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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Be A Good Neighbor

Getting along with your neighbors makes our whole community a happier and safer place to live.

- **Be friendly.** Say hello or wave. Get to know your neighbor's names and offer a friendly greeting. Introduce yourself. Giving your neighbor your phone number, bringing over treats, or offering to watch any children (i.e. when they are moving in) are all efforts of goodwill.
- **Treat your neighbors as you would like to be treated.** Be considerate about noise, such as not letting your dog bark incessantly and not playing loud music late at night. Don't park your vehicle (or allow guests' vehicles) in front of your neighbor's mailbox, block their driveway or park on their grass. Pick up your pet's poop! Make sure your lighting doesn't illuminate your neighbor's house.
- **Let your neighbor know beforehand** if you are planning a big party or planning a big construction project.
- **Keep your property presentable.** Don't let your property get run down and be an eyesore. Mow and edge regularly. (You don't know what could live in that overgrown grass!) That dead tree can make you potentially liable.
- **Be respectful if there is a problem.** Remain calm and talk directly to your neighbor before calling the authorities, the HOA or posting on social media.
- **Be a helpful neighbor.** Examples could include, once you know them, offering to pick up their mail when they are on vacation or watching for their doorstep deliveries and moving them to a less conspicuous place.
- If your fence needs maintenance or replacement, **offer to pay for your share of the cost of a mutual fence.**

Upcoming Dates

National Night Out

October 4

If you can't make it that day, invite neighbors on a different night and get to know them!

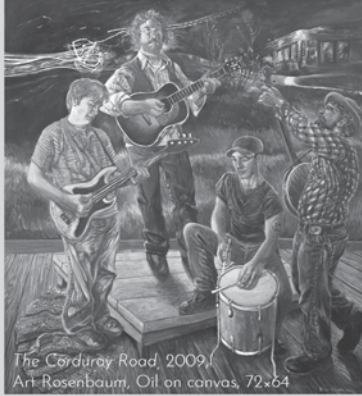
Homeowners' Meeting

October 18 at 6:45 p.m.

Our homeowners' meeting is usually the third Tuesday of each month with the open (member) session starting at 6:45 p.m. Meetings are being held at the Oak Creek Village Clubhouse, 3906 Gladeridge Drive (behind the Oak Creek subdivision tennis courts.)



Pearl Fincher | Museum of Fine Arts

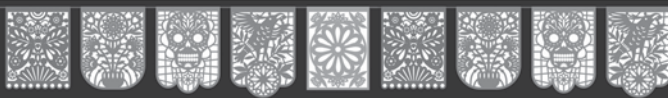


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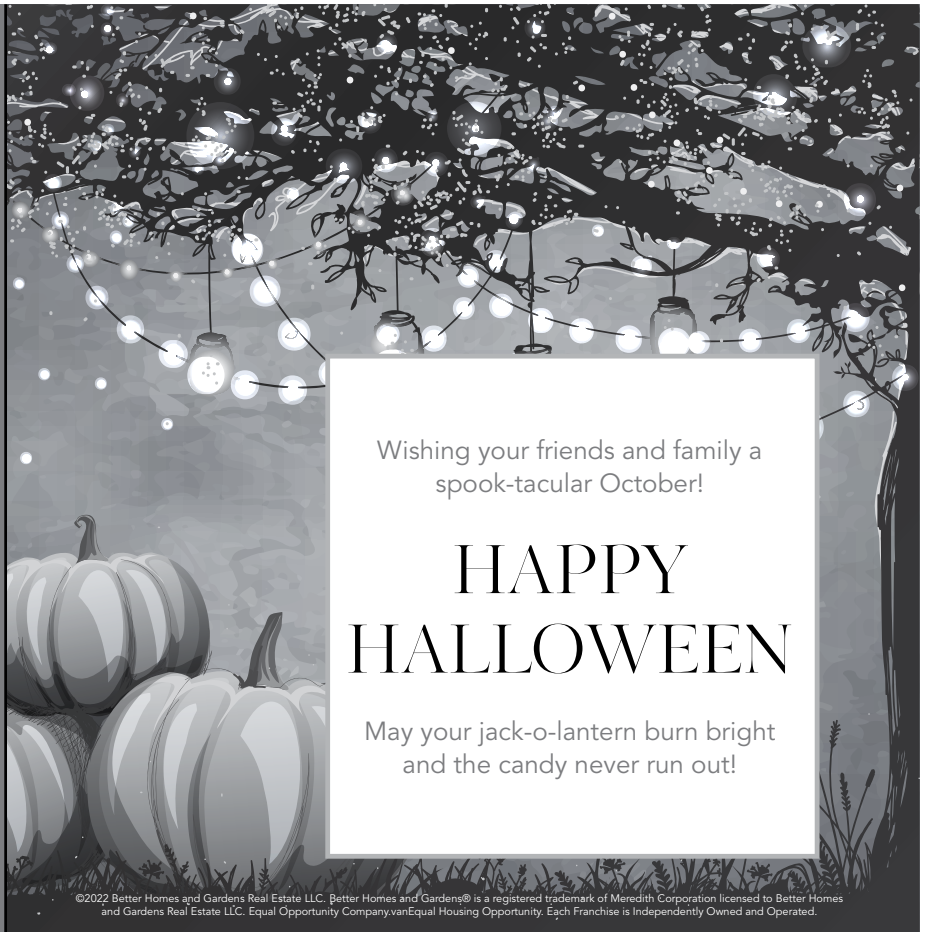
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It's a good idea to program the non-emergency Sheriff's number into your phone in case you need to alert officers of suspicious activity (tell the dispatcher to alert the Olde Oaks contract deputy and have specific information handy to convey quickly). If a crime is in progress, call 911.

In the past, we have had reports of stolen lawn equipment. It only takes a second for someone to jump out of their car and steal equipment from you or your yard man. We have also had vehicles broken into and the contents stolen. If you are not parking in your garage, lock your vehicle, make sure you do not leave anything of value in your vehicle(s) and keep your porch lights on! Also, please check your security cameras and if you have footage that would be helpful, report it. Be alert and report anything suspicious to the sheriff. Let's catch these criminals!

Book Club "Footnotes"

Book club this month will be on October 25. Up for discussion will be *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner. Ms. Meissner is a new author for us and is a *USA TODAY* bestselling author of historical fiction with millions of books in print. She is an author, speaker, and writing workshop leader with a background in community journalism. A California native, she attended Point Loma Nazarene University and is also a writing workshop volunteer for Words Alive, a San Diego nonprofit dedicated to helping at-risk youth develop a love for reading and writing.

So what is this book about? What is fragile? A young Irish immigrant is desperate to get out of a New York tenement and answers a mail-order bride ad. She goes to San Francisco and marries a widower about whom she knows nothing. Although she develops a loving relationship with the little girl, she feels uneasy about her husband's odd behavior. Then right before the massive earthquake of April 1906 she discovers she has ties to two other women she encounters. This is a book about friendship, mother love, female solidarity, and to ponder what are "fragile things" in their lives and perhaps in those of the readers. Also it is interesting to do a search on this earthquake and see geographical diagrams as well as text about it.

Contact Kathy Hall, Coordinator, at 281-569-4967 for more information on time and location.

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Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m., 3906 Gladeridge (clubhouse)

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

For Homeowners:

- Turn on outdoor lights, and replace burnt-out bulbs. A porch light on gives the message you are accepting trick-or-treaters.
- Remove items from your yard or porch that might trip a child. If you have holes, fill them in. If possible, illuminate the walkway to your door.
- Keep family pets away from trick-or-treaters. Even if they seem harmless to you, your pet could scare small children.
- Use alternative to candles in your pumpkins or bags, such as a flashlight or a battery-operated candle.
- Some children have food allergies. Consider giving treats other than candy, such as stickers, erasers or a small toy.
- Keep in mind that gum and hard candy can pose a choking risk for young children.

For Parents:

- Try not to use masks as they make it hard for children to see what's around them, including cars. When using face paint, make sure your child is not allergic by testing out a small patch beforehand – preferably a few days prior.
- Make or buy costumes in light-colored material. Place reflective strips tape on the back and front of costumes, so that drivers can better see your child.
- Use a flashlight so you can be seen.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid items such as oversized shoes, high heels, long dresses and long capes. Wear comfortable shoes.
- Dress your child for the weather. You don't want your child to get too hot or cold. You may want to bring water to stay hydrated.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult for trick-or-treating. After the age of 10, some children are ready to go trick-or-treating with a group of friends.
- Bring your phone with you, and if your child is older and going trick-or-treating without an adult, make sure they have a cell phone.
- Don't trick-or-treat after 9 p.m. Set a curfew for when your children should be home.
- Inspect all candy before the children eat it. Check all treats to make sure they're sealed. Throw out candy with torn packages or holes in the packages, spoiled items, and any homemade treats that haven't been made by someone you personally know.



AT&T and Other Contractors Access to Backyards

As you may have noticed, AT&T has been laying fiber optics lines through the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park subdivisions (this is whether you use AT&T or not). Before digging, they should have any underground lines marked. Marking sprinkler systems is your responsibility. Our deputies are receiving calls about people refusing to let them in their yards. There is normally around a 5-foot easement from the fence line into our backyards, this gives the utilities a 10-foot-wide corridor along the fence line. (The law gives them the right to have access to the easement in your yard.) If you allow them into your yard and they damage anything, they have to put it back to your liking. If you do not allow them to go into your backyard, they go in anyway, but they do not have to repair/replace anything they might damage. If you have damage, you might want to call AT&T.

HCSO SafeCam Security Camera Registration Program

Register the location of your exterior surveillance cameras with the Harris County Sheriff's Office and help solve crimes. The Harris County Sheriff's Office has launched a new program that allows both residents and business owners to register the locations of their security cameras. The program is free and voluntary and does not give anyone direct access to live video feeds. The program merely allows residents and business owners to assist HCSO investigators with solving crimes in the community. For more program information and to register your cameras, please visit <https://harriscountysoc.org/services/safecam>.

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\$500K - \$550K	0	0	0
\$550K - \$600K	0	0	0
\$600K - \$650K	1	0	0
\$650K - \$700K	1	0	0
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AUGUST SHERIFF'S STATISTICS

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Alarm Local.....	13
Animal Aggressive.....	1
Arson Fire.....	1
Burg. Habitation*.....	1
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Disturbance Family.....	3
Disturbance Loud Noise.....	1
Disturbance Other.....	6
DOA.....	1
Domestic Prevent.....	1
Forgery.....	1
Fraudulent Use ID.....	1
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Meet the Officer.....	2
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*Burglary Habitation – Person opened back gate, went into yard and stole lawn mower, tools and 15-20 concrete slabs.

**Burglary Motor Vehicle – (A). Two cars were left unlocked in driveway and things were stolen out of each. (B). Old unlocked vehicle in driveway was rummaged through.

September Yards of the Month

Photos courtesy of Ryan and Royale Jockers. Homes are selected by the Yard of the Month Committee. Contact HOA Committee Chairman David Pichowsky at david.pichowsky@redfin.com to submit nominations.

3003 Kobi



3503 Tierwood



3519 Brimwood



3919 Brightwood



15515 Dawnbrook



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kids' Fall Festival: Blessing All God's Creatures!

Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
at Cypress Creek Christian Church

Free Event!

Featuring pet blessings (this includes blessing your child's pet or favorite stuffed animals), Houston Aquarium's live animals, a petting zoo, Klein Fire Department fire truck, animal cracker snacks, Bible activities (science, crafts and games), fun free animal headbands, Pet City Houston, and more!

Texas Master Chorale *Musical Masterpieces*

Texas Master Chorale will open their 2022-2023 concert season with *Musical Masterpieces* on October 15. The concert features two classic pieces: "Requiem" by French composer Gabriel Fauré, which was written between 1887-1890, and John Rutter's "Gloria" which was composed in 1974. Both pieces are in Latin and will be accompanied by orchestra. *Musical Masterpieces* will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 15, at John Wesley United Methodist Church,

5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston, 77069. Tickets are \$20; students are free with school I.D. Tickets may be purchased online at TexasMasterChorale.org, through the box office at 281-440-4850, or at the door. To learn more, please visit texasmasterchorale.org.

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts – Día de los Muertos

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts invites the community to its second annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 29, on the grounds of the museum. This family-friendly event is free of charge and the community is warmly invited to attend. Day of the Dead originated in Mexico and is a celebration of life and death. Traditionally, festivities unfold over two days in an explosion of color and joy, to demonstrate love and respect for deceased family members.

The Pearl's celebration will include art activities, dance performances, music, food trucks, face painting, gallery tours and more. An ofrenda will be built onsite, and guests are invited to bring items such as photos of deceased loved ones, marigolds, and sugar skulls. Costumes are also welcome.

Tickets are not required, and admission is free. For more information, visit pearlmfa.org.



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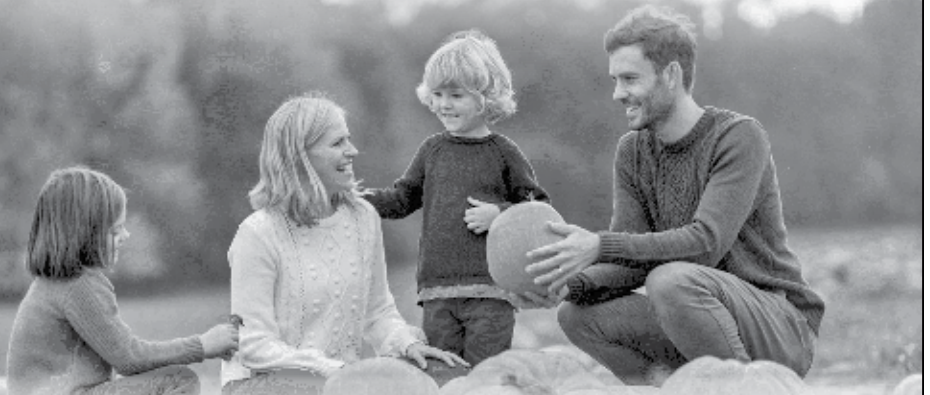
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Don't Skip Your Pet's Heartworm Protection Over the Holidays... It's Important All Year!

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The risk of heartworm can be right at your door at any time. A heartworm positive dog in the neighborhood can substantially increase the risk of infection in healthy dogs. There are 22 different mosquito species in the US that can carry heartworm and they are active at different times of the year. Heartworm season is **all year-round**... so using heartworm prevention is essential all year-round!

DOs and DON'Ts of Heartworm Protection:

Do have your veterinarian test your dog every year for heartworm infection. It takes roughly five months for an infection to be detected with a standard heartworm test, so if your dog becomes infected this schedule helps ensure early diagnosis and treatment.

Do give your dog his or her heartworm prevention on time, every time. Whether you give a monthly pill or topical medication – being consistent is essential. Not only is your dog protected, but you stay in the prevention habit.

Do make sure the product you rely on is really a heartworm preventative. With so many parasite protection products on the market, it is easy to get confused. Far too many people assume their flea and tick product is protecting their dog from heartworms when it is not.

Don't skip testing just because your dog is on year-round heartworm prevention. While this will likely keep him or her heartworm free if you miss a dose, are late with it – or your dog spits out or rubs off the medication – it could create an infection opportunity.

Don't stop prevention just because you have not seen a mosquito lately. Heartworm preventatives work retroactively, eliminating new infections transmitted months earlier. Rather

than guessing at when it might be “safe” keep your pet on prevention all year-round.

Don't forget that many heartworm pills and topical products protect against other parasites. Some protect pets from intestinal worms; others also protect from fleas and certain ticks and mites. Talk to your veterinarian about what product offers the protection your dog needs.

Timing is everything... Fleas are the worst during warm weather months but can live inside your home all year long. Spring and summer are usually the heaviest time for ticks. But here they can live year-round and in areas where the deer are prevalent, there are ticks that carry the diseases that can be passed on to humans.

A flea infestation can develop in your home if your dog or cat has fleas. It can be found in carpet and furniture and even your bed if you pet is allowed on your bed. It is a really good idea to keep your dogs and cats on a flea and tick prevention. These pests can make both you and your pet sick and uncomfortable.

Flea and tick prevention for dogs can come in a chewable pill such as Credelio or Bravecto. There is also Simparica Trio that prevents fleas, ticks, and heartworms so it is an all-in-one type of prevention. **Then there are topical preventions such as Advantage Multi** that covers fleas and heartworms but is not preventative for ticks.

Never use a prevention labeled for dogs on your cat as this could have deadly consequences. For cats you can use Advantage Multi for Cats to prevent fleas and heartworms, or you can use Bravecto Plus for Cats which prevents fleas, ticks, and heartworms. Flea and tick prevention also comes in a small pill form for cats called Credelio. You should discuss with veterinarian what is the best product for your pet.



“It is much easier to prevent the flea infestation on your pets than to get rid of them.”

Fall is for HUMMINGBIRDS

In fall, the annual hummingbird migration south begins! Hummingbirds travel from their summer homes in North America to a warmer winter climate. In our area, you should have started seeing the ruby-throated hummingbird already at your feeders. During September, the number of sightings will increase. The hummingbirds migrate through our area in March/April and again August/September/October. However, they could stay through Thanksgiving depending on temperatures. Now is a good time to hang your feeders as they need to store up for their long trip across the Gulf of Mexico!

Hummingbird's Nectar Recipe

- Boil four cups of water. Remove water from the heat.
- Stir in one cup of white sugar.
- Cool the syrup before filling feeder.
- Do not use honey, which can cause a fatal fungal infection.
- Do not add food coloring to the solution.

You can store the extra syrup in the refrigerator for a week. Be sure to clean the feeder at least once a week.



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Grab your dirndl or lederhosen and join us for this year's Oktoberfest, featuring typical German food, non-alcoholic beverages, carnival-style games, music, and a little yodeling. A raffle will be included in the fun. Stop by the Hockley Community Center with your \$10 check made out to "All4Fun" to get a ticket.

OCTOBER 29

Fall Harvest Festival at Bear Creek Park, Pavilion 6 Saturday, October 29, 12-4 p.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon featuring free activities for all ages. Activities include pony rides, a petting zoo, carnival games, a pumpkin patch, and more. Come in costume and join the fun. The festival is at Pavilion 6 in Bear Creek Pioneers Park, 15015 Clay Road.

OCTOBER 29

Polish Heritage Day in the Park at John Paul Landing Saturday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m.

The event includes Wawel dancers, children's activities, fishing, authentic Polish food, a tree planting ceremony, and more. Don't miss a special program by the Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School. There will also be pierogi and kielbasa provided. Whether you want to celebrate your heritage or experience another culture, we want to see you. For more information, please visit hcp4.net/events.

NOVEMBER 5

Family FallFest at Windwood Presbyterian Church Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join us for a day filled with fun for the whole family! Shield Bearer Counseling Centers is excited to host our first ever Family FallFest on Saturday, November 5 on the grounds of Windwood Presbyterian Church! Join us for a Fun Run, craft and business vendors, food trucks, a kids' zone, community performances, a dessert contest, and other fall activities. Space is limited! For more information, contact Gaby Pozas at gpozas@shieldbearer.org or visit <https://bit.ly/3B7BIM6>. Windwood Presbyterian Church, is located at 10555 Spring Cypress Road, Houston, TX 77070.

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4th Annual Paws For A Cause

October 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Paws For A Cause is a fun event to raise awareness of pet adoption opportunities while shopping from local artists, food trucks and more. This year's event will have a Fall Festival theme with live entertainment, pumpkin painting, face painting and a bounce tent for the kids. Best of all, adoption pets will strut the catwalk showing off their best Halloween costumes! This year's free event is from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Gary Greene Parking Lot, 8817 Louetta Road (west of Champion Forest Drive), Spring, TX 77379. Plenty of parking available, and yes, pets are welcome!

How You Can Help

One of this year's beneficiaries is Animeals On Wheels, an Interfaith Ministries Program run in conjunction with Meals-On-Wheels. Years ago, while delivering meals, the volunteers recognized their clients were sharing their meals with their pets. Today, they support thousands of clients' pets thanks to donations from caring people like you and me. Animeals On Wheels needs dog, cat and bird food, gently used leashes, bedding, treats, toys and crates. We will have a **drive-through donation lane** at this year's event so you can conveniently drop off any items. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Tim Merritt at 832-474-0770.

Teen Job Seekers

If you're looking for a responsible teen to watch your child, house, pet, or to do some yard work or power washing, look no further! These teens live in your neighborhood and have references from your neighbors:

B = Babysitting P = Petsitting T = Tutoring
O = Odd Jobs Y = Yard Work PW = Power Washing

Service(s)	Name	Age	Phone
O, PW	Grayson Fischer	17	832-721-5755
B, P, T	Jade Yeaple	17	346-367-4309

BE A CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOR

- No one wants to listen to barking dogs, loud music and/or playing basketball late at night.
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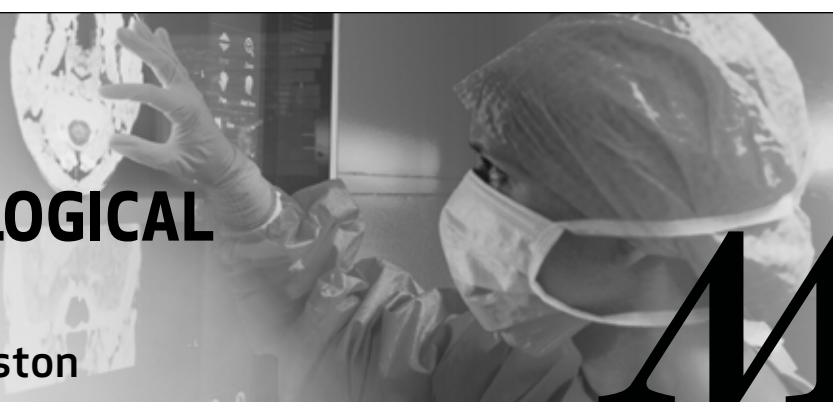
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