



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

As the city expands ever northward with new major complexes (such as ExxonMobil, Lone Star College, Noble Energy) and the County/TxDOT transportation mobility impetus, our community certainly seems well situated. We enjoy a lovely established neighborhood ambiance; generously sized lots; good commute alternatives (i.e., Kuykendahl, Spring Park and Rides, toll roads); close proximity to large parks such as Meyer and Collins; new doggie areas at Meyer Park; extensive bike path trails near TC Jester/Cypresswood; Barbara Bush Library; local performance venues; upscale amenities at nearby country clubs; nearby Willowbrook and Vintage Park malls, and so on.

Granted, there are certainly many opportunities for improvement within our control at Olde Oaks/Waterford Park – **individually** adhering to deed restrictions, being considerate neighbors, attention to curb appeal and property conditions while **collectively as a neighborhood** investing in safety, security and aesthetics. These all contribute to safeguarding our property values and promoting the quality of life here.

Recently, a very new resident, Barbara Smith, volunteered to co-edit this newsletter. I was struck by her initiative and eagerness to contribute time and valuable skills immediately upon moving in. No doubt we will benefit greatly from Barbara's perspective as a new resident and her valuable skill set. Visiting with Barbara, I was pleased to learn this neighborhood appealed to her family for our cultural diversity, quality of available homes at good value, established atmosphere and relatively convenient location. She stressed a deliberate choice **not** to be house-rich/cash-poor to ensure the ability to do other things, which seems to be an underlying theme for many of us who have chosen Olde Oaks/Waterford Park. Such rationale can provide the financial flexibility for upgrades and improvements, education options, staying home with kids, travel, charitable causes,

hobbies, building up savings and retirement funds, etc. This mindset is reminiscent of savvy individuals like Warren Buffett, who still lives in the home he bought in 1958 despite being a billionaire many times over.

I also learned from Barbara that a basic “welcome” package from our community is not currently provided to new residents. This is something we can surely improve upon going forward. To all of our new residents to-date who haven't heard it yet, we extend a very warm “Welcome to the Neighborhood!”

Mia Cordova, Interim Editor



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

We are grateful to new resident Barbara Smith for volunteering to be Co-Editor of this newsletter.

Who You Gonna Call?

ACMI Management Company 281-251-2292
(for deed restrictions and neighborhood management)
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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
Museum Excursion **Zelda Kaye**, 281-880-8505
Mixed Bowling **Francine Alvarez**, 281-580-8815
Playgroup **Joyce Ray-Latson**, 832-231-3201
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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.

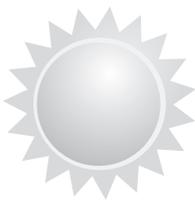
The October Newsletter Deadline is September 10.

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Summer Brings New Friends

If you look down your street you may have noticed lots of activity over the summer as homes sold and brought in new faces to the neighborhood. My name is Barbara Smith, and my family recently joined the Olde Oaks neighborhood. We were attracted to Olde Oaks by the neatly trimmed trees and lawns and residents out walking who waved in a friendly manner as we drove by. We anticipate putting down roots and enjoying this new home with our children and grandchildren for many years to come.

Slowly but surely we are meeting our new neighbors. Meeting neighbors promotes a safer community, and you never know what pleasant surprises await; they may be awesome cooks, handy, crafty or just great new friends. Find time to introduce yourself. Don't worry about infringing on their time. I am sure they will make time for a friendly hello. You may help make the settling process easier.

Have you met your new neighbor? If not, say hello if they are in their yard or at the mailbox or even just give them a simple wave when they drive by. Knock on their door to introduce yourself or leave a note. As a new resident, I assure you that it's great to feel welcomed.

Janice, our new friend, offered us a list that included her favorite local dry cleaner, laundry service, grocery store, pharmacy, doctor, lawn service, pest control, electrician and information on how to get to the nearest hospital. Other helpful information for your new neighbor can include a personal list of vendors like painters and handymen, babysitters or even local dog walkers. Be neighborly. Reach out and make up a sheet with contact numbers of your favorites. I am sure they will not find it invasive but a super fantastic help when they find that an unwanted critter visited or that new washer they are trying to hook up is leaking.

Invite your new neighbor to join Facebook pages that may be helpful. With new homeownership comes inevitable shopping to fill those new rooms while getting rid of things that just don't work. I have found many sites that are private so that you can post to sell or buy used items. A tip I offer is to include keywords in your search like "Spring," "Klein," "Beg, Barter, Buy, Sell," "BBBS," or "Garage Sale" and the area name.

So to all residents of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park, here's a big "Hello!" from a new neighbor and her entire family.

Barbara Smith, Co-Editor

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One Tank Trip: Farmers Markets

Not that long ago, many of the surrounding properties in northwest Houston that are now subdivisions (or headed in that direction) were working farms and ranches. Certain street or town names are reminders of those older times and families (i.e., Mittlestedt, Klein, Kuykendahl, Strack, Tomball, etc.). This month, we highlight farmers markets you may consider visiting.

Tomball Farmers Market

www.tomballfarmersmarket.org

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Corner of FM 2920 and Cherry Street in Tomball

Locavore Farmers' Market

www.localharvest.org (Locavore tab)

Every third Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

11330 Louetta in Spring (Lakewood UMC parking lot)

Magnolia Farmers & Artisans Market

www.sweetmagnoliapickins.net

First and third Sunday of every month, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

18850 FM 1488 in Magnolia

The Farmers Market at Bridgeland

www.farmersmarketatbridgeland.org

Second Sunday of every month, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

16902 Bridgeland Landing in Cypress

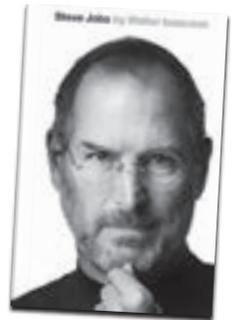
For a list of more farmers markets,
visit www.localharvest.org



Book Club

“Footnotes”

Well, here it is the end of the summer already, and our book club is ready to resume meetings again. This month we'll meet at my house on **September 23** with Heather George as discussion leader for the biography *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson.



The author based the book on many interviews with family members, friends, adversaries, competitors, and colleagues over a two-year period. According to one website, the book presents “the roller coaster life and intense personality of this entrepreneur whose passion for perfection and ferocious drive revolutionized six industries: personal computers, animated movies, phones, tablet computing, and digital publishing. Jobs is still the ultimate icon of inventiveness and applied integration. He built a company where great imagination combined with major feats of engineering. His death was premature, but he will remain the definitive life of a digital wizard.”

Walter Isaacson began his writing career at *The Sunday Times* in London and then the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*. He joined *TIME* magazine in 1978, became chairman and CEO of CNN in 2001, and then president and CEO of the Aspen Institute in 2003. Other major biographies he wrote are about Benjamin Franklin and Albert Einstein. Writing awards have also been given to him, including a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for biography. He presently lives in Washington, D.C.

Kathy Hall
Book Club Coordinator

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www.northwestforestrepublicanwomen.org



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the First Weekend in October!



The St. Ignatius Loyola 2014 Annual Fall Festival will be held **Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please come and join in on the fun at 7810 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. We will have live entertainment, games, crafts, bingo, inflatables, used book sale, talent show, silent/live auctions, sweet shoppe, a variety of international foods and lots more. Affordable and fun for the whole family! For more information, visit our website at www.ignatiusloyola.org and click on "Community Life" and then "Fall Festival," or email Festival@silcc.org.

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- Office/school paper, fax paper (all colors)
- Tetrapak (paper dairy/juice cartons)
- Junk mail, including window envelopes

No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Waxed paper/cereal box liner
- Mixed metal and paper (stapled items)
- Food-contaminated boxes (cheesy pizza boxes)
- Diapers
- Food/seed bags
- Slick-coated food boxes
- Tissue paper or foil gift wrap
- Tyvek envelopes
- Hardback books

GLASS

Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Clear, brown and green glass
- Broken glass
- Mirror or window glass
- Glass plates
- Light bulbs
- Heat-resistant glass (e.g., Pyrex)
- Ceramics (i.e., dishware, ovenware, decorative items)

PLASTICS

Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Any and all plastics with recycle symbols #1-7
- Thin plastics (e.g., grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves)

No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Plastics without a recycle symbol
- Pesticide, chemical, antifreeze or motor oil containers
- Toys
- Laundry baskets and unsanitary containers

METAL

Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Bi-metallic cans (e.g., food and pet food)
- Aluminum cans, foil, pie tins, trays
- Jar lids

No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Paint/aerosol containers
- Pesticide/chemical containers
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Any combination of up to eight (8) bags or bundles of yard waste will be picked up at the curb each collection day. Branches (3" diameter and less) need to be bundled in 4-foot lengths. No yard waste bag or bundle should weigh more than 40 pounds.



Neighborhood Security

Olde Oaks/Waterford Park has four full-time Harris County Sheriff's deputies who patrol the neighborhood at all times. If you see suspicious or criminal activity occurring, call **9-1-1** for emergencies and **713-221-6000** for nonemergencies.



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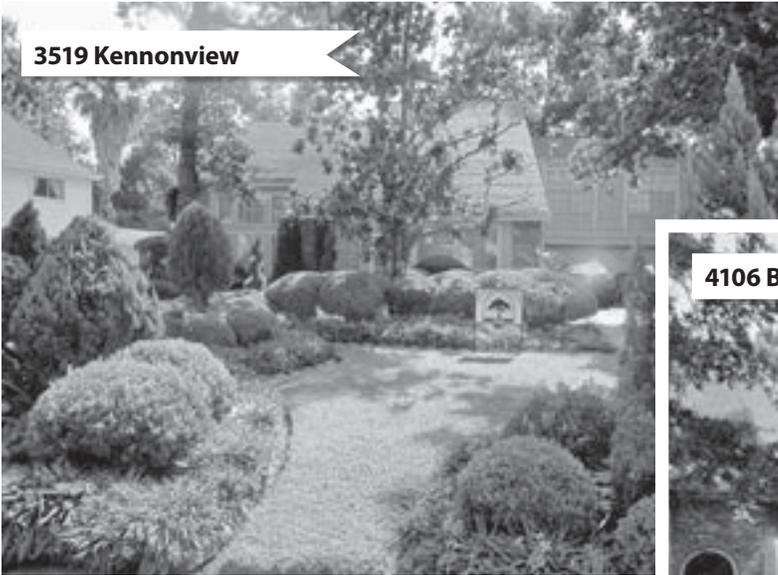
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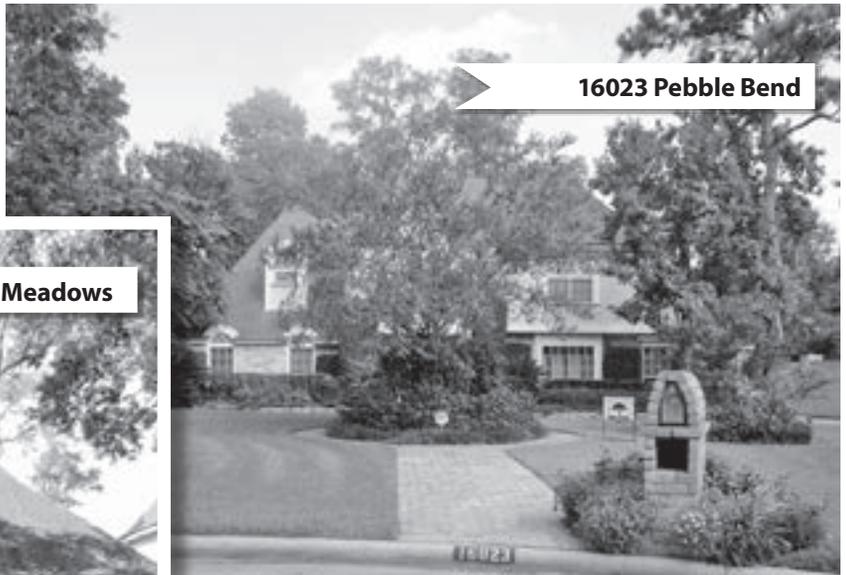
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September 19 – Movie from 1936 starring Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur and George Bancroft. Won the Academy Award for Best Director (Gary Cooper) and was nominated for Best Picture.

Due to licensing restrictions we are not able to promote the title of the movies. 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.

Workforce Solutions Job Search Seminars

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 1-3 p.m.

The Workforce Solutions Job Search Seminars have returned to the library. Come in and learn how to improve your resumé and cover letter through highlighting your skills. Tips for interviewing and networking will also be shared.

Thursday, September 11:

Creating Resumés and Cover Letters

Thursday, September 25:

Networking and Using Social Media

Journaling at the Library

Need motivation to write your life story? Join this beginner's group on **Monday, September 15** at 3:30 p.m. in the WCR conference room. There's no right or wrong way. You can jot down ideas and write from those, or just come and listen.



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Yoga for Stress Relief

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French Classes with Marie

Come and learn French with Marie on **Fridays** from 12-2 p.m. The class is intermediate level and some knowledge of French is required. No registration is necessary. The class will meet in the Robin Bush Room.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Come and knit or crochet with friends at the library on **Fridays** from 12:30-2:30 p.m. We make lap blankets for Vets at the V.A. and Chemo Caps for patients at M.D. Anderson. One of our newer projects is to make eight-inch squares to send overseas to HIV positive babies. The mothers sew them together to make blankets. You can also work on your own projects and make new friends.

Fourth Annual Creekfest Houston

CreekFest is a one-day festival held in northwest Houston to promote the fine arts organizations, outdoor parks, and other community resources in the Greater Cypress Creek area. The event is organized by the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the following host organizations: Barbara Bush Library, Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment (FACE), Cypress Creek Christian Church and Community Center, and Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts.

The fourth annual festival will be held on **Saturday, October 4** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include a variety of family-friendly activities, live entertainment, local artists and vendors, tasty food, and more! Admission to the festival is free for all ages. Experience the fine arts through hands-on art projects, artist demonstrations, performances, and fun library activities. Explore the outdoors along the beautiful trails and waterways of Collins Park and Meyer Park. Go to creekfesthouston.com for more information.

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Monet and the Seine: Impressions of a River has been co-curated by Helga Aurisch, curator of European Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and Tanya Paul, Isabel and Alfred Bader Curator of European Art, Milwaukee Art Museum, to examine Monet's attachment to the Seine by tracing his life along the river, both chronologically and geographically.



Claude Monet, *The Bridge at Argenteuil, 1874*, oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon, 1983.1.24

"No subject fascinated Monet more than the Seine, which inspired a vast number of paintings and surpassed even his defining series of water lilies by more than one hundred works," said Aurisch. "In his sustained and persistent treatment, Monet captured every aspect of life on the river and used it from an early point in his career to explore many of the artistic concerns that define his oeuvre, such as the transformative effects of light and atmosphere."

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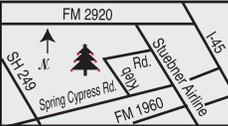


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Monet (1840-1926) grew up in Le Havre, a port city at the mouth of the Seine, and although he spent several years in Paris, where in 1874 he spearheaded the group of young artists who came to be known as Impressionists, he chose more often to live outside the capital, in smaller towns on the banks of the river. The French towns of Argenteuil, Vétheuil, Poissy and Giverny all served as home bases from which the artist explored the surrounding countryside and the Seine itself, crossed by new road and railway bridges, dotted with pleasure boats and shipping vessels, filled with ice floes or glowing with sunlight. In hundreds of paintings he captured every aspect of life on the river and chronicled the everchanging nature and poetic beauty of the river itself. Monet once famously gestured at the Seine and remarked, "This is my studio."

In 1898, Monet exhibited works from a painting series entitled *Mornings on the Seine* to great critical acclaim. Each canvas focused on the same spot on the Seine near Monet's Giverny home, where he anchored his studio-boat before dawn in order to capture the pale light and indefinable colors of the mist-covered river at daybreak. These paintings, perhaps the most refined and contemplative expression of the serial approach Monet had been using throughout the decade, confirmed his reputation as the dean of French landscape. This series of ethereal, nearly abstract paintings is the culmination of the exhibition and the artist's exploration of his subject.

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September

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- **Thursday, September 18** Graphics SIG
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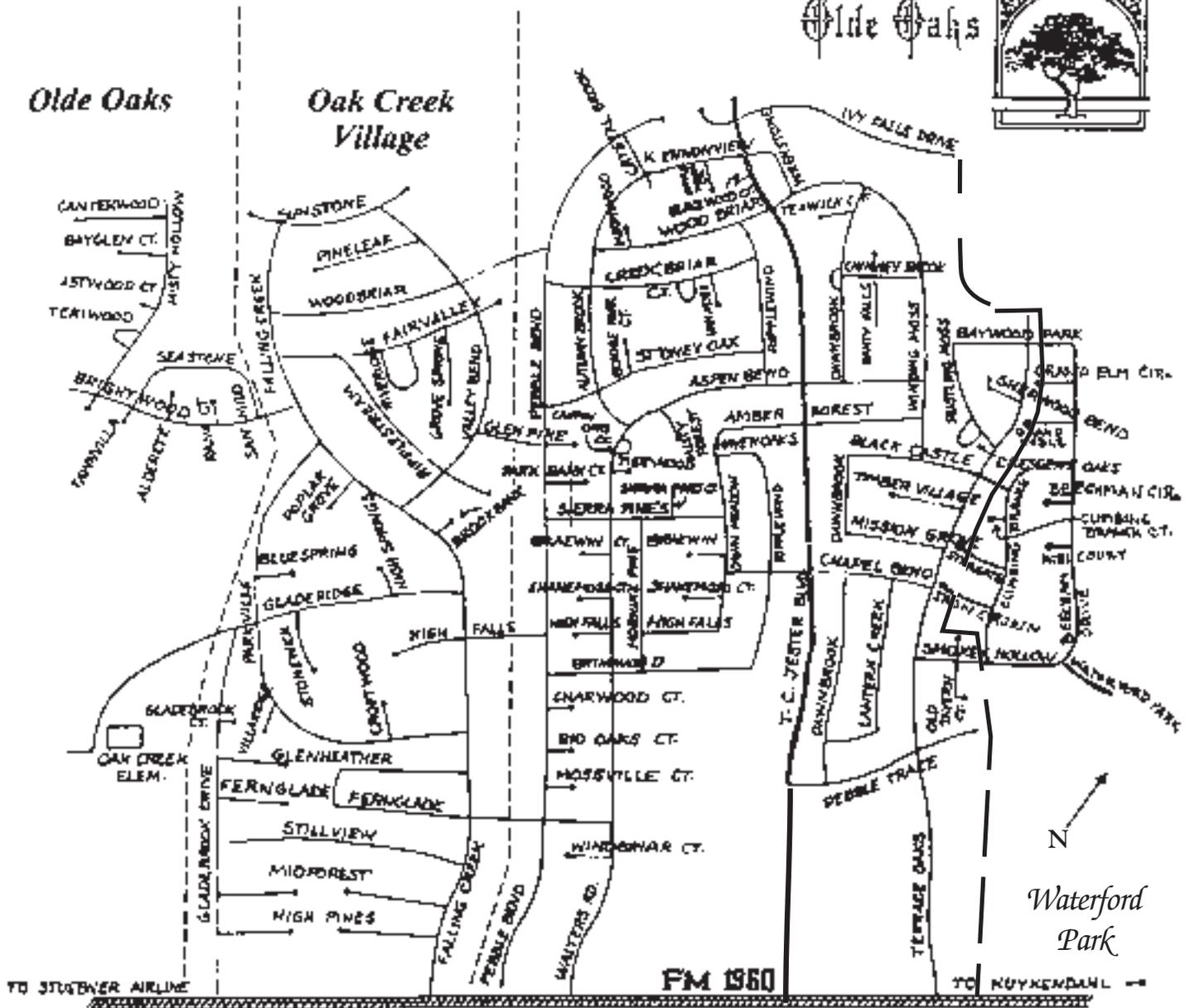


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