



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Notice to Homeowners of Olde Oaks CIA Board Meeting

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise posted

Where: MUD 44 Bldg. on TC Jester on south side of the bridge

Time: 6:45 p.m.

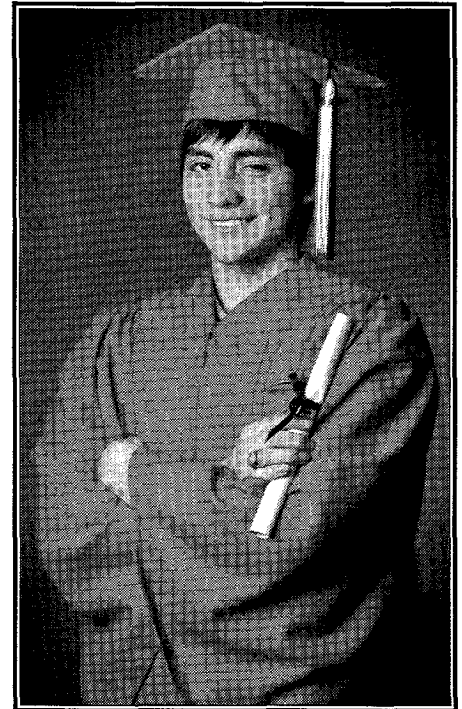
Monthly meetings are conducted to address the Board's new and old business. Residents are encouraged to attend; however, discussion during the Board Meetings is limited to the directors. A brief Q&A session will be held at the end of each meeting for resident questions and comments. Residents with specific property or account concerns should address these questions to ACMI directly. If you want to receive an email reminder for upcoming meetings, send an email request to info@ACMIgmt.com with your name, address and email address.

May 9, 2012 • June 13, 2012
July 11, 2012 • August 8, 2012

CONGRATULATIONS, OLDE OAKS GRADUATE!

Brandon Vasquez

Brandon Vasquez, son of residents Albert Vasquez, Jr. and Monica Vasquez, will graduate from Westfield High School on June 10. Brandon is a member of the Mustang Varsity Football team. He plans to attend the University of Houston in the fall. Good luck, Brandon!



Graduating Seniors

There's still time to recognize Olde Oaks/Waterford Park's new high school and college graduates. Please email the student's name, parents' names, school presently attending, activities and honors, future plans and a photo, if desired, to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com by May 10.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

It's time to clear out the clutter and make a little cash. Clean out your attic, closets and garage of unwanted items. The Olde Oaks and Waterford Park Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for May 10, 11 and 12.

Signs will be placed along FM 1960. However, I only have four of the Community Garage Sale signs left due to theft in past years. So, I will need everyone's help to make sure every entrance has adequate signage. Also, you will need to place signs in your yard or street as necessary, but do not attach them to street sign poles or stop signs – they will be removed!

If you would like to participate in the garage sale, please contact Temple at 281-580-9076 so your address can be listed on the flyer and map. You can choose to participate for one day or for all three days; just let Temple know your plan when you call. The flyers/maps are to be given out to shoppers so that they will know what homes are participating and how to get to each garage sale. The flyers/maps will be available for you to pick up on May 9 from Temple at 15514 Beecham Drive (or she can email them to you, if you prefer).

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For Deed Restrictions and Neighborhood Management, call ACMI Management Company at 281-251-2292.

To access the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Webpage, go to ACMI Management's website, www.ACMIgmt.com.

Click on "Homeowner Access" tab, enter your house number and street name. Click "Verify," then select "Olde Oaks" from the drop-down menu.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Got exciting news to share? Have something for sale? Have a community-related event to publicize? Want your neighbors to know more about an important issue? Submit all of this and more to the *Olde Oaks Waterford Park Community Newsletter*. We want to hear from you!

The June Newsletter Deadline is May 10.

Editors: **Gabrielle Bryant** and **Laura Summers**

Email: OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com

Mail or Hand-delivery: 3511 Kennonview Drive

For hand-delivery, please leave in the box marked "Olde Oaks Editor" on the front porch, **not** in the U.S. mailbox. All submissions must be signed to be considered for publication.

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Discussion with ACMI

It is hard to believe it is now May, and the temperature is in the high 80s. This is the time to complete preparations for summer heat and likely dry conditions. A few suggestions and comments follow:

- St. Augustine grass requires about 30 inches of water each year just to survive. If this grass goes for an extended time without water it dies, and does not go into dormancy as does Bermuda and some other types of grass. It is best to water once or twice each week with an inch or so of water to soak deeply than it is to water just a little every day or two.
- The most frequent cause for grass to die is not drought but chinch bugs that eat the roots. These insects thrive in dry conditions. Please treat to control this insect at the first sign of their presence. All nurseries will have recommendations on proper treatments.
- Grass requires sun. If you have a lot of shade, you might consider trimming trees higher from the ground so light gets to the grass.
- Shrubs also require regular watering. A drip watering system is preferred to allow placement of water where required and in the amount required.

Contributed by Bert Williams, ACMI Management

OLDE OAKS Interest Group Contacts

If you are interested in joining any of the Olde Oaks Interest Groups, please call the neighborhood representative listed.

Book Club	Kathy Hall, 281-569-4967
Bridge, Women's	Susanne Bailey, 281-580-1717
Dinner With Friends	Lauren Hensley, 281-893-1833
Museum Excursion.....	Zelda Kaye, 281-880-8505
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Interest Group Survey Form

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I am interested in participating in:

- Book Club Women's Bridge Dinner With Friends
 Museum Excursion Mixed Bowling Wii Bowlers
 Bunco Women's Club

I would be interested in participating in (and/or leading) the following new interest group(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Interest Group Survey

As a current owner or resident of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park, you have the opportunity to participate in a variety of neighborhood interest groups. These groups are composed of OO/WP individuals who share a special interest. For example, the Book Club members share an interest in reading and literary discussion, while Dinner With Friends is composed of couples who enjoy cooking and dining with their neighbors six times per year.

In an effort to ensure that our interest groups continue to meet the interests of OO/WP residents and owners, we would appreciate your participation in a short survey. Do you like knitting, golf, tennis, classic cars, quilting, writing, gardening, woodworking, or anything else under the sun? Share your interest with like-minded neighbors and make new friends in the process.

Please complete the survey below if you are interested in joining one of the existing interest groups or would like to suggest a new interest group for the neighborhood. This information will be used to determine what interest groups will be offered in the future. **Responses are requested by May 31.**

Please note that if you are already participating in specific interest groups, you are not required to renew your interest at this time. However, if you are interested in joining an interest group, please complete the following survey and you will be contacted with more information.



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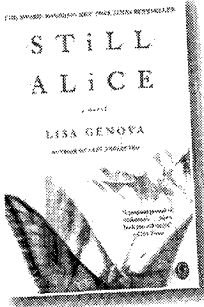






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“Footnotes”



I'm sure we'll learn a lot this month as our book is *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. This is a 2004 debut novel about a 50-year-old college professor's sudden descent into early onset Alzheimer's disease. It's about Alice Howland, a Harvard professor, who at the height of her career notices forgetfulness creeping into her life.

Confusion and memory failure also help lead to the diagnosis. She tries to maintain her lifestyle and live in the moment even though her sense of self diminishes according to online information. The author captures in detail what it's like to lose your mind.

Dr. Genova graduated as a valedictorian from Bates College with a degree in biopsychology and a Ph.D in neuroscience from Harvard. An online video interview revealed that her grandmother had Alzheimer's and so thought there was a novel there. What is the speed of decline with this disease? What is the truth about the face of Alzheimer's, and what is ahead for the person and the family? The author wanted to help readers gain an appreciation and understanding of someone's story with Alzheimer's. We will meet at the home of Terri Checkles on Tuesday, May 22, and Jannette Hanna will be discussion leader.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator

CALL FOR



Want to be a part of restoring this community to its former glory? Olde Oaks/Waterford Park needs volunteers to serve on various committees, from Communications to Beautification, to improve our image and increase the sense of security and community in OO/WP. If you can spare even an hour per month, we want you! Please email your contact information to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com (or mail to Laura Summers, 3511 Kennonview) as soon as possible, and we will get you plugged into the exciting things that are beginning to take place!



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<p>Wild Birds Unlimited Say Happy Mother's Day with a nesting box or birdbath at 20% off to give her hours of pleasure. Suet cakes are buy 5 get one free and all gazebo feeders are 20% off.</p>		

OOCIA Monthly Meeting Notes

The OOCIA Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 11. About 10 residents were in attendance. Some of the topics of discussion included the following:

- A physical count of the homes in Olde Oaks/Waterford Park was completed. There are 1,565 homes and 1,661 lots. The Board and ACMI are working together to sort out a number of issues regarding divided lots – lots whose ownership is divided among several owners.
- The Board voted to make improvements to the Brightwood entrance from Stuebner Airline. The plan calls for low-maintenance, drought-tolerant landscaping and the addition of irrigation. The goal of this plan is to soften the look of the businesses located on either side of the entrance.

- The Board approved the removal of three dead trees from the green space on Beacham Drive across from the lake. The approximate cost will be \$2,240.
- The Board approved fence repair around the Haven Oaks Drive cemetery as well as maintenance of the interior and exterior landscaping.
- 212 certified letters were sent out as final notices prior to lien for delinquent annual assessments.
- The Board approved a plan to create small committee groups to work toward the beautification of each entrance to the community, including Pebble Bend, Brightwood, Terrace Oaks, Walters, and Waterford Park.
- A report from the Deputy Liaison showed that having four dedicated Sheriff's deputies is well worth the cost and that response time is minimal.

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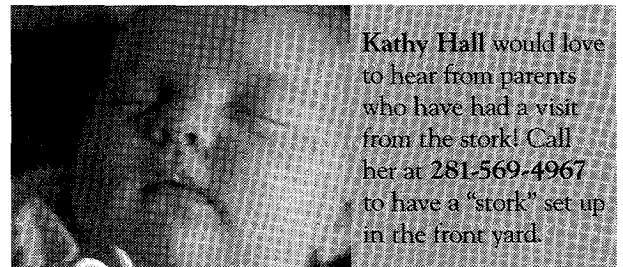



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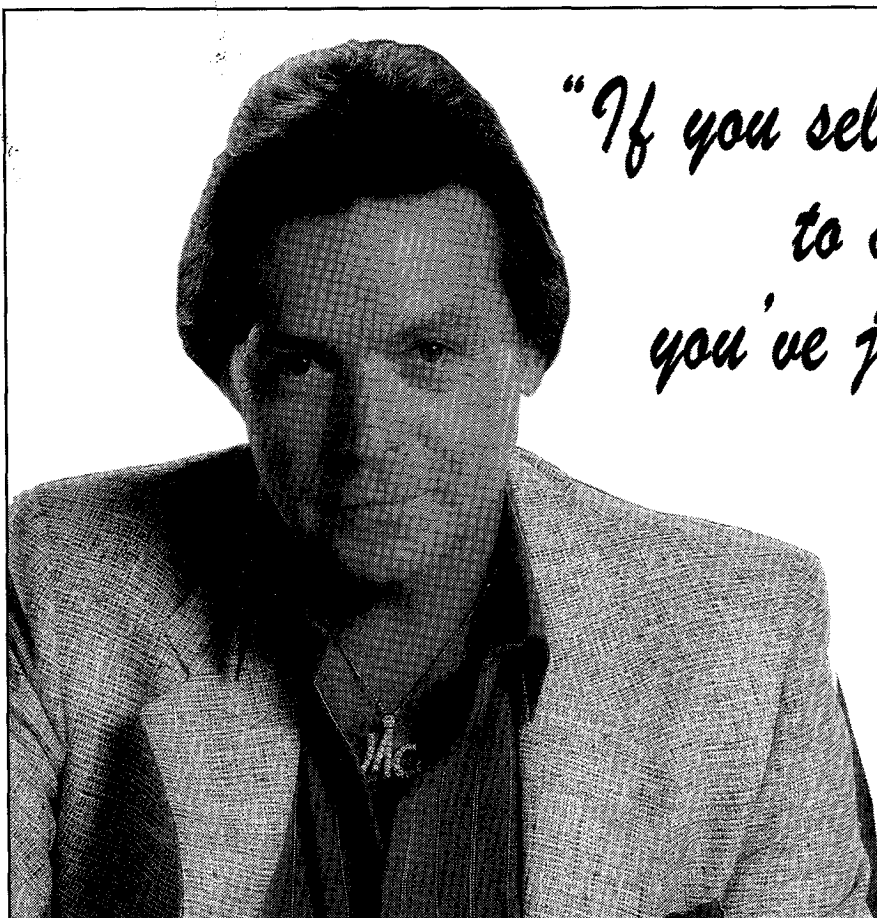
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NEW BABY?



Kathy Hall would love to hear from parents who have had a visit from the stork! Call her at 281-569-4967 to have a "stork" set up in the front yard.



"If you sell your gold or silver to anyone else, you've just lost money!"

Mickey Gilley



Update on Olde Oaks Greenbelt Preservation Association

The OOGPA Board is composed of OO/WP residents **Bruce Ganer, Craig Lewis, Kathy Zigler and Tanya Morland.** OO/WP owns a number of acres of green space between the north side of the neighborhood and Cypress Creek, and the OOGPA has been charged with preserving this precious natural area as a habitat for wildlife, as a buffer for the community, and as a future natural recreation area for residents.

Watch for details about an OOGPA Town Hall Meeting coming in **June.** Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The topics of discussion will include the acreage along Cypress Creek that the OOGPA has jurisdiction over and plans for recreational facilities that are expected to be proposed to the Olde Oaks community in the near future. Subtopics to this discussion will include the various options for types of facilities, costs, rules and regulations, funding sources, solicitation of volunteers, and solicitation of public opinion.

Be sure to visit the OOGPA website at www.OOGPA.com to view their plans and some fabulous wildlife photos captured on the green space!

School Carnival

What: The Annual Reynolds Elementary School Carnival

When: Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Why: Have fun while supporting the Reynolds Elementary PTO

We will have a petting zoo, moon bounce, face painting, silly string, games, prizes, silent auction and bake sale. Local businesses will have booths open for business. The Carnival is a fund-raiser for the Reynolds Elementary PTO. Come support the school and have some family fun – there's plenty to go around! If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact Sherita Bostic at sbostic@hotmail.com.

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- Office/school paper, fax paper (all colors)
- Tetrapak (paper dairy/juice cartons)
- Junk mail, including window envelopes

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- Waxed paper/cereal box liner
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- Diapers
- Food/seed bags
- Slick-coated food boxes
- Tissue paper or foil gift wrap
- Tyvek envelopes
- Hardback books

GLASS

Yes, Please – Recycle It!

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

PLASTICS

Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Any and all plastics with recycle symbols #1-7
- Thin plastics (e.g., grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves)

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

METAL

Yes, Please – Recycle It!

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

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- Oil filters and batteries

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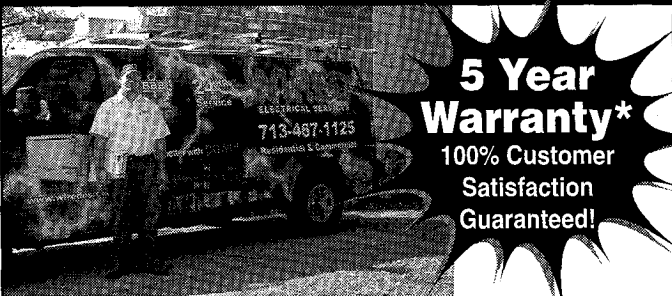
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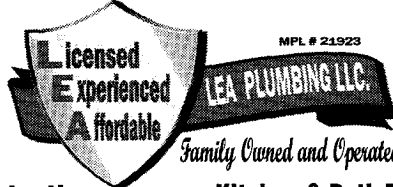
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- Any combination of up to eight (8) bags or bundles of yard waste will be picked up at the curb each collection day. Branches (3" diameter and less) need to be bundled in 4-foot lengths. No yard waste bag or bundle should weigh more than 40 lbs.
- On or around **June 1**, Royal Recycle & Disposal will provide each home with a 96-gallon wheeled recycling container. If after using the container for 60 days, you feel it is too large for your household's needs, you may switch it out for a 65-gallon container instead. Remember, the container is the property of Royal and needs to stay with the home if you move.
- See the Recycling Guidelines on page 8 for details on what can and cannot be recycled.



Monthly Statistics

OLDE OAKS & WATERFORD PARK March 2012

9-1-1 Hang-Up.....4	Disturbances.....12
Accident1	Meet the Citizen9
Alarms.....20	Open Door/Open Window0
Animal Humane/Aggressive.....0	Stolen Vehicle.....1
Burglary to a Habitation.....0	Solicitors0
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle.....0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle4/0
Criminal Mischief.....1	Traffic Initiative.....60
	Vacation Watch8

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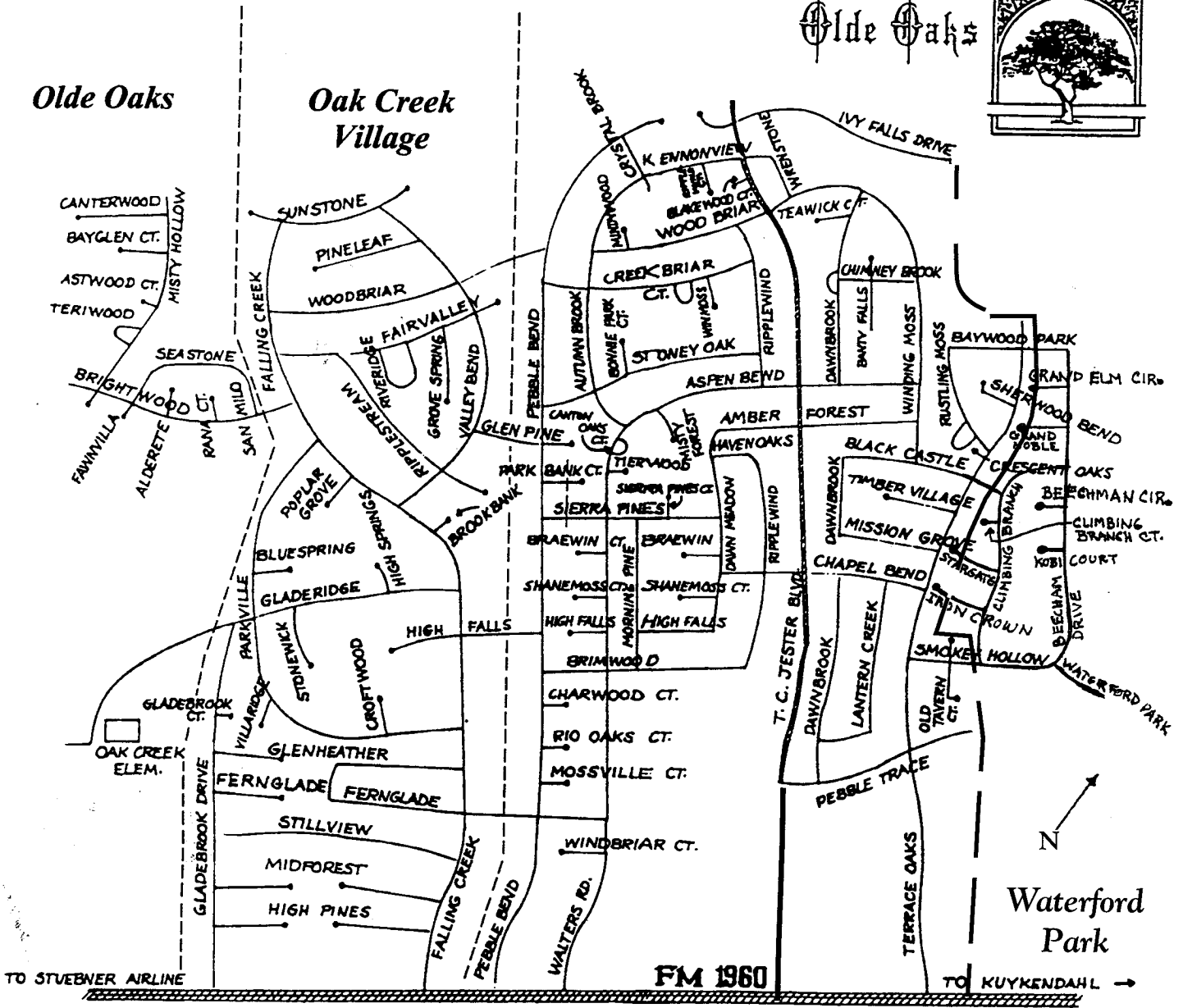
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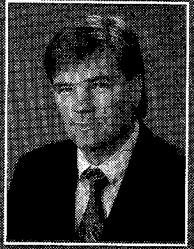
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- 1) Update your old garage door(s).** Many times garage doors make up a significant percentage of the front of a home. Because of this, they are one of the first things a buyer notices and replacing or even just painting will do wonders when it comes to impressing prospective buyers.
- 2) Replace old windows.** Outdated windows age a home significantly and you can often upgrade standard windows to vinyl for a reasonable \$300 per window. With 8 windows in the average home, this update doesn't cost nearly as much as you might think, and a well priced, move-in condition home will sell for far more than one with windows in need or repair.
- 3) Assess your floors.** If you have hardwood flooring, it's worth the investment to have them refinished since buyers put an extremely high value on them. Carpets should be shampooed and replaced if they are stained and look worn. You don't need to buy the highest grade or most modern name but something inexpensive and neutral will certainly bring you a return on the investment.
- 4) Paint the trim.** If you can't afford to paint the whole house, painting just the trim will still make a big difference when it comes to curb appeal, giving your home a fresher look. Interior trim is equally as important.
- 5) Update fixtures.** Replace any outdated lighting, plumbing and hardware fixtures. Simply replacing the lighting fixtures and knobs in the bathroom or kitchen can update the entire look of the room.



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