

# Welcome Spring...The Neighborhood News!

## Online Newsletter for Oak Lake Estates HOA Members

April 11, 2025

It's been a busy year so far, so thought I'd put a blast out to catch everyone up on the neighborhood news!

### Fun News...our Event season is starting up!

With spring comes a full docket of fun at the park and lake. *See the complete list on the webpage at [olehoa.com](http://olehoa.com)*

The **Easter Egg Hunt** always starts us off, and the kids always have a blast! The Easter Egg Hunt this year is coming up on Sunday **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. This is an Open Gate Event, all kids from Oak Lake and Glen Oaks are invited. Non-member attendees - Donations towards the event expenses are much appreciated!

Note: Please bring the kiddos on time as these munchkins are ready to roll at 2pm sharp!

PS...If anyone would like to help out with this event, please email Sandy at [olehoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:olehoaboard@gmail.com) or text/PM me!

Also, it's time to start up **Guys Tuesday Trivia** starting on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and every 3rd Tuesday of each month. and get on a team (or bring your team!) Trivia starts at 630 sharp!

Come out a bit early to mingle and meet the neighbors, teams formed right there, BYO (bring your own) coolers and snacks!

If you aren't joining in on these events, you are missing out!

**NEW! Third Thursday White Elephant Bingo** at the pavilion from **May 15<sup>th</sup>** and every 3rd Thursday of the month through October!

The idea of White Elephant Bingo is that players donate one (or more) items they do not need (that candle you never burned, the cool little weird thing you never gave away, funny oddities around the house, cans of beans, whatever will fit in a brown lunch sack!) These will be stapled into a lunch bag and will serve as the random Bingo prizes!

Let's see if this takes off...I know I have a few items or more to unload!

**NEW! Makers Market Artisan Showcase** is a new event suggested by several of our neighborhood artisans! From painting to woodworking, breadmaking to sewing, any crafty items all welcome...bring any talents you have and sell your wares! Kind of an open market idea! Any residents of Oak Lake or Glen Oaks (or your family) can set up a table...more details as it gets closer! We'll be advertising this much like the yard sales, on open public forums to bring in the crowds!

The Makers Market Artisan Showcase will be held on **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10am to 3pm, so get busy with your crafty, cooking, handyman, painting selves!

## Speaking of Yard Sales...

Start that spring cleaning!

Our spring community yard sales will be on **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 8am to 2pm. Always a good turnout for this as we advertise on at least a dozen yard sale social media sites!

We're collecting addresses so email us if you'd like to be on the list! To participate, send to name and address to [olehoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:olehoaboard@gmail.com) with header "yard sale". (please *do not* send message through social media sites, you may get forgotten!)

## Park and Lake Updates!

### Lake Survey Done...

It's so nice to see so many folks already out on the lake fishing! The good news is, we need more of you to catch fish!

A study was done by UT Extension Lake Management recently.

While waiting for the full report, the main jest is that we have *wayyyyyy* too many fish in the lake! We should be pulling out about 40 lbs of fish per acre/per year.

With the lake being 10-12 acres, that's over 400 lbs a year! At this time, we have about 500lbs of fish in the water... **So, catch the fish and take them with you!**



Especially the Crappie, which can overtake the population if we don't catch them and remove them from the water. They recommended that if you catch Crappie to *not release* them back into the lake unless they are dead, in which case they feed the birds and the turtles! These are great food for the herons and other critters, or you can bury them in the garden as fertilizer!

While we worry about too many turtles, in fact, they are serving a purpose in keeping the fish population down! The fountains some of the neighbors have installed are a big help in keeping the water aerated.

Reminder to please pick up extra line and hooks, etc. from the area when you leave. These can be a real hazard, not only to the wildlife, but to the next kids who come down to fish!

## Park Spring Clean up

Huge shout out to our volunteers that have pitched in and helped do our initial spring trail and park cleanup!



The **Nature Trail** looks just beautiful, especially these days after the rains! But be careful after wet weather, the rocks and roots do get slick!! (...ask me how I know 😊)

And do watch out for trip hazards, especially if running the trail...this is a nature trail, so always be on lookout for exposed rocks or roots!  
Also, we did see some **poison oak** on the trail...

**Leaves of 3, Let it be!**



## **Annual HOA Meeting**

If you were unable to attend the Annual meeting, I am attaching minutes. These can be found on the website as well.

## **Business Directory...**

I am updating the neighborhood Business Directory as I get new requests. If you have a business or service, you would like to let your neighbors know about, we certainly want to encourage our local entrepreneurs!

I am attaching the current list, and the list is posted on our website at [olehoa.com](http://olehoa.com) as it is updated. We also put it in the packets for new residents. Review this and be sure your info is correct!

To be listed, please email know your business information to:  
[olehoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:olehoaboard@gmail.com) with subject Business Directory

**Home Upkeep and CCR's** - A member brought up concerns that there are a few homes that appear to need maintenance in the way of fence repairs, mold on the exterior, curb overgrowth, etc.

If this applies to your home, please see to resolve issues to keep our properties up to the standards of our beautiful community. There are County CCR's that discuss this as well as HOA guidelines. If neighbors were to complain officially, we will have to address it as a function of the HOA.



## Pet owners

Don't forget to take advantage of the Pet Directory if you have a fur baby that might get lost in the neighborhood. You can post a picture of your beloved furry friends on the Oak Lake Estates social page at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1475986435865530&type=3>

Or if you come across a lost pet, try looking them up here to find owners! It takes a village!

And please, please, again, please try and keep your dogs from running loose on the streets or at the park. While your dog may be friendly, other dogs on leash can be leash aggressive trying to protect their people, and some folks are just plain afraid of a dog running up on them.

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Think we're caught up for now!

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Warmest Regards,  
Sandy and your HOA Board of Directors

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### **Mission Statement:**

- To maintain, protect and enhance the value of the homes and the quality of life of the Oak Lake Estates community.
- To represent the general welfare of ALL the members.
- To build a community that is based upon principles and values.
- To encourage residents to come together in a community spirit of neighborly assistance, support, and comradery.
- To record and manage this vision through a system of governance that respects our individual residents and circumstances.

We can be reached at [olehoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:olehoaboard@gmail.com) anytime, however, most of our replies will be done during workday hours. As we are all volunteers and neighbors, please respect that we are also managing our own homeowner stuff!!

Thanks to all of you for being such good neighbors to each other!

*Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Spring!*

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