



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Expanding North Houston's Public Education Opportunities

The community of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park will soon have a new neighbor, a neighbor which – among those who have been watching this unfold – is being described as a plus for our community. This new neighbor will take up residence on the northwest end of the vacant 28-acre field (behind Northgate Oaks Apartments) along T.C. Jester Boulevard. This field on T.C. Jester is all that is left of the ranch where cattle once grazed; the ranch had frontage area right up to FM 1960 where Walmart now stands. The upcoming addition to our local community will be the latest campus of the School of Science and Technology (SST). The School of Science and Technology purchased the 14-acre northwest section of the property in July 2019. This leaves one more 14-acre parcel unsold located between SST and the Northgate Oaks Apartments complex. Now allow me to introduce the community of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park to SST, while setting the stage for follow up articles on the SST.



The School of Science and Technology is a state-funded public charter school, which focuses on a curriculum of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). SST is headquartered in San Antonio, and for the 2019-2020 year will have 12 campuses in Texas: five in San Antonio, two in Corpus Christi, and five in Houston, with the most recent Houston location in Spring at 2105 Louetta Road. Once opened, the T.C. Jester location will be the sixth campus in Houston.



For those who may not know what a charter school is, let me explain. A charter school is a publicly funded school which will accept students from any area of the city the school is located in. SST is a tuition-free public school; i.e., there is no fee for a student to attend. The school is accredited and audited by the Texas Education Agency. Funding for Texas charter schools is provided through the State of Texas and based on student average daily attendance at the school and

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Expanding North Houston's Public Education Opportunities – continued

unlike our independent school district campuses does not receive any funding from local taxes. SST, although a tuition-free public school, does not provide transportation services for students.

Shortly, you will begin to see activity on this piece of property, as SST expects groundbreaking for the T.C. Jester campus to occur in the fall of 2019 with completion scheduled to meet the 2020-2021 academic year. The initial campus will include Pre-K through 6th grade for the first year, expanding to 8th grade as students progress. When completed, the Pre-K to 8th grade school is projected to house up to 750 students. Applications to the SST T.C. Jester 2020-2021 Pre-K to 6th grade school year will begin being accepted in March of 2020. Acceptance to SST is based on a lottery system.

Future plans for the 2021-2022 school year include expanding the campus to a high school which will start at 9th grade, and continue to gradually grow up to 12th grade. The high school is being planned to accommodate up to 500 additional students.

The OOCIA Board of Directors is already preparing to have Atnan Ekin, Area Superintendent of SST Houston Schools, and Dr. Nancy Dunn Thompson, Director of Community Outreach and Communications for SST Texas, attend and speak at our Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association's Annual Members Meeting in February 2020. What timing this will be, with applications opening for the T.C. Jester location in March of 2020!

If driving on T.C. Jester towards FM 1960 is in your daily commute, you now know what will be going on in the vacant field beginning this fall. As the building begins to take shape, we will do our best to provide our community with additional information about SST. For those interested in learning more about the School of Science and Technology, see their website at www.sstschools.org.

Sincerely,
Charles "Chuck" Gaimari, OOCIA President

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

September 9, 2019

Editor: Mary Ann Waterman

Send information and questions to ooeiaeditor@gmail.com

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Monthly Open Board Meeting
is September 17 at 6:45 p.m. at
Oak Creek Village Clubhouse (3906 Gladeridge Drive)

BOOK CLUB “Footnotes”

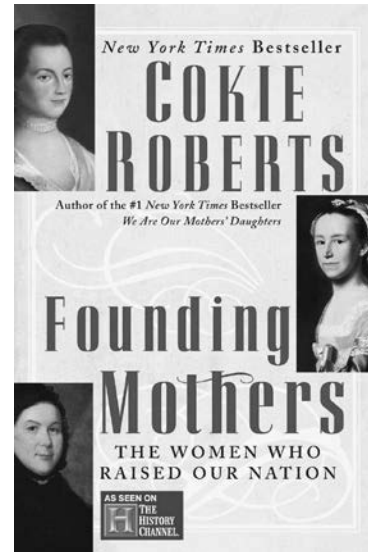
Here we are at the start of another Book Club season. We will meet again on **Tuesday, September 24** at 10 a.m. at my house and will no doubt have book titles to share from our summer reading. Our chosen book for this month, though, is *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts.

Cokie Roberts is probably a familiar name to many of you as she has been a political commentator for *ABC News* and a senior News Analyst for *NPR*. Her father was Thomas Hale Boggs, Sr., a Louisiana Congressman who disappeared in a flight over Alaska in 1972. Her mother, “Lindy” Boggs, replaced him in 1973 and served for 17 years.

Founding Mothers was written in 2004. One of the interesting things about this book is Ms. Roberts’ motivation for writing it. Her ancestor, William Claiborne, in 1790 was in Congress. While Ms. Roberts and her husband, Steve Roberts, were writing a book together, *From This Day Forward*, she wondered what the women of the late 18th century were doing that the men could go off to Philadelphia or Ben Franklin, off to England. She became particularly interested in Abigail Adams who told John, “remember the ladies.”

Although many of the men of that time thought the women were frivolous, history shows that they were very busy in not only raising children and defending their homesteads alone,

but also acting as spies, organizing boycotts of British goods, raising money for the soldiers, and petitioning the government. It was a major piece of research to find the information she needed for this book, as not much has been written about the women of that time; or if it was, much has not been saved. If you are a history buff, this is a very worthwhile read.



For further information about the Book Club, contact Kathy Hall, Coordinator, 281-569-4967.

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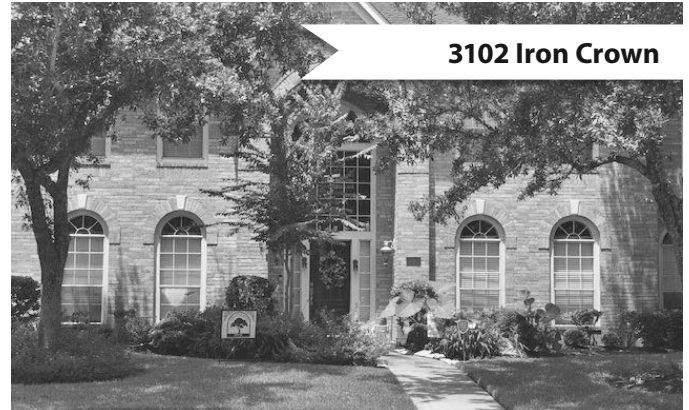
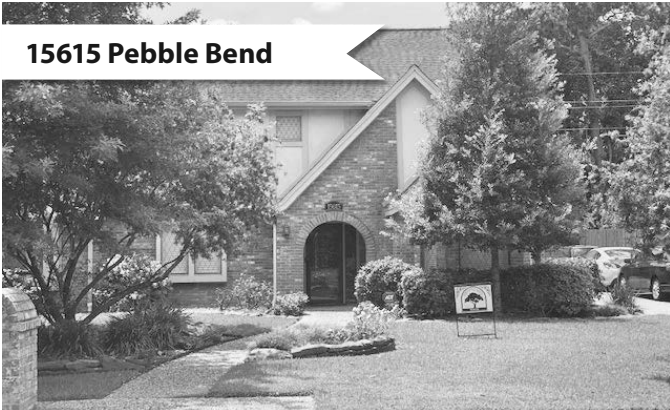
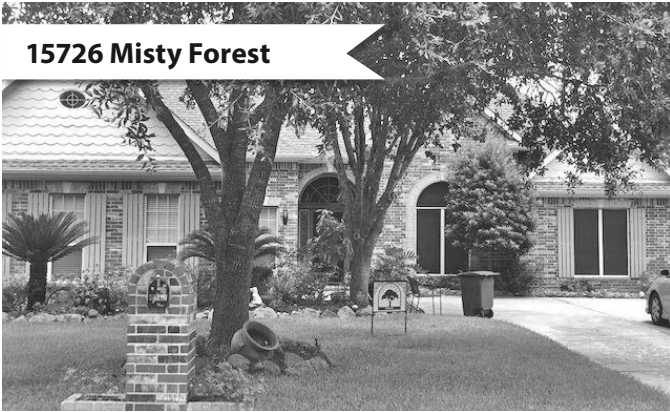
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MARKET SPOTLIGHT

YTD as of August 9

Waterford Park Quick Statistics (2 Listings Total)

	Minimum	Maximum	Average
List Price	\$348,900	\$380,000	\$364,450
Sold Price	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$364,000
LP/SF	\$86.13	\$105.94	\$96.04
SP/SF	\$101.48	\$101.48	\$101.48

Olde Oaks Quick Statistics (52 Listings Total)

	Minimum	Maximum	Average
List Price	\$139,900	\$387,500	\$235,308
Sold Price	\$117,000	\$372,000	\$229,875
LP/SF	\$43.29	\$96.99	\$75.48
SP/SF	\$44.16	\$91.97	\$73.72

Submitted by Ryan and Royale Jockers,
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- September 3 at 2 p.m. Topsy Tuesdays Children's Craft
- September 7 at 3 p.m. ... North Houston Space Society Meeting
- September 9 at 7 p.m. Friends of the Library Board Meeting
- September 10 at 7 p.m. Evening Book Club
- September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Green Thumb Gardening Q&A
- September 14 at 2 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Program
- September 16 at 1:30 p.m. Journal Group
- September 16 at 7 p.m. Great Books Book Club
- September 26 & 27 at 2 p.m. Afternoon Book Club
- September 28 at 10:30 a.m. SCORE Business Workshop

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Kinsmen Lutheran Church invites local high school students and their parents to a free workshop on **Wednesday, September 18:** "Surviving the College Search."

The workshop will be presented by Virginia L. Blackwell, founder and owner of College Direction Counseling Services, who has more than 30 years of experience in the field of college admissions. This informative seminar will help families prepare for college fairs, think through the college application process, and plan for standardized tests. Virginia will be joined by her associate, Bethany Scott, who is a former University of Texas admissions officer.

"Thinking about life after high school can be overwhelming," says Virginia. "With so many choices and such a large financial commitment, it makes sense to plan wisely and make the most of your college search, ensuring the best choice for the student as well as the entire family."

The workshop is open to the community and will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, September 18**, at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Drive, Houston 77066. Admission is free, but registration is requested at www.kinsmenlutheran.org.



Virginia Blackwell has been an Independent Educational Consultant for over 18 years and is an active member of the Higher Education Consultants Association, Texas Association for College Admission Counseling, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. She received her master's in education from Harvard University and spent 13 years in the college admissions field at the university level, including serving on the Southern Consortium, Hollins Scholars Selection Committee, Virginia Governor's Scholarship Program, and as Director of Admissions at a women's college. She draws on that experience to guide students in selecting the best school for them based on their academic credentials, personality, outside interests, and long-term career goals.

Bethany Scott served for several years in the University of Texas Admissions Office, working with high school students and counselors, facilitating the application process, and evaluating applications from prospective students. She completed her UCLA Certification in College Counseling in 2016 and joined College Direction. She is an active member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Texas Association for College Admission Counseling, Higher Education Consultants Association, and Houston Independent Education Consultants Association.



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November 4-5	Fourth Calendar Break
November 22-29	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20 – January 6	Winter Holiday
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 14-17	Fifth Calendar Break/Presidents' Day
March 6-13	Spring Break
April 10	Spring Holiday
May 25	Memorial Day
June 2	Last Day of School for Students

Northwest Flyers Track Club

Register for Local Kids' 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 Preserve 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. To get updates and learn more about the team visit www.northwestflyers.org.



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Admission is free. For more information, go to
www.txwineandart.com

The temperature is perfect and the smell of fall is in the air. October is Texas Wine Month and we encourage you to come out to Old Town Spring and enjoy great Texas wine and original art at the Fall Texas Wine and Art Festival – our newest wine event in Old Town Spring. Come out. Taste wines from around the great Lone Star State. View great original art by talented Texas artists. Also, grab a glass of wine, stroll along our beautiful tree-lined streets and visit any of our 150 quaint shops. The Fall Texas Wine and Art Festival will take place in Historic Old Town Spring.

Wine tasting tickets are \$25 online plus fee \$2.37 for early bird special online or \$35 at the gate. Price includes a commemorative wine glass, 15 wine tastings, and additional tastings are available for \$1 each.

Tomball Bluegrass Festival

October 26 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The Tomball Bluegrass Festival is a celebration of a true Americana music genre. The sounds of mandolins, banjos and down home mountain tunes will fill the air around the historic downtown railroad Depot. Scheduled to perform are *Pine Island Station*, *Chris Hirsch & the Lone Star Bluegrass Band*, and *Vintage Sounds*. The Shade Tree Jam at Granny's Korner is where local musicians can pick and grin with other bluegrass lovers throughout the afternoon. There are food and merchandise vendors, kids zone and more. Admission and parking are free.

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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. For more information, please visit 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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Oct 3 - 6 • Original Greek Festival	10Times.com/greek-festival
Oct 5 - 6 • Korean Festival Houston	DiscoveryGreen.com
Oct 5 - Dec 1 • 45 th Annual Texas Renaissance Festival	TexRenFest.com
Oct 10 - 13 • 41 st Annual Houston Italian Festival	HoustonItalianFestival.com
Oct 12 - 13 • Bayou City Art Festival Downtown Aquarium	ArtColonyAssociation.org/
Oct 18 - 20 • International Gem & Jewelry Show	10times.com/gem-jewelry-houston
Oct 19 • Water Lantern Festival Houston	WaterLanternFestival.com
Oct 19 • Energy Day Houston	EnergyDayFestival.org/Houston
Oct 19 • Freight Train Food Truck Festival	TomballTX.gov
Oct 19 - 20 • Wings Over Houston Airshow	WingsOverHouston.com
Oct 19 - 20 • 22 nd Galveston ARToberFEST	ARToberFest.com
Oct 19 & 26 • Kemah Boardwalk Halloween Costume Contest	KemahBoardwalk.com
Oct 26 • Tomball Bluegrass Festival	TomballTX.gov
Oct 26 • 36 th Annual Texian Market Days	GeorgeRanch.org
Oct 31 - Nov 3 • International Quilt Festival	Quilts.com
Nov 7 & 9 • Sugar Plum Market, Stafford Center, Stafford TX	SugarPlumMarket.com
Nov 2 • The 46 th Annual British Festival, Sugar Land	dbetexas.org
Nov 14 - 17 • Annual Houston Ballet Nutcracker Market	HoustonBallet.org
Nov 14 - 18 • Annual Houston Cinema Arts Festival	cinemahtx.org
Nov 22 - 24 • Holiday Christmas Gift Market, Katy TX	HomeForTheHolidaysGiftMarket.com
Nov 28 • 70 th Annual HEB Thanksgiving Day Parade	HoustonTX.gov/ThanksgivingParade
Nov 28 • 32 nd Annual Uptown Holiday Lighting	Uptown-Houston.com
Nov 30 • 100 th Annual Mayor's Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting	HoustonTX.gov/MayorsHoliday/
Dec 5 • Holly Jolly Jingle, The Cynthia Wood Mitchell Pavillion	WoodlandsCenter.org
Dec 6 - 8 • 46 th Dickens on the Strand	GalvestonHistory.org/Events
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