



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Friendly Community Reminders

- **Deed Restrictions:** View the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park website (www.oocia.org) – Neighborhood Information tab, left side. These legal restrictions are in place to provide an aesthetic community environment and are **strictly enforced**.
- **Signs:** Postings not permitted on stop signs, streetlight poles, monument entrances, or in your front yard, other than “Home for Sale/Rent” signs. If you wish to communicate a future garage sale, you may contact Barbara, our OOCIA editor, at oldeoakseditor@hotmail.com to post the date of sale or join (for free) www.nextdoor.com to advertise the date of your sale/address. This has proven to be extremely effective for neighbors in the past. We will have a community garage sale in March.
- **Household and Yard Trash:** Set out only on Monday and Thursday mornings on trash days to prevent an unsightly appearance in our community and disturbance by wildlife. Please return your trash receptacles to your garage or out of view from street after pickup on Monday and Thursday.
- **Lawn:** This is a perfect time to treat your lawn with a fungicide and winter fertilizer. Many lawns have become tainted with fungus which damages the grass and inhibits the healthy growth of your lawn. Taking this important step promotes a healthy and beautiful appearance of your home for your enjoyment and that of your neighbors. Also, please mow, edge and prune regularly.
- **Weeds:** Free your beds of weeds and maintain approximately two to four inches of **mulch**. This not only prevents future weed growth, but reduces water usage. Tackling at least one bed a week makes this a doable weekend project and reduces future work in the yard.
- **Drainage System:** We are fortunate to have an abundance of beautiful trees in our community. Unfortunately, with this asset we also have to deal with a large quantity of falling leaves. Bag the leaves and place on your driveway Monday or Thursday for trash pickup. Also, take a few extra minutes to sweep up leaves in the street near the curb in order to prevent them from traveling from your property to your “downhill” neighbor’s property or into the drainage system. We want our drainage system to be clear of debris to effectively prevent flooding.
- **ACC Approval:** Homeowners planning an improvement to the exterior of the home or elsewhere on the property must obtain written approval prior to beginning work on the modification from Architectural Control Committee (ACC) at www.oocia.org (tab on left for application). **This includes painting and repainting of siding, trim, brick, etc.!** The goal of the ACC is to serve both you and the community by determining that your finished improvement will comply with the deed restrictions and enhance the value of your property and our neighborhood.

We live in a beautiful community ...

This is only possible through the efforts of **all** residents. Caring for our home and yard provides incredible enjoyment and enhances the value of our homes!

Thank you for your continued support and efforts making Olde Oaks/Waterford Park a desired community in which to proudly live!

Christine Potter

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS OF OOCIA BOARD MEETINGS

Please note: No December meeting!

Our next Board meeting will be in January.

MUD 44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester

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

Join us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OldeOaksWaterfordPark/>
and Nextdoor.com for “Alerts” and information.



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 Fax 281-370-9238
 Cypress, TX 77429 www.ACMIgmt.com
 Email info@ACMIgmt.com

OOCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Christine Potter, President | Greg Green, VP
 Mia Cordova, Sec/Treasurer | Nicholas Summerville, 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
 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

Royal Recycle & Disposal 713-526-1536
 (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

Report dirty pools, unsafe/unsanitary habitation
 Harris County Public Health and
 Environmental Services 713-274-6300
 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

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http://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, 7:30 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

Report injured, vicious animals and bites
 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 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

OTHER

Olde Oaks Preservation 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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Do you have exciting information to share? Do you have something for sale? Do you want your neighbors to attend an event or do you just want to share some news? This newsletter is yours, the community of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park. Reach out to each other and share important community information. Your participation enables a positive, strong community. We want to hear from you! Please submit suggestions and articles to "Olde Oaks Editor" via email or front porch delivery. Please do not drop in US mailbox. All submissions must be signed and dated.

Deadline for January newsletter is December 10.

Editor: **Barbara Smith**

Mail or hand deliver to 15714 Winding Moss

Email: OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com

Send us your email to opt in for community announcements.



For this month, our group just gets together for lunch and socializing in the spirit of the holiday season. We will have details published in the January newsletter regarding our future meetings. Many of us make New Year's resolutions and have good intentions for personal improvement in the new year. How about considering joining our book club? We meet September through May in members' homes and also take turns being discussion leaders. This is not rocket science as discussion questions are available from different sources. Discussion is always lively, and we also acquaint ourselves with new authors and subject matter. All members participate in the choice of books. Do call me if you need more details.

*Coordinator Kathy Hall
281-569-4967*

Calling All Model Railroaders and Railfans!!



PETTICOAT JUNCTION
Railroad Fellowship

If you are a model railroader or just have an interest in trains and railroading, you are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Petticoat Junction Railroad Fellowship group.



This is a chance for people with a common interest in trains, model trains (all gauges), real trains or any other facet of railroading to get together and visit. This is not a club, no officers or dues, just folks – both men and women – who like trains and like to eat barbeque. Our meetings are held the first Friday of each month at the Spring Creek Barbeque location at 4220 west FM 1960.

The meetings usually begin around 6 p.m. and last until everyone goes home. You buy your own meals and we gather in the private dining room at Spring Creek. We have some very talented model railroaders in our area, and this is a chance to meet them and see some of the great modeling projects they have completed.

You are cordially invited to attend our next meeting, have some great food and make some new friends with an interest in trains.



Coyotes have been spotted sporadically around Olde Oaks and Oak Creek Village. Please take care to keep your pets safe! Always

keep garbage secure to avoid attracting scavengers.

You're Invited to Join Us for the Day!

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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

Neighborhood Security

www.iwatchharriscounty.com Download the app for Apple and Android phones to report criminal activity anonymously.

To have your house checked on while you're away on vacation, go to www.harriscountysoc.org/vacation_watch.aspx and complete the form online, or call the Cypresswood substation.

If you see suspicious or criminal activity occurring:

For emergencies call 9-1-1

For nonemergencies call 713-221-6000

Watch for "Alerts" posted on our community website at:

www.facebook.com/groups/OldeOaksWaterfordPark/
and on www.nextdoor.com.

MONTHLY STATISTICS

October 2014

Incident	Category	Incident	Category
911 Hang-Up Call.....	2	In Progress.....	1
Alarm – Silent/Panic.....	2	Neighborhood Check.....	466
Alarm – Home Security.....	25	Robbery – Aggravated.....	1
Assault/Family	1	Suspicious Person.....	5
Burglary – Home	2	Theft	2
Criminal Mischief	3	Vehicle – Accident	2
Disturbance – Loud Noise.....	6	Vehicle – Abandoned.....	1
Disturbance – Animal.....	4	Vehicle – Speeding.....	24
Domestic/Prevention.....	6	Vehicle – Suspicious	5

Home Security Review

The Home Security Review is a program designed to help deter residential crime. Sheriff's deputies will conduct the review on-site and focus on making sure homes are as secure as possible in order to reduce their vulnerability of being an easy target for burglars. Once the review is complete, the homeowner will receive a "Home Security Review" yard sign. Harris County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit, 713-759-9454 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Home Security Review" does not replace the "Home Security Inspection."

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Stop signs in our neighborhood play an important role in traffic safety. Stop signs are placed at designated corners for a definite purpose. Attaching posters and signage on stop signs and the stop sign poles is a driver distraction and is extremely dangerous.

There are rules and regulations pertaining to signage in our community. No signs can be nailed to telephone poles as detailed by the City of Houston Sign Ordinance or adhered to traffic signs (stop signs, yield signs, street signs, etc.) The City of Houston Sign Code prohibits two specific types of signs – Spectacular Signs and Bandit Signs as detailed in Sec. 28-39, posting advertising matter on utility poles, trees, traffic signs, etc. To learn more about sign regulations, visit www.houstontx.gov/council/5/faq.html.

To report what you suspect to be an illegal sign, call the City of Houston's Sign Administration Office in the Code Enforcement Division at 832-394-8840.



The 2015 HOA assessment is \$575, unchanged from 2014. Invoices were mailed to owners of record in October. If you have not received the assessment invoice, contact ACMI. Avoid a late fee by ensuring your payment is received at the ACMI office by **December 31**. After **January 31, 2015**, unpaid assessments will be considered delinquent and then also subject to interest and collection fees.

There are several payment options:

- Check or money order for full amount.
- Multiple checks with no processing fee, **if paid in full by January 31, 2015**.
- Credit card or electronic check, as detailed on your invoice or on the ACMI website.
- If you will be unable to complete payment by the **January 31**, deadline, please contact ACMI without delay to request a payment plan.

Note: Always include property address on checks or money orders.
 ACMI Management Company • 281-251-2292
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Join before **December 31st, 2014**, with a friend, colleague, or neighbor and split one initiation fee. That's a 50% savings! New members will also receive monthly account credits—now through March 2015. The sooner you join, the more you save.

To learn more about membership opportunities contact Brad Kuykendall, Director of Membership Sales & Marketing.

Call: (281) 440-4006

Email: brad@northgatecountryclub.com

Visit: northgatecountryclub.com



ONE TANK TRIP

Christmas Handmade Gifts

Looking for those last minute gifts to give that hard-to-buy-for person? We have several handmade options in the Houston area. So here's to another month of One Tank Trips.

Montgomery County Mistletoe Holiday Extravaganza

December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lone Star Convention Center (9055 Airport Road, Conroe)

This holiday market offers over 125 vendors offering women's and children's boutique clothing, jewelry, gourmet food items, home and holiday décor. Free event and free parking. Find event on Facebook at Montgomery County Holiday Extravaganza. Call 281-610-8577 for more information. Email holidayextravaganza@yahoo.com.

Cy-Fair Christmas Craft Show

December 6-7, Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m, Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cy-Fair Exhibit Center (11206 Telge Road, Cypress)

Craft Show sponsored by Cy-Fair FFA Booster Club. Free admission. www.cyfaircountrychristmas.org.

Tomball German Christmas Market and Festival

December 12-14, Friday 6-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Old Town Tomball

German Christmas Festival sponsored by Tomball Sister City Org. Free admission. www.tomballgermanfest.org.

Conroe Christmas Celebration

December 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

500 Metcalf Street, Conroe

Holiday festival sponsored by the city of Conroe. Free admission. www.cityofconroe.org.

Cougar Christmas Festival

December 13-14, Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cypress Fairbanks Exhibit Center (11206 Telge Road)

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Community Garage Sale



Now is the time to start gathering your “treasures” for your garage sale. Start going through your closets and get all your family members to participate. Challenge your family members to help and for their help give them a part of the profits.

Deciding what to sell. Ask yourself these basic questions:

1. Have I worn it in the past year?
2. Have I used it in the past year?
3. Have I displayed it in the past year?

Collect items for the sale by dedicating a holding place to for your treasures as the quantity grows. This should be a guest room or a seldom used area in your home or garage. Clean, repair and price your items as you find them.

If the item is dusty or dirty, putting a little extra into the cleaning it may ensure that the item is purchased. Clean, fresh-smelling items and neatly presented items often ensure resale.

Package items as you find them. Plastic food storage containers are a great way to organize toys and jewelry with small pieces together. Mark your items with masking tape or small adhesive labels. Preprinted stickers are easy to find at the Dollar Store. Be creative. If you have items you know won't sell by themselves or are not very valuable alone, sell them in bundles and price it as a bundled offer.

Look for more information in the January newsletter for registration, contact information and more specific details on how we are marketing for the event. If you have current items to sell, we have created a Facebook page for our residents to sell their items and this will serve as our community forum for our event: www.facebook.com/groups/OldeOaksWaterfordParkCommunityWideGarageSale/

If you have questions, please forward them to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com.



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— Yards of the Month —

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NOVEMBER WINNERS

15615 Pebble Bend



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(images available in color at
<http://www.oocia.org>)

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Caring for your Holiday Plants

Holiday plants such as poinsettias, Christmas cacti and the amaryllis are longtime favorites that require similar care and can be coaxed into blooming for future holiday seasons.

Poinsettias can come in red, white, pink, yellow or bi-color varieties. To rejuvenate your plant, move it outside when night temperatures are not apt to fall much below 50 degrees F and prune to keep it bushy and compact. To initiate flowering, the poinsettia needs long nights in complete darkness starting in early October. Cover plant with a cardboard box or keep it in a closet from about 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and water sparingly. When buds form in early December, stop dark treatment.

Like poinsettias, Christmas cacti are available in many colors including red, white, pink, cream, and fuchsia. Long-lived, they may produce beautiful blooms year around. You can force the cactus into bloom at Christmas by providing long nights starting around October 1. You can also persuade it to flower by subjecting it to cool night temperatures of 50-55 degrees F starting in early November.

Although amaryllis can be purchased at any stage of development, it is more fun to grow your own plant from a bulb. Most bulbs are sold already potted and with complete growing instructions. Once watering is started, you can expect kiltlike blooms of red, pink, white or orange in four to six weeks. After flowering, grow the amaryllis as a foliage plant until leaves grow yellow. Then store the potted bulb on its side in a cool, dark room, basement or closet for eight to ten weeks. When new growth appears, repot bulb and return it to the light to start the cycle again.

Once your holiday plants are back on track, display them away from drafts in a bright room – but not in direct sunlight – and keep in moist but not soggy soil.

*Pat Spicer
Olde Oaks resident*

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Board of Directors' Nominations and Applications

The Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association (OOCIA) consists of the Olde Oaks and Waterford Park subdivisions, and its 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 directors, three are elected in even-numbered years and two are elected in odd-numbered years; thus, two directors will be elected at the Annual Members' Meeting to be held on **February 11, 2015**.

Any members interested in running for one of the two open Board positions are encouraged to complete the Application Form and submit it to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Applications not received by 4 p.m. on **December 26** can still volunteer to run for the Board as a "write-in candidate" at the Annual Members' Meeting.

To be a director, an applicant must be a member of the Association, which means they must own a home in Olde Oaks or Waterford Park. Thus, tenants living in Olde Oaks or Waterford Park are not eligible to run for the Board. As a result of recent changes in Texas law, no one who has been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude can become a Board member.

Applicants must also be willing to commit to approximately a minimum of 10-15 hours per month to fulfill the responsibilities of a director which include, but are not limited to, attendance at the monthly Board meetings, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:45-9 p.m. (approximately); participation on Association committees; and responding to emails and/or participation on conference calls as required to conduct business.

Applications for the Board can be submitted by email to info@ACMIgmt.com or by mail to OOCIA Nominating Committee, c/o ACMI, 12603 Louetta Road, Suite 101, Cypress, TX 77429 with the subject line "OOCIA Nominating Committee."

All applications, which can be found online at www.oocia.org, must be received by ACMI no later than 4 p.m. on **Monday, December 22**.

This deadline will not be extended and any application received after this deadline will not be on the mailed or online ballots for residents. Late applicants may volunteer to run for the Board from the floor of the Annual Members' Meeting in February.



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Spring ISD News

Receives Superior Rating in Financial Accountability

The Spring Independent School District received a rating of Superior Achievement for the 2012-13 fiscal year under the Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas, which is commonly referred to as School FIRST.

Ann Westbrook, assistant superintendent of finance, said the district received the highest possible score in each category resulting in a perfect score overall.

Westbrooks said the primary objective of the rating system is to assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools. The School FIRST rating system consists of 20 base indicators that analyze trends relating to financial management efficiencies. The first six indicators are answered with either a "yes" or "no" answer while the remaining indicators are assigned a point value. Each indicator is weighted equally with the exception of the first six. Failure to comply with any of the first six indicators would result in a substantial penalty and a rating of Substandard Achievement.

A copy of the report is online on the Spring ISD Finance Department's Budgets and Reports web page at www.springisd.org/default.aspx?name=biz.home.

Warm Sharing

Are your closets bulging with too much stuff? This is a very good time of the year to make space ahead of the holidays by donating bulky winter coats, jackets, warm clothing and blankets to local nonprofits. Your winter items will be greatly appreciated by many in the community as cold weather sets in. Don't forget to obtain a tax deduction form for your donations. Some nearby nonprofit locations include:

Northwest Assistance Ministries www.namonline.org
2327 FM 1960 West, 281-880-9000
Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Donation bins are at several area congregations, including:

- Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community
18511 Klein Church Road, Spring, TX 77379
- Kinsmen Lutheran Church
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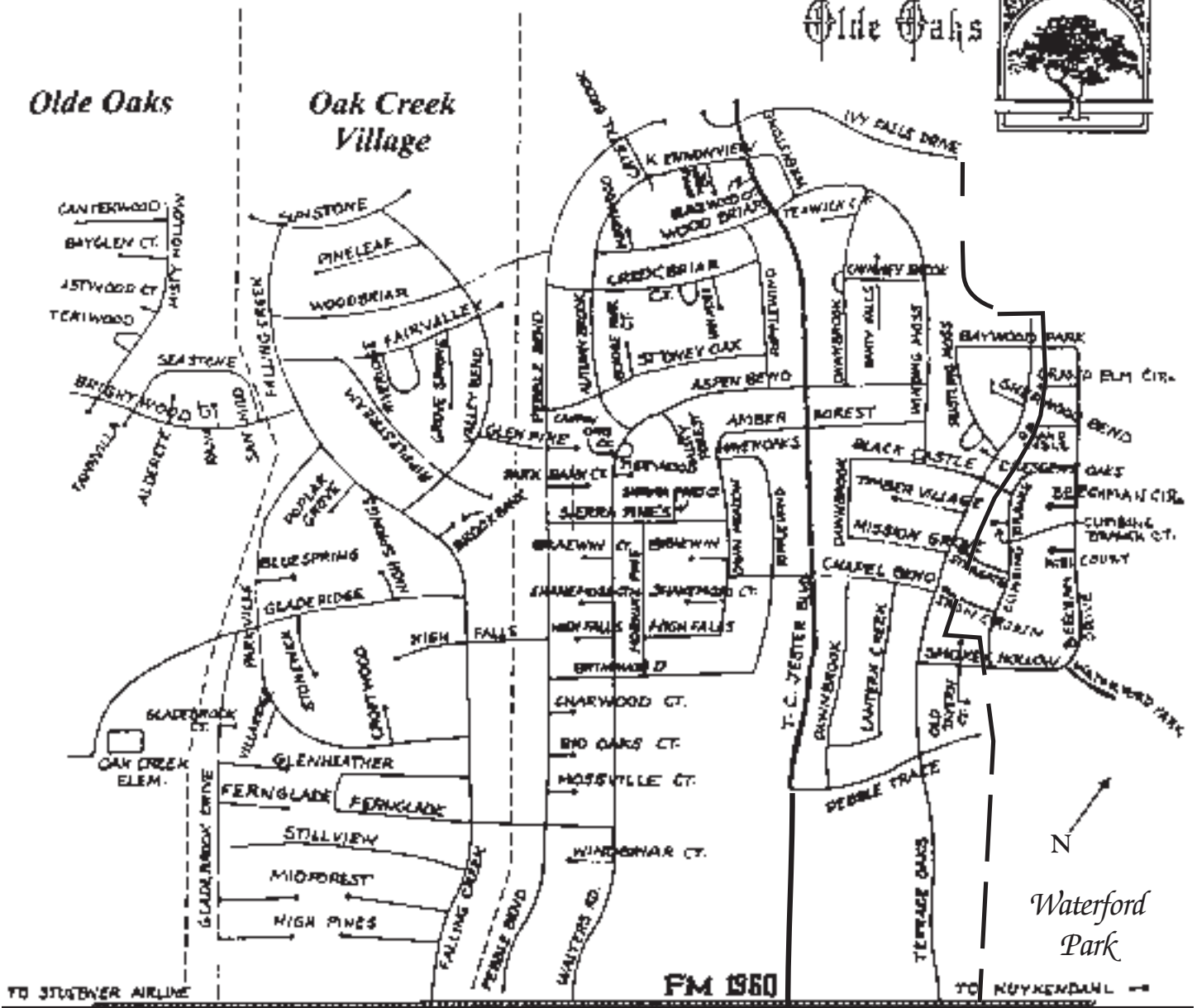
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