



## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Upcoming Dates

**Homeowners'  
Meetings**

**NO DECEMBER  
MEETING!**

**NEXT MEETING:  
January 17, 2023  
at 6:45 p.m.**

Meeting will be held at the Oak Creek Village Clubhouse at 3906 Gladeridge Drive, behind the Oak Creek subdivision tennis courts.

**Christmas Eve  
December 24**

**Christmas Day  
December 25**



## 2023 HOA Assessments

Your Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Board of Directors voted to pass the 2023 budget without an annual increase in dues for next year. In passing the budget, the Board believed that given the current economic state, an increase in dues however slight, would not have been in the community's best interest. For 2023 the combined Assessment and Service fees per lot will remain at \$445. To accomplish this the Board opted to not contribute to the reserve fund in 2023, and will engage in a reserve study in 2023 to help us map out our path forward. As with each member's household expenses, community expenses also increase which more than likely will result in an increase of dues in 2024. Be a good neighbor and be mindful to pay your annual dues in a timely manner.

*Regards, Your OOCIA Board of Directors*

## Have a Subdivision Question?

If you have a question about trash pickup, our Homeowners' Association, emergency numbers, MUDs, or anything relevant to our subdivision, be sure and check out our subdivision's website at [oocia.org](http://oocia.org) or past newsletters for answers.

## Board Member Elections in February

As a reminder the Board member elections are held during the Annual Members Meeting in February. In 2023 there will be two Board positions up for election. Those persons interested in running for an open Board position should contact Pam at Crest Management to request a candidate biography form: [pam@crest-management.com](mailto:pam@crest-management.com). Candidate biographies would need to be received by December 9, 2022 to appear in the January 2023 newsletter and by January 9, 2023 to appear in the February 2023 newsletter.

*Submitted by Charles "Chuck" Gaimari*

**No December HOA Meeting!  
Next meeting January 17, 2023.**

# COMPLEX NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

## Treated in Northwest Houston



At Houston Methodist Neuroscience Center at Willowbrook, our physicians collaborate across specialties to diagnose and treat common to complex neurological disorders. With innovative and advanced treatment options, state-of-the-art technology and leading physician expertise, we provide specialized neurological care — close to home.

Our team of physicians treats a variety of conditions, including:

- Alzheimer's disease and memory disorders
- Brain and spinal tumors
- Epilepsy and seizures
- Headaches and chronic pain
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Parkinson's disease and movement disorders
- Sleep disorders
- Stroke and cerebrovascular diseases

Your health is our priority. You can be confident we are taking every necessary precaution to keep you safe, including requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for all of our physicians, staff and employees.



**SCAN HERE  
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**

To schedule an appointment, scan the **QR code**, visit [houstonmethodist.org/neuro-wb](https://houstonmethodist.org/neuro-wb) or call **281.737.1167**.

**Better  
Homes  
and Gardens.**  
REAL ESTATE

**GARY  
GREENE**



**BONNIE  
D'AMICO**  
REALTOR®

Real Estate Negotiations Expert

281.546.5858

Bonnie.Damico@garygreene.com

Olde Oakes Resident Since 2012



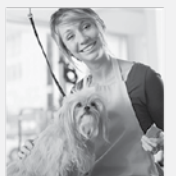
*Season's Greetings*

Wishing you and those most dear to you  
a joyous holiday season.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May peace, joy, hope & health stay  
with you throughout the coming year.

# SHOP SMALL. BUY LOCAL.



# SUPPORT NEIGHBORS.

## CHURCH

Kinsmen Lutheran Church ..... 7

## EVENTS

Texas Masters Chorale ..... 8

## HOME SERVICES

Moore Care..... 7

Wired Electrical Services ..... 11

## MEDICAL

The Methodist Willowbrook Hospital ..... 2

## REAL ESTATE

BH&G, Bonnie D'Amico..... 2

BH&G, Laura Cox..... 5

Coldwell Banker United, Jan Kopfler ..... 7

The Patel Group, Alexis Delgado-Mize ..... 9

BH&G, The Jockers Team ..... 12

## STORAGE

Trophy Self Storage..... 12

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DECEMBER 9

Editor: Tanya Pilant | Send information and questions to [ociaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ociaeditor@gmail.com)

The *Olde Oaks Community Newsletter* is published monthly for the residents of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park in partnership with Champions Printing & Publishing, Inc. © 2022 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

## INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING?



PRINTING & PUBLISHING, INC.,  
281.583.7661

PART II

# HALLOWEEN Decorated Houses

Many families didn't have their Halloween decorations up by our early print date cutoff in October. By the time the photographers came to take the November Yards of the Month, a lot of decorations were already taken down. I know there were some really nicely decorated houses. Pictures included this issue were those taken and submitted by the homeowner, taken by the editor or Heather George. - *Tanya Pilant, Editor*



*More photos on page 5*

DISCLAIMER: All articles, information, website addresses and cartoons in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Champions Printing & Publishing, Inc. or its employees. Champions Printing & Publishing, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles, information, website addresses and cartoons submitted by others. The editor and/or governing entity of this publication has approved the use of all articles and information within this publication. Champions Printing & Publishing, Inc., is not responsible for any of the content within this publication and disclaims and denies any and all liability therefor. The publisher assumes no responsibility for the advertising content within this publication. All warranties, representations, claims, or endorsements made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims or demands regarding its content must be taken up with and are the sole responsibility of the advertiser. The publisher retains the exclusive rights to the acceptance or denial of all advertising copy. The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction. Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to the liabilities stated above. The publisher is not liable for ANY DAMAGES for failure of the Post Office or subdivision representatives to deliver the newsletter in a timely manner, so long as the publisher has delivered the newsletters to said delivery point by the contracted date. CLASSIFIED ADS: Don't forget that the classifieds are free to all Olde Oaks residents. Use this section to buy and sell personal items. All we ask is that no adult-owned business ads be turned in, such as real estate, in-home operated businesses or fee-based services. If you'd like to advertise your adult-owned business and support our newsletter, call Champions Printing & Publishing, Inc. at 281-583-7661. The editor retains exclusive right to accept or reject any classified deemed unfit. Your classified will run for one month. If you want to run it for a longer period of time, please resubmit your ad by the newsletter deadline for each month you'd like it to appear.

## **OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Crest Management Company, AAMC  
281-579-0761 | Fax 281-579-7062

(for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements)

[www.crest-management.com](http://www.crest-management.com)  
[pam@crest-management.com](mailto:pam@crest-management.com)

## **OLDE OAKS CIA 2022 BOARD**

Charles "Chuck" Gaimari, President  
[cgaimari.oocia.board@gmail.com](mailto:cgaimari.oocia.board@gmail.com)

Randy Darland, Vice President  
[rdarlandoociaboard@gmail.com](mailto:rdarlandoociaboard@gmail.com)

Rick Kolesar, Treasurer  
[rkolesar.oocia.board@gmail.com](mailto:rkolesar.oocia.board@gmail.com)

MJ Shannon, Secretary  
[mjshannonooiciaboard@gmail.com](mailto:mjshannonooiciaboard@gmail.com)

Ada Johnson, Director at Large  
[adajaye.oocia.board@gmail.com](mailto:adajaye.oocia.board@gmail.com)

## **MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD)**

Manhole/Sewer Backup  
713-983-3602

### **MUD #20**

[www.edpwater.com/your\\_district.html](http://www.edpwater.com/your_district.html)

Billing, Service & Emergencies  
832-467-1599

Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.,  
10000 Memorial Dr., Suite 260  
713-951-0800

### **MUD #44**

[www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44](http://www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44)

Billing, Service & Emergencies  
281-376-8802

Board Meetings: (Call before to confirm),  
Second Tuesday of month, 4 p.m.  
15705 N. Greenfield Drive

### **Bammel Utility District Office**

281-376-8802

[www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district](http://www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district)

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

## **TEXAS PRIDE (TRASH/RECYCLE)**

Lisa Govea, Operations Manager  
[Lisa@TexasPrideDisposal.com](mailto:Lisa@TexasPrideDisposal.com)

Kevin Atkinson, Owner  
[Kevin@TexasPrideDisposal.com](mailto:Kevin@TexasPrideDisposal.com)

# Northwest Assistance Ministries' Season of Blessings

## Blessings of Food

There are many families that will not be able to afford to put holiday meals on their table this year. Once again, NAM is providing holiday meals to 1,400 families for the holidays. If you would like to donate food to NAM's Joanne Watford Nutrition Center, please check our Holiday Food Wish List below. Food can be dropped off at the Joanne Watford Nutrition Center located at 15555 Kukendahl Road, Houston, TX 77090, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you would like to commit to a food drive at your place of business or organization, please contact Brian Carr at [bcarr@namonline.org](mailto:bcarr@namonline.org) for details.

### Holiday Food Wish List:

- Canned fruit
- Canned green beans
- Cranberry sauce
- Mashed potatoes
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Stuffing
- Canned pumpkin
- Canned yams
- Chicken broth
- Turkey or chicken gravy
- Evaporated milk
- Brownie, cookie, and cake mixes
- Canned soup
- Frozen turkeys
- Canned corn

## Blessings of Gifts

'Tis the season to bring joy to the faces of our children with joyful gifts. So many families are struggling just to try to make ends meet that the thought of holiday gifts can be very stressful. Once again this year NAM is having a toy drive to collect gifts for nearly 5,000 children in our community ages 12 and under. This is a tremendous undertaking and NAM needs so much support from our neighbors. The good news is that we have done this the past two years.

New, unwrapped toys in the range of approximately \$25 per gift for newborn through age 12 may be dropped off at NAM's Harrell Family Opportunity Center located behind NAM's main building at 15555 Kuykendahl Road, Houston, Texas 77090, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Friday, December 9, 2022.

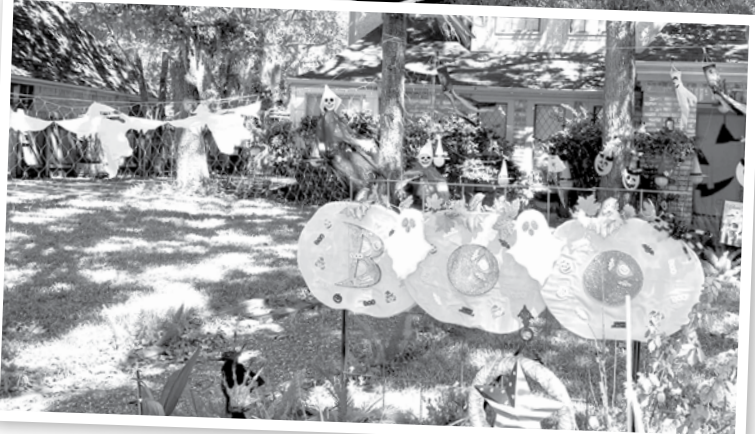
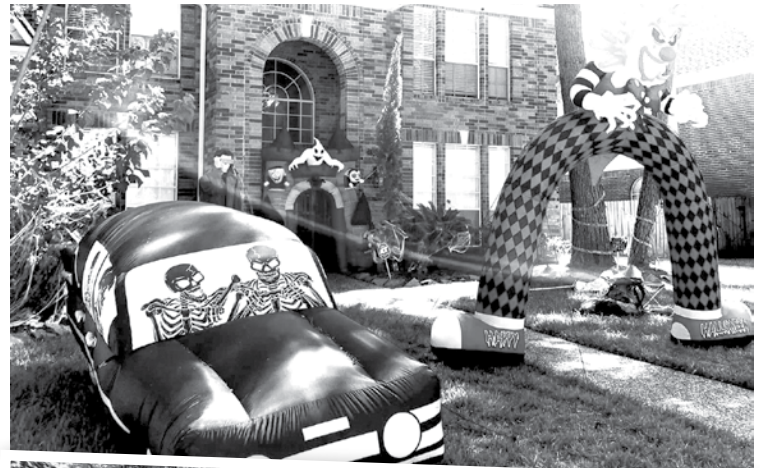
So, grab your toy bag and buy out the stores. Let's make this the greatest toy drive ever!

## Blessings of Time

NAM is always in need of volunteers, especially during the holidays. Volunteers help accept the food or toy donations, stock the pantry, prepare food for distribution, carry food to cars, and help with toy distribution.

NAM is also urgently in need of drivers for Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is not only a key source of food, but also the only regular personal contact some of their seniors get. Please help them help our neighbors at the greatest risk of hunger and isolation. Weekday routes have resumed and they need volunteers daily and they also have weekly and bi-weekly routes. If you are interested in donating your time to NAM, please contact them on their website [namonline.org/volunteer](http://namonline.org/volunteer) or call them at 281-885-4624.

# Halloween Houses - *continued*



## MARKET REPORT OLDE OAKS OCTOBER 2022

| PRICE RANGE        | ACTIVE LISTINGS* | UNDER CONTRACT | CLOSED SALES |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Below \$300K       | 1                | 0              | 1            |
| \$300K - \$350K    | 2                | 1              | 3            |
| \$350K - \$400K    | 0                | 3              | 1            |
| \$400K - \$450K    | 0                | 0              | 1            |
| \$450K - \$500K    | 0                | 0              | 0            |
| \$500K - \$550K    | 0                | 0              | 0            |
| \$550K - \$600K    | 0                | 0              | 0            |
| \$4600K - \$650K   | 0                | 0              | 0            |
| \$650K - \$700K    | 0                | 0              | 0            |
| \$700,000 - \$750K | 1                | 0              | 0            |

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| MONTHS OF INVENTORY                   | 2.4       |
| # OF HOMES SOLD IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS | 84        |
| AVERAGE PRICE                         | \$314,896 |

\*Source Data: Per HAR MLS, 10/1/2022 - 10/31/2022, Single Family Homes, Olde Oaks



**Better Homes and Gardens**  
REAL ESTATE

**GARY GREENE**

**LAURA COX**  
832.561.3702  
laura.cox@garygreene.com



## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Email oociaeditor@gmail.com. If you have a picture, please include it separately from the text. I am also looking for reporters/ assistants to help with our subdivision newsletter and you will get credited (a byline) for the article. Please contact the editor for more information. – Editor



## OCTOBER SHERIFF'S STATISTICS

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Abduction Kidnapping .....      | 1  |
| Alarm Local.....                | 13 |
| Animal Humane .....             | 1  |
| Assault Family.....             | 3  |
| *Burg. Motor Vehicle.....       | 4  |
| Child Custody Disp. ....        | 1  |
| Credit Card Abuse .....         | 1  |
| Criminal Mischief.....          | 4  |
| Discharge Firearms .....        | 1  |
| Disturbance Family.....         | 8  |
| Disturbance Loud Noise .....    | 4  |
| Disturbance Other .....         | 3  |
| DOA .....                       | 2  |
| Domestic Prevent.....           | 1  |
| Drug OD Possession .....        | 2  |
| Information Call.....           | 8  |
| Meet the Citizen .....          | 18 |
| Meet the Officer .....          | 1  |
| Mental Health Call.....         | 3  |
| Missing Person .....            | 1  |
| Open Door Window.....           | 1  |
| Property Found Lost.....        | 1  |
| Sex Offender Verification ..... | 1  |
| Suspicious Person .....         | 7  |
| Telephone Harrassment.....      | 1  |
| Terroristic Threat .....        | 2  |
| **Theft Residence .....         | 1  |
| Traffic Hazard.....             | 2  |
| Traffic Stop.....               | 60 |
| Unknown Medical Emergency.....  | 1  |
| Vacation Watch.....             | 7  |
| Vehicle Abandoned.....          | 1  |
| Vehicle Speeding .....          | 1  |
| Vehicle Stickered .....         | 1  |
| ***Vehicle Stolen.....          | 2  |
| Vehicle Suspicious.....         | 5  |
| Warrant Service .....           | 1  |
| Welfare Check .....             | 7  |

Note: This report was produced by the Harris County Sheriff's Office and contains raw data subject to change as cases are investigated and reclassified. Editor edited list to eliminate routine checks.

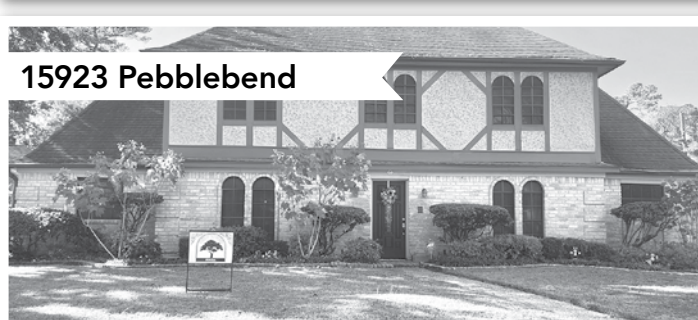
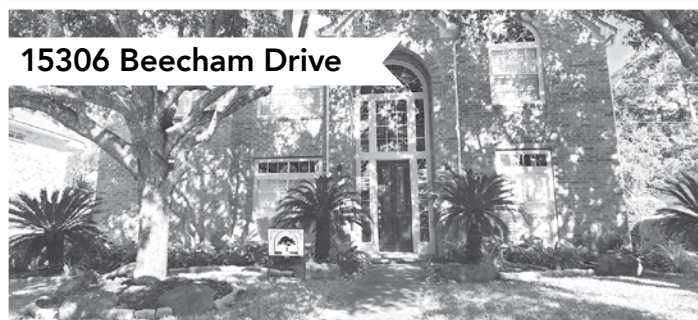
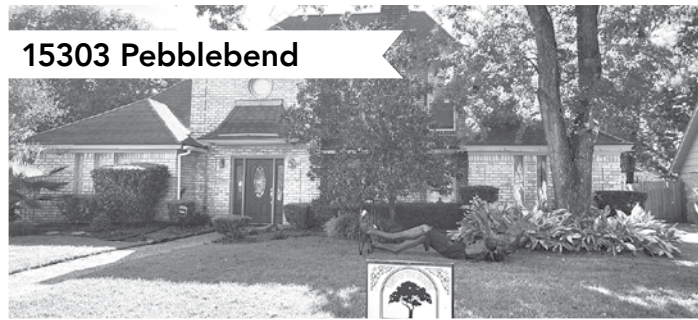
\*BMV – Someone rummaging through cars.

\*\*TR – Cleared; no report taken.

\*\*\*VS – Truck reported stolen after having been gone for a couple of days.

# November 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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

# NORTHGATE COUNTRY CLUB

IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE

## MOORE CARE CAR WASH & DETAILING

Thursday - Saturday



Schedule an appointment online  
[www.moorecare-houston.com](http://www.moorecare-houston.com)  
832-342-4285

Join us for Christmas at Kinsmen or online  
as we celebrate

# EMMANUEL

## God With Us

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

6 p.m. - Santa Misa en español

8 and 10 p.m. - Traditional Worship

Christmas Morning

10:30 a.m. - Worship



**Kinsmen**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Rooted in Faith. Relevant to Life.*

12100 Champion Forest Drive | [kinsmenlutheran.org](http://kinsmenlutheran.org)



## Jan Kopfler

Top 25 Agents by HBJ, 2009-2013  
Multimillion Dollar Producer  
International President's Elite

Cell: 713.825.1247

Office: 281.378.1800

[jkopfler@cbunited.com](mailto:jkopfler@cbunited.com)

Celebrate the Season with Joy & Kindness.

*Happy Holidays*  
to all my Friends and Neighbors!



**READY FOR A CHANGE?** Resale home inventory is the lowest in recent years, and resale prices are at an all time high.

**Call me for a FREE market analysis! No One Knows the Neighborhood Like a Neighbor!**

Thinking of buying or selling? My attention to detail can make the difference! Let's get together!

**SERVING ALL OF YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS WITH TRUST AND INTEGRITY.**



Each office independently owned and operated

# Celebrate Christmas at Kinsmen Lutheran Church

December 2 through December 4

The month begins with the annual Holiday Market, held Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 4. In partnership with Hands of Faith, a ministry of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands, the event will offer an array of Fair Trade items handcrafted by artisans all over the world. The Holiday Market will be open from 2-7 p.m. on Friday, December 2 and from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. Hours on Sunday, December 4 are from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and from 4:30-6 p.m. The event takes place at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Drive in Houston.

Advent services will take place on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., with Holden Evening Prayer on December 7, and Las Posadas on December 14. The final Advent service on December 21 will be a special “Longest Night” worship service for those who are grieving or do not feel joy this season. The service begins at 7 p.m. and includes Holy Communion.

As the big day arrives, all are warmly welcomed to celebrate Christmas at Kinsmen. Christmas Eve candlelight services will take place on Saturday, December 24 and include contemporary worship at 4 p.m., Spanish worship at 6 p.m., and traditional worship at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Worship on Christmas morning will take place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 25.

All events are free and the community is warmly invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.KinsmenLutheran.org](http://www.KinsmenLutheran.org) or call 281-444-3126.

# Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts Holiday Concert & Winter Break Art Camp

String trio AURORA returns to the Pearl for a holiday concert on Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. The concert features Christmas music with Susanna Campbell on harp, Katie Beth Farrell on cello, and Allison Vitek on flute. Guests will be welcomed with a reception including beer, wine and plentiful hors d’oeuvres, after which they will move into the Main Gallery to enjoy the concert surrounded by beautiful works of art. Tickets are \$75 for members of the Pearl or \$100 for non-members.

Kids can get into the holiday spirit at Winter Break Art Camp. The Pearl’s art studio will transform into a winter wonderland as children create snow globes, learn printmaking, sculpt and paint ornaments, design mugs, and improve their artistic skills. Winter camp takes place Monday through Friday, December 19 through 23, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 8, and from 1-4 p.m. for ages 9-12. Cost of the camp is \$160, and museum members receive a \$10 discount. Sibling discounts are also available when registering two or more participants.

For details and to register for either event, please call the museum at 281-376-6322 or visit [pearlmma.org](http://pearlmma.org).

# Cypress Creek Christian Church Christmas Concert

Join us for the Cypress Creek Community Chorale Concert on Sunday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m., 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. Free admission! Enjoy Soloists: Shannon Jacobson, Tarryn Ballard, Jimmy Jacobson, Dan Bircher. Accompanied by The Detrick Arts Chamber Orchestra, Dr. Ann Frohbieter, Organist & Conductor, Dr. Joel Plaag.

The poster features a dark background with white stars and musical notes. At the top, it reads "TEXAS MASTER CHORALE presents THE CHRISTMAS STORY". Below this, it says "Featuring Noel and Davia Bouley in selections from Handel's Messiah". On the right, a large Christmas ornament contains the date and time: "SATURDAY, DEC 17, 2022 7:30 PM John Wesley United Methodist Church". At the bottom left, there are logos for "Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital" and "Texas Commission on the Arts". At the bottom right, it says "TICKETS: TEXASMASTERCHORALE.ORG 281.440.4850 OR AT THE DOOR".



# Scouting in the Community

The young men of Scouts BSA Troop 1659 are still hard at work in our community! Earlier this year, three of our scouts completed their Eagle Projects including clearing brush from the edges of the soccer fields next to Reynolds Elementary and painting outdoor sidewalk games for the students of Reynolds to use during recess. We also sponsored a "Haunted Campsite" on Halloween at the OCV clubhouse.

It's time to renew your flag subscriptions or request flags for 2023! We continue to provide flags for our neighbors in Olde Oaks, Waterford Park and Oak Creek Village through our Flags Across the Community fundraiser. Please visit our website at [www.ihctroop1659.org/flags](http://www.ihctroop1659.org/flags) to order flags for the patriotic holidays in 2023. The exact days for distribution are posted on the website.

## Trash Service

Olde Oaks/Waterford Park has trash service twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays, with recycling on Tuesday only. Our agreement with Texas Pride includes back door pickup. This would be for trash cans and/or bags only, which should be placed in a conspicuous location so as to indicate to the personnel that it is for pickup.

Yard clippings should be brought to the curbside, along with bush or tree trimmings (which should be tied in bundles no longer than three feet). Large items should also be placed curbside for pickup.

If you have issues with service here are two email contacts at Texas Pride:

- Operations Manager: Lisa Govea, [Lisa@TexasPrideDisposal.com](mailto:Lisa@TexasPrideDisposal.com)
- Owner: Kevin Atkinson, [Kevin@TexasPrideDisposal.com](mailto:Kevin@TexasPrideDisposal.com)

*Submitted by Charles "Chuck" Gaimari*

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Ambulance | 911  
Nonemergency Sheriff | 713-221-6000

Fire Department – Klein Volunteer  
281-251-0101

Animal Control | 281-999-3191  
24 hr. Emergency Poison Control Center  
800-222-1222

CenterPoint Electric | 713-207-2222

CenterPoint Gas | 713-659-2111

Harris County Pct. 4  
(M-F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.) | 281-353-8424

Harris County Pct. 4  
(outside regular hours) | 713-755-5000

Registered Sex Offenders  
[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

[www.iwatchharriscounty.com](http://www.iwatchharriscounty.com)  
Download the app for Apple and  
Android phones to report criminal  
activity anonymously.

To have your house checked on  
while you're away on vacation go to  
[www.harriscountytso.org/  
vacation\\_watch.aspx](http://www.harriscountytso.org/vacation_watch.aspx)  
and complete the form online,  
or call the Cypresswood substation.

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

# Hello Neighbor!

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL  
TIME OF THE YEAR! 

Wishing You A Very



# Merry Christmas

There are several benefits to listing with a Neighborhood Realtor. From superior subdivision knowledge to increased showing and open house availability, no one knows Olde Oaks/Waterford like your neighbor. Call us today to schedule your personal listing appointment.

**I'm Bilingual, HABLO ESPAÑOL**

*"Whatever you do, work heartily" -Colossians 3:23*

## ALEXIS DELGADO-MIZE

713.724.7770

[Alexis@thepatelgroupllc.com](mailto:Alexis@thepatelgroupllc.com)

Integrity. Faith. Aptitude.



## TAYLOR DAVIS

713.254.6219

[TaylorD@thepatelgroupllc.com](mailto:TaylorD@thepatelgroupllc.com)

 THE PATEL GROUP  
BUY · SELL · INVEST

# Tomball German Fest Christmas Market

Tomball | December 9-11

In Tomball, a small town on the outskirts of Houston, the cultural exchange starts with a banner that reads “Willkommen Y’all!”

From there, you get not one but two Santa Clauses: an American Santa Claus and a European Santa, a.k.a. Sinterklaas. Carolers sing in both German and English, and the opening ceremony honors German exchange students and their host families. The goodwill continues over funnel cake and beer (there are four biergartens, one for each music stage), while the free market, with its two-hundred-plus vendors, showcases steins, smokers, nutcrackers, and German brands like Steinbach and Mettlach. It has a warm ambience that, depending on where you’re from, you might call *gemütlichkeit* or simply good ol’ Southern hospitality. For more information, visit <https://www.tomballgermanfest.org>.

# Hogwarts Christmas Village & Market

Galveston | December 10, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

To have a happy Christmas, as the Brits would say, you don’t have to seek out Platform 9¾; you just have to get yourself to Galveston, specifically Kempner Park. That’s where you’ll cross over into a free, Harry Potter–themed Christmas village, complete with butterbeer, Quidditch, and goods from close to fifty small businesses. Highlights include wands made with crystals and candles inspired by literary characters (the Gamekeeper’s Pumpkin Patch is a nod to Hagrid). Marketgoers can earn points for their Hogwarts houses by competing in trivia or bringing items to donate to a local church. The winner will be announced that evening at another magical event: the Wizard Winter Formal. A riff on the Yule Ball, it features a costume contest and a chamber orchestra. For more information, visit [www.gastrochurch.org/hogwarts-2022](http://www.gastrochurch.org/hogwarts-2022)

# Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

Austin | December 17-23

For nearly fifty years, this Christmas bazaar in the capital has combined fine art with live music under one roof for a \$12 cover. Booths are organized around a stage, and the lineup



showcases “the best of Austin,” from classics to newcomers, nationally renowned singer-songwriters to Grammy-winning acts. The aisles are specifically designed to be wider so you can get down without disrupting the flow of traffic, and you’re guaranteed a Christmas sing-along at some point. If you’re lucky, you may even catch a conga line. On the art side of things, this year promises more newcomers than ever before, with 150-plus artists showing up to show off their skills. Whether you dig photography or oil painting, textiles or ceramics, metalworking or woodworking, there’s a medium for everyone and every budget. For more information, visit <https://armadillobazaar.com>.

“... the lineup showcases “the best of Austin,” from classics to newcomers, nationally renowned singer-songwriters to Grammy-winning acts.”

# October Book Club



Kathy Hall (sitting), Jane Michel, Linda Peduzzi, Carol Bright, Randee Saber, Tanya Pilant, and not shown is Heather George (photographer)

## BE A CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOR

No one wants to listen to barking dogs. Please pick up your pet's poop, and secure your fence so your pets cannot escape the yard and run loose.

**GENERAC**

**GENERAC HOME  
STANDBY GENERATORS  
IN STOCK!**

**FREE  
ESTIMATES!**

➔

Your one-stop shop for  
all things generator.

**713-467-1125**

**OUR SERVICES**

- INSTALLATIONS
- MAINTENANCE
- REMOTE MONITORING
- WARRANTY
- REPAIRS

**GENERAC**

GENERAC HOME STANDBY GENERATOR

TECH #22889  
MASTER #100894

**GENERATORS**

by **WIRED**

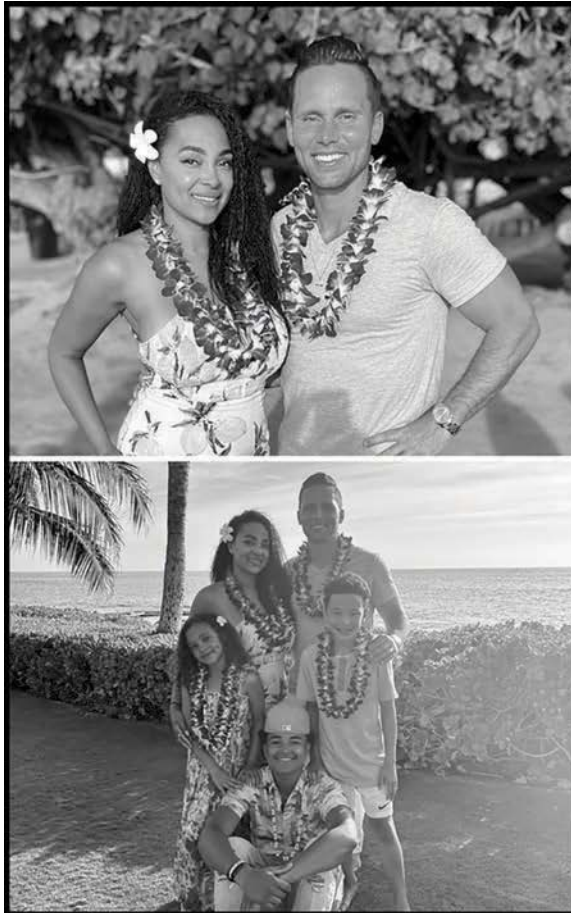
|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
|  | <p>92% of consumers<br/>say print is<br/><b>easier<br/>to read</b><br/>than digital</p>         |  | <p>77% of consumers<br/>say print drives<br/><b>higher<br/>recall</b></p> |
|  | <p>82% of consumers<br/><b>trust print</b><br/>the most when making<br/>a purchase decision</p> |  |   |

Champions
**ADVERTISE LOCAL.**  
**GROW LARGE.**

[www.championsprinting.com](http://www.championsprinting.com)

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION, CALL CHAMPIONS PRINTING & PUBLISHING, INC., 281.583.7661.

Sources: Newsweek/Heart By Area Marketing Profs/Marketing Sharps/Merri's Media/Advertising Bureau/Hellman



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

# FAMILY, FAITH & FRIENDS.

Wishing you many simple pleasures this holiday season.

*God Bless!*

**RYAN & ROYALE  
JOCKERS**

THE JOCKERS REAL ESTATE TEAM  
281.685.1889  
Ryan@RyanandRoyaleRealty.com  
RyanandRoyaleRealty.com

**Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE** | **GARY GREENE** | **THE JOCKERS REAL ESTATE TEAM Ryan & Royale**

©2021 Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate LLC. Better Homes and Gardens is a registered trademark of The Franchise Corporation licensed to Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate LLC. Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Each franchise independently owned and operated.

# Storage in YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! Trophy Self Storage

**HOLIDAY SPECIAL!**

**50% OFF**  
**1st Month**  
OR  
**PAY 2**  
Months Advance,  
**3RD MONTH FREE**  
\*New Customers Only.



**Office Warehouse 4000s sqft.**  
**LEASED**  
with Office, Restroom & Bathroom

(Starting at \$3,800 with a minimum 3-year lease. No Auto Repair or Machine Shop.)

- Enclosed Storage Units 5x10 & 10x20
- 24-hour Recorded Video Surveillance
- Outdoor RV & Boat Storage (Nothing over 35ft. No commercial vehicles.)

Book or rent online at [www.selfstoragespringtexas.com](http://www.selfstoragespringtexas.com)

5135 Mittlestedt Rd. | **CALL OR TEXT**  
Houston, TX 77069 | **832-784-2880**