



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

LETTER *From the President*

Our annual meeting is just days away: **February 8** at 7 p.m. at Wells Middle School.

Two Board positions will be determined, currently belonging to Chuck Cornelius and Norman Nelson. Once the new Board is formed, leadership and committee positions will once again be voted on.

In addition, we will be voting on the adoption of modified bylaws. These changes will bring us into compliance with Texas state law. Please take the time to consider the changes and come to vote on this important event. There's a draft copy on the community website at www.oocia.org available for download. To pass these bylaws, it will require over 50 percent of the people voting, once quorum (ten percent of our households) is achieved. Please see the article by Pat Ganer for additional information.



I encourage everyone to come out and vote. You may do so by mailing in your proxy or attending in person. The process of managing our community only works with an engaged, informed electorate. That would be you. We're looking forward to it and hope to see you there.

Regards,
Torrence Smith

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

**OOCIA MEETING – WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2017.**

OOCIA monthly HOA meetings are officially the
FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Meetings are held at 6:45 p.m.
at the MUD #44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester Blvd.

Monthly meetings are held to address the Board's new and old business. Residents are encouraged to attend. Q&A sessions are held at the end of each meeting for resident questions and comments. Residents with specific property or account concerns should contact Crest Management at 281-579-0761. Board meeting minutes are available at www.oocia.org.



Who You Gonna Call?

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

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OLDE OAKS INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS

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Book ClubKathy Hall, 281-569-4967
Bridge, Women'sSusanne Bailey, 281-580-1717
Dinner With FriendsLauren Hensley, 281-893-1833
Playgroup.....Joyce Ray-Latson, 832-231-3201
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Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services..... 713-274-6300
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Harris County Alarm Detail (Permits)..... 713-755-4600

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Board of Directors: John Dougrey | Robert Skinner
Brian Wright | Ken Ross
Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.
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Al Habinak | James Armand
Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m.
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OTHER

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF OOCIA, INC.

February 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Wells Middle School
4033 Gladeridge Drive, Houston, TX 77068

Attention All OOCIA Members (members are **homeowners** in Olde Oaks and Waterford Park subdivisions):

Do not throw away your proxy. You must attend the meeting to receive a ballot to vote. If you cannot attend the meeting you **must** have this directed proxy to vote. This will be explained below.

This year at the annual members meeting you will be voting on two extremely important issues.

1. **Updated Bylaws.** Proposed changes to our bylaws not only consider what has changed in state laws regarding your rights as homeowners, but also protections that are now documented to guide Board governance. The proposed draft also includes new sections that spell out expenditure controls, contract requirements and directives to ensure we keep funding of projects inside our community borders.

The lack of documented financial controls eventually led to the increase in annual maintenance fees this year due largely in part from going over the budget by \$200,282. Not only were there unplanned lighting projects physically located outside of our neighborhood; the projected operating expenses of these

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projects are increasing each year, adding to costs for the Association. We have learned that the raised Signature topiary bed added right before the election last year on TC Jester/Ivy Falls for a total of \$4,000 (with entire project \$18,200) was not within code for Harris County. It is too high and must come down. Removing this raised bed increases and adds to unbudgeted costs for 2017.

Recognizing the community's fragile financial state and wanting to address the issues head on, the 2016 Board asked a committee of homeowners to study and complete a draft of new updated and now state-compliant bylaws. The proposed draft is available to everyone online. It was approved by the Board in November and given to the Association's lawyer for review and approval prior to being made public. It is everyone's responsibility to stay informed.

Please download a copy of the draft of the bylaws. This is found on the OOCIA website at www.oocia.org, under the first tab, "**home**," and in the second sentence, "click here."

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Study the definitions. Understanding what the difference is between “deed restrictions” and “bylaws” helps in understanding the issues presented; also, be aware that “votes” and “lots” basically mean the same thing.

What is needed to pass this draft?

We need a quorum established by your presence at the Annual Meeting or by using your proxy where you express your intention to vote. Per our current and proposed bylaws, a quorum is $\frac{1}{10}$ of the total votes owned by all homeowners. Our Association has 1,657 voting lots; therefore, a quorum is 166. To pass the proposed bylaws amendment, the vote count in person or when combined with received proxies must be greater than 50 percent.

For example, if 300 people attend the Annual Members Meeting, either by proxy or in person, on **February 8**, we have established a quorum, as we needed 166 as a minimum count. At that time, we proceed to conduct the vote through ballots. As a community, we would need a majority vote of greater than 50 percent – which, in this case, would be 151 – to pass the bylaws amendment. Since the number needed to pass varies with the number of votes, by person or proxies attending, that number is not one set number. If you have enough for a quorum, take the total votes in attendance, divide by two, and add one. That is what you will need to pass.

The choice is yours! **Do you want more controls on the Board’s spending of your Association fees?** Do you want a valid set of bylaws that are **compliant with state laws?** Then you vote to **approve** the bylaws.

If you are fine with the ability of the Board to spend your money without restrictions and controls and don’t care if our bylaws are in alignment with current state laws, then just leave everything the way it has been since 1990.

I’ve heard it isn’t smart to complain if you didn’t vote. Please let other homeowners know now how you want your Board to conduct business. Talk with your neighbors about this, encourage everyone to be informed, and most importantly, **vote**.

2. **Two Board Positions.** The second issue requiring your vote will be for the two Board positions expiring this year. The Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association (OOCIA) consists of the Olde Oaks and Waterford Park subdivisions. Affairs are run by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of five directors who are elected by the Association membership at the Annual Members’ Meeting **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**. Of the five, three are elected in even-numbered years and two are elected in odd-numbered years.

In 2017 Chuck Cornelius and Norman Nelson II will be completing their second year in February, leaving those two positions open. They may choose to run again for their positions along with any other qualifying homeowner desiring to run for a position on the Board. On the eighth of this month (February 2017), members will vote for those two positions. Be sure you know about the person you are voting for and make an informed decision.

Crest Management Company mailed to all homeowners’ registered addresses the following on January 18, 2017:

1. The notice of the Annual Members Meeting;
2. A copy of the Proposed Amended Bylaws,
3. Biographies of those running for Board positions; and
4. Your directed proxy, to be used if you will not be attending the meeting.

The ballot to vote is only given out at the Annual Meeting.

To cast a vote, you may:

1. **Personally attend the meeting, sign in, receive a ballot, vote, and turn in your ballot.**

If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to vote, you may:

2. Fill out the directed proxy you received in the mail. Name on the proxy who will cast a ballot in your place. Be sure to **sign, address, and date the proxy**. Indicate on the proxy how you want your representative to vote. Your representative will then attend the meeting, turn in the proxy, receive a ballot, and vote in your place.

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3. Fill out the directed proxy you received in the mail, indicate how you want to vote, assign the Board Secretary to vote for you, and send the directed proxy to Crest Management to be received **before February 7, 2017**.

If you wish to submit your proxy, you may email a scanned copy of your proxy, mail or fax it in by **February 7, 2017** at 3 p.m. to: Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association, Inc, c/o Crest Management Company AAMCC, PO Box 219320, Houston, TX 77218-9320. (Fax: 281-579-7062, Karen.Janczak@Crest-Management.com or Pam.Hummel@crest-management.com)

If you do not wish to vote, but want your proxy to count toward a quorum:

4. Fill out the directed proxy you received in the mail and indicate you abstain from voting, but want your proxy to count toward establishing a quorum. A quorum is ten percent of the votes/lots, or 166 votes.

Important:

- Proxies must be signed, addressed, and dated.
- Nominations may be taken from the floor during the election process.
- Each homeowner gets **one vote per lot owned**.

- Voting for a board member is very important. You should have a good idea of the ethics, responsibility, fairness, lack of personal agenda, and other characteristics of the person you are voting for.
- It is not advisable to give your proxy to someone who simply asks for it. Know well who you are voting for and why and make that assignment on your proxy before you give it to anyone to represent you.
- All property owners have the right to vote, despite language to the contrary in the dedicatory instruments.
- All votes must be in writing and signed by the owner. Electronic votes will be deemed signed and in writing.

If you are interested in serving the community through a Board position, remember that others need to know who you are and why you want to serve. Responsible homeowners will want to know as much as they can about who is going to be representing them. It is still possible to be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

Should you wish to have your name placed on the ballot that will be handed out at the meeting, please contact Karen Janczak at Karen.Janczak@crest-management.com or 281-945-4632 by the end of business by **February 7, 2017**.



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2017 Olde Oaks & Waterford Park Candidate Spotlight

Deborah Plance



My husband Douglas and I moved to Texas in late 2012 from Portland, Oregon. I aggressively began searching for a neighborhood that was filled with homes with character and fell in love with Olde Oaks. We found our new home and moved here in June of 2013. In Oregon, we were both very active

members in the charity organization of the BPOE (Elks). Both he and I were officers of the Lodge, as well as being members of several committees. I was recently flown back there to help them correct their financials and for many reasons, as it was more than they could handle. I enjoyed the position of being chairman of the Scholarship Committee most, as I love working with children and fundraising for them was always enjoyable. He and I both owned small businesses, he in engineering aircraft and military parts (like turbine engines

for airbuses), and I who owned a small business consulting and bookkeeping firm. As the Oregon economy became dismal, we began researching other states and found that Texas' economy appeared to be strong, so here we are! My husband went from designing parts for things that worked up in the air to now designing parts for subsea equipment. I maintain one client from Oregon (I work remotely), and my business has flourished here. I am a QuickBooks ProAdvisor and help start-up companies set up and organize their business, as well as work with small businesses (< \$5M) in reorganizing the processes and bookkeeping to help them become more efficient. I hope that I can be a part of helping to keep our community a beautiful, successful, and safe haven for everyone.

Darel Lantz



- Born and raised in Michigan
- Graduate of Michigan State University with a BA in business
- MBA from Xavier University Cincinnati with a minor in finance and economics
- Resident of Olde Oaks for 30+ years
- Longtime/active member of Champion Forest Baptist Church

Over the years, worked for two major national corporations at senior executive level with regional and divisional P&L responsibilities.

My career culminated in M&As, ending as president with the consolidation of four small, family-run businesses on the verge of bankruptcy.

I am very pleased with the current Board. They have brought transparency, openness, dialogue, and budget restraints to our community. Most importantly, they welcome input from community before any serious decision-making, as it should be.

I would like to continue this process by becoming more involved with the Board and OO/WP affairs. I feel that part of my mission will help encourage our community to do the same.

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Formal Notice of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association, Inc.

Date: February 8, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. Sign In
7 p.m. Meeting Starts

Place: Wells Middle School • 4033 Gladeridge Dr.
Houston, Texas 77068

AGENDA

This is a notice to all property owners of the Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association, Inc. to advise of the Annual Meeting of Members to review, discuss and vote on the following topics:

- I. Call to Order and Announcement of Quorum
- II. Introduction and Recognition
 - a) Board Members
 - b) Management Company
- III. Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes
- IV. New Business
 - a) Meet the Candidates

V. Election of Directors – Two (2) positions each for a term of two (2) years.

- a) Selection of Ballot Observers
- b) Nominations From the Floor
- c) Introduction of Nominees
- d) Vote

VI. Bylaw Amendment

VII. Financial Report

- a) December 31, 2016
- b) 2017 Approved Budget

VIII. Announce Election and Bylaw Amendment Results

IX. Open Forum for Discussion of General Interest to the Residents

X. Adjournment



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Amended Bylaws

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As many of you know, our bylaws are out of date and do not align with current state laws. When we discussed updating our bylaws, many homeowners expressed a concern that we also address putting more controls and restriction on the Board's ability to spend Association fees.

Proposed changes to our bylaws not only consider what has changed in state laws regarding your rights as homeowners, but also protections that are now documented to guide Board governance. The proposed draft also includes new sections that spell out expenditure controls, contract requirements and directives to ensure we keep funding of projects inside our community borders.

If only the changes that are made in the proposed draft pertaining to State law compliance are not made, we will still have to follow the state laws, whether we make the change or not. Homeowners will simply have a set of bylaws that do not give them the correct laws and rules we are required to follow.

Recognizing the community's fragile financial state and wanting to address the issues head on, the 2016 Board asked a committee of homeowners to study and complete a draft of new updated and now state-compliant bylaws. The proposed Draft is available to everyone online. It was approved by the

Board in November and given to the Association's lawyer for review and approval prior to being made public. It is everyone's responsibility to stay informed.

Please come to our final town hall on **February 2, 2017** to hear the committee explain what the changes are and why they are being proposed. At the meeting you may ask questions and, as happened at the first town hall, homeowner input will be discussed and considered to make further revisions. We are going to update the website with these revisions as they occur. As in all committee work, the **draft** document will ultimately be taken to the Board. Any new revisions will be voted on by the Board and will have a final check by the attorney for legal approval.

Please download a copy of the draft of the bylaws to bring with you to the town hall. This is found on the OOCIA website at www.oocia.org, under the first tab, "**home,**" and in the second sentence, "click here." If you bring a copy with you, it is much easier to follow and understand. Study the definitions. Understanding what the difference is between "deed restrictions" and "bylaws" helps us discuss the issues presented; also, be aware that "votes" and "lots" basically mean the same thing. As in all processes, we learn from our first time, and we will adjust in the presentation to make discussion easier to understand.

Do you want controls placed on the Board for their spending of your Association fees? Do you want a valid set of bylaws? Do you want to see what guidelines have been placed for the reporting of our financial state? Do you want explanation of new contracts guidelines, the limitations for capital expenditures, powers of Board members and duties of Board members?

For an explanation of what is required to pass the proposed bylaw amendments, see the article on the Annual Meeting in this newsletter. Download your copy, bring it to the next town hall meeting on **February 2** at 7 p.m. at the MUD building on TC Jester, and be ready to ask questions until you're sure you understand. For questions or more information, email pganerociaiboard@gmail.com.



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- If a payment plan is not in place, the basic assessment fee will drastically increase in a few months. To prevent additional interest fees and lawyer's fees, arrange a payment plan by contacting Karen Janczak at Karen.Janczak@crest-management.com or 281-945-4632.
- Without a payment plan, a late fee of \$30 will be added to your account on **February 1**, and a statement will be mailed to you. If these fees are not paid by **February 28**, a reminder fee of \$20 will be added to your account on **March 1**, and another statement will be mailed to you.

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Mail check or money order to: Crest Management Company, 17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, TX 77084.

For more information, contact Felita Henderson at 281-945-4646 or felita.henderson@crest-management.com, or visit us online at www.crest-management.com. Contact Pat Ganer at pganeroociaboard@gmail.com for questions and/or suggestions for budget cost-reduction ideas.


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Happy New Year, everyone! We hope your holidays have been fun and safe, and you are optimistic about the new year. In November our book club chose books for January through May 2017.

Our upcoming selections are as follows:

January – *The Train to Crystal City*, by Jan Jarboe Russell

February – *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien

March – *Off the Radar*, by Cyrus Copeland

April – *Winter Garden*, by Kristin Hannah

May – *The Promise*, by Ann Weisgarber

On **January 24** we met at the home of Susan Muirhead to discuss *The Train to Crystal City*. Virginia McGriggs was the discussion leader. Some of you may already be familiar with this book, which is about the only family internment camp, among other camps, during World War II, located in a small desert town at the southern tip of Texas. From 1942-1948 trains delivered Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and their American-born children to the camp. Crystal City camp was also a government/prisoner exchange program called Quiet Passage.

“It’s a story of heartbreaking dislocation, of lives ruined, almost unbelievable human endurance, resilience, and determination. It’s certainly a dark episode in America’s past about forced detention,” according to online information. Much information regarding the camps has been kept secret and unknown to the American public. No doubt we’ll learn a lot and have a vigorous discussion.

The author, Jan Jarboe Russell, is a native Texan. Books and music were a constant presence in her home as she grew up. After she graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, she worked for several newspapers. Her career then shifted towards journalism with a focus on politics, religion, and social issues. Her articles have been published in several magazines, including *Texas Monthly*. For four years she worked on this book. She presently lives in San Antonio.

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Deadline for March newsletter is February 10 by noon.

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Follow the basic steps for proper reporting. This helps the management company help residents stay in compliance. Talk to the neighbor; if you feel the neighbor is uncooperative or in need of assistance, please contact the management company by phone or email.

Deed restrictions are strictly enforced. To report violations, contact Pam Hummel, Assistant Community Manager, at 281-945-4661 or Pam.Hummel@crest-management.com.

Trash Pickup

Regular trash service is on Mondays and Thursdays. Backdoor trash pickup is encouraged. When trash and recycling is not being collected, receptacles should be stored out of view from street (per Deed Restrictions).

Bulk Items: Bulk items should be placed at the curb along with your recycling on Thursday only.

Basic Recycling Rules: Please use only the recycling bins, as regular recycling trucks are automated and the bins are specifically designed for pickup by recycling trucks. Please wash out all food containers before recycling and break down all cardboard boxes. The provided "Recycle Cans" should contain only recyclable items and are picked up from the curb of each home on Thursday only.

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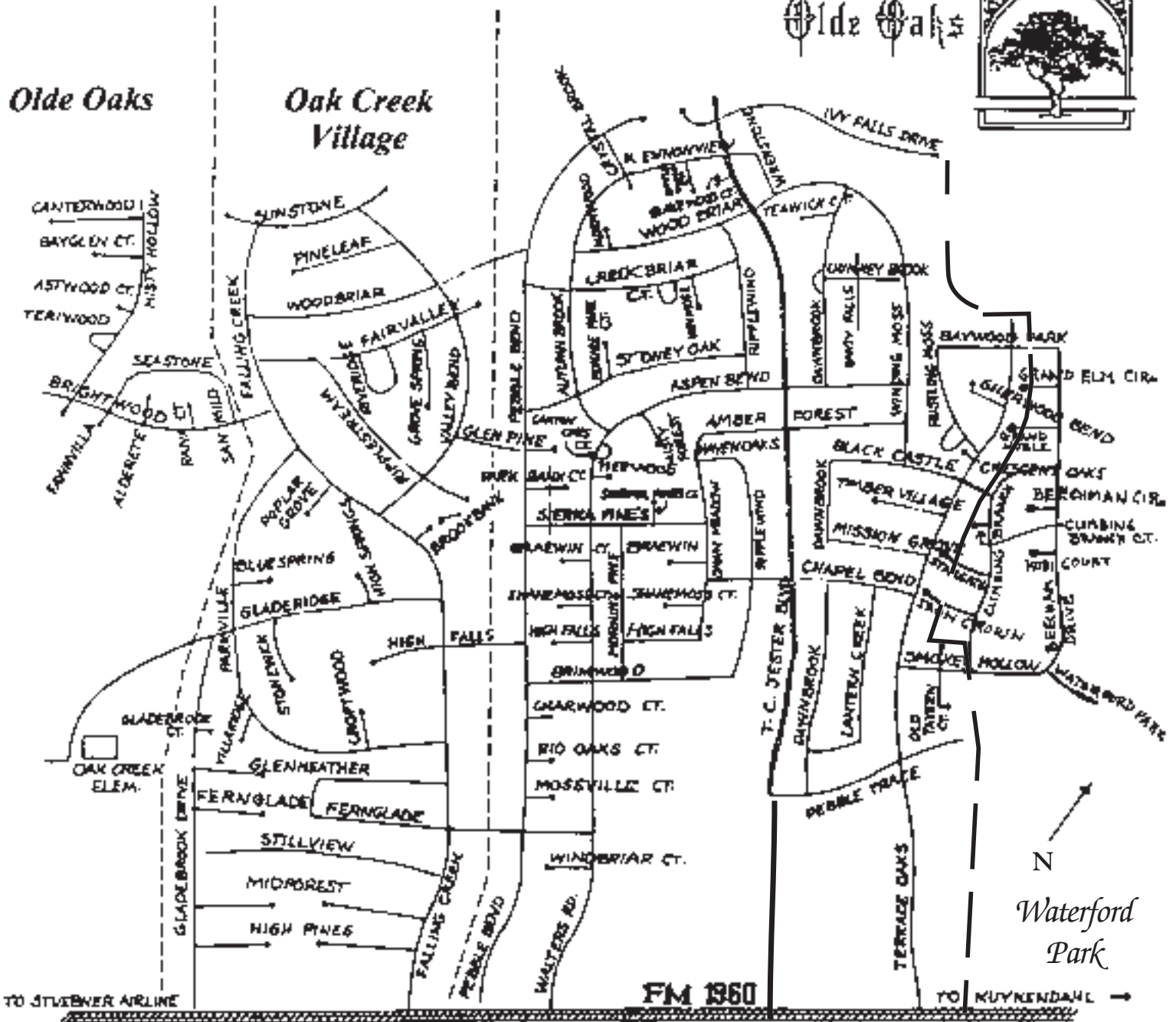
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