



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

2015 OOCIA Election *vote Results*



Chuck Cornelius



Norman Nelson

On February 11, the Annual OOCIA Members Meeting included election of officers. Chuck Cornelius and Norman Nelson were elected to fill the open Board seats. Nicholas Summerville, Greg Green and Mia Cordova continue their terms, which will be up for election in 2016.

Our community, and the Board, owes much gratitude to exiting OOCIA Board member Christine Potter for her dedicated service, most recently as President of the Board and Chair of the Architectural Control, Beautification, Communications and Security Committees.

Your OOCIA Board collectively pledges to be of proactive service to the community. With this approach in mind, we want to hear from you. Tell us how we can help to continue to improve our neighborhood. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings, submit an email to the Board via ACMI or send us a note on Nextdoor or Facebook. We are looking forward to the year ahead and working for you, one of the homeowners within Olde Oaks and Waterford Park.

Residents are invited to attend and participate in Q&A session held after the general meeting.

For specific property or account concerns, contact ACMI at 281-251-2292 or info@ACMIgmt.com.

OOCIA BOARD NOTES

Please participate in the Community-Wide Garage Sale March 26, 27 and 28.

Join the garage sale on Facebook and advertise your sale on "Beg, Barter, Buy and Sell Olde Oaks & Waterford Park."

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS OOCIA BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. • March 11, 2015
MUD 44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8
Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour



Who You Gonna Call?

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

OOCIA Management Company

ACMI Management Company 281-251-2991
 (for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements)
 12603 Louetta Rd., Suite 101 Fax 281-370-9238
 Cypress, TX 77429 www.ACMIgmt.com
 Email 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

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
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 Reporting resident will need pole number and street, including
 immediate side streets

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Harris County Precinct 4 www.hcp4.net
 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 281-353-8424
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WCA Waste Corporation 281-368-8397
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General Safety

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Tom Sooy | Harry Swanstrom

Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

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<http://www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district>

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Al Habinak | James Armand

Board meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m.

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PETS – DISTURBANCES, LOST & FOUND

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Animal Control 281-999-3191

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Sheriff Non-Emergency 713-221-6000

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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

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Harris County Pct. 4 (outside regular hours) 713-755-5000

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37th Annual 1960
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
Sunday, March 15th, 2015 at 2 p.m. Come Join Us!!

The 37th annual FM 1960 St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, March 15** along FM 1960 in support of the Cypress Creek EMS's program. Come watch all of the unique floats and join in waving and cheering on many of our local schools and organizations as they make the three-mile route. The parade has attracted between 60,000 to 100,000 people in past years and is expected to draw an even bigger crowd this year, so arrive early to get your spot to watch the event.

Traffic Details

Neighbors living in Olde Oaks and Waterford Park may want to plan their day around the event. The parade begins at 2 p.m. at the Wells Fargo parking lot at Champion Forest Drive and FM 1960, and ends at The Concert Pub North at the corner of FM 1960 and Kuykendahl. To prepare for the big event, the road will officially close at 1 p.m. and, if all goes as planned, completely reopen around 5 p.m.

Intersections at either end of the parade route – Champion Forest Drive and Kuykendahl Road – will remain open, but officers and signs will direct traffic away from the closed section of FM 1960. Police will open up intersections

after the parade moves through and that part of the route is clear. Still, large sections of FM 1960 will be closed for the bulk of the four-hour period, so it is wise to use detour routes during that time.

The primary detour route lies north of FM 1960. Signs and police officers will direct motorists traveling west on FM 1960 to turn north on Kuykendahl Road to Louetta Road, and west on Louetta to Champion Forest Drive, or Cutten Road, which both run south to FM 1960 near the Champions and Willowbrook Mall areas. Motorists traveling east on FM 1960 will be diverted to the north at Cutten Road and told to follow the same route in reverse to Kuykendahl Road. Refer to www.1960parade.com for updates or changes.



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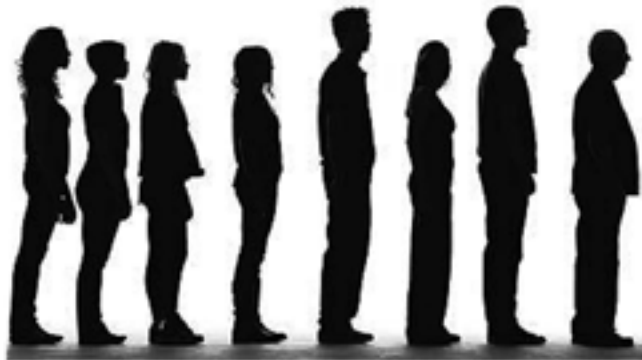


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FOOTNOTES BOOK CLUB

On March 24 our group will meet at the home of Heather George for a discussion on *Some Luck*, by Jane Smiley. Jerry Lutz will be the discussion leader.

Some Luck is the first book in a trilogy about the Langdon family of Iowa who are born and bred farmers. Ms. Smiley's plan is to take the reader on a journey of over 100 years and several generations, watching various situations and challenges arise as the children age and families expand. There are family bonds, loyalties, obligations, and commitments that affect their lives.



The author has written 14 other adult novels, five non-fiction books, and five young adult novels. She won a Pulitzer Prize for her 1992 *A Thousand Acres*. She is described as having three major talents: meticulous historian, intelligent humorist, and seasoned literary novelist. *The New York Times* praises

her as a "diverse and masterly" writer and "one of the premier novelists of her generation."

Ms. Smiley was born in Los Angeles in 1949 but grew up in Missouri. Her education was at Vassar and the University of Iowa. At Iowa State University, she was a professor of English and taught creative writing to undergraduate and graduate students.

We look forward to acquainting ourselves with this new author. Since we have been meeting since 2002, there are only a few authors to whom we have returned to read subsequent books. So being in a book club encourages each one of us to get out of our reading "boxes" and to meet many new authors and their styles, interests, and character/plot development.

We usually have time to read other books between the book club selections and share those ideas as well as pass along books to others in the group. Do call me if you are thinking a book club might be for you. We're a congenial group and would welcome new members.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator
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Proper Venting for a Clothes Dryer

Statistics from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) show that over 24,000 house fires and nearly \$100 million in property damage annually are related to faulty clothes dryer vent installations. House fires related to clothes dryer vents are much more common than most people believe but, luckily, are relatively easy to prevent. Here are some tips to maintain safe and energy efficient dryer vents.

1. Dryer ventilation systems should only terminate to the home's exterior and have a proper dampered exterior cover to help prevent water, birds, and insects from entering the duct. The exterior cover should not have a screen since it will cause lint build-up and block the vent over time.
2. Most standards call for clothes dryer vents to be no more than 25 feet in length, have few bends, and no kinks. Gas dryers, though, are often permitted to have ducts no longer than 35 feet in length.
3. KVFD recommends that the clothes dryer vent system be thoroughly cleaned at least twice per year as preventative maintenance. A homeowner can take apart and clean the dryer vent's interior himself. This is made easier with a vacuum cleaner with a long hose attachment. Some

HVAC professionals and chimney sweeps also offer dryer vent cleaning as a service.

4. The transition duct between the dryer and the actual rigid metal dryer vent should be UL approved for the application.
5. The most commonly seen improper type of dryer vent is flexible vinyl tubing. Vinyl is a type of plastic and it can easily melt and lead to a house fire. This material, most often white and ribbed, tends to allow for lint to readily accumulate. Lint is very flammable and all it takes is a small spark to ignite it, leading to a house fire.
6. Clean dryer vents are more energy efficient. Clogged dryer vents cause the drying cycle to be much longer.

House fires related to improper or blocked dryer vents are easily prevented, and a little bit of preventive maintenance can help save lives. When was the last time you inspected and cleaned your clothes dryer vent? For more information or questions, call 281-376-4449.

Same Great Service with a different name **WCA**

Royal Recycle and Disposal has recently been purchased by WCA. Our community will be serviced by the same trucks, but over time they will likely be repainted and have a different name on the side. So as we receive the same great service, the look of the trucks coming to your house may change. For questions, please call 281-368-8397.

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Community Garage Sale

MARCH 26, 27 & 28TH

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If you have not already, contact Temple with your name, address, email, phone number and a description of some of your offered items. This information will be kept private and will be used for our committee to develop a map, and to make contact with you for this event and community related events. All residents participating will be provided balloons to tie to their mailbox or stake in front yard.

We have set up a Facebook page to enable us to submit this to all of the area online Facebook Buy, Beg and Barter sites to help promote our sale. Please take a moment to join our Facebook group so that you can begin uploading photos of some of your featured items. These listings will help drive buyers to your sale to purchase. Join Facebook "Beg, Barter, Buy and Sell Olde Oaks & Waterford Park" if you have not done so yet. We have already started letting the other sites know, but you can help by submitting the event to the pages you participate on.

Please consider signing up with a neighbor and conducting a combined sale if you do not want to be alone on your property

selling. We suggest this to anyone who does not have assistance or a helper at your sale. Contact Temple and she will gladly help with pairing you with a neighbor.

Top Ten Reasons to Participate

1. G-U-I-L-T. It's spring cleaning season.
2. There just **might** be treasure in your attic.
3. Are you missing a car? Maybe it's hiding under all those boxes in the garage.
4. Your husband doesn't need 11 sets of golf clubs (the golf clubs aren't the problem).
5. If it's not junk and you don't need it or don't want it, then it's okay to **let it go**.
6. Just because **you** think it's junk, somebody else might not. You'd be surprised.
7. Could you use extra cash? Would your car be safer in the garage? Are you tired of dusting stuff you don't even like? Do you have mysterious boxes covered in cobwebs?
8. Eliminate the potential danger of re-gifting to the wrong person.
9. Figure out how to involve the kids – tell them the Easter Bunny is counting on them and that it's never too early to start racking up points with Santa.
10. It really is a great opportunity to meet friendly neighbors!

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Security at Your Garage Sale

We will stress again the importance of safety. Safety is a key concern when inviting complete strangers to your home.

- While your garage sale is being conducted, keep all exterior doors locked at all times.
- Do not let strangers know your living situation and do not allow strangers into your home to use a phone or the restroom.
- If you have a garage door that leads directly into your home, lock that door throughout the sale.
- Garage sale early bird shoppers are not uncommon; be prepared and watchful for early guests.
- Use the buddy system during the event and do not leave the garage unattended.
- Plan to stay with the garage sale throughout the day and prepare lunches so that there are no distractions that take you away from your goods.
- Position yourself where your neighbors can see you from the street as they drive by, and always keep a cell phone with you.

If you do not plan to participate in the community sale, make sure that you keep your garage and property doors locked if you are home or away. Do not display anything that a criminal would be attracted to. Be watchful for your

neighbors who are and are not participating. If you have an uncomfortable experience or suspect a criminal intent, report it to contracted officers through our non-emergency phone number.

Whether you plan to participate or not, designating community garage sales helps our community provide a good alternative for random individual garage sales, coordinate security awareness on the designated days, create a good opportunity to meet neighbors and a method to safeguard curb appeal by discouraging deed restriction prohibited signage.

If you have questions, please forward them to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com or call Temple at 281-580-9076.

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Dedicated Deputies Safety Spotlight

Daily in our community we have a presence that we all may take for granted. While you are at work or at home, there is a dedicated group of deputies that keep a watchful eye on our homes. Our contract deputies work to ensure that we are protected. The Harris County Sheriff's Office offers many programs that help us protect our property and ourselves. If you have not taken advantage of the programs that are offered,



Deputy Bryan Lewallen

now is the time. Crime prevention is the key. Neighbors should be reaching out to neighbors and helping each other to report any and all suspicious activity to our contract deputies. Having a home inspection review through the Home Security Review Program will help reduce the possibility of home security issues. Sheriff Jay Coons recently spoke at the Homeowners' Association meeting to assure us that his team is here for us. We will be introducing this team of dedicated deputies through our Safety Spotlight.

Deputy Bryan Lewallen is a 24-year veteran with the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Lewallen patrols our community daily, keeping a watchful eye. When talking to Deputy Lewallen, he has many watchful stories. He enjoys our community and our residents and waves knowingly to our residents as we walk our dogs and take our daily strolls.

He said that if you have anything or anyone that seems out of place, someone who comes to your door and makes you



Back row: Deputy Mendez, Deputy J. Parsons, Captain Coons. Front: Sgt. B. Martinez and Deputy B. Lewallen. Deputy Piaz was not present.

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feel uncomfortable, an animal that is running loose or not on a leash, a car that is parked by your home or a person near your property who you feel is not supposed to be there, call the non-emergency line. No call is unimportant if you are concerned. He stressed that the resident should not feel embarrassed to call or think that the call is silly. Call anyway.

If you walk, be sure to wear bright clothing. If you have a reflective vest, wear it. Do not walk alone and always take your cell phone with you. Don't put your new appliance boxes on the curb; break them down in your recycling bin. Take advantage of the vacation watch program at 281-376-2997. They will make a special effort to check your home's windows and doors and monitor who comes and goes.

Deputy Lewallen became a deputy to help others and to be able to have a secure occupation to raise his family. He has many ideas to help you secure your property and is knowledgeable about materials that can be used. One of the items that he says works great is a film that can be applied to your window to help if it is broken to aid in enforcing the breakage to make it harder for entry, keeping the criminal working to try to get in to give you time to call 911 for help. He said instead of looking out the window to see if an intruder is there, pick up the phone, dial 911 and let them come with their lights and protection to investigate, keeping you safe. Deputy Lewallen has many more crime preventatives that he is willing to share with us in the future. So when you see Deputy Lewallen, say "Hello."

MONTHLY STATISTICS

February 2015

Category	Incident	Category	Incident
911 Hang-Up Call.....	1	Narcotics Investigation.....	0
Alarm – Silent/Panic.....	1	Neighborhood Check.....	483
Alarm – Home Security	23	Robbery – Aggravated.....	0
Assault/Family	0	Robbery – Individual.....	0
Burglary – Home	0	Suspicious Person.....	10
Burglary – Vehicle	0	Theft from Residence.....	0
Criminal Mischief	2	Vacation Watch.....	2
Disturbance – Loud Noise.....	9	Vehicle – Accident	0
Disturbance – Animal.....	3	Vehicle – Abandoned.....	2
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Fire/Medical Call.....	2	Vehicle – Suspicious	3
In Progress.....	7		

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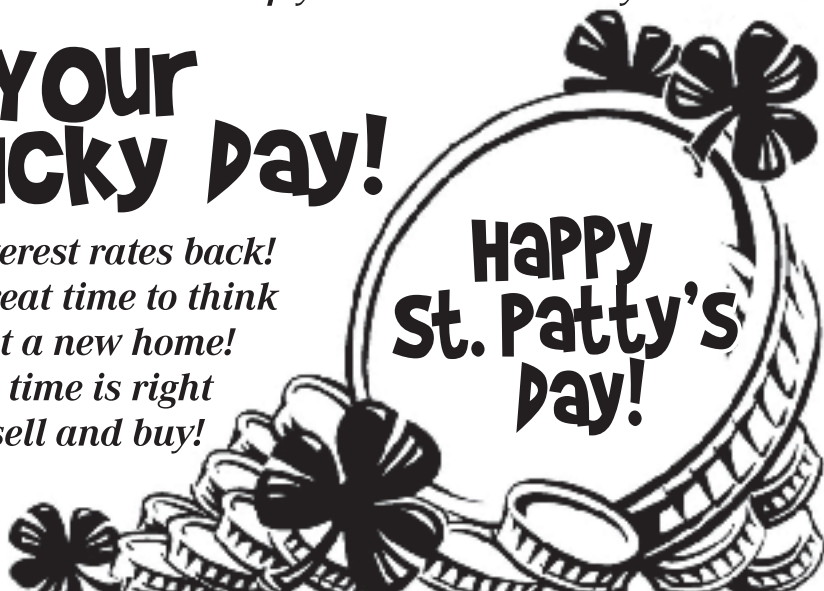
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Have you noticed the new radar speed signals that our neighbors at Oak Creek Village have installed on certain streets such as Falling Creek? If you've noticed them, then you've probably also noticed how easy it is to unintentionally exceed the speed limit.

Our lovely older, established neighborhoods have many desirable characteristics, but admittedly lack certain amenities such as sidewalks. Therefore, we motorists must always be mindful, vigilant and responsible for our part in protecting the more vulnerable sharing the streets – neighborhood kids, elderly folks, moms with strollers, dog walkers, joggers and bicyclists.

CONGRATULATIONS for being a **WINNER**



Drawing winners was resident Maya Smith, daughter of Barbara and Torrence Smith

The names of the winners of the Yard of the Month from 2014 along with the winners of the Christmas Lighting in December 2014 were put into a drawing to receive \$100 gift certificates from Plants for All Seasons. Ten names were drawn to receive this award. This was a thank you from the Beautification Committee to the residents for their participation in keeping our community beautiful.

Residents spend many hours and funds to ensure that their property is kept beautiful all year long. This dedication has not gone unseen.

The following were selected for the gift certificate award:

- 3103 Ivy Falls (Yard of the Month)
- 15419 Terrace Oaks (Christmas Lighting)
- 15126 Walters (Yard of the Month)
- 15219 TC Jester (Yard of the Month)
- 15418 Winding Moss (Yard of the Month)
- 15726 Misty Hollow (Yard of the Month)
- 3519 Kennonview (Yard of the Month)
- 15027 Terrace Oaks (Yard of the Month)
- 3610 Brimwood (Yard of the Month)
- 15403 Dawnbrook (Yard of the Month)

Congratulations to those selected. We hope that our community members continue to beautify their property and participate as the new year continues.

*Christine Potter and Mia Cordova
Beautification Committee*

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