



OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Upcoming Dates

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 9**

**Federal Taxes Due**  
**April 18**

**Homeowners'**  
**Meeting**

**April 25, 2023**  
**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).

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## Annual Homeowners' Meeting

To the residents of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park who either attended the annual members' meeting or submitted proxies, we the members of the OOCIA Board would like to thank you for your support. For those residents who were unable to attend the meeting held at the School of Science and Technology, the meeting provided good information to the members in attendance and seated a new Board for the next year.

Our deepest thanks and gratitude go out to the School of Science and Technology (SST) Champions Branch on TC Jester for allowing Olde Oaks/Waterford Park to hold our 2023 annual members' meeting at the school. Our community has fostered a relationship with SST and we look forward to continuing this bond in the coming years.



This year's election was to fill two Board positions from a field of three candidates, with each member being elected for a two-year term. The results were that sitting Board member Rick Kolesar was re-elected, and Henrietta Brown was elected to replace outgoing Board member M.J. Shannon. Many thanks to M.J. for the time she volunteered to serve on the Board.

Topics discussed included: Our playground is finishing up and should open soon. A fence for a family cemetery, which is located within the confines of Olde Oaks, was replaced. If you notice a dead tree on our community property, please contact a Board

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## Annual Meeting - continued

member. Several of the trees on Terrace Oaks and T.C. Jester were trimmed. We changed landscape companies because we were not getting the service we needed. The lights on the monuments were updated to LED. On the Commercial Parking Petition, we have 128 signatures now but need 427 signatures. Although our Board did not increase homeowner's dues this year, a reserve study for next year's budget is planned.

Useful information was provided to members from Lawrence Bell of Harris County Precinct Three. He passed out a map and information on how to contact Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey (see [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com) or 713-274-3000) and answered residents' questions. It was mentioned that our constables continue to be Precinct Four Constables. Thank you, Mr. Bell for spending some time with Olde Oaks/Waterford Park homeowners.



Alex Schmidt from Texas Pride (our trash service) was there for the residents to ask questions about our trash service. At this time, we still have back door trash service.

Members in attendance were introduced to our three contract deputies, A deputy fielded questions from residents on various topics. We whole heartily support and commend our deputies and the job they do for us. We are still actively looking for a security coordinator (who interacts with our deputies). At this time, because we do not have a security coordinator, we are not receiving monthly deputies' report to include in our monthly newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please contact any of our Board members or Pam at Crest Management.

To all the residents of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park, your Board sincerely appreciates your support as we work to keep our community a special place to call home.

## MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE APRIL 9

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## Parking on the Street

The subject of on street parking has come up in recent HOA meetings. Some folks feel that everyone should park their cars in their garages or driveways, keeping the streets clear. They feel it is hazardous to have to navigate the parked cars in the street. Others feel, usually due to the number of vehicles their family has, that they should be able to park in the street. There is also the fact that drivers have to slow down in order to navigate the parked cars in the street, thus reducing the chance of someone getting hit by a speeding car.

Although there are valid reasons for either point of view, please remember that the HOA cannot regulate parking in the streets in our neighborhood. The county has jurisdiction over on street parking and it is not illegal.

Please treat your neighbors with the respect you would like shown to you. The Sheriff's deputies can cite you for blocking access to mailboxes or driveways or for vehicles with expired tags.

*Submitted by Rick Kolesar*

## No Yards of the Month were chosen for March.

## CenterPoint Delivery Charges for Electricity

CenterPoint delivery rates historically change twice a year; in March they typically decrease and in September they typically increase. Effective March 1, the delivery charge from CenterPoint decreased by \$.01354/kWh to a rate of \$4.39 per month and 3.5620 cents per kWh. Delivery charges for your home are the same without regard to which retail energy provider you choose.

## OCV Cudas are Golden

The OCV Cudas are looking for swimmers ages 5-18 to join them. The Cudas are a competitive swim team and members of the Northwest Aquatics League. The Cudas are made up of swimmers from Oak Creek Village, Olde Oaks, Waterford Park and surrounding neighborhoods. They practice at the Oak Creek Village pool and swim against other neighborhood teams in May and June. Swimmers of all skill levels are invited, including beginners. Registration starts April 1 at [ocvcudas.com](http://ocvcudas.com).

To celebrate their 50th season, the Cudas are planning a reunion on May 6. If you or your family were members of the Cudas, check out their website at [www.ocvcudas.com](http://www.ocvcudas.com) and look for the 50th Season Activities link.



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## MARKET REPORT

PRICE RANGE	ACTIVE LISTINGS*	UNDER CONTRACT	CLOSED SALES
Below \$300K	2	2	0
\$300K - \$350K	7	1	2
\$350K - \$400K	4	0	1
\$400K - \$450K	0	0	0
\$450K - \$500K	2	0	0

# Book Club Footnotes

This month we'll meet on April 25 at the home of Randee Saber. We'll discuss a current bestseller, *Mad Honey*, by Jodi Picoult and Professor Jennifer Finney Boylan. Bee keeping figures in this book and there are even a few recipes in the back of the book made with honey.

Olivia McAfee, a beekeeper, relocates from the west coast to New Hampshire with her teen-aged son, Asher, after a failed marriage. Another woman and her daughter, Lily, relocate from California to the same town in New Hampshire for a fresh start. Their paths cross, the teens meet in school, and fall in love. One day Lily is found dead at the bottom of the stairs in her house. Asher finds her but is arrested on suspicion of murder. There is much that has been hidden about her gender and their relationship, but much is revealed at Asher's trial. Interspersed in the story is fascinating information about bees and beekeeping, Olivia's livelihood.

Jodi Picoult is an award-winning author of 28 novels that many of you no doubt are familiar with. Many have been made into movies and musicals. She lives in New Hampshire. Prof. Boylan is also a best-selling author of many books and is a nationally-known advocate for human rights. She teaches at Columbia and Harvard Universities. Her memoir, *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, was the first best-selling work by a transgender American. She lives in New York City and Maine.

You ask how they were able to co-write a book? They did so during the pandemic and utilized Zoom. Ms. Picoult had been thinking about writing a book on transgender rights for some time and co-authoring was an interest of hers. Prof. Boylan had read some of the other's books and had dreamed about a book with the *Mad Honey* plot. They messaged each other and subsequently decided to "do it."

Contact Kathy Hall, Coordinator, at 281-569-4967 for more information.

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PRICE RANGE	ACTIVE LISTINGS*	UNDER CONTRACT	CLOSED SALES
\$500K - \$550K	0	0	0
\$550K - \$600K	2	0	0
\$600K - \$650K	0	0	0
\$650K - \$700K	0	0	0
\$700K - \$750K	1	0	0

MONTHS OF INVENTORY	3.1
# OF HOMES SOLD IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	69
AVERAGE PRICE	\$352,161

\*Source Data: Per HAR MLS, 2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023, Single Family Homes, Olde Oaks

# Home Safety

Some suggestions for improving safety in your home include:

## Prevent Fires

- Prevent cooking fires. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen, consider turning off the burner or stove as a security precaution. Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when cooking. If a small fire starts, put the lid on and turn off the burner. Don't try to move a burning pan, as that could fan the flames and spread the fire. Don't pour water on a grease fire because it can make the fire spread.
- In case of an oven or microwave fire, turn the appliance off and keep the door closed.
- Add a fire extinguisher. Follow instructions and stand back 6-8 feet. Be careful not to spray the grease out of a pan, as that may cause the fire to spread. A fire extinguisher is only effective if it's maintained properly. At least once per year, you should verify that it hasn't expired and ensure that the safety pin remains intact and make sure that the nozzle still works. You'll need to replace the extinguisher every 10-12 years.
- Install a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector. Don't disable the smoke alarm by taking out the batteries. You can buy a smoke alarm with a pause/hush button to temporarily stop the noise. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least annually. The US Fire Administration recommends testing your batteries monthly and replacing them once or twice per year; some people replace the batteries when the Daylight Savings time changes. You should also swap out the entire device every 10 years.
- Grill outside at least three feet away from your home.
- Have your chimney and flue checked out to make sure there isn't any soot buildup. You can get a cover put on top to keep birds and other creatures out of your chimney.

If you decide to fight a fire (not recommended), be sure everyone else is out of the house and that you have a clear path to safety. Call 911 or ask them to call just in case.

## Eliminate Tripping Hazards

- Buy non-skid rugs for the bathroom and use nonslip treads or a mat inside the tub or shower.
- Throw rugs need to be tacked down with double-sided tape or carpet tacks.
- Check to make sure electrical or phone cords are not a tripping danger. Make sure the furniture is arranged so there are clear pathways to walk.

## Improve Lighting

- Install bright bulbs inside the fixtures in the home and possibly add supplemental lighting if necessary.
- Consider purchasing dusk to dawn nightlights in the bathroom and hallways that light up after the sun sets.
- Mount some motion sensor lights outside at both the front and back doors and driveway that automatically come on.

## Have Grab Bars Installed in Bathrooms and Showers

- Have wall mounted bars installed into the wall studs. It's best to choose bars with surfaces that are slightly textured that are easier to grip. These can prevent falls and can assist if the person has difficulty getting up after falling.
- Install railings on stairs. Help prevent falls on steps by installing a railing that is anchored to the wall studs (it must be attached to the studs, otherwise it will rip right through the wall board).

## Home Security Measures

- When it comes to keeping your family and your home safe, break-ins, theft and vandalism may also pose significant risks. Consider investing in a whole home security system or one or two security devices, such as a door bell or security camera and motion detector lights.

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# Pearl Fincher Art Market and Family Day

The Pearl will host its next Art Market and Family Day on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event will feature an Earth Day theme, with art projects, nature activities, a food truck, children's entertainment, and the museum's spring exhibitions. In addition, an outdoor Art Market will offer work for sale by local artists.

# 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:

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