



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A New School Year Approaches

August begins the “back-to-school” countdown. The thought brings groans of dismay from kids who prefer that summer **never** ends and secret smiles of relief from many parents. Getting ready for the new school year presents logistical challenges and most definitely pocketbook hits! Along with scouting for good sales, don't forget the Texas tax-free shopping weekend designated for August 8-10 that exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. It's smart to stretch those dollars.



Olde Oaks/Waterford Park are in Spring ISD and for residents who think the system could stand improvement there is ample opportunity to get involved in the process. Visit www.springisd.org where the General Information tab highlights regular/occasional volunteer opportunities, such as tutors for math/reading/writing, after-school programs,

fundraising, guest speakers — the list just goes on and on! You can sign up for various information alerts/emails, and Spring ISD residents over 62 may register for the Gold Club Card to obtain free general admission to athletic and fine arts events such as plays, musicals and concerts.

While most students are fortunate enough to have families with the means to provide for all of their school supplies and beyond, many other students are not so lucky. Consider helping out via reputable venues such as Operation School Supplies (United Way), Northwest Assistance Ministries, your congregation, or directly through school programs. And don't forget about teachers, who often purchase supplies out of their own pockets to augment classroom curriculums, by considering an Adopt-a-Classroom type idea by individual, family or group effort. There is always an opportunity to make a difference.

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS OF OOCIA BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

September 10 and November 12

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@ACMIgmt.com.

OOCIA BOARD NOTES

OOCIA *Community Newsletter* is seeking Editor or Co-Editor. If interested, please contact oldeoakseditor@hotmail.com.

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Olde Oaks Interest Group Contacts

If you are interested in joining any of the Olde Oaks Interest Groups, please call the neighborhood representative listed.

Book Club	Kathy Hall, 281-569-4967
Bridge, Women's	Susanne Bailey, 281-580-1717
Dinner With Friends	Lauren Hensley, 281-893-1833
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Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association Current Officers

Christine Potter	Mia Cordova
Greg Green	Nicholas Summerville

Newsletter Deadline

Submit news, personal articles, community-related events, items for sale, teen job seekers, etc. to include in the Olde Oaks & Waterford Park Community Newsletter.

The September Newsletter Deadline is August 10.

Interim Editor: *Mia Cordova*

Email: OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com

Mail or Hand Delivery: 15602 Misty Hollow Dr.

WELCOME HOME, Ceasar!

Ceasar's friends are delighted to have him home!

Last month we highlighted Ceasar, the lost boxer. His family shares the story of his safe return.

Ceasar went missing on Memorial Day and was found 19 days later thanks to Nextdoor.com and the Houston SPCA. After joining Nextdoor.com and posting about our missing dog, the calls started coming. Several people thought it was our dog spotted at several locations who ran off when they attempted to capture him. Others helpfully recommended we advertise our lost pet on the marquee at Stuebner Airline Self Storage (at the time we had no idea what they were talking about). But one day as I drove along Stuebner Airline Drive, I noticed the electronic marquee displayed very prominently, "Missing Boxer Ceasar, Olde Oaks Neighborhood, please call" and our number was listed. Turns out Pam at Stuebner Airline Self Storage took the initiative after noticing my Nextdoor.com post and having adopted a rescue dog herself. Social networking is a good resource for efforts to reunite pets with their families.

For two long weeks, no luck! But finally Ceasar was found sitting on the Greenwood Forest porch of a lady whose next door neighbor pet sits. The pet sitter checked the SPCA website for missing pets, saw Ceasar's picture and then called me. Of course I picked him up the same day, and he is now safely back with his family.

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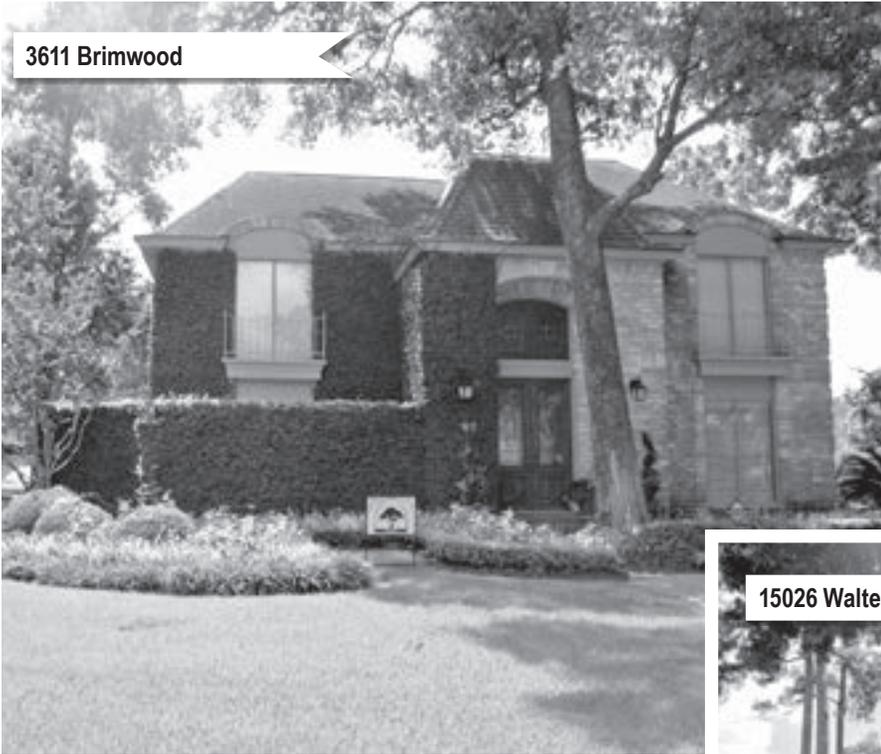
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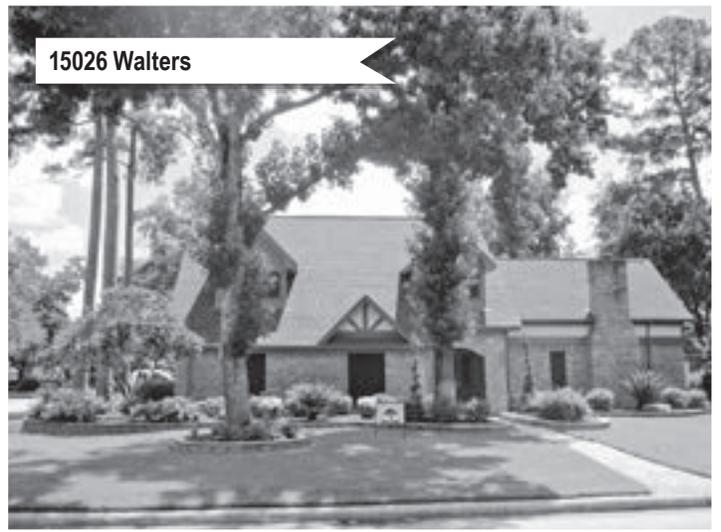
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Watch for "Alerts" posted to our community website at www.oocia.org.

For information about registered sex offenders:
www.familywatchdog.us

New Resident Offer

Northgate Country Club extends a warm welcome to new Olde Oaks/Waterford Park neighbors with an offer to discount membership initiation by **half** for sign-ups within 120 days of closing. Contact Northgate's Membership Director, **Tammy Downey**, at 281-440-4006 or tammy@northgatecountryclub.com.



Interested in a Bible Study Group?

Hi! My name is minister **Patrick Brown**, and I am your new Olde Oaks neighbor. I am looking for at least six people who would like to start a Bible study. The preliminary idea is to meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night and to rotate meeting locations amongst participants. Nothing is set in stone so be advised that the day, time and location will be discussed at the initial meeting. When enough people confirm interest, the exact date, time, and location of the first meeting/Bible study will be emailed. If not enough interest is shown within four weeks of this newsletter, I will be sure to send out cancellation emails to all those who have reached out to me.

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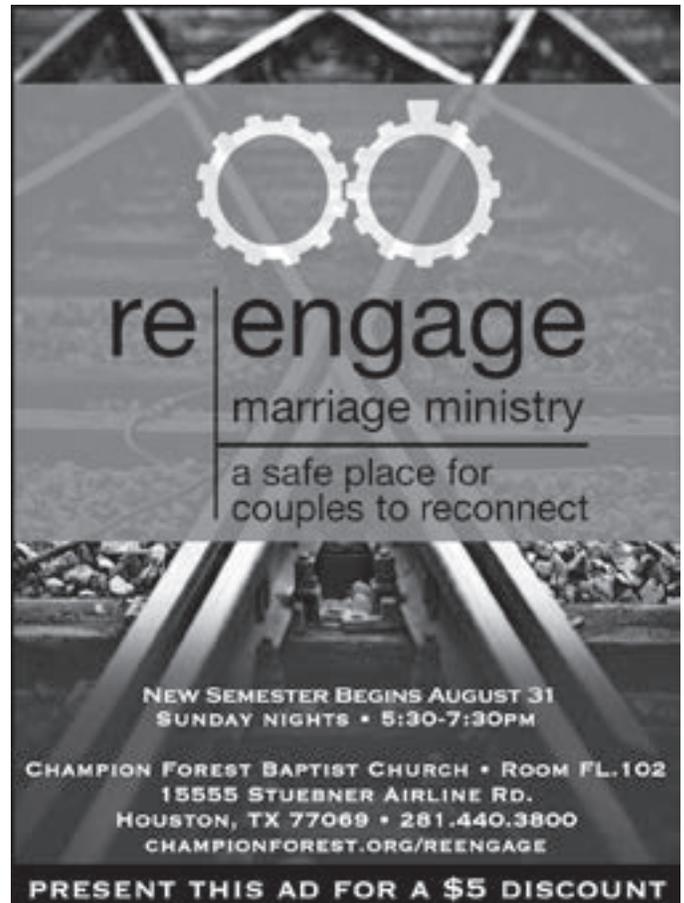
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August 25 1st Semester Classes Begin
 September 1 Labor Day/Student Holiday
 October 13 Parent Conference/Professional Learning
 November 24-28 Thanksgiving Break
 December 22-January 5 Winter Break
January 16 1st Semester Classes End
 January 19 M. L. King, Jr. Holiday
January 20 2nd Semester Classes Begin
 February 16 President's Day/Professional Learning
 March 16-20 Spring Break
 April 3 Good Friday/Easter/Student Holiday
 May 25 Memorial Day/Student Holiday
June 3 2nd Semester Classes End

* Inclement Weather Days: January 5, February 16

.... From Yogi Berra



"When you arrive at a fork in the road, take it."

"It's like déjà vu, all over again."

"It ain't over till it's over."

"A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

"You can observe a lot by just watching."

"Even Napoleon had his Watergate."



MEET CHAPLAIN KEN HE TOLD DIABETES, "WE'RE DONE!"

Kenneth Archer, a chaplain at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, happily shares his weight loss success story with others. He recalls the days when he weighed more than 290 pounds, and had difficulty walking up stairs, high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar levels and sleep apnea. Since having weight loss surgery, Ken has lost more than 70 pounds, dropped 10 clothing sizes and no longer has type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea or high blood pressure.

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Tuesday, August 19 at Noon

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Tickets on Sale for NAM's

JEANS & Jewels

Tickets are on sale now for the 16th Annual Jeans & Jewels Gala benefiting Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM).

Jeans & Jewels is NAM's largest annual fundraiser, and last year raised more than \$830,000 for the organization's services to Neighbors in Need. This year's gala will take place **Saturday, October 18** at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott.

The event honors **Robin and Jack Burke** of Champions Golf Club. In honor of the couple's love for golf and Mr. Burke's service during World War II, the gala theme will be "A Salute to Swing." With live swing music, country music, and fabulous 1940s décor, it's an evening you don't want to miss!

The gala is being chaired by **Courtney Cook** and **Vicki Morrison**, who are creating a spectacular event with exciting auction items, live music by The Richard Brown Orchestra, dinner, dancing, and much more.

Jeans & Jewels also includes a Luncheon & Style Show on **Thursday, September 18** at Shirley Acres. The luncheon will honor **Irene Skor**, a long-time NAM volunteer and supporter, and is chaired by **Lauren Temple** and **Andrea Garrity**.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$60 per person, with tables of 10 starting at \$600. Gala tickets are \$175 per person, with tables starting at \$1,750.

Raffle tickets are also on sale for a fabulous trip to Oahu, including airfare, 7 days/6 nights at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, and a tour of Pearl Harbor. The trip is valued at \$7,500, but raffle tickets are just \$20 each or six for \$100.

For more information or to purchase event tickets or raffle tickets, please contact **Ryan Barnes** at 281-885-4608 or rbarnes@namonline.org.

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Hurricane Emergency Preparedness

When a hurricane threatens do you have to run to the store and try to find items that would take you through the storm? Were the shelves empty? You can avoid that panicky feeling if you prepare now.

1. **Prepare a 72-hour kit** for each person in your family. For more information see www.redcross.org and www.ready.gov. Replace food and water yearly or when expired.
2. **Prepare your home:**
 - A. Clean out gutters and downspouts.
 - B. Check trees and bushes around power lines and call Reliant Energy (713-207-7777) before doing any trimming. Trim trees where they scrape the roof to avoid losing shingles in heavy winds.
 - C. Purchase plywood to cover large windows, if necessary, and keep some plastic sheeting on hand.
3. **Learn the best evacuation routes for this area.** Routes are generally the main highways north. For evacuation maps, see www.hcoem.org.
4. **Apply now for flood insurance** if there is any chance you will need it. See www.tsarp.com for floodplain maps and www.floodsmart.gov for information.

So get yourself, your family, and your home ready now. Remember, "If you are prepared, you will not fear."

Household Disaster Plan

Develop a household disaster plan to prepare for an emergency. Decide where your household will reunite after a disaster by choosing a location right outside your home and one outside your neighborhood. Make sure everyone knows the address and phone number of the second meeting place. Know and practice all possible exit routes from your home and your neighborhood. Designate an out-of-state friend or relative that household members can call if separated during a disaster. If phone circuits are busy, this contact can be an important way of communicating between household members.

How To Assemble a 72-Hour Emergency Kit

A 72-hour kit is a personal kit containing a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. Each household member's kit should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container, such as a backpack, tote, or suitcase on wheels. The kit should be easily accessible if you have to leave home in a hurry. Make sure it is ready to go at all times of the year.

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| canned fruit | trail mix |
| dried fruit | Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) |
| fruit leather | high calorie food bars |

Remember to include eating utensils and a can opener if the cans do not have a flip top lid.

Survival Supplies:

- flashlights/light sticks
- battery-operated AM/FM radio
- lightweight rain gear
- child care supplies or other special care items
- blankets (consider mylar)
- pocket first aid kit
- extra batteries
- card with household contact and meeting info
- sturdy, comfortable shoes
- medications (refill before expiration)
- sleeping bags
- small regional map

Water:

If walking, supply each person with at least 2 quarts of bottled water that can be carried in a 72-hour kit. When

traveling by car, store at least 1 gallon of water for each person per day in **portable containers** that can be taken with you.

Critical Personal Information:

Your 72-hour kit should include copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, photo IDs, driver's license, computer back-up CDs, medical history, utility and financial records, proof of address, wills, etc.), an extra set of car and house keys, credit/ATM cards, and cash, especially in small denominations (at least \$50-\$100 on hand). Also take with you out-of-state contact numbers, coins, and phone cards so you can communicate with relatives. (Remember: Cell phones may not work after a disaster.)

Phase 2: When Finances Permit

- pocket knife
- dust masks
- rope
- duct tape
- clothes
- paper and pencil
- stress relievers (games, books, etc.)
- personal hygiene items (soap, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, toothpaste)
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Teen Theme: Spark a Reaction – Motivating teens to read and discuss literature.

Adult Theme: Literary Elements – Encouraging adults to experience the joy of reading.

There will be programs for adults every Saturday from 10:30-noon through August 9.

Saturday, August 2 – Summer Science Saturday: Archeology

Join us as the Houston Archaeological Society talks about its involvement with one of the biggest archaeological finds to happen in the Cypress Creek area. Space is limited; please register. There will also be a drawing for a gift card to a local bookstore.

Saturday, August 9 – Summer Science Saturday: Robots

KleinBots will wow you with their robotic creations. This is a family program so all ages are welcome. There will also be a drawing for a gift card to a local bookstore. Books and prizes for all ages. Drawings at the end of the summer for super prizes. Check the HCPL.net website for more information on how to participate or call 281-376-4610 for information on the Children, Teen and Adult programs.

Senior Classic Movie Morning

Come and watch a movie from the “good old days” at 10 a.m.

August 1 – Movie from 1940 starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

August 15 – Movie from 1932 starring Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, John Barrymore and Lionel Barrymore.

Due to licensing restrictions we are not able to promote the title of the movies. Call 281-376-4610 for the title. Bring a friend and enjoy a classic film. Senior Classic Movies are held twice a month, in the Earl Elliott Room, on the first and third Fridays. Please call the library for movie titles at 281-376-4610.

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Caregiver Support Group

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Journaling at the Library

Need motivation to write your life story? Join this beginner's group on **Monday, August 18** at 3:30 p.m. at the WCR conference room. No right or wrong way. You can jot down ideas and write from those or just come and listen.



Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

August Programs

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens is a Harris County Precinct 4 Parks facility located one mile north of FM 1960 at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, 77338. Anyone seeking additional information or requiring special assistance to participate in any program should contact Mercer at 281-443-8731 or online at www.hcp4.net/mercer.

Lunch Bunch: Orchid Growing 101 (August 13, noon - 2 p.m.) Bruce Cameron of The Houston Orchid Society and Orchid Obsession Nursery will teach the basics of orchid care and inform participants of the best varieties to grow in yards and homes.

Ongoing Programs

Children's Story Time in the Garden. Third Monday of the month, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Librarian Maggie Hope at Baldwin Boettcher, along with Mercer volunteer docents, share some of their favorite nature books with children and their parents in the Mercer gardens. A craft project is included. Check in at the Visitor Center for the specific location. Free.

August 18: *In the Small Small Pond* by Denise Fleming

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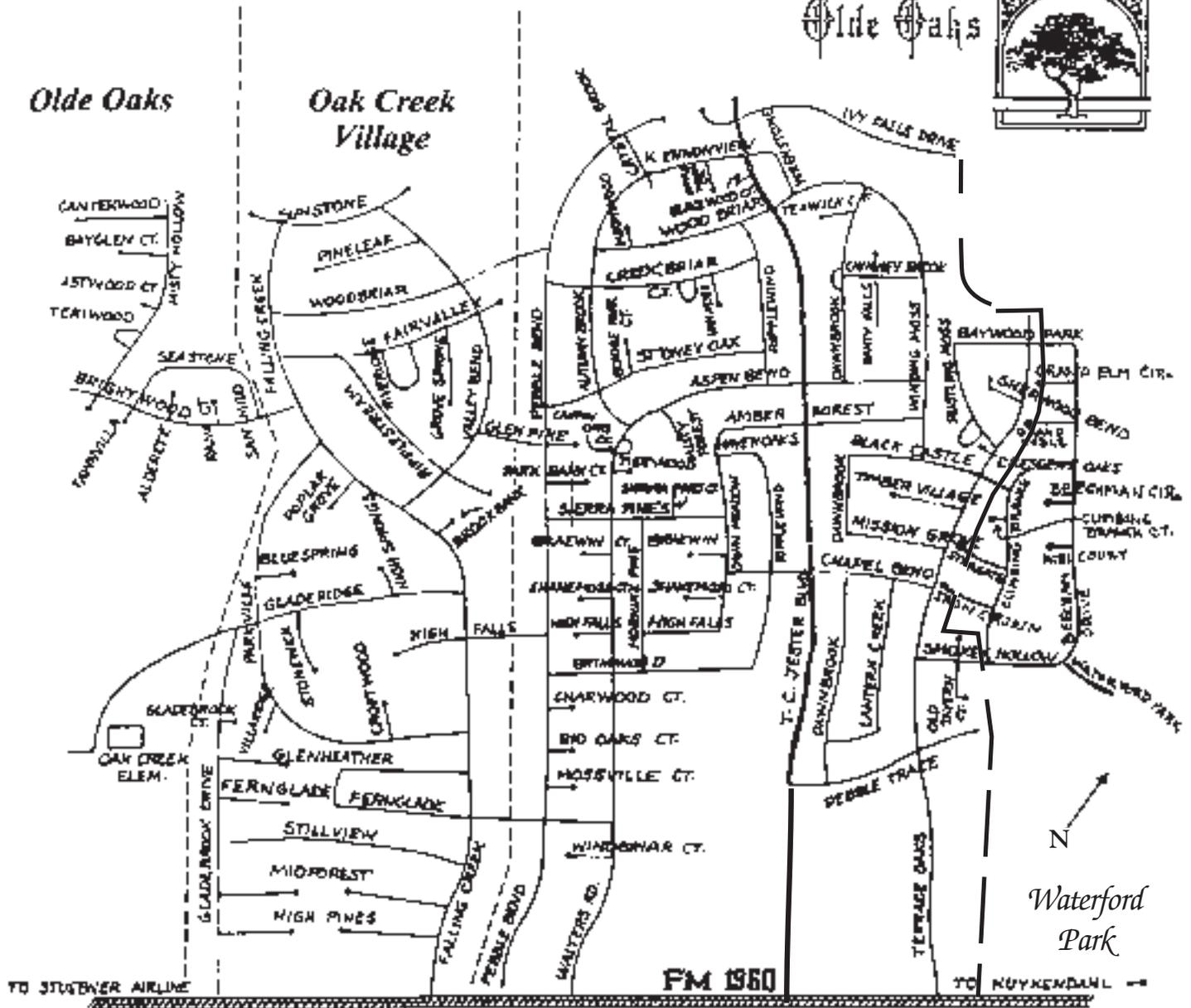
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