CenterPoint Energy's utility right-of-way, and they will be energized in phases after all the fixtures are installed. The streetlights on TC Jester will be the first lights to work because of the roadway's designation as a major thoroughfare. Due to speeding, recent accidents, the activation of traffic signals and the new lights being in a linear pattern, CenterPoint designated these lights to be the first to be energized.

CenterPoint's goal is to have all of the new streetlights installed and working by the end of this year.

The Board also approved the installation of streetlights at both ends of TC Jester Boulevard, which currently do not have any streetlights. Once complete, TC Jester will be lit from FM 1960 to Cypresswood Drive.

Several complaints and inquiries have been received from homeowners wanting to know why the Board would spend money on streetlights not within the boundaries of the community. The simple answer is safety. TC Jester is also now one of the many "front doors" of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park, and adding streetlights will hopefully not entice people that do not live in the neighborhood to wander down a dark road and then do harm to a person or homes, in addition to helping drivers see the roadway at night, and hopefully increasing property values along the roadway. It is also important to note the Board solicited contributions from the many different entities that can benefit from the lights. Wal-Mart, MUD 20 and the Enclave at Olde Oaks have all agreed to contribute their equal share to the installation cost of the lights on the portion of TC Jester closest to FM 1960.

Many property owners are also not aware, but the HOA pays for streetlights outside of the boundaries of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park for every street that leads into the community. Lights on Terrace Oaks Drive from FM 1960 to Pebble Trace, Walters Road from FM 1960 to just before Windbriar Court, Pebble Bend from FM 1960 to just before Fernglade and Brightwood Drive from Stuebner-Airline Road to just a few hundred feet before Denbrook, are all paid for by the HOA, yet outside of Olde Oaks boundaries.

In addition, the HOA pays to maintain and mow the grass near all the entrance monuments, all of which is not on land owned by Olde Oaks. Last, previous Boards decided to install sprinkler systems and plant trees within all the esplanades along the newly-opened portions of TC Jester. Those trees are also fertilized by the HOA, and the grass and mulch maintenance is also paid for by the HOA (in addition to the monthly water bill).

Arguably, most of these items could be turned over to the county and designated as their responsibility (with the exception of streetlights, as Harris County has a policy of not installing or paying for streetlights along their roadways, unlike the City of Houston which installs and pays for streetlights along all of its roads). However, if these things were turned over to the county, the grass would not be cut weekly, trees would not be fertilized and pruned on a regular schedule, and mulch would not be placed around trees semiannually. In turn, the roadway would begin looking derelict and such would surely negatively affect all of our property values. While paying for these items may not be favored by all homeowners, it is the only way to assure our property values stay up and keep the neighborhood looking presentable for residents and visitors.

The Board thanks all homeowners for their cooperation during this project, and we hope everyone understands this project was undertaken to increase safety and the perception of safety around Olde Oaks and Waterford Park in addition to protecting property values.



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Waterford Park Pond Lighting Update

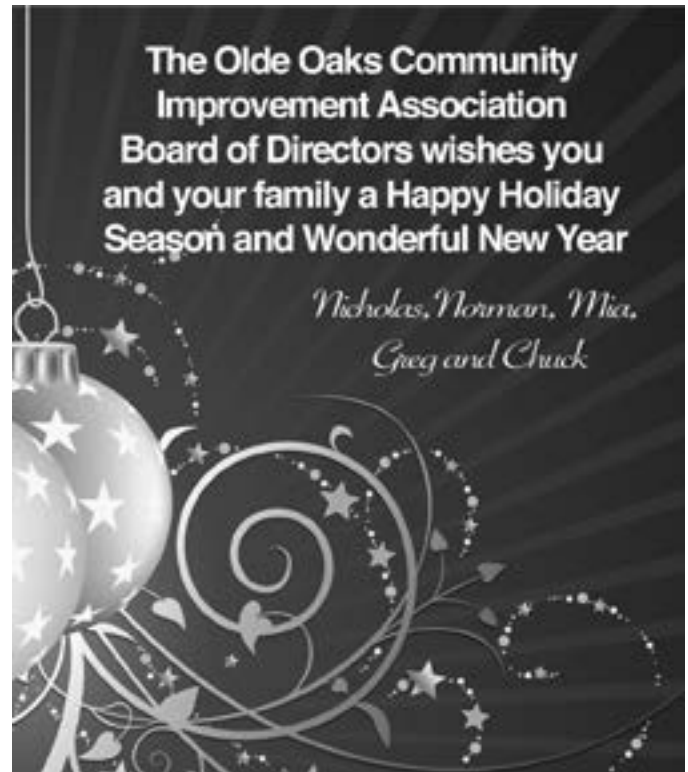
The installation of lights around the pond in Waterford Park has officially begun. A project kickoff meeting was held on Wednesday, November 11, and the light installation should be complete by the time you are reading this newsletter (weather permitting).

The HOA Board solicited a contribution for the cost of this lighting project from MUD 20 and they generously offered to pay for the entire project, which totals about \$47,000. In addition, MUD 20 also offered to pay for the cost of electricity for the lights.

The vast majority of the owners with property backing up to the pond approved the installation of the lights to alleviate the darkness around the pond after dusk. The new fixtures will be similar to the River Oaks poles at the entrances to Olde Oaks; however, the light will be a soft or warm white color emitted from energy-efficient LEDs.

The HOA Board would like to extend thanks to the MUD 20 Board for their generous contribution toward this project. We hope all residents enjoy the new lights around the pond.

Norman Nelson II, VP OOCIA



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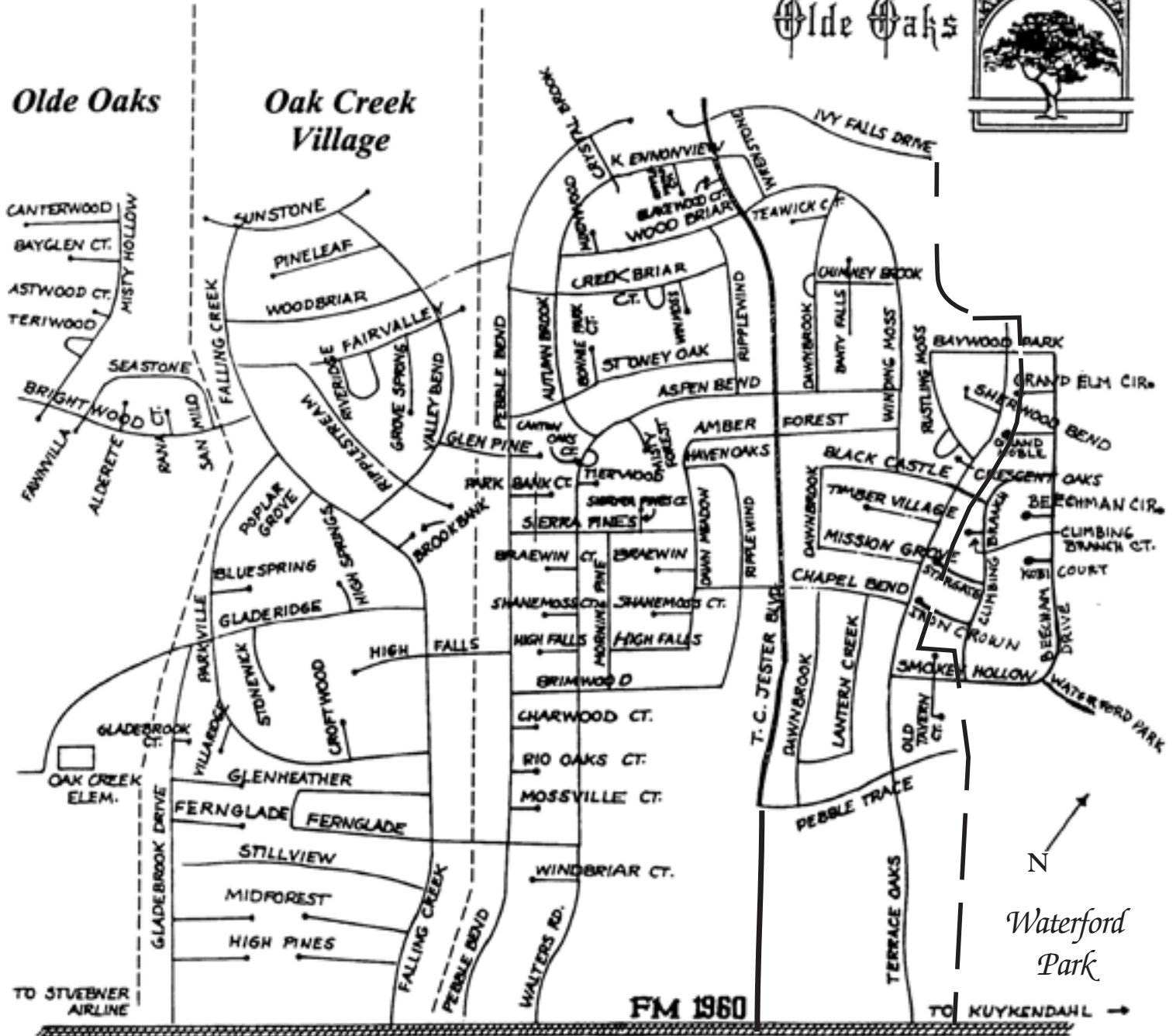
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