OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



This past term, your Board has been very active and diligent identifying, initiating and/or completing projects that positively affect our Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Community. Our goal is to always create a safer, attractive, and enjoyable neighborhood. Here are a few of our year's highlights.

TC Jester

- Board members made every attempt to put a halt to the traffic lights that are now installed on TC Jester but not yet functional. The three stoplights should be functional by May. Precinct 4 initiated this project by classifying TCJ as a major thoroughfare decades ago. We preferred to have more stop signs installed rather than traffic lights. Unfortunately, even after spending months aggressively and actively meeting with other impacted neighborhoods as far north as Spring Cypress and meeting with Commissioner Cagle several times at his office in order to propose an increase of stop signs rather than the installation of traffic lights, the Precinct 4 TCJ project was unstoppable.
- This project should be completed by May 2015. At that
 time, the Board will begin to replace all damaged sod and
 restore the TCJ median back to its original state. The many
 beautiful oak trees that are located on the TCJ median
 will be additionally fertilized to assist in prevention of any
 potential disturbance to the root system.

Park Fencing

 The Board voted to completely enclose the play area, providing a pedestrian gate at Dowling Park, located at TC Jester and Kennonview. This was done to provide a protective barrier for children playing within the park due to current traffic and potentially additional traffic in the future. Please be sure to keep the pedestrian gate closed while in the park to prevent any little ones from entering the street.

Park Lighting

• The Board voted to add additional lighting at Dowling Park, located on the corner of TC Jester and Kennonview, in order to illuminate the area in the evening and to provide an illuminated environment for the residents and their children, extending the usage of the large park after dusk until posted closing. Also, this additional lighting contributes to the prevention of any inappropriate activities and vandalism.

Brimwood/Ripplewind Park

 This "green space" area within the community, to be enjoyed by residents, has been in the making for several years. The Beautification Committee, with approval from the Board, designed pathways and the use of attractive coated web benches to provide a relaxing and peaceful area for residents. Your Board is awaiting final approval of design from FEMA.

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NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

OOCIA BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.
February 11, 2015 (Annual Members Meeting)
and March 11, 2015

MUD 44 Bldg. at 16030 TC Jester

Residents are invited to attend and participate in Q&A session held after the general meeting. For specific property or account concerns, contact ACMI at 281-251-2292 or info@ACMImgmt.com.

OOCIA BOARD NOTES

Join us for the 2015 OOCIA Election on February 11. Every vote counts!

Who You Gonna Call? IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP

stated in articles submitted by others.

| OOCIA Management Company | PETS - DISTURBANCES, LOST & FOUND |
|---|---|
| ACMI Management Company | Report injured, vicious animals and bites Animal Control |
| Cypress, TX 77429www.ACMImgmt.com Emailinfo@ACMImgmt.com | Sheriff Non-Emergency |
| OOCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS | Julie Brown, Pet Liaison713-302-9148 |
| Christine Potter, President Greg Green, VP | SCHOOLS |
| Mia Cordova, Sec/Treasurer Nicholas Summerville, Director at Large Chuck Cornelius, Deputy Coordinator | Spring ISD Schools www.springisd.org |
| REPORT UTILITY ISSUES | Pat Reynolds Elementary School281-891-8240 |
| Add these numbers to your cell phone for easy access | Edwin Wells Middle School |
| Gas Leaks (Centerpoint) | Westfield High School |
| Power Outages (Centerpoint) | OLDE OAKS INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS |
| Reporting resident will need pole number and street, including | Arts and Crafts |
| immediate side streets | Book Club |
| Road hazards, street sign and light issues, bridges, flooding | Dinner With FriendsLauren Hensley, 281-893-1833 |
| Harris County Precinct 4www.hcp4.net | Mixed BowlingFrancine Alvarez, 281-580-8815 |
| Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m | Playgroup |
| After hours, weekends, or holidays713-755-5000 | |
| Trash & Recycling Royal Recycle & Disposal | OTHER |
| (Regular trash receptacles outside your back door on Monday and Thursday) | Olde Oaks Preservationhttp://oogpa.com |
| Recycling and yard waste curbside on Thursday only | Greenbelt Preservation Association: |
| Trash receptacles storage out of view from street (per Deed Restrictions) | Craig Lewis, President Kathy Zigler, Secretary |
| General Safety | Tanya Morland, Treasurer John Edmonson, Director at Large |
| Report dirty pools, unsafe/unsanitary habitation Harris County Public Health and | Barbara Bush Library |
| Environmental Services | Hours: Monday 1-9, Tuesday 10-9, Wednesday 10-6, |
| Request Vacation Watch (call 8 a.m 5 p.m.) | Thursday 10-9, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday Closed |
| MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD) | Northgate Country Clubwww.northgatecountryclub.com |
| Manhole/Sewer Backup713-983-3602 | General: |
| MUD #20www.edpwater.com | Membership: |
| Billing, Service & Emergencies | Emergency Numbers |
| John Dougrey Robert Skinner Larry Foster Brian Wright | Police – Fire – Ambulance911 |
| Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m. 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston, TX | Nonemergency Sheriff713-221-6000 |
| | Fire Department – Klein Volunteer281-251-0101 |
| MUD #44 http://www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44/ | Animal Control |
| Billing, Service & Emergencies | 24 hr. Emergency Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222 |
| BOARD OF DIRECTORS: | Centerpoint Electric713-207-2222 |
| Rolf Flemming Toby Landry Robert Ramsey | Centerpoint Gas713-659-2111 |
| Tom Sooy Harry Swanstrom | Harris County Pct. 4 (M-F, 8 a.m5 p.m.)281-353-8424 |
| Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of month, 7 p.m. 16030 TC Jester | Harris County Pct. 4 (outside regular hours)713-755-5000 |
| Bammel Utility District Office | Registered Sex Offenderswww.familywatchdog.us |
| http://www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district | DICCI AIMED. |
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3904 Gladeridge (clubhouse)

Looking Back 2014 - continued

Recycling

• Recycling participation within our community has become quite a success. Royal Disposal was interviewed several years ago along with several other disposal companies. The Board at that time decided that Royal would best meet our community needs of trash pickup and recycling and with a reduction in annual cost. Royal has made it easy for residential recycling by allowing glass, metal, and paper to be disposed of in the large containers which Royal provided at their expense. We thank you for your increased participation! Please remember that the recycle day is Thursday only.

Monument Areas

 All Olde Oaks/Waterford Park monuments have been acid washed and the lettering repainted. The Beautification Committee implemented a new planting design at each monument area which is pleasing, classical, and requires less replanting except for seasonal flowers, thus minimizing yearly Association replacement costs.

The Board continues to identify targeted projects and issues within our community.

Thank you all for your combined efforts which contribute to a beautiful, welcoming, and enticing community. Wishing you happiness, health, and prosperity in 2015.

Christine Potter, OOCIA Board



If you missed the January 14 Board Meeting, you also missed an informative presentation and the opportunity to directly ask questions of Harris County Flood Control District, KSH Services (contractor) and the Precinct 4 Community Assistance representative. The communication outreach on this project has been exemplary so far!

Of particular interest to certain Ivy Falls residents, clearing work should have commenced in January (depending on the weather); you will notice heavy machinery, materials transportation and clearing activity. The specific routes to the Ivy Falls ROW will depend on the source location of materials, which is yet to be determined. Once clearing is complete, the actual work at the site is expected to take three months. Please refer to www.oocia.org for general information on this project. Sign up for regular project updates by emailing ProjectCommunications@hcfcd.org or ask a question/make a comment by calling 713-684-4040. For any further information, contact Kim Jackson, HCFCD Communications, at 713-582-5124 or email her at kimberlye.jackson@hcfcd.org.

M. Cordova





Book Club this month will be held at the home of Jerry Lutz on Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m. If any of you are thinking of joining a book club for this new year but aren't sure what one is like, do call me and find out the details.



The book for this month is First Class: The Legacy of Dunbar, America's First Black Public High School. This is a very interesting and revealing book about this school in Washington, DC, which in the first half of the twentieth century, according to the information on the book jacket, "was an academically elite public school despite being racially segregated by law and existing at

the mercy of congressmen who held the school's purse strings. These enormous challenges did not stop the local community from rallying for the cause of educating its children. Dunbar attracted an amazing faculty and developed generations of

highly educated and high-achieving African-Americans. By the '70s, Dunbar was having the problems and struggles of many urban public schools. However, the book continues to relate the school's 'path toward resurgence' in opening a new state-of-the-art campus."

The author, Alison Stewart, is an award-winning journalist whose 20-year career includes anchoring and reporting for NPR, NBC News, ABC News, and CBS News. After graduating from Brown University, she began her career covering politics for MTV News.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator, 281-569-4967

Neighborhood Security

www.iwatchharriscounty.com Download the app for Apple and Android phones to report criminal activity anonymously.

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If you see suspicious or criminal activity occurring, call 9-1-1 for emergencies and 713-221-6000 for non-emergencies.

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We encourage all residents to participate in the **OOCIA Annual Members' Meeting**

February 11 • 7 p.m. at the MUD building on TC Jester Two Directors seats will be elected

All residents should have received their ballots from ACMI. All ballots must be submitted using the security code listed at the top of the Annual Meeting Notice which was mailed to each homeowner. Please remember that each lot is allowed submittal of only one ballot in the February 2015 election.

- Ballots submitted by mail should be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 (day prior to the meeting). Mail in signed absentee/proxy ballot to ACMI, 12603 Louetta Road, Suite 101, Cypress, TX 77429-5136.
- Ballots not mailed can be brought to the February 11 meeting.
 Bring your signed ballot to the 2015 annual meeting.

The Association's annual report/Association financial status and other topics relevant to all members will also be presented. At the end of the meeting, members will have an opportunity to present community-related questions to the Board and ACMI.

MONTHLY STATISTICS December 2014

| CategoryIncident | CategoryIncident |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 911 Hang-Up Call0 | Narcotics Investigation1 |
| Alarm – Silent/Panic1 | Neighborhood Check 359 |
| Alarm – Home Security 14 | Robbery – Aggravated2 |
| Assault/Family0 | Robbery - Individual0 |
| Burglary – Home0 | Suspicious Person12 |
| Burglary - Vehicle1 | Theft from Residence3 |
| Criminal Mischief0 | Vacation Watch6 |
| Disturbance – Loud Noise 13 | Vehicle - Accident6 |
| Disturbance – Animal0 | Vehicle - Abandoned1 |
| Domestic/Prevention5 | Vehicle - Speeding21 |
| Fire/Medical Call4 | Vehicle – Suspicious4 |
| In Progress1 | |





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February in Texas

It has been cold, but that does not stop the activities in Houston. There are more holidays in the month of February than you probably knew. We all know that February has Valentine's Day, but there is a host of other holidays in February that you may want to participate in.

American Heart Month: February is American Heart Month, a time to show yourself or a loved one that you care. Learn about risks for heart disease and stroke, and stay "heart healthy" for yourself and your loved ones. Many people don't realize the importance of learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation because they think they'll be around someone who is prepared should an emergency happen. This month, make it a point to take a class in CPR. Visit www.redcross.org/tx/houston/take-a-class/free-courses or call 800-RED-CROSS for more information.

Black History Month: Black History Month is set aside to learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history. Black History Month is celebrated in February and has themes every year. The 2013 theme was the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and

commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. The 2014 theme was the Golden Jubilee of the Civil Rights Act. The 2015 theme is A Century of Black Life, History and Culture. Visit the Houston Museum of African American Culture (HMAAC). HMAAC invites and engages visitors of every race and background to collect, conserve, explore, and interpret the material of intellectual culture of Africans and African Americans in Houston and the state of Texas. Visit http://hmaac.org for hours.

Canned Food Month: February is a month which reminds us all of the need to donate goods to our neighbors in need. Donations to celebrate canned food month can be made at any local food bank. To find the closest food bank, visit www.foodpantries.org/ci/tx-houston.

Great American Pie Month: It's traditional to share the fresh-from-the-oven goodness of a delicious golden baked pie. The ideal method is to share this with your friend or neighbor. To learn more about pies, visit www.gone-ta-pott.com. If you need to brush up on your cooking skills, just want an evening out to learn to cook with your partner, or want a traveling instructor to come to your home, there are couples' classes all around Houston. Here are a few: www.urbanchefhouston.com, www.groupon.com/deals/culinary-with-carol, www.surlatable.com, https://welldonecc.com, www.centralmarket.com/cooking-school.aspx, www.mainstreetamerica.com, www.cookinwithkim.com.



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National Grapefruit Month: Texas is one of the largest producers and exporters of grapefruit in the US. The grapefruit is the fruit of Texas. February is National Grapefruit Month due to the fruit being the sweetest and juiciest of the season. 1893 was the first recorded planting of grapefruits in south Texas. Texans celebrate this season with teaching about the grapefruit and are known for creating many recipes. For recipes, visit www.TexasSweet.com.

National Weddings Month: The two busiest times for weddings are Valentine's Day (February 14) and leap year (February 29). February also has the most engagements and bridal shows, while those just engaged start planning for spring and summer weddings. If you are newly engaged, this is your month to start your planning. If you are a service to the couple getting married, this is your month. Looking for bridal shows in February? Check www.weddingwire.com or www.weddingsinhouston.com.

Celebrating the month's holidays does not have to take you far from home. We hope that you find your desired destination and we wish you safe travel. Here's to another month of One Tank Trips.



Next Month!

If you have not started yet, now is the time to get those closets clean. Our first community-wide garage sale of the year will be on March 26, 27, and 28. Choose one day or all three days to participate.

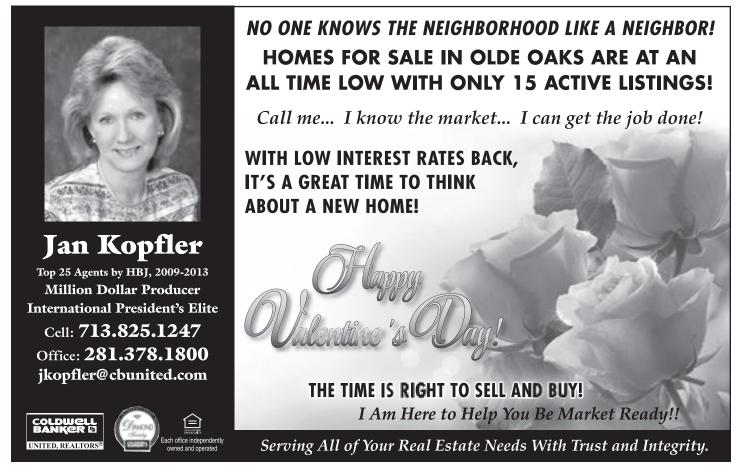
Contact Temple with your name, address, email, phone number and a description of some of your offered items. This information will be kept private and will be used for our committee to develop a map and make contact with you for this event and community-related events. If you have questions, please forward them to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com or call Temple at 281-580-9076.



New Baby?

Congratulations on your new arrival!

To arrange a "stork" set up in the front yard, please call Kathy Hall at 281-569-4967.



Know your Real Estate Rights

A squatter is a person who "settles on the lands of others without any legal authority," as defined by the Electric Law Library. If you own property in Texas and discover a squatter is occupying the property, you have rights to remove the squatter, but you must follow Texas real estate code to do so legally.

Instructions

Step One: Determine the legal classification of the person. Generally there are two types: trespasser and squatter. If the person has broken door locks or windows to gain temporary access, he is considered a trespasser, which is a criminal offense. If the person has made the property a permanent residence, he could be considered a squatter, which is a civil matter. If a squatter damages the property to gain access, he may also be charged with a criminal offense.

Step Two: Give the squatter notice to vacate. Under Texas law, you must post a notice to vacate in plain view on the entry door or near the entry door, and give the squatter three days to quit the property. If the squatter is a former tenant living past his rental contract but not paying to live on the property, you have to post a notice to pay rent or quit. These notices

are general in language and can be bought at office supply stores, or you can download a template from sites like BizTree, AllBusiness or DocStoc.

Step Three: File a forcible detainer suit in the Texas county court where the property is located. A forcible detainer suit is a legal pleading or lawsuit that is used to determine which party has legal right to the property. Serve a copy of the forcible detainer suit on the squatter by having a process server or sheriff's deputy deliver the copy. If the squatter evades service, you may elect to do service by placing a lawsuit notice in the local paper's legal notice section.

Step Four: File an eviction notice with the court. Prior to the forcible detainer hearing, file a notice of eviction with the court. Like the forcible detainer, you will have to serve the squatter with a copy or complete a service by publication. If the eviction notice is granted by the court, contact the local sheriff's department and ask how to proceed with a court-ordered eviction. Keep an eye on your neighbors and report all suspicious activity to your responsible law enforcement agency.

If you are a victim of squatters, notify your law enforcement agency and document all criminal activity. Also research all documents with the County Clerks Office for possible forged documents that may have been filed by the squatters. This would be potential additional criminal charges. Lastly, notify your mortgage/lending company as well as all utility companies providing service(s) to the residence immediately.

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It is important to note: The legal property owner of record is the party who must take action by filing a police report and following the steps outlined above! It is the legal property owner who is essentially liable for that property, and it is in their interest to promptly report illegal occupation to adequately document the situation. All residents should be alert for suspicious activities around any vacant properties and immediately call the police (day or night) to investigate if suspicious activities such as "scouting" and late night move-ins are witnessed.

A Public Awareness Message from the OOCIA

WARNING AGGRESSIVE DOGS

Requests have been submitted to ACMI to address the Leash Law and aggressive dogs in the neighborhood. ACMI does not handle these issues, as they are not deed restriction matters.

- Leash Law related matters should be called in to Harris County Animal Control at 281-999-3191.
- 2. Aggressive dogs should immediately be reported to the Harris County Sheriff's Department at 713-221-6000.



The Beautification Committee will not be selecting a February Yard of the Month. The selection will resume again in the spring. Leaves are falling and keeping up with them will be an ongoing task until the winter is over.

We just wrapped up the Christmas season with homes that were beautifully decorated. Choosing the winners of the lighting contest proved to be a challenge with all of the care that our residents took to participate. Congratulations again to this year's winners.

As we pack up our Christmas lights and head into spring, now is a great time to start preparing for the beautiful awakening of our favorite plants. With many of the leaves missing, it allows us to visibly see where we can make some improvements on shrubs and bushes before they become full and hide outdoor insects and other predators. Many of the local nurseries will start running specials and advertising spring plants and mulch. Plant and mulch early before the hot summer months approach.

We look forward to seeing the spring blooms and thank each and every resident for the time and care that you take to make our community a beautiful place to live.



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Do you have exciting information to share? Do you have something for sale? Do you want your neighbors to attend an event or do you just want to share some news? This newsletter is yours, the community of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park. Reach out to each other and share important community information. Your participation enables a positive, strong community. We want to hear from you! Please submit suggestions and articles to "Olde Oaks Editor" via email or front porch delivery. Please do not drop in US mailbox. All submissions must be signed and dated.

Deadline for March newsletter is February 10. Editor: Barbara Smith

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Saturday, February 28 from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Klein Volunteer Fire Department Station 32 will be hosting a blood drive. Refreshments will be served. Stop by and meet the firefighters.

Blood and platelet donors report feeling a sense of great satisfaction after making their donation. Why? Because helping others in need just feels good. Make an appointment today.

Klein Volunteer Fire Department Station 32 is located just north of FM 1960 at 14640 Gladebrook Drive in Oak Creek Village. The main subdivisions covered are Oak Creek Village, Olde Oaks, Northgate Forest, and Bammel Forest. In addition to its own district, Station 32 provides mutual aid responses to several neighboring departments, including Champions, Ponderosa, Little York, and Northwest fire departments. For further questions, call 281-376-4449.









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