



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Olde Oaks, Waterford Park and Harris County Working Together to Ensure Your Security and Safety

The summer months are suddenly upon us, bringing the expected influx of visitors and new residents which frequently occurs during this time of year. Unfortunately, there also comes an increase of criminal activities which can quickly evolve into dangerous personal safety issues. But, there is something we can all do to help our law enforcement and public safety personnel have a greater advantage when monitoring and controlling criminal and unsafe situations in our communities.

Community security and public safety has always been a priority in the Olde Oaks and Waterford Park communities, so we encourage all of our neighbors to acquaint themselves with "Close Watch Harris County" (CWHC) and the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16 (HCESD16).

CloseWatch Harris County

Beginning with security, CloseWatch is a mobile application that enables citizens to turn in tips, images and videos about crimes or suspicious activities directly to law enforcement from almost any mobile phone or PC. You can submit digital photos or videos from cell phones or cameras directly to the officers investigating a specific crime, and all of this can be done anonymously.



As you enter an address into the application's map, CWHC will instantly display the crime map for your location or the location of your choice. For more information and to download this powerful crime reporting and prevention tool, go to www.closewatchharriscounty.com.

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16

When it comes to safety, HrCESD 16 is a political subdivision of the State of Texas serving as a taxing district to support fire suppression and rescue services. HrCESD 16 commissioners recently improved the District's ISO rating to Class 2 in areas with hydrants (such as Olde Oaks and Waterford Park), placing them in the top 7% of rated fire departments in Texas which should reduce homeowners' and businesses' fees for fire insurance. HrCESD 16 contracts with service provider Klein Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD). In addition to responding to fires and rescues such as people trapped in elevators and kids locked in cars, KVFD provides:

- Children's school programs, preschool to grade 12;
- Cub Scout and Girl Scout station tours;
- Fire extinguisher classes;
- Fire safety programs for businesses;
- Retirement community programs;
- Business grand opening events;
- House visits for birthday parties; and
- Others upon request.

KVFD also provides safety training, namely:

- Car seat checks, done in conjunction with Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services (CCEMES);
- Safe@Home, a program designed for students in grades 4 to 6 to prepare them to be safe when they are home alone; and Safe Sitter classes, which prepare students in grades 6 to 8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

For more information about HrCESD 16, please visit: www.hcesd16.org

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS Wednesday, August 14

Sleep in Heavenly Peace – 2019 National Bunks Across America

If you have never read the newsletter articles, but have at least skimmed the titles over the last several months, you may have picked up on the editor's favorite theme – Community Volunteerism. While donating time and money to charitable organizations seems like it should be “easy,” most of us know it's not. That's why, when you do decide to volunteer you want to choose an organization that makes a difference.

According to their brochure, “[F]ounded in Kimberly, Idaho in 2012, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit providing handmade bunk beds to children who don't have beds of their own. Not only do we deliver these beds to kiddos in need, but we partner with organizations, churches, businesses and individuals like you to build them at events called Build Days!”

Recently on June 15, SHP National challenged local chapters to hold a nationwide Build Day – Bunks Across America. Nationally, a total of 2,729 beds were constructed with the help of 8,600 volunteers.

Our neighbors, Gary and Nikki Akin, have found their passion in this organization and have led the NW Houston Chapter through many successful Build Days. On this special

day, the local chapter's work was accomplished with about 130 volunteers, plus 20 Work Station Captains and Delivery Team Leaders. In addition to the bunk bed build, 30 bunk beds were delivered making the Chapter's total beds delivered in June a whopping 100! To ensure this local event became a reality, major sponsors and work groups who participated included the Mac Haik Automotive Group, Northwoods Presbyterian Church, Tokio Marine HCC, Axxess Financial and Klein United Methodist Church. It is currently estimated to cost approximately \$350 per bunk; this covers the cost of lumber, hardware, building supplies, new mattresses, and complete new bedding sets that are age and gender appropriate.

According to Gary, “What a day it was and everyone showed up to work, plus a few extras I think. No one seemed deterred by the heat, other than the water cooler” ... SHP Houston NW became “the 6th largest builder out of over 100 chapters participating in Bunks Across America, even if it was only by ½ a bunk.”

For further information about how to donate and/or volunteer your talent to SHP, contact Gary Akin, Houston Chapter President, NWHC Chapter at gary.akin@shpbeds.org.

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

August 10, 2019

Editor: Mary Ann Waterman

Send information and questions to ooxiaeditor@gmail.com

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Monthly Open Board Meeting
is **August 20** at 6:45 p.m. at
Oak Creek Village Clubhouse (3906 Gladeridge Drive)

Congratulations

to the



Swim Team!



Congratulations to the Oak Creek Village (OCV) Cudas on an undefeated dual meet season and a Division Championship in the 2019 NWAL season! The Cudas beat teams from Terranova West, Wimbledon, Ponderosa Forest, Raveneaux, and Londonderry on their way to the Division title in their 47th season in NWAL. The Cudas are coached by Leane Marrs, the head swim coach at Westfield High School.

The Cudas compete in the Northwest Aquatic League (NWAL), a league containing 100 neighborhood teams spread throughout northwest Houston. The 150 swimmers, ages 5-18, on the Cudas reside in Oak Creek Village, Olde Oaks, Waterford Park, Northgate Forest and surrounding neighborhoods. Practices start in late April and the season runs from early May to the end of June. The Cudas swim in the Oak Creek Village pool on Gladeridge across from Reynolds Elementary.

If you know of youth who are interested in joining the Cudas in 2020, registration will open in **March 2020** at <http://www.ocvcudas.com>. The Cudas are open to swimmers of all ability levels.

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Sold Price	\$336,000	\$390,000	\$357,250
LP/SF	\$87.61	\$105.94	\$95.58
SP/SF	\$89.87	\$108.73	\$97.62

Olde Oaks Quick Statistics (12 Listings Total)

	Minimum	Maximum	Average
List Price	\$139,900	\$550,739	\$222,945
Sold Price	\$117,000	\$263,000	\$200,900
LP/SF	\$40.23	\$129.17	\$79.17
SP/SF	\$44.16	\$125.54	\$77.39

*Submitted by Ryan and Royale Jockers,
Neighborhood Real Estate Professionals*

August 2019

Don't forget to log your points for Summer Reading by August 31!

August 1 at 3 p.m..... Teen Maker Zone: Duct Tape Craft!

August 1 at 3 p.m..... Wild Zoofari Children's Program

August 3 at 3 p.m..... North Houston Space Society Meeting

August 5 at 7 p.m....Barbara Bush Friends of the Library Meeting

August 8 at 6:30 p.m..... Green Thumb Gardening Series

August 10 at 2 p.m..... Back-to-School Bash!

August 13 at 7 p.m. Evening Book Club

August 19 at 7 p.m..... Great Books Book Club

For full list of events, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/content/events-programs>

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BACK 2 SCHOOL QUIZ

School bells will soon be ringing for the 2019-2020 school year! Parents are already preparing their children to be in attendance on the first day of school. Brand new backpacks and just the right educational tools to succeed are waiting to be used by creative minds.

Many students, teachers, parents, and grandparents are all coming together and looking forward to their best school-year yet! When students are excited and support is all around them, it can only mean one thing and that's a **huge** success for each one of them! You too can get organized from the get-go! Just answer the following questions and see how **you** score!

Mark your answers with **T** or **F**.

1. ____ The first day of school for SISD students is **Wednesday, August 14, 2019**.
2. ____ There are seven school days per week.
3. ____ Spring ISD is now accepting online registrations for **new** students and online registration for returning students.
4. ____ Some of the teacher's rules include:
Keep your hands to yourself.
Clean up after yourself.
You will not be loud in class.
5. ____ Immunization shots must be up to date before returning to school.
6. ____ You can use educational sites that your children may enjoy and find helpful tips such as **free** kids math games and **free** reading apps for kids.
7. ____ **August 9 – 11, 2019**, is Annual Sales Tax Holiday. You can buy most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks (sold for less than \$100) tax-free from a Texas store or through an online or catalog seller doing business in Texas.
8. ____ Now is the time to talk to your children about bullying, saying **no** to drugs, and stranger danger safety.
9. ____ It's important to create a home binder for your child to keep school-related letters and/or documentation of important information concerning your child.
10. ____ Having manners is not required at school.

Key: 10 Points Each 1. T, 2. F, 3. T, 4. T, 5. T, 6. T, 7. T, 8. T, 9. T, 10. F

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NORTHWEST FLYERS TRACK CLUB


Invitation to Register for Local Running Team

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross Country Team kicks off the fall season with a mandatory orientation meeting for parents and athletes on **Monday, September 9** at 6:30 p.m. at Matzke Park, 13110 Jones Road, Houston 77070. Registration starts online on **September 1** at www.northwestflyers.org. Practices are held at the Kickerillo-Mischer Reserve in Houston and at Spring Creek Park in Tomball.



The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is celebrating its 32nd year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 – 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their school cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Chris Stewart at 832-874-7181 or milpa_alta@hotmail.com. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



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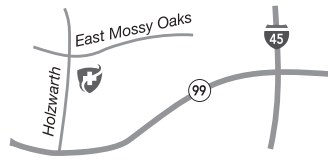
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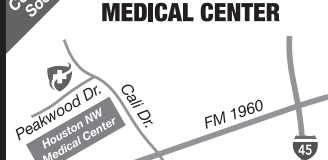
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Harris County Precinct 4 Joins HMNS Cockrell Butterfly Center to Unleash “Mosquito Assassins”

Harris County Precinct 4 and the Houston Museum of Natural Science’s Cockrell Butterfly Center have joined forces to study the efficacy of launching “mosquito assassins” on mosquito populations in a semi-controlled environment.

Anita Schiller, director of Precinct 4’s Biological Control Initiative, chose the butterfly center for the study because of its contained environment, healthy ecosystem, and unique ability to educate the public about innovative biocontrol methods.



Native to the southeastern United States, mosquito assassins (*Toxorhynchites rutilus*) lay eggs in rainwater-filled vessels in which pest mosquito larvae are likely to be found. After hatching, immature mosquito assassins feed on aquatic insects – including pest

mosquito larvae. By adulthood, mosquito assassins take flight to feed on plant nectar and pollinate flowers.

“The mosquito assassin poses no risk to the environment or man and helps control mosquito populations,” said Schiller. “They are also beautifully colored, much like some butterflies, and locally self-sustaining. This study will give us a better idea of how fast mosquito assassins reproduce and eliminate mosquitoes in a semi-controlled environment.”

“We are excited to be a part of this study and welcome these fascinating beneficial insects into the Cockrell Butterfly Center,” said Erin Mills, the director of the Cockrell Butterfly Center. “They are a wonderful addition to the team of predatory organisms we have fighting against pest activity!”

Schiller has studied mosquito assassins since 2012, when Commissioner R. Jack Cagle formed the Biological Control Initiative and tasked her with developing natural and effective mosquito-control methods. Schiller’s team now breeds the insects and releases them into Precinct 4 parks to control mosquito populations without pesticides. To learn more about the Harris County Precinct 4 Biological Control Initiative, visit www.hcp4.net/bci.

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BACK SCHOOL Tips

8 great ways to avoid clutter and start the new school year!

- Create a Mommy/Daddy binder for important info
- Digitize/create family and kid-friendly interactive calendars
- Establish ready-to-go backpacks each night
- Designate a specific area for everything
- Buy something new; discard something old
- Establish a homework zone
- Sign and return permission slips immediately
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Northwest Assistance Ministries

21st Annual JEANS & Jewels

Jeans & Jewels consists of two events within the year which together form the largest annual fundraiser for Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM). The proceeds benefit NAM's programs and services. Last year, all of the Jeans & Jewels events together brought in over \$770,000.

The Jeans & Jewels Luncheon will be at Shirley Acres on **Thursday, September 12**. It was also announced that the 21st Annual Jeans & Jewels Gala... A Texas size party theme will be "Las Vegas Rodeo." There is sure to be all the glam and glitz that fills the city of Las Vegas, along with that touch of western flair. The event will be held on **Saturday, October 19** at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott. This year's gala honorees will be Carol and Calvin Cobb, with corporate honoree, Southwestern Energy. And just like last year, the gala will be followed by the Young Professionals After-Party Gala, with a live performance from the Austin based cover-band, Skyrocket!

For sponsorship and table packages, contact Samantha Gonzalez, Development Director at NAM, atsgonzalez@namonline.org or call 281-885-4609.



Northwest Assistance Ministries is a non-profit, community-based social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. NAM provides assistance in areas such as food, shelter, health, education and domestic violence awareness and intervention. During its last fiscal year, NAM touched the lives of more than 130,000 people through its many programs and services.

*President & CEO, Carol and Calvin Cobb
2019 Jeans & Jewels Gala honorees*

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The criteria followed by the ACC in making its decisions are outlined in the Deed Restrictions and the Architectural Standards and Guidelines, copies of which can be viewed or downloaded by going to the community website at www.oocia.org/governing-documents. You can complete the online application, download an application to mail in with support, as well as obtain further guidance prior to completing your request for ACC review at www.oocia.org/architectural-control.

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Now through September, S2S is hosting the Safe 2 Save Greater Houston Competition, sponsored by TWFG. S2S users can win prizes just for driving safe! Prizes include a Disney Cruise or \$5000 and weekly prizes. The competition runs through **September 23**. In order to join the competition, press the trophy icon in bottom right of the app and then look for the Greater Houston Competition in the "Open Competitions Near You" section. More details about the competition can be found online at www.safe2save.org/twfg.

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Texas Master Chorale Announces Auditions, 2019 Concerts



In preparation for their 2019-2020 concert season, Texas Master Chorale will host open auditions in August as well as offering season tickets for sale.

2019-2020 Concerts – The 2019-2020 concert season for Texas Master Chorale includes A Patriotic Salute on **November 2**, a Christmas concert featuring Rutter's Magnificat on **December 14**, and Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* on **April 4**. All concerts are held on Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at John Wesley United Methodist Church in northwest Houston.

Concert tickets, including season tickets, will go on sale in mid-August and may be purchased by calling the box office at 281-440-4850. Season tickets are \$60 for adults or \$48 for seniors age 65 and older. Individual concert tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door; seniors receive a \$5 discount. Age 18 and younger are admitted free.

Auditions – Auditions for new members will take place **Sunday, August 25** from 3 to 7 p.m., and on **Monday, August 26** from 7 to 9 p.m. at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston, 77069. The chorale is especially interested in adding members to their bass section. Those interested in auditioning should email info@texasmasterchorale.org to schedule an appointment. Audition music and details are available at texasmasterchorale.org.

About Texas Master Chorale: Founded in 1985, Texas Master Chorale is a mixed choral ensemble of 100 auditioned singers who perform a variety of choral masterworks including classical, contemporary, sacred and secular. The chorale is led by Brad Bouley, founder and artistic director. Bouley served as the Director of Choirs for Tomball High School for 20 years and was the Director of Fine Arts for Tomball ISD for 15 years until his retirement in 2015. He was one of four people to receive the 2018 Texas Choral Excellence Award, presented by the Texas Choral Directors Association.



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