



## Waterford Park

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Congratulations 2015 Graduates

Join us in congratulating these fine young people as they complete one chapter of their young lives and embark on another. To their parents and neighbors, we congratulate you on nurturing these children successfully for life's adventures. To the graduates from the residents who have had the honor of being your friends and neighbors and watched you grow into young adults, we wish each of you happiness and health and remind you to always follow your dreams. Believe in yourself and remember where your journey began. **Congratulations!**



#### Tevin Devon Hill

Congratulations, **Tevin Devon Hill**, on being a 2015 high school graduate from Jersey Village High School. He is the son of Olde Oaks residents Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army Cedric Hill and Dr. Dionne Hill.



#### Marlon L. Adams II

**Marlon L. Adams II**, son of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park resident Joan Watson, graduated from G.W. Carver High School on June 6. In high school, Marlon was a four-year member of the Student Council, Orchestra, and TAFE organizations. In the fall, Marlon plans to attend the University of Houston to major in accounting and forensic science.



#### Daniel Russell Wright

**Daniel Russell Wright** is the son of Brian and Kathleen Wright on Morning Pine Lane. Daniel was homeschooled K-12 and has been busy earning his Eagle Scout Honor, participating in *Joyful Sound!* choir, playing some baseball and taking dual credit courses at Lone Star College. Daniel has earned membership in the International Dean's List and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Daniel plans to take

his college credit hours and attend Texas A&M University.



#### Karissa Michelle Wright

**Karissa Michelle Wright** graduated with honors from Houston Baptist University with her bachelor of science in nursing. Karissa attended HBU on an academic scholarship and has achieved many honors while earning her degree. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing and has been on the Dean's List at HBU since she began in 2012. Karissa has accepted a position at Texas Children's Hospital, which has been her dream for many years now. Karissa is the

daughter of Brian and Kathleen Wright, who live on Morning Pine Lane.

### Notice to Homeowners OOCIA Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 10 at 6:45 p.m.

MUD 44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester

### OOCIA BOARD NOTES

Join us every month  
and bring your 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 ACMI at 281-251-2292 or info@ACMIgmt.com.



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# Who You Gonna Call?

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

### OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

ACMI Management Company.....281-251-2292  
(for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements)  
12603 Louetta Rd., Suite 101 | Cypress, TX 77429  
Fax 281-251-2991 | www.ACMIgmt.com | info@ACMIgmt.com

### OOCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nicholas Summerville, President | Norman Nelson, VP  
Mia Cordova, Sec/Treasurer | Greg Green, Director at Large  
Chuck Cornelius, Deputy Coordinator

Add these numbers to your cell phone for easy access

### REPORT UTILITY ISSUES

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

WCA Waste Corporation .....281-368-8397  
(Regular trash receptacles outside your back door on Monday and Thursday)  
Recycling and yard waste curbside on Thursday only  
Trash receptacles storage out of view from street (per Deed Restrictions)

### 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 & Emergencies .....832-467-1599  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

John Dougrey | Robert Skinner | Larry Foster | Brian Wright

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 & Emergencies ..... 281-376-8802

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  
http://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)

### PETS – DISTURBANCES, LOST & FOUND

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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

### OLDE OAKS INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS

Arts and Crafts ..... Barbara Smith, 832-732-9920  
Book Club .....Kathy 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 Club .....Dionne Hill, 713-884-5501

### 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  
General:.....281-444-5302  
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..... 1-800-222-1222  
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

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# FOOTNOTES BOOK CLUB

At our April meeting we chose books for September, October, and November. We'll take a break again during June, July, and August.

**The following is our upcoming schedule:**

- September – *Eden's Abyss*, by Eric Muirhead
- October – *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr
- November – *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, by Milan Kundera

In upcoming articles there will be details about each above book and author. There will also be photos from our May 26 meeting and potluck luncheon in honor of our guest author, Mary Bryan Stafford, who wrote the May book, *A Wasp in the Fig Tree*.

As I have mentioned before, new members are invited to join the group. We meet monthly except for the June through August period.

We take turns meeting in members' homes and leading the discussion. All members have input into the book choices. The only "rule" is that at least one person has read the suggested book and knows it's discussable. So give me a call if you would like additional information.

*Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator • 281-569-4967*

# TRAFFIC SIGNS aren't Bulletin Boards

When soggy, illegible flyers and tape residues accumulate on traffic signs (such as stop and speed signage), a very negative impression about our neighborhood is conveyed. It is also against local ordinances. Please use technology for an easier, quicker and more effective method to get the word out about lost or found pets, items for sale, etc.



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# NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

## Community Safety Program

Whenever you have information about suspicious or criminal activity and report it to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, it is helpful and contributes to the safety and betterment of your community. These reports are available between law enforcement as communication to fortify their efforts to stop crime. In Olde Oaks and Waterford Park, we have HCSO deputies who patrol our neighborhood, and they encourage you to call in your information to the numbers listed below. Anonymity is available. It is more effective to call immediately while it is occurring. Still call if it has already happened.

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Cornelius.

**Call 713-221-6000 or 9-1-1.**

To request a Contract Deputy to contact you, call nonemergency/informational at 713-221-6000. For information about registered sex offenders, visit [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us).

## Sheriff Patrol Information

[www.hcso.hctx.net](http://www.hcso.hctx.net)  
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For more information on how to join, send an email to [c\\_cornelius565@yahoo.com](mailto:c_cornelius565@yahoo.com).

## MONTHLY STATISTICS APRIL 2015

Category	Incident	Category	Incident
911 Hang-Up Call .....	1	Medical/Fire.....	2
Alarm – Silent/Panic .....	2	Neighborhood Check.....	558
Alarm – Home Security.....	21	Suspicious Person .....	4
Assault/Family.....	1	Theft .....	3
Burglary – Home/ Vehicle.....	2	Telephone Harrassment .....	2
Criminal Mischief.....	4	Vacation Watch.....	5
Disturbance – Animal .....	2	Vehicle – Accident.....	3
Disturbance – Loud Noise .....	7	Vehicle – Abandoned/Disabled ...	2
Domestic/Prevention.....	9	Vehicle – Speeding.....	36
In Progress .....	1	Vehicle – Suspicious.....	4

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# Spraying PROGRAM

**Well, it's that time of year again ... mosquitoes are increasingly making their presence known!**

The Harris County Mosquito Control District was created to control mosquitoes such as the culex that spread malaria, encephalitis, and Dengue fever and now the new threat of West Nile Virus. Visit their website at [www.hcphe.org](http://www.hcphe.org) for helpful information on personal protection and some proactive measures we should all follow to help hold down the mosquito population, such as:

- Don't feed the storm drains. Sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs from sidewalks and driveways.
- Remove/empty containers that can hold water such as flower pots, buckets, tires, toys and plastic swimming pools. Birdbaths and pet water bowls should be changed at least twice a week.
- Keep rain gutters clean and draining, and repair any outdoor household leaks.
- When watering the lawn, be aware of any excess water that may accumulate. Fill in low areas around the yard.
- When mosquitoes are noticed in your yard, spray with an outdoor mosquito spray. Be sure to use according to directions on the label.

Our community has contracted Cypress Creek Pest Control (CCPC) to provide mosquito spraying at least weekly (the frequency varies per contract season). The current season includes spraying two times a week. Cypress Creek Pest Control is the largest private mosquito control operator in Texas and is an active member of the Texas Mosquito Control Association and other industry organizations. Spraying occurs after 9 p.m. via their dispatched truck which is contracted to go down every street dispersing a fog from a ULV (Ultra Low Volume) fog generator. Such spraying is done from the curb toward the front of each home. CCPC indicates the spray does have some effect toward the back of the property. The service is designed to **control** pest mosquitoes, but in no way can any mosquito program totally eliminate them. A mosquito control program can only keep the population in a specific area at an acceptable level.

Individual conditions, particularly in the backyard, may require additional measures by the property owner. According to CCPC, "during periods of high rainfall in the summer, the mosquito population will increase, but will usually not decrease during drought because people begin to water their lawns and create artificial breeding areas in sewers. Communities adjacent to underdeveloped land with standing water can expect to have a constant supply of adult mosquitoes ready to invade."

Spraying can be done easily with sprayers available from Home Depot, Lowe's, etc. as a do-it-yourself project (carefully following all directions on the label) or via monthly spraying and misting systems. There are many local companies, including CCPC, that offer services ranging from misting services to monthly and one-time spray applications. For example, a hand fogger application is available if you are planning a family event and need to ensure a pest-free event.

*Barbara Smith, Editor*

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# RECYCLING PROGRAM

WCA Waste Corporation is our recycling vendor. Please use only the recycling bins, as the recycling trucks are automated and the bins are specifically designed for pickup by the trucks. The recycling bins are picked up from the curb of each home on Thursday. For more information, call 281-368-8397. Their office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Basic Recycling Rules** – Please wash out all food containers before recycling. Break down all cardboard boxes.

## PAPER

### Recycle!

Corrugated cardboard  
Magazines  
Clean pizza, beer, and soda boxes  
Telephone books  
Newspapers  
Paperboard boxes (cereal, detergent, pet food)  
Paper cardboard – dairy/juice cartons, paper egg cartons  
Office/school paper, fax paper (all colors)  
Envelopes, letters, unsolicited direct mail (including window envelopes)

### Disposal!

Waxed paper/cereal box liners  
Mixed metal and paper (e.g., stapled paper after the staples are removed)  
Food-contaminated paper (e.g., cheesy pizza boxes)  
Diapers  
Food/seed bags  
Slick-coated food boxes  
Tissue paper or foil gift wrap  
Tyvek envelopes  
Hardback books

## PLASTICS

### Recycle!

Any and all plastics with recycle symbols #1-7  
Thin plastics (e.g., grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves)  
Soda and water bottles  
Milk, juice, and oil jugs  
Dish, shampoo, lotion and soap bottles  
Bleach, detergent, and other household cleaning containers  
Butter and ice cream tubs  
Yogurt cups and microwave trays

Clean plastic flower pots  
Prescription pill bottles (Make sure to check the recycle # on the bottom of the bottle and to wash out all residue)

### Disposal!

Plastics without a recycle symbol  
Pesticide, chemical, antifreeze or motor oil containers  
Toys  
Laundry baskets and unsanitary containers

## GLASS

### Recycle!

Clear, brown and green glass (e.g., jars and drink bottles)

### Disposal!

Broken glass  
Mirror or window glass  
Glass plates  
Light bulbs  
Heat-resistant glass (e.g., Pyrex)  
Ceramics (i.e., dishware, ovenware, decorative items)



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Special designated bulk items will be picked up at no charge on collection days. Oversized or multiple items may incur additional fees. Contact customer service at 281-368-8397 for questions.

## Excluded Items:

Acids, car batteries, car parts, car tires, chemicals, construction trash (to include concrete, large quantities or rolls of carpeting, fencing, construction materials and debris), dirt, garage door openers, hazardous or toxic or radioactive waste, large pieces of glass (must be broken and placed in cardboard box and weigh less than 40 pounds), gravel, human or animal fecal waste (if not contained in plastic bag or closed boxes so contractor employees do not come into direct contact with fecal material while loading into truck), paint, petroleum products or filters, rocks, and sand. Homeowner may call Customer Service at 281-368-8397 and arrange for excluded items to be picked up separately at a negotiated price.

## METAL

### Recycle!

Aluminum cans (e.g., food and pet food)  
Aluminum foil, pie tins, trays, etc.  
Jar lids

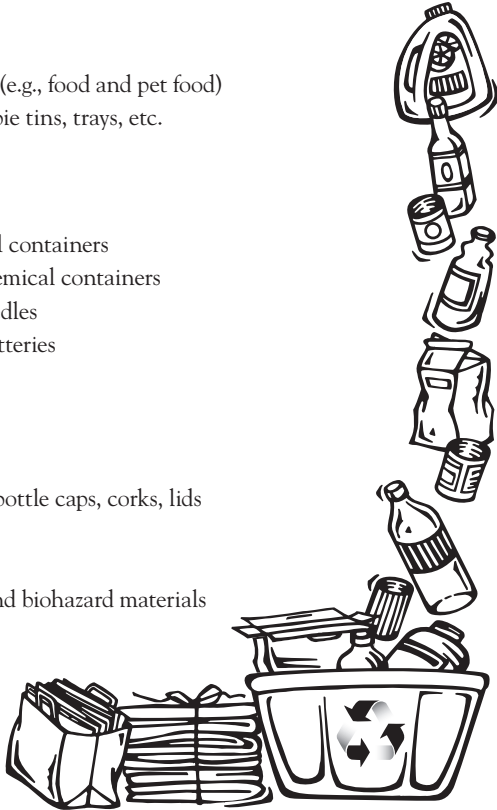
### Disposal!

Paint and aerosol containers  
Pesticide and chemical containers  
Syringes and needles  
Oil filters and batteries

## OTHER

### Disposal!

Metal or plastic bottle caps, corks, lids  
Styrofoam  
Computer parts  
Medical waste and biohazard materials



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# YARDS *of the* MONTH

The purpose of the Yard of the Month is to highlight addresses which enhance our entire community with their exceptional yards. A revised number of four to six winners will be selected to proudly display a Yard of the Month sign in their yard for the entire month, with pictures included in the OOCIA newsletter and in color on our website at [www.oocia.org](http://www.oocia.org). You are invited to nominate addresses for Yard of the Month consideration by emailing ACMI at [info@acmimgmt.com](mailto:info@acmimgmt.com) (Attention: Yard of the Month, Beautification Committee) a few days **before** the first of each month.

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As of April 28, work is progressing on the Flood Control District's Cypress Creek/Storm Sewer Outfall Reconstruction Project, but frequent rainstorms have been a major cause of delay since the project started in February. With the access route and project site remaining continuously saturated, the Flood Control District's contractor has not been able to take delivery of key materials needed to do the repair work. The contractor is waiting for dry weather conditions in order to resume work on the site.

Sign up for updates directly from HCFCF. Email [ProjectCommunications@hcfcd.org](mailto:ProjectCommunications@hcfcd.org) and specifically request to be put on the distribution list for this project. For inquiries or additional information, call 713-684-4040. Kim Jackson will answer additional inquiries and may be contacted at HCFCF Communications at [kimberlye.jackson@hcfcd.org](mailto:kimberlye.jackson@hcfcd.org) or 713-582-5124.

# The Water Oaks Social Club

The Water Oaks Social Club works to offer a variety of social activities to foster a sense of community. It is the belief of the Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association Board that a neighborhood becomes a tightly knit community when people share in activities and establish friendships. This club will be responsible for social events, welcoming new residents, and fostering the family environment. **We want you!**

We are looking for a few good residents to help with the development of the Social Club events. Currently, the following need volunteers:

- Welcome Board
- Kids Fun Zone event
- National Night Out 2015 programming

Please call or email Olde Oaks resident Dr. Dionne Hill if interested at [dionneredmond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dionneredmond@sbcglobal.net) or 713-884-5501.

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**4 – Conroe: First Thursdays Free Concert Series** Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Heritage Place Park. 936-522-3842 <http://cityofconroe.org/departments/parks-recreation/special-events/concert-series>

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**Deadline for July newsletter is June 10.**

Editor: Barbara Smith

Mail or hand deliver to 15714 Winding Moss

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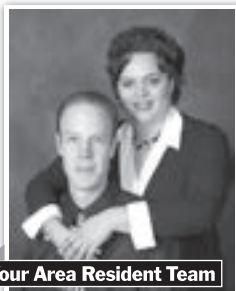
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# Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers, Southwest

**“You are the key to your neighbor’s independence”**

Many frail and elderly people face an excruciating choice either to spend their last years in an impersonal institution or remain at home, isolated and housebound with the decrease in mobility. Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers – Southwest (VIC-SW) was organized in 1994 by concerned people of faith who had experience in the provision of health and human services, particularly for the frail and elderly. The founders understood the isolation and fear often experienced by these people, and they envisioned a volunteer effort to address those needs. With the help of VIC-SW, a third option is available to Houston’s frail and elderly population; they can live independent lives in their own homes with the assistance of VIC-SW’s volunteers providing life sustaining services and a link to the larger community ([www.vic-sw.org](http://www.vic-sw.org)).

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers – Southwest (VIC-SW) is a faith-based nonprofit whose mission is to promote senior independent living, health, and safety by providing free transportation and other services. In the last 20 years, VIC-SW has built a coalition of congregations that believe that the power of a collaborative effort will accomplish more than any one church acting alone. Congregations show their support by providing outreach for VIC-SW programs, providing volunteers, and monetary and in-kind funding to VIC-SW. Our service

area includes 28 ZIP codes in southwest Houston and has expanded to 11 ZIP codes in northwest Houston through a partnership with Northwest Assistance Ministries.

Through a network of volunteers, VIC-SW provides free services to elders who are at least 65 years old and ambulatory (small walker or cane is acceptable), live in our service area, and have not been diagnosed with a mental disease or Alzheimer’s, that include transportation to doctors and clinics, pharmacies, grocery stores, to attend religious services, and to run errands. Our volunteers remain with a client throughout the appointments to reassure them. Other services include minor household repairs, light home management, minor yard work, telephone reassurance calls, and companion visits.

In 2013, VIC-SW volunteers drove over 26,000 miles and contributed more than 3,700 hours to help the elderly in their community. No other agency in our service area provides this valuable free transportation service to the elderly population helping them stay engaged in their communities and to be able to go to the doctor’s office and to maintain the best possible quality of life. We are always looking for valuable volunteers to help with the services that we provide as well as clients that meet the requirements of service.



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# Klein Volunteer Fire Department Safety Tips

## Firework Safety Tips

4th of July is a fun-filled time with lots of fireworks being sold. KVFD wants to help keep you and your family safe this Independence Day.

- If you want to see fireworks safely, the best option is to go to one of the many local public shows available in the area.
- If you choose to use fireworks at home, be aware that there are dangers and statistics that you might not realize.
- Using fireworks at home seems like fun. However, more than 15,000 fires are caused by fireworks each year. Countless injuries also occur due to home fireworks use.
- At least 18% of fireworks related injuries are caused by small firecrackers.
- Sparklers cause 24% of fireworks injuries. They burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.
- The risk of fireworks injury was highest for young people ages 15-24, followed by children under 10.
- On Independence Day in a typical year, far more US fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.



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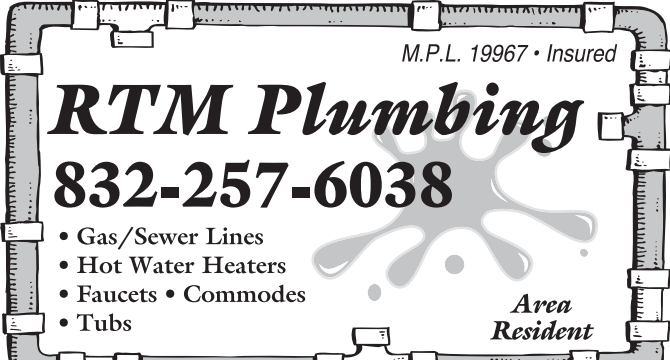
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