



The Meadowlark

A Newsletter for Oak Meadow Residents Presented By

Oak Meadow Homeowners Association

Oak Meadow Woman's Club

Oak Meadow Swim Club

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OMWC is Ready for 2025!

The Oak Meadow Woman's Club is ready to get going in 2025! We have innovative ideas for the year, and we will keep you updated as we get organized. If anyone has ideas that will improve the community, we are always open to hearing them.

Nominating Committee – OMWC needs you!

The Oak Meadow Woman's Club is looking for board members. We hope you will consider serving on the board as there are many ways to help and a great team to support you. You may nominate yourself or someone else for any position, but we have the most need for the following positions which will be vacant this summer.

President: Presides at all OMWC Board meetings and all member meetings, appoints the non-elected board officers, and submits monthly newsletter article.

2nd VP: Serves as Membership Chairperson, keeps an accurate list of members, maintains email list, creates and distributes Directory, and manages Facebook group.

Recording Secretary: Keeps minutes of all OMWC Board meetings and member meetings.

Fundraiser Chair: Although this is not an elected position it is an important one. More than one person can serve in this position to share the duties of organizing our annual Mailbox Bows fundraiser. Nominations must be in by the end of February. If you have questions about these positions or would like to make a nomination, please reach out to any Board Member, or call OMWC President, Maria Vick at 575-318-3456. We would love to have you join us!

Wine Tasting

Mark your calendars for our annual OMWC Wine Tasting. All OMWC members and plus-ones are invited!

When: Saturday, March 8th @ 7:00 pm.

Where: The Wengler's Home - 14023 Cedar Mill

Please join us for fun. Watch your email for the Evite!

From Oak Meadow to benefit
Churchill High School

Socks & Underwear Drive

Join us in collecting new underclothes
to help teens in our high school

For the TEENS

**NEW Socks & Underwear
His and Hers, All Sizes**

February 8th – 24th

**Drop off point:
2843 Barrel Oak**

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OAK MEADOW NEIGHBORHOOD SAFFE OFFICER

Claudia Ramirez

SAFFE officers work with residents, businesses, community leaders, and patrol officers to help prevent crimes before they happen. SAFFE officer duties include to:

- Identify and resolve problems
- Act as liaisons with other City agencies
- Participate in school and youth outreach programs
- Coordinate graffiti removal
- Provide crime prevention resources to residents



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THE CHILI QUEENS OF SAN ANTONIO

Long before food trucks and trendy pop-ups, San Antonio had its famous Chili Queens - women who brought the city's culture to life through their flavorful dishes. As early as the 1800s, these entrepreneurial women would set up open-air food stalls in the city's plazas, serving hearty bowls of chili con carne to locals and visitors alike.

The Chili Queens weren't just cooks; they were entertainers. Their stalls became lively social hubs, complete with music, laughter, and the smoky aroma of their secret spice blends. They were some of San Antonio's earliest ambassadors, helping to establish the city as a culinary destination.

Though health regulations in the 1930s eventually ended this tradition, the spirit of the Chili Queens lives on in the city's vibrant food culture. Next time you savor a bowl of chili, remember: it's more than just a meal; it's a bite of San Antonio's rich history.



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FEBRUARY CLOTHING DRIVE FOR CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY

With the approach of Valentine's Day, we turn to matters of the heart, which may include the extension of a helping hand within our community.

The Churchill High School clothes closet is in need of resupply. Our Oak Meadow Woman's Club is conducting a drive to collect new underwear and socks for both males & females of high school age. WCHS has also shared a need for gently used outerwear for the students, such as coats, jackets, sweaters, and gloves.

All donated items may be deposited on the porch of OMWC volunteer, Carolyn Banz, at 2843 Barrel Oak February 8th - February 24th.



OM TENNIS JTT TEAM IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING:

5-18 year olds who want to play matches against other juniors.

<https://oakmeadowswimclub.com/event-6020327>

Questions? oakmeadowtennis@gmail.com



Oak Meadow HOA Annual Shred Day

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, April 26, 2025

Paper Shred Day is essential for securely disposing of sensitive documents, protecting personal information, reducing identity theft risks, and promoting responsible recycling in the community.

More information at oakmeadowsatx.com

Visit our website
oakmeadowsatx.com



The Oak Meadow Homeowners Association (OMHOA) has developed a new website to enhance community bonds and communication. Built by OMHOA members, the site supports all neighborhood groups, making it easier for residents to access resources, stay informed, and engage with the community.

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OAK MEADOW TEEN ENTREPRENEURS

Need some cleaning done? I can power wash, scrub, sweep, and most any other job you need done! Contact Cameron Moore at [254-413-0983](tel:254-413-0983).

Have pets or plants in need of care? I'm here when you can't be! Daytime availability too! Connor Moore [726-228-2314](tel:726-228-2314).

Need a Babysitter? Hi my name is Caroline, I'm 15 years old, I love kids & have experience with children of all ages. If you need a babysitter please call me at [\(210\) 789-0412](tel:210-789-0412).

Need lawn care or dog walking assistance? Inquire about additional services. Contact Hannah Kluger at [210-693-9115](tel:210-693-9115).

Want time to run errands or escape? Contact Emma Sugalski to watch your kids! Red Cross Babysitter Certified - [210-617-0824](tel:210-617-0824).

***Adults and Teens:** Place a free one to three line classified ad in the Meadowlark. No commercial or service ads for adults. Teen ads may offer services. One ad per resident per issue. **Classified Ads** run for one month. A Teen Ad will run for 4 months and may be renewed. The submission deadline is the 10th. Send ad to homeschoolspeech@gmail.com.*

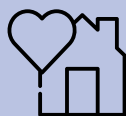
NEW NEIGHBOR?

Are you, or do you know of, a new resident in Oak Meadow?

If you meet or see a new family in Oak Meadow, call or text the address to:
[Norma Murphy 210-724-3105](tel:210-724-3105)

A member of the Woman's Club's 'New Neighbor Welcome Team' will extend a personal welcome and deliver a packet of useful information about this great neighborhood.

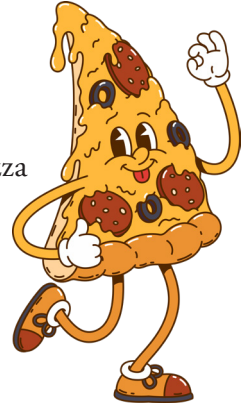
Welcome!



NATIONAL PIZZA DAY!

February 9th is National Pizza Day – so I made a list of pizza places close to Oak Meadow. This list does not include the well-known (to me) chains or delivery. This is a pretty small list which I put together from my Google Map – so if someone wanted to try them all and send a report next month – Bon Appétit! Therefore – in no particular order:

- Frederick's Bistro
- PoPo Trattoria Pizzeria
- Cosa Nostra Pizzeria
- Naples Italian Ristorante and Pizza
- Rock & Roll Pizzeria S.A.
- Sapore's Pizza
- Maria's Pizza
- Goomba's Pizzeria
- Royal Pizza



D8 | COUNCILMEMBER
Manny Pelaez

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DISTRICT 8

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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
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CHICKEN POT PIE SOUP

It's everyone's favorite meal in soup form.

INGREDIENTS

- Cheddar Crust Dippers
- 2 (9-in.) refrigerated pie crusts
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese (about 4 oz.)
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- SOUP
- 4 Tbsp. salted butter
- 3 stalks celery, finely diced
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and finely diced
- 2 medium onions, finely diced
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh thyme
- Pinch of turmeric
- Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

YIELDS: 4 - 6 servings

PREP TIME: 15 mins

TOTAL TIME: 35 mins

For the cheddar crust dippers: Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line 2 sheet pans with parchment paper.

1. Unroll a pie crust on each prepared sheet pan. Sprinkle the crusts with the cheese and parsley, lightly pressing everything in to adhere. Bake until the edges turn golden, the cheese is bubbling, and the crust is baked through, 12 to 14 minutes. Set aside to cool.
2. For the soup: Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the celery, carrots, onion, and thyme. Season with the turmeric and a good pinch of salt and pepper. Stir and cook until the vegetables begin to soften, 3 to 4 minutes. Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables, and stir until combined, letting the flour cook for 1 to 2 minutes. While stirring, slowly pour in wine and chicken broth. Add the chicken and parsley. Let the soup come to a boil and thicken slightly. Stir in the cream, and taste. Adjust seasonings as needed.
3. Serve the soup in bowls, breaking the crusts into large pieces to serve on the side.

Oak Meadow Girl Scouts

Cookie Sale @ the Oak Meadow Park

Every Friday in February from 5-7pm



\$5.00/box

Payments Accepted

Cash, Card, PayPal, & Venmo

PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR O.M.



As a resident of Oak Meadow, you are invited to participate on our private Facebook page. List your business, events open to neighbors, want ads, birthday and other announcements, club announcements, etc. If we are not able to confirm residency, requests to join are declined. Request admission on Facebook:

Oak Meadow Neighborhood, San Antonio

IT'S THE LAW

You may not park a vehicle...

- In front of a public or private driveway
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, marked or unmarked
- Within 30 feet on the approach to a ... stop sign...

Tex. Transp. Code § 545.302

Texas law defines an unmarked crosswalk as the extension of a sidewalk across intersecting roadways.

FASCINATING FUN FACTS

Here's a round of captivating trivia to share with friends, family, or at your next neighborhood get-together!

The Smell of Rain Has a Name

That earthy smell after it rains is called "petrichor." It's caused by an oil released from soil and plants, which combines with a compound called geosmin, produced by certain bacteria. It's no wonder so many people love the refreshing scent!

Sea Otters Hold Hands When They Sleep

To keep from drifting apart in the water, sea otters often hold hands while they sleep. This adorable behavior, known as "rafting," helps them stay close to their family groups.

There Are More Stars in the Universe Than Grains of Sand on Earth

Scientists estimate there are about 10 times more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches and deserts of Earth. That's roughly 1 septillion stars—or 1 with 24 zeros after it!

Sloths Can Hold Their Breath Longer Than Dolphins

While dolphins can hold their breath for about 10 minutes, sloths can slow their heart rate and hold their breath for up to 40 minutes. This helps them avoid predators by remaining underwater longer.

The First Computer Bug Was a Real Bug

The term "computer bug" originated in 1947 when engineers found a moth stuck in a Harvard Mark II computer, causing an error. The moth was removed and taped into a logbook, marking the first documented "debugging."

The Shortest War in History Lasted 38 Minutes

The Anglo-Zanzibar War of 1896 between Britain and the Sultanate of Zanzibar holds the record for the shortest war in history. After just 38 minutes, the Sultan surrendered, marking an incredibly brief conflict.

Hot Water Freezes Faster Than Cold Water

Known as the Mpemba effect, under certain conditions, hot water can freeze faster than cold water. Scientists are still debating why this happens, but it's thought to involve evaporation, convection currents, and molecular interactions.

Cows Have Best Friends

Studies have shown that cows form strong bonds with specific herd members, often referred to as "best friends." When separated from their buddies, cows can exhibit signs of stress, proving they're more social than we might think.

Jupiter Has a Moon with More Water Than Earth

Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, is covered in a thick layer of ice, beneath which lies a massive ocean. Scientists believe it contains twice as much water as all the oceans on Earth combined and may even harbor conditions suitable for life.

OAK MEADOW WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Birthday ____/____/____ Spouse's Name _____
 (Month/Day)
 Address _____ Email _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

OMWC's purpose includes participating in charitable events, connecting new and current residents to develop friendships, and promoting social activities for the benefit and growth of our Oak Meadow neighborhood.

Membership is just \$15/year.

Dues are payable in September, but you may join at any time!

Complete this form and mail or drop off to: Lisa Connors, 14610 Hook Dr, San Antonio TX 78231.

Please make checks payable to "OMWC".

Own a Business?

We will publish your business information in a supplement to our annual directory and on OMWC's Facebook page for a \$10 donation. Take this opportunity to spread the word about your business!





Name of business: _____ Please attach your business card.

Dues Paid: ____ Donation: ____ Cash ____ Check # ____ Received by: ____ Date: ____




February 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *OMWC Side Group: go to oakmeadowsatx.com/activity-groups for contact info. **Tennis information go to oakmeadowswimclub.com/Tennis for lesson times/fees/contact info. Courts open for public play with reservations online @ Tennis Court Reservations. 						1
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9 	10	11	12 Canasta 7p*	13	14 happy Valentine's day	15
16	17  NEISD School Holiday	18	19 Canasta 7p*	20	21 Hand, Knee & Foot 1p*	22
23	24	25	26	27 Bunco 7p*	28	NEISD Early Dismissal: Friday, March 7 Spring Break: March 10-14



OAK MEADOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Do you want to be more than just a number?
You are welcome to join us at the little church
with the Big Heart 

Rev. David Edgar
Oak Meadow United Methodist Church
2740 Hunters Green
San Antonio, TX 78231
210-492-3902

Sunday School 9:00 am
Fellowship/Refreshments 10:00 am
Worship 10:30 am

Facebook @OMUMC (service is livestreamed)

On the web @oakmeadowumc.com

Assistant Pastor - Robert Knappage

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Phone(s): _____ email(s): _____

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Please check below if you do not want to receive (want to opt out) any of the forms of communication from the OM HOA; leaving the boxes blank will allow us to send you OM HOA communications by the following methods. Each contains different information.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| HOA Emails | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Eblast Emails | <input type="checkbox"/> | Maximum of one per month |
| Meadowlark | <input type="checkbox"/> | Printed/Mailed, one per residence |
| Meadowlark, digital | <input type="checkbox"/> | By email, can be sent to multiple email addresses per residence |

Annual Membership Dues are \$40.00

- Utilize our PayHOA site to make payment via credit card or bank account debit. There is a small handling charge, less than PayPal. If you are updating or providing a new email, a link to register on the PayHOA site will be sent to you. - OR -
- Mail a check payable to OMHOA and this form to: OMHOA, PO Box 780744, San Antonio, TX 78278-0744.

The annual membership drive is October 1 –31 for the fiscal year July 1 to June 30.

Every resident receives the benefits of the HOA and the small annual fee of \$40 funds the following:

- Maintenance and utilities for the 5 entrance beds, perimeter grounds, and stone entrance walls
- OM HOA's share of the cost of the monthly newsletter • Donations to Swim & Tennis Club for special projects and events
- Funds for OM Shred Day, Neighbors Together beverages, Halloween/December Holiday Decorating Contest prizes

Thank you for joining the Oak Meadow HOA!



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