



## Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Monthly  
Open Board Meeting  
**December 17**  
at 6:45 p.m.

**Oak Creek Village  
Clubhouse**  
3906 Gladeridge Drive

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 13**  
National Cocoa Day

**December 20 – January 6**  
Spring ISD Winter Holiday

**December 22**  
Start of Hanukkah

**December 25**  
Merry Christmas!

**December 26**  
Start of Kwanzaa

## Plan Ahead for Electing OUR BOARD DIRECTORS

The Olde Oaks/Waterford Park community is seeking neighbors who are willing to volunteer to serve as a 2020-2022 Board member. There are three positions open in the upcoming election cycle; the term of office is two years and starts in February 2020 as of the Annual Members Meeting.

Successful elections occur with proper planning and timely communication to the community. Every year elections are held in support of the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Community Improvement Association (OOCIA). Board Directors are introduced and duly elected by a quorum of homeowner members each year in February at the Annual Members' Meeting held on the second Wednesday, i.e., February 12, 2020 at 7 p.m. The full program agenda and location have not yet been announced.

If you are considering this opportunity to join our Board of Directors, please request further information as soon as possible by contacting any Board Member (*see page 2*) or the OOCIA Property Manager Pam Hummel at Crest Management, phone 281-579-0761.

Submit your application as soon as possible so that the election materials can be prepared in advance. The newsletter deadline for January's edition is December 9. It would be very helpful if you could please send in a brief bio and casual snapshot for publication so we can learn a bit about you prior to the Annual Meeting and election in February.

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** December 9

**EDITOR:** Mary Ann Waterman

Send information and questions to [ooциаeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ooциаeditor@gmail.com)

## OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston, TX, 713-951-0800  
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(Call before to confirm), 15705 N. Greenfield Drive  
Bammel Utility District Office..... 281-376-8802  
www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district  
Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m.  
3904 Gladeridge (clubhouse)

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Sign up for "Alerts" posted for our community at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

## SECOND NOTICE: Newsletter Editor Opportunity

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## 2020 Changes to Your Water Bill

At the publishing of this newsletter you may have already received your OOCIA 2020 dues statement. If not, your statement should be arriving shortly. If you have received your statement you may have been surprised to see a reduction in your 2020 annual dues. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief explanation of this reduction and what to expect in 2020.


The reduction in your annual HOA dues is the result of the Association only collecting for three months of trash collection payments during the 2020 budget year. As of the writing of this article, the three utility districts which serve our community (MUD 44, MUD 20, and Bammel UD) have voted to assume the contract management, and billing of trash collection as of April 1, 2020. So, what does this mean to you as a resident of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park? It means that your trash and recycling will continue to be collected; however, your trash collection fees will begin to appear in your monthly water bill as of April. Final cost for prorated monthly services were still being evaluated at this article's deadline but should have been stated in the HOA letter announcing the annual 2020 dues. You are encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings, watch the newsletter, and/or OOCIA website ([OOCIA.org](http://OOCIA.org)) for additional information on this subject.

Regards,  
Charles "Chuck" Gaimari, President OOCIA



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## "Sweet Dreams for Northwest Houston"

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a nonprofit, volunteer organization in the NW Houston area is led by Olde Oaks residents Gary and Nikki Akin. SHP builds "cargo-style" bunk beds and gives them, free of charge, to kids three to 17 years of age, who have no bed of their own. It is estimated that 2 to 3% of the population composed of children do not sleep in a bed of their own. We have roughly seven million residents in metro Houston and stats tell us that 27.5% of those are children under the age of 18; in other words, somewhere between 50,000 to 60,000 children ages three to 17 in metro Houston do not sleep in their own bed.

According to Nikki Akin, "Since August 18 of last year, when SHP Houston built our first bunk bed at our Build Facility on the campus of TheMET Church on Jones Road, we have held 20 Builds and delivered 814 beds to 265 families in NW Houston. We have had volunteers from churches: Northwoods Presbyterian, Klein United Methodist, TheMET, John Wesley United Methodist, Kinsmen Lutheran; organizations: FAN-Friends and Neighbors, Young Professionals at NAM; companies: Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America, Shell Engineering, Lennar Homes, David Weekly Homes, Mack Haik Automotive, Molen & Associates, Access Financial Services and youth groups. A recent Build was sponsored by a young man who chose SHP as his Eagle Scout project. He was assisted by his parents, his scout leader, friends from his church and friends from school."



Facebook and other social media continue to be the best source for bed requests. Nikki stated, "a recent post was shared 27,000 times and reached 2,293,249 people according to Facebook. We make it as easy as possible for someone to request a bed. All one has to do is go online to [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org) and enter a bed request. List the names, ages and gender of the children, and based on ZIP code, the request goes to the SHP Chapter responsible for that area. We continue to get close to 100 bed requests a month."

On Saturday, December 14, 25 delivery teams composed of 75 helpers will deliver 100 beds to children in need! So – SHP is gearing up and offering you an opportunity to help out. You can donate funds to help with purchasing, or purchase yourself, kid-friendly, age appropriate (3-17 years of age) complete twin bedding sets, which include a comforter and coordinating sheet set, or individual twin comforters or twin sheet sets.

Items can either be dropped off at the Akins' doorstep or if ordering online, shipped to: Gary Akin, 3219 Chapel Bend Dr., Houston, TX 77068.

During this busy time of year,  
it's important to remember the  
most significant things in life . . .

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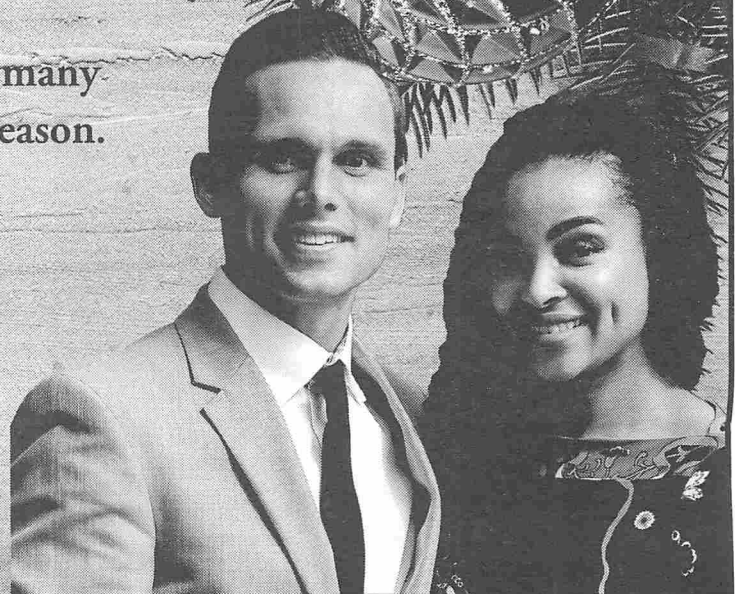
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## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year Holiday Safety Quiz

The Spirit of Giving has arrived. This year give the four gifts of the season: joy, hope, peace, and love. The best of all gifts around your Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other! Give from the heart. Bake your best recipes. Cooking something delicious and sweet is a gift that everyone enjoys indulging in. Be creative. Make a personalized coupon book such as "Baby-Sitting Coupons," something your loved ones will adore. Give yourself the gift of celebrating your family. Listen to holiday music. Enjoy seeing lights glowing in windows. Take pleasure in the simple-hearted dreams of children.

Remember, it's easy to get caught up in all the activities of the holidays and forget about our safety. The following Holiday Safety Quiz is for your protection during the holidays (*find the correct answers on page 11*). Are you prepared?

### Mark your answers with T or F

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it! Always park in a well-lit and well-traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. When you return to your vehicle, do not scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Do not check to see if you are being followed.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. When storing items purchased, place them out of sight. Do not leave your purse, wallet, cell, or laptop in plain view. The best place to store all your items is in the trunk.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Holiday traffic and holiday madness are around us. Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you; they may have a weapon. Instead call 911.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Do not lock your vehicle and leave your windows open.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. If you go to an automated teller machine for cash, do not check for people around, make sure it is not well lit and not in a safe location.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Do not procrastinate, do your shopping and mail out your packages early.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Injuries can occur anywhere and often occur around the holidays. Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations. Keep candles away from children, pets, curtains, walkways, and holiday trees. Never leave candles, fireplaces and stoves unattended.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Keep a check on over-committing yourself and avoid impulse buying. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends and share tasks. Keep a relaxed and healthy outlook.

Wishing all our neighbors the happiest of holidays!  
We wish each one of you joy, hope, peace, and love.

*Written and submitted by The Medina Group*



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# Northwest Flyers Track Club

## Register for the 2020 Season of the Northwest Flyers Kids' Track Club

Ready, set, go! Calling all youth ages six to 18! Join the Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club for its 33rd anniversary season by attending a free team registration/orientation breakfast on **Saturday, February 1, 2020**. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring 77379.

This event is an opportunity for you to learn about the team, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track and Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation before registering.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member of USA Track & Field (USATF) and offers a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit <http://www.northwestflyers.org>, contact [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net), or "Like" the club on Facebook.

# Barbara Bush Library Events

The library will be closed **December 23-25** for the Christmas holidays!

## December 2019

- Tuesdays at 5 p.m. .... Try-it Tuesdays (Children)
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. .... Senior Game Morning
- Fridays at 12:30 p.m. .... Knitting & Crochet Group
- December 5 at 4:30 p.m. .... Teen Game Night
- December 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. .... Toast & Jammies  
Bedtime Stories
- December 7 from 1-3 p.m. .... Annual Library Open House!
- December 7 at 10:30 a.m. .... Christmas Tags Craft (Adults)
- December 11 at 4:30 p.m. .... Teen Anime Club
- December 12 at 4:30 p.m. .... Teen Artist Zone
- December 14 at 10:30 a.m. .... SCORE Workshop:  
Understanding 8(a) Certification
- December 14 at 2 p.m. .... Festivals of Light Story Time
- December 14 at 2 p.m. ... North Houston Space Society Meeting
- December 16 at 7 p.m. .... Great Books Book Club
- December 19 and 20 at 2 p.m. .... Afternoon Book Club
- December 19 at 4:30 p.m. .... Teen Creative Writing Group

Barbara Bush Library is part of the Harris County Public Library and is located at 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring 77379. For more information call 832-927-7800 or visit [hcpl.net](http://hcpl.net).

# OUTSMARTING CANCER in Northwest Houston

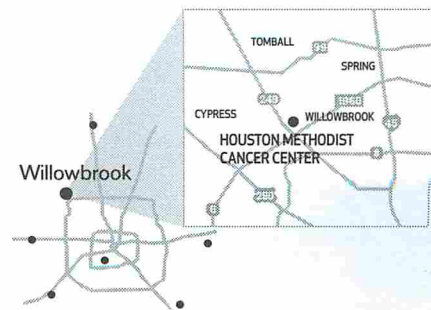
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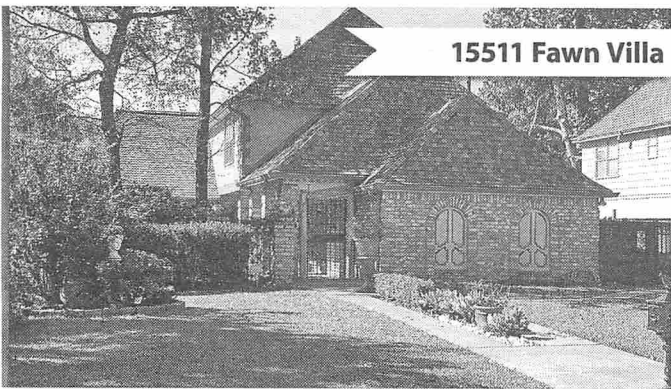
15507 Terrace Oaks



15811 Autumn Brook




3214 Mission Grove



15511 Fawn Villa

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
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To nominate one of your neighbors for this monthly award, please contact Susan Szota, Beautification Committee Chair, at [sszota@me.com](mailto:sszota@me.com).



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## *O Holy Night*

Celebrate the season with John Rutter's *Magnificat* and traditional Christmas classics.

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*Saturday, Dec. 14*

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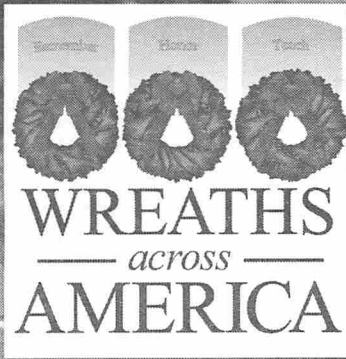
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Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a project of the National Memorial Ladies, who work to assure that no veteran is buried without someone present. Each year we sell wreaths to place on every grave in every national cemetery. This year's ceremony will take place on **December 14** at 11 a.m. at Houston National Cemetery, where there are more than 80,000 graves.

If you would like to purchase a remembrance wreath to honor a fallen hero, the cost is \$15 and your donation is fully

tax deductible. If you have a specific gravesite where you want a wreath to be placed, send us the full name as it appears on the headstone, and we will find the location.

Please make your check payable to WAA – Houston and mail it to them at 13703 Vintage Centre Drive, Houston, TX 77069. For more information call 832-868-9810 or visit the website at <https://waahouston.salsalabs.org/2019a0/t/nationalmemorialladies/index.html> or email [ctw.whitfield@comcast.net](mailto:ctw.whitfield@comcast.net).



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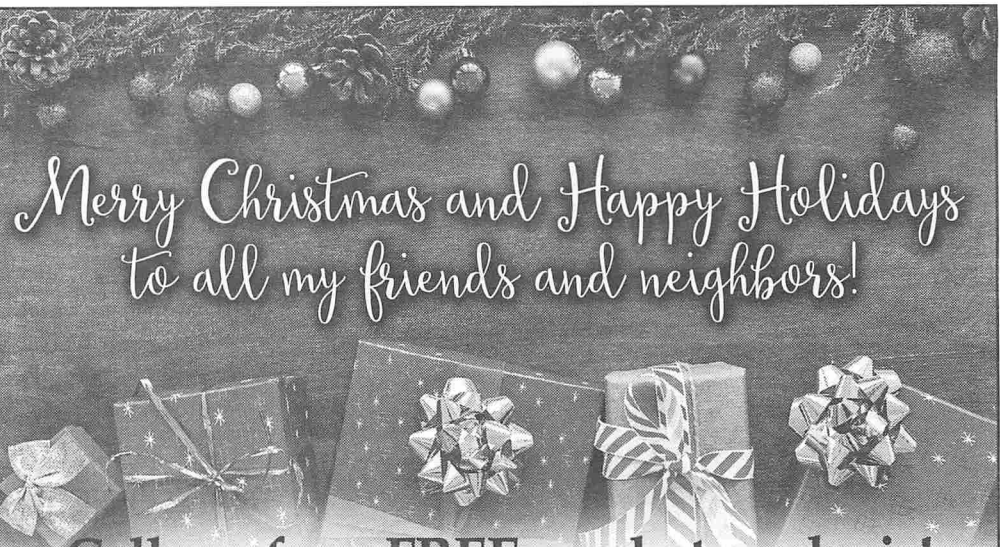
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### December Concerts

#### Star-Lit! Series

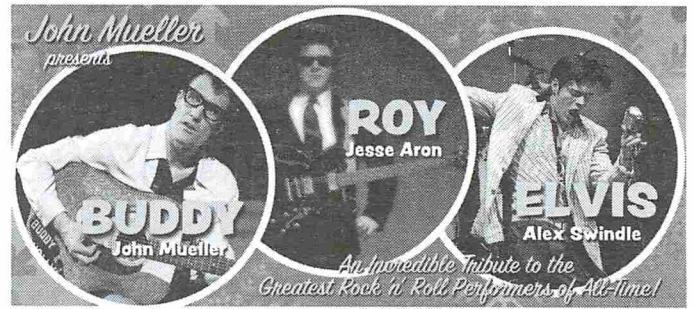
All Star-Lit Series Concerts, with the exception of the tribute concert on December 31, are performed at Klein High School Performing Arts Center, 16715 Stuebner Airline, Spring 77379.

#### Canadian Brass, December 1 at 5 p.m.

Celebrating their 50th season, Canadian Brass is an important pioneer in bringing the sound and excitement of brass music to audiences everywhere. Their holiday program "Christmas Time is Here" features tunes from A Charlie Brown Christmas as well as original holiday songs.



#### Buddy, Roy and Elvis, December 31 at 8 p.m. at Cypress Ridge High School



Get ready for an incredible tribute to the greatest rock 'n' roll performers of all time: Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley. True American music featuring the hits, "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "Rave On," "Oh, Pretty Woman," "Crying," "Only the Lonely," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Don't Be Cruel," and "Jailhouse Rock" and many more, all performed live without tracks and guaranteed to get you rocking and rolling. Cypress Ridge High School is located at 7900 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston 77041.

#### Promenade Series

All Promenade Series Concerts are performed at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive, Houston 77069.

#### Mané Galoyan, December 10 at 3 p.m.

Rising Armenian soprano Mané Galoyan recently completed her residency with the Houston Grand Opera Studio in the 2017-2018 season, where she made her role debut as Violetta in *La traviata*, as well as the Confidante in *Elektra*. In the 2018-2019 season, she will sing select Russian song repertoire with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center at Alice Tully Hall.

#### Free Children's Series

All Children's Series Concerts are performed at the Mangum-Howell Community Center, 2500 Frick Road, Houston 77038.

#### Ensemble Theatre Holiday Performance December 14 at 11 a.m.

Ensemble Theatre presents an energizing and delightful program jam-packed with all your favorite holiday hits across the decades with *Rhythm & Wreaths: A Holiday Extravaganza!* We guarantee to have you tapping your toes and bopping your crown as we travel through the rhythms of the holidays. Filled with music, dance and holiday cheer. Hold onto your seats because we're taking you up, up and away!

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- PTSD is linked to veteran unemployment.
- PTSD is linked to veteran homelessness.
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Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a timeless problem affecting our military veterans in pandemic proportions.

There are many ways to help us help our combat veterans learn how to heal and cope with the wounds of war, both physical and unseen. To provide the resources and support so urgently needed, we rely on donations, fundraisers, and the time and efforts of countless volunteers. Another way to generate financial support is to shop at retailers who will donate a percentage of what you spend when you shop with them.

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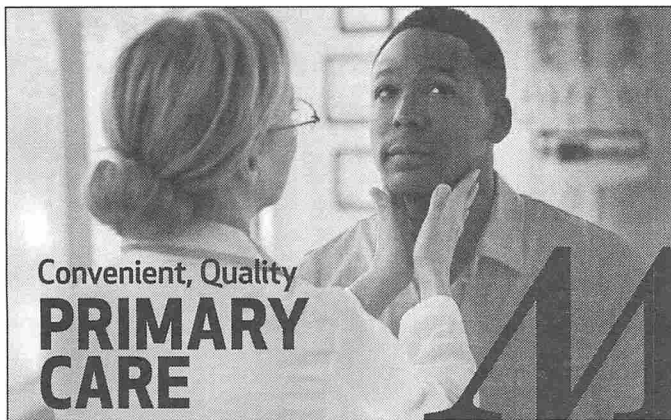
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# Pearl Fincher | Museum of Fine Arts

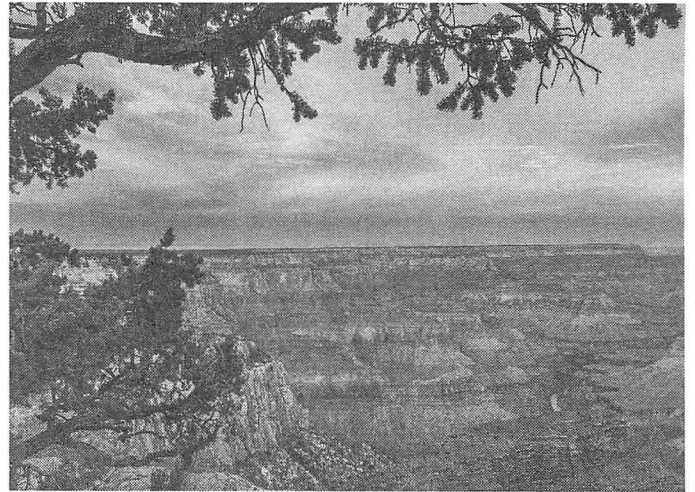
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**Grand Canyon Photographs: Celebrating the Centennial 1919-2019** by American photographer Mark Burns will be featured in the Main Gallery of the museum, while **Anat Ronen: Urban Legend** brings the streets of the world to the Rebecca Cole Gallery. **Both exhibitions opened in September and will continue through January 11, 2020.**

## Grand Canyon Photographs

*Grand Canyon Photographs: Celebrating the Centennial 1919-2019* celebrates the majesty of the Grand Canyon and commemorates the 100th anniversary of its establishment as a National Park. Through black and white photography, color photography, panoramic images and contemporary prints, the exhibition seeks to capture the grandeur of one of our nation's greatest treasures. The exhibition also features an audio recording, *The Sound of the Colorado River*, made by Burns at Lee's Ferry, mile-marker one of the Grand Canyon, to create a multi-sensory experience within the exhibition.

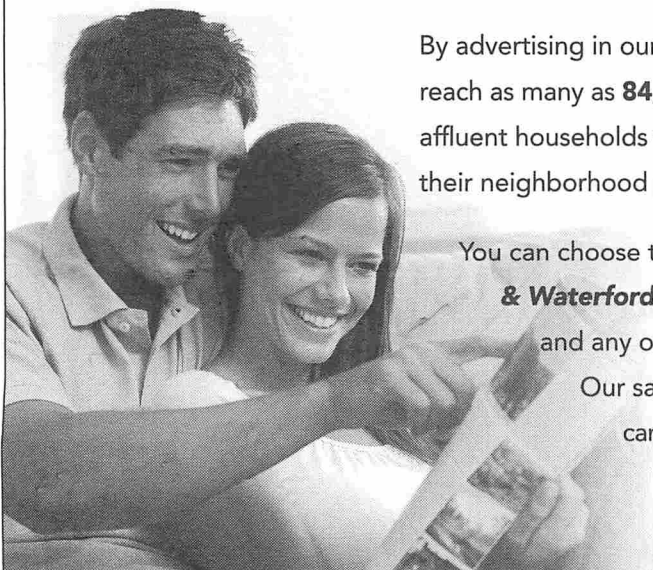
American photographer Mark Burns was born in Houston and is known for creating compelling images that are a unique mastery of composition, lighting, and photographic technique. He devoted five years of his life to studying and photographing all 59 of America's national parks in black and white for "The National Parks Photography Project." Selections from that iconic work became a traveling exhibit that was seen by nearly 300,000 people during the 100th anniversary of the National



Credit: Mark Burns, Pink Dawn – Mohave Point, 2018, archival pigment color print

Park Service in 2016. The Pearl was honored to be among the museums which hosted that exhibition.

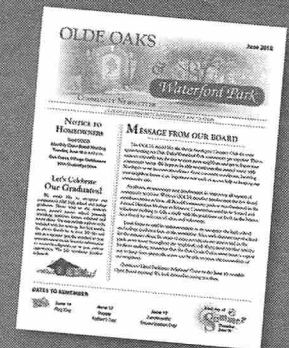
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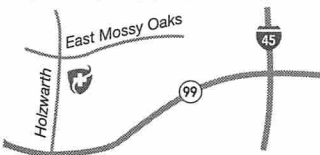
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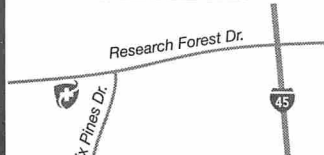
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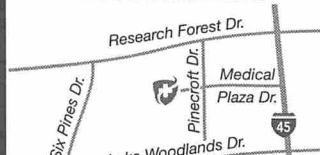
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