



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

OOCIA Review Meeting News What's Happening

The latest OOCIA Board meeting was held on April 8, 2015 in the MUD #44 Clubhouse.

Amongst the old business topics, it appears there has been approval from FEMA to move forward on a project on MUD#20 lots in the Ripplewind and Brimwood location. The TC Jester esplanade will require remediation after all the traffic signal work is done; proposals to execute this work will be sought then.

Many interesting things under the category of new business came up.

The new Water Oaks Social Club issued a call for volunteers to help execute their projects. For one of the projects involving welcome bags for our new property owners, the Board approved contributing funds toward the purchase of magnets and memo cubes with an oak tree emblem to include in it. The total cost of these two items would be \$313.50. Like other clubs, it is separate from the Board and will need to do fundraising, but may occasionally appeal to the Board for community funds for certain community activities. Some helpful ideas on fundraising were offered from a prior member of the Women's Club present at the meeting.

Bids for a major project to prune and fertilize trees throughout the shared areas in the community were reviewed. This is a project which seems to be undertaken every three years or so.

A review of streetlight options was conducted. For TC Jester, it seems the 35 streetlights on TC Jester will be increased from 100W to 250W to bring it to the correct lighting level for a major thoroughfare. The agenda listed the cost for this to be \$13,441. Another Board vote ended in approval: Agenda item for 53 100W conventional lights and one double arm COBRA was approved for \$26,369, plus an additional \$23,631 for any additional lighting needs and also for some non-standard River Oaks type lights on the

median areas in cul-de-sacs. To add lighting at the entrances to the community, the Board voted to install two double arm and eight single River Oaks lights at entries for \$28,734.

Replacement or cleaning of street sign posts was discussed. The cost would be \$60/pole to clean and \$100/pole approximately to replace them. The Board voted to have 50 of the worst ones cleaned.

Discussion was held regarding signage at the entrances to the community. LED signage was reviewed as an option and a vendor performed a demonstration outside the MUD#44 building in the parking lot.

Mention was made of possibly adding speed limit signs. The goal would be to increase safety by adding signs that displayed a driver's speed. Later, the floor was open for resident concerns and discussion. Please plan to attend every second Wednesday of every month to participate in monthly meetings.

Notice to Homeowners OOCIA Board Meetings

Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. • May 13, 2015

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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IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

ACMI Management Company.....281-251-2292
(for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements)
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OOCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mia Cordova, Sec/Treasurer | Greg Green, Director at Large
Chuck Cornelius, Deputy Coordinator

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MUD #20 www.edpwater.com

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John Dougrey | Robert Skinner | Larry Foster | Brian Wright

Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.
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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.
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Board of Directors:

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Al Habinak | James Armand

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Westfield High School281-891-7130

OLDE OAKS INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS

Arts and Crafts Barbara Smith, 832-732-9920
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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Barbara Bush Library281-376-4610
6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

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Registered Sex Offenders www.familywatchdog.us

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Call 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Know What's Below and Call Before You Dig

There are thousands of miles of natural gas pipelines in and around Houston. This safe and reliable system is maintained to the highest standard, so you don't have to worry about it. However, not taking the proper steps when digging in your yard can put you in a dangerous situation.

The most common cause of leaks happens when customers or contractors hit a line. Most are unaware that not all gas lines are metal. Although still used, steel lines are being replaced by plastic due to the older steel lines being susceptible to corrosion. Plastic will never corrode, but the drawback is that a regular garden shovel can cut it. Most people don't think twice about their line traveling to the meter until they hit it planting that new tree or replacing a section of fence.

Remember, if you're ever doing any digging or post-hole work, call 811. When you dial, give the operator your address, location to be excavated, and any other information they ask for. Within three business days, someone will come by and locate your gas, electric, phone, and cable lines. This is a completely

free service, which could save you from the risk and expense of hitting a line.

If you do ever hit a gas line, leave the area immediately and, from a safe location, call 911 and Centerpoint Energy. Even if the fire department cannot shut the line down, they will keep the area safe until Centerpoint workers arrive. Also, due to any number of factors, leaks may form on the lines above or below ground.

Centerpoint uses many different forms of leak detection but customers are still their best source for finding leaks. If you ever smell gas resembling a rotten egg smell inside or outside your home, call Centerpoint Energy from a safe area. No matter how small, it is free for them to come out and investigate. Trust me – they put a lot of hours into maintaining these systems so that you don't have to think about it. Don't be afraid to remind that contractor before they start a job; sometimes they forget, also. Just remember, before you dig, call 811 so you don't have to call 911 later.

*Jason Green
Olde Oaks resident*



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FOOTNOTES BOOK CLUB

We will meet at the home of Terri Checkles. Virginia McGriggs is slated as discussion leader, but we will all participate in the interview and exchange with Mary Stafford. Also, since we will take off for the summer and resume in September, books for the fall will have been chosen at the April meeting and to allow maximal time with the author in May. I will tell what we choose in another article.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator – 281-569-4967

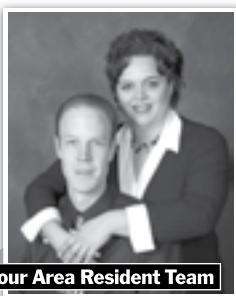
Our meeting on **Tuesday, May 26** will be a special time for us, as the author of the book, *A Wasp in the Fig Tree*, will come over from the Austin area to meet with us. Mary Bryan Stafford is a longtime personal friend of mine as we worked and played tennis together in Corpus Christi and have kept in touch all these years. I always knew she had a talent for writing and has demonstrated such with this novel, participating in an anthology about Texas women, and in poetry writing. We'll have the unique opportunity to ask her about her inspiration, her character development, and the writing process among other things. This experience will be unique as she is a seventh generation Texan and a member of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She graduated from The College of William and Mary with degrees in English and



Spanish, but got back to Texas as fast as she could, as have many others of us! She spends her time writing, training her two horses, and enjoying her family in the Hill Country. This award-winning author was a quarter finalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award Contest, has been published in the anthology *Women Write About the Southwest*, winner of the Willa Award in the anthology *The Noble Generation III*, and has appeared many times in the Texas Poetry Calendar.

The Amazon description of the book is as follows:

“In Texas, it’s politics as usual, but to Isabel Martin, it threatens her very being. She escapes to her uncle’s Ranch of the Fig Trees in South Texas, expecting a luxurious haven after her parents’ divorce. But there is an insidious little rumor about the family that the whole county is talking about – how Lyndon Johnson won the senate election that launched him into power. Isabel struggles to believe her uncle is innocent of voter fraud, but how can she know what to believe when gossip lays a film of guilt over the people she loves?”



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We have requested at least the appropriate rate sheets be posted on all of our MUDs' websites, and be assured you can certainly always call or email to request it directly from them. In the interim, we have included their rate sheet PDF files on www.oocia.org. Please take a look at the topic and get informed on this topic ahead of the summer watering season. Water conservation is the right move for your pocketbook, drought or no drought.

*Mia Cordova
Olde Oaks resident*

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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It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online, and it's free. Each neighbor must verify their address in order to join.

Nextdoor has published these suggestions for participation:

- **Treat Everyone With Respect:** Assume good intentions in others and give them the benefit of the doubt, disagree without being disagreeable, focus on issues and do not engage in personal attacks, practice moderation and do not over-post in a way that dominates conversations, send private messages or post to a group when a limited audience is more appropriate, refrain from using profanity or posting messages that will be perceived as discriminatory.
- **Share Helpful Information:** Answer fellow members' questions, share information about crime and safety issues,

recommend local businesses and services (without spamming or inappropriate self-promotion), sell, share, or give away personal items that you no longer want or need, discuss community issues (but avoid campaigning), spread the word about local events, provide support to fellow members in need.

How to Use Nextdoor for Crime Prevention

Many neighborhood watch and crime watch groups across the country use Nextdoor every day to help keep their neighborhoods safe. Here are some tips on how your crime prevention group can get the most out of using Nextdoor:

- **Spread the word to all neighbors.** Divide up responsibility for recruiting neighbors on a block-by-block basis to ensure that as many neighbors as possible join your Nextdoor website. The more neighbors that are on Nextdoor, the more eyes there are looking out for the neighborhood.
- **Register your phone number with Nextdoor in order to get urgent alerts via mobile phone text message.** An urgent alert is a special type of message that reaches neighbors immediately via mobile phone text message and email. Neighbors can send urgent alerts when they notice suspicious activity or serious safety issues. To be notified via text message, you must register your phone number on the mobile phone settings page.
- **Report suspicious activity or safety issues to your Nextdoor neighborhood.** You can either post a message or send an urgent alert to all your neighbors. If you send an urgent alert, Nextdoor will immediately send an email and a mobile phone text message to your neighbors.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

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- Urgent alerts are limited to 110 characters. (You can add more details later by replying.)
- Urgent alerts will only be posted to your immediate neighborhood. It's not currently possible to post an urgent alert to nearby neighborhoods.
- You will not receive an SMS or email notification for urgent alerts that you author.
- You can receive urgent alerts from your neighbors via email and/or SMS. To begin receiving urgent alerts by text message, or to stop receiving them, visit your mobile phone settings. To change how you receive urgent alerts by email, visit your email settings.
- You can reply to urgent alerts either via the web or using a Nextdoor mobile app, but not by replying to the SMS you receive on your phone.

How to Receive Urgent Alerts Via Text Message

An urgent alert is a special type of post for information that is both important and time-sensitive. Registering your mobile device will allow you to receive Urgent Alerts immediately via text message (SMS). You can register your phone to receive urgent text alerts and add your mobile number.

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- Protect your home, person, family, and pets.
- Watch for suspicious activity.
- Report suspicious activity.

For more information on how to join, send an email to c_cornelius565@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY STATISTICS MARCH 2015

Category	Incident	Category	Incident
911 Hang-Up Call	1	Narcotics Investigation	1
Alarm – Silent/Panic	8	Neighborhood Check.....	483
Alarm – Home Security.....	23	Robbery – Aggravated	0
Assault	1	Robbery – Individual.....	0
Burglary – Home	1	Suspicious Person	8
Burglary – Vehicle.....	1	Theft from Residence.....	1
Criminal Mischief.....	3	Vacation Watch.....	2
Disturbance – Loud Noise	3	Vehicle – Accident.....	1
Disturbance – Animal	1	Vehicle – Abandoned	1
Domestic/Prevention	7	Vehicle – Speeding.....	33
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In Progress	1	Vehicle – Theft.....	0

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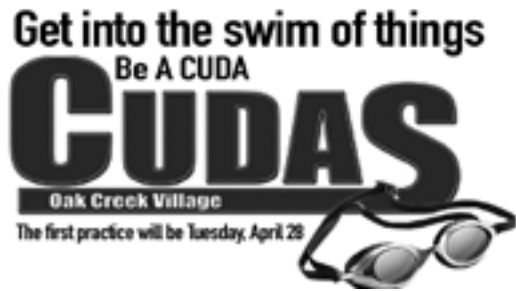
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The OCV Cudas invites all children, ages 3 to 18, to register to swim with us this season. Oak Creek Village invites Olde Oaks and Waterford Park residents to participate.

Cudas is a competitive neighborhood swim team organized under Northwest Aquatic League. Cudas practices Tuesday through Friday and has meets on Saturdays during the months of May and June. The first practice will be **Tuesday, April 28**. Although they are primarily a competitive swim team, OCV also accepts registrations for children who do not already know how to swim. Children as young as three years old, who will get in the water and work with one of our coaches or older swimmers, as well as older children who are not water safe, are welcome to register.

As with any volunteer organization, this is not a drop-off opportunity for parents. Every parent is requested to be involved! There are many ways to volunteer, and they can help you find one that fits your availability. You can register online. Registration information and practice times are online at www.ocvcudas.com. If you have questions, please email ocvcudas@gmail.com.

Brent and Brenda Barnett, Presidents, OCV Swim Team

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

There will be a meeting on **May 2** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Spring Creek BBQ Banquet Room, located at 4220 FM 1960 West, (east of Stuebner Airline) Houston, TX 77068.

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Class of 2015 Graduation Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our area graduates. Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. Always follow your dreams and believe in yourself. Celebrate your success. Continue to climb and aspire to excellence knowing that your serious efforts have paid off as you start this new chapter of your life. If you have a graduate you are proud of, it is not too late to submit a photo and a description of their accomplishments and future dreams.



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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. You are invited to nominate addresses for Yard of the Month consideration by emailing ACMI at info@acmimgmt.com (Attention: Yard of the Month, Beautification Committee) a few days **before** the first of each month.



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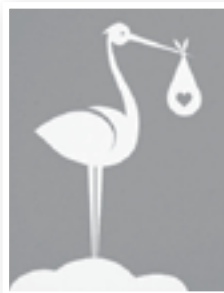
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Outdoor Cooking

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- An easy way to start a charcoal grill is to use a charcoal chimney starter using newspaper as fuel.
- When you are finished grilling on a charcoal grill, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

- Before using a propane grill, check all connections for proper fit and bottle integrity.

Outdoor Equipment

- Make sure all lawn mowers, edgers, weed eaters, trimmers, etc. are in good working order for the season.
- Use eye and ear protection while operating machinery.
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance while operating outdoor equipment.
- Add fuel before starting the engine, not when it is running or hot.
- Fuel should be stored in approved containers, away from ignition source. An outdoor shed is the ideal location for fuel storage.
- If equipment is electric powered, use approved extension cords that are safe for operation.

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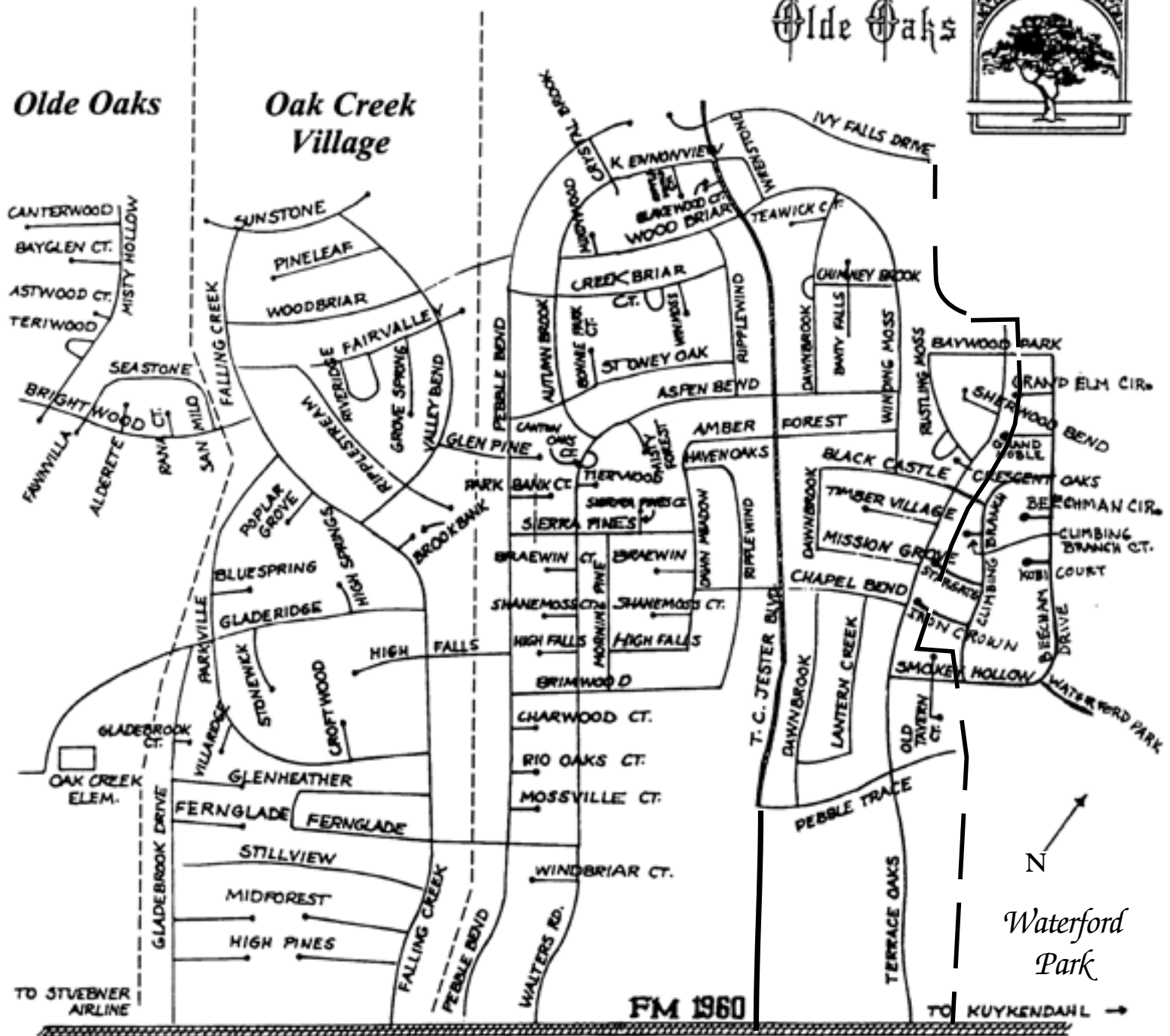
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