



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Summer Is the Perfect Time to Try N O R T H G A T E

Just a few minutes from the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park community is Northgate Country Club – a private club offering a complete range of recreation and entertainment, including two golf courses, tennis courts, three swimming pools with lifeguard, a full social calendar, dining and membership privileges at Walden on Lake Conroe Golf Club.

Our recent affiliation with Northgate facilitates access to amenities that our community lacks within. The environment is welcoming and the location is conveniently nearby. The special offer to all OOCIA residents, not just

homeowners, **waives initiation fees if you join by July 31.** Affordable monthly dues and flexible membership options are designed to meet your interests and budget. There are special options for young families, golf/tennis enthusiasts and even amenities/social activities. Golf membership options include a reduced Limited Golf and the new Weekday Golf.

Northgate membership encourages a social atmosphere with regular, popular activities including Wednesday Night Theme Family Buffet, Thursday Wine & Dine for \$9.99 and Martini Nights. Many OOCIA residents have already taken advantage of special events such as a French Wine Dinner, Easter Brunch, Father's Day, and the opening of the pool with a Memorial Day celebration. Upcoming events include July 4th pool event, cooking classes for both kids and adults as well as the famous Murder Mystery Night!

Please accept the Northgate invitation to learn more, tour the club and enjoy some snacks and libations at the "last chance" **Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Open House** on **July 19** from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Contact Northgate's Membership Director Tammy Downey to learn more or RSVP for the Open House reception at **281-440-4006** or email tammy@northgatecountryclub.com.

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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1-800-222-1222	Poison Control Center – 24-Hr. Emergency Assistance

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
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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 August Newsletter Deadline is July 10.

Interim Editor: *Mia Cordova*

Email: OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com

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H E L P M A K E A D I F F E R E N C E

GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you struggle selecting gifts for those who don't need or want more stuff? Are you searching for a meaningful way to honor or memorialize an important person or event? Instead of the well intentioned knick-knack, gadget or potted plant, why don't you consider a gift that can make a real difference. Many worthy charities have donation options that convey recognition. Below are just a few ideas:

Animal Rescue – Houston SPCA welcomes honorariums for birthdays, marriages and everyday accomplishments. Memorials are a great way to remember a beloved pet or loved one and their concern for animals. (713-869-7722, www.houstonspca.org)

Our Northwest Community – NAM relies on community support to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Donations make a real difference in the lives of Neighbors in Need and may be designated as a memorial/tribute. NAM will notify the honoree of your donation in their honor. (281-885-4605, <http://namonline.org>)

Fallen Soldiers – The nearby Fallen Warriors Memorial at 14500 Cutten Road honors Texas soldiers killed in action. You may memorialize loved ones, family or simply leave a permanent message of gratitude on pavers, granite plaques

or bollard tops with certain donation levels that allow for inscriptions of your choice. There are lines and character restrictions. (832-868-9810, www.kiamonument.org)

Eliminating Hunger – You can make tribute gifts to the Houston Food Bank in honor/memory of someone special, set up a memorial fund page or dedicate your own special day (such as birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc.) to benefit the food bank. (713-547-8623, www.houstonfoodbank.org)

Families of Seriously Ill Children – Ronald McDonald House Houston offers a *home away from home* providing care, compassion and hope to families with seriously ill children being treated in Texas Medical Center member institutions. Contributions in honor or in memory of a loved one will be acknowledged to the person specified by you on the Donation form. (713-795-3563, <http://rmhhouston.org>)

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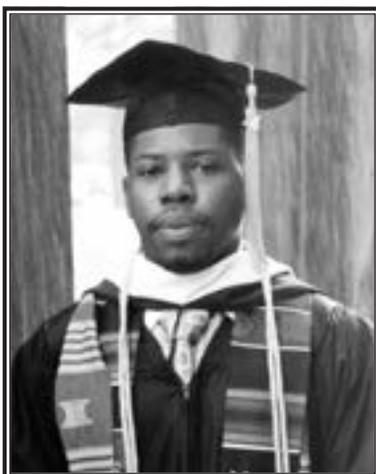
OLDE OAKS GRADUATES!



MEAGHAN FIONA CASSIDY

Meaghan is the daughter of **Ruth and Matthew Cassidy**, 15-year residents of Olde Oaks. She is the proud product of the Advanced Curriculum of Olde Oaks Elementary (now Pat Reynolds Elementary), Wells Middle School, and Westfield High School.

Meaghan was presented to Houston Society at the 2014 Annual Sugar Plum Debutant Ball; a three-year invitational program which prepares young ladies with the social graces, etiquette, and volunteerism attitude to successfully enter adult society. She is a recent cum laude graduate of Westfield High School – Wunsche High School Campus and National Honor Society member. Meaghan is active in the school's Marching Big Red Band and plays exemplary clarinet in their Symphonic Band. Soccer and track – long distance running – are two of the sports in which she excels and lettered. Her active volunteer activities are guided by membership in internationally recognized service clubs such as Kiwanis "Key Club," as well as assisting at the events of Rotary Club Houston NW Sunset. Having received early admission status in several universities, Meaghan has chosen the University of Oklahoma's Business Administration Program, likely followed by earning her MBA. Her family is very proud of Meaghan's achievements and blessings.



VICTOR LOPEZ MITCHELL II

Victor is the son of **Victor and Piere Mitchell**. Victor graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Business degree from Morehouse College in May. He was an Honor Roll student, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a 4-year recipient of the Oprah Winfrey Scholarship at Morehouse College. Victor has accepted a position with the Oracle Sales Academy in the Boston, Massachusetts, area and starts his new career in June.

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Ceasar went missing from the Olde Oaks area on May 26 and our family misses him very much, especially our toddler! Please keep your eyes open for this beloved member of our family and help us bring him back home!

Contact the **Johnson** family at 832-250-7007 or 832-358-6830.
Posted on www.Nextdoor.com.



TC Jester Corridor Project

Lights Installed

Obviously the TC Jester lights are now a reality, and we must become accustomed to the change in traffic flow. Some improvements may occur, such as red-light pauses that could allow for safer opportunities to exit from TC Jester driveways and check mailboxes. However, we urge everyone to exercise caution on potential red-light runners and take initiative to document complaints or specific incidents to Precinct 4 and/or the Sheriff's Department. (Please copy info@acmingmt.com.) You can utilize technology, such as the iWatch application highlighted regularly in this newsletter; a link is available at www.oocia.org.

The TC Jester/Kennonview playground was completely fenced in May for improved safety. We are awaiting response to our request for grant sponsorship by Precinct 4 on sidewalks as well as the results of the lengthy study deemed necessary prior to even allowing the potential for radar speed signs to proactively manage motorist speeds through the neighborhood. Sidewalks are a very significant expense (even with grant funding), require 100% approval from specifically impacted property owners on TC Jester and will take a lot of work and your support to make a reality.

Implementing radar speed signs would also be entirely at OOCIA expense it seems, despite TC Jester major thoroughfare designation as public mobility convenience. These are some of the significant TC Jester-related investments which will have to be balanced fairly with improvements of other areas of Olde Oaks/Waterford Park in the planning and budgeting process.

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Our group meets during the school year (August to May) on the third Wednesday of each month at the new Klein Multipurpose Facility on the north side of FM 2920 between Stuebner Airline and TC Jester.

Our organizational purpose is to inform, educate, and enlighten our members. We take at least three fun trips during our calendar year to various attractions and exhibits, have interesting speakers (ex.: consumer advocates, doctors, pharmacists, authors, gardening experts, security specialists, genealogy, etc.), have a book club, are involved in special community projects (children's book project and Cypress Cares), and keep informed about legislative issues affecting retired school personnel.

For more information, please contact President and Olde Oaks resident Kathy Bell at 281-455-9907 or kbell1718@sbcglobal.net.

Kathy Bell



COMMON SENSE FROM Will Rogers

"Do the best you can and don't take life too serious."

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n gettin' it back in."

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

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Neighborhood Security

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

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

A Country-Fried Summer at The Texas Repertory Theatre

The Texas Rep Theatre Co., Houston's Uptown Classic Theatre, continues a tradition of summer musical entertainment with the off-Broadway smash hit *Pump Boys & Dinettes*. Directed in a new production by Dan O'Brien and featuring a stellar cast of Houston's finest performers, *Pump Boys & Dinettes* will preview on **July 10**, celebrate its Gala Opening on **July 11**, and run four final performances through **August 3**.

A musical slice of middle-America, *On Highway 57*, somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna, stands a gas station and a diner. The pump boys have been known to do some auto repairs, but only when aided by large quantities of time and beer, while the dinettes celebrate their home cooking alongside their boys with charm and enthusiasm.

Part musical, part concert, part review, part theatre, and 100% amazing, the six characters in *Pump Boys & Dinettes* transform an ordinary, typical, and otherwise boring day into a tune-filled occasion that you'll be sure to talk about months later! This Tony award-nominated musical will have you bouncing in your seat and kicking up your heels all the way home.

For tickets or more information, call 281-583-7573 or log on to www.texreptheatre.org. The Texas Rep Theatre is located at the Northwoods Plaza, 14243 Stuebner Airline Road.

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Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

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.

Summer Plant Sale and Color Conference

Mercer Botanic Gardens is once again teaming up with The Mercer Society (TMS) to present the Summer Plant Sale and Color Conference on **Saturday, July 26** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This one-day plant sale and workshop provides gardeners with an outstanding selection of plants that will not only add interest and excitement to gardens and landscapes, but also flourish in the heat and humidity of Houston's summer months.

Speakers will share their knowledge and advice about some of the featured plants from the sale through a special lineup of presentations. Featured topics and presenters include:

- **Hibiscus** – Scott Meadows, Mercer's education director
- **Salvias** – Vickie Snyder, Mercer volunteer and salvia enthusiast
- **Tropical Arums** – Margaret Sinclair, president of The Mercer Society and president of The Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

- **Special Feature: Native Plants and How to Attract Their Pollinators** – Don Dubois, Mercer volunteer, native plant and butterfly enthusiast

Darrin Duling, Mercer's director, will kick off the day's activities with a garden tour featuring summer color favorites selected by the staff. Speaker presentations will begin at 10:15 a.m. and continue throughout the day with breaks for lunch and shopping at the plant sale. The conference fee is \$55 for TMS members and \$65 for nonmembers, which includes informative handouts, lunch, and advance entry into the plant sale before it is open to the public at 11 a.m. For more information and to register, please call 281-443-8731.

July Programs

Lunch Bunch: Secrets of Brewery (July 9, noon-2 p.m.)
Southern Star Brewery, the craft beer brewery based out of Conroe, will share brewing secrets and information about the plants used to make it all possible. An ancient practice, considered by some to be an art form, beer brewing utilizes various plants to create the familiar drink enjoyed by many.

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Plant Hunters: A World of Exploration (July 21-25, 9 a.m.-noon) This week-long exploration camp will introduce children to the world of plants. Using Mercer's living collections, children will learn about the different habitats around the world where plants live from rain forests to wetlands. Participants will learn about botany, ecology, and geography through fun, interactive, and hands-on activities that will spark their imaginations and sense of adventure. This program is available to children entering the 4th and 5th grades.

Texas Rose Rustlers Meeting (July 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.) This Rookie Rustler meeting is open to the public in order to help enthusiasts learn the etiquette of rustling old garden roses, how to propagate from cuttings, and then grow their favorite flower. For more details, visit www.texasroserustlers.com.

Summer Color Plant Sale and Lectures (July 26, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.) Splash into summer with this one-day immersion into perfect solutions for gardening in the heat. Special guest speakers will share their gardening expertise and highlight outstanding plants for Texas summers that will be available in the plant sale. Conference participants can take advantage of a plant sale that morning, which opens later in the day to the public. Reservations and a fee are required, so please call 281-443-8731 for additional details.

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.

July 21: *What if?* by Laura Seeger

Tai Chi for Arthritis (Every Saturday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.) Join certified instructor John Spencer for this free beginner's class that helps relieve pain associated with arthritis and fibromyalgia, relieves stress, and improves balance in the calming atmosphere of the garden. Most classes will meet outdoors under the treehouse portico or near Baldwin Boettcher Library.

Chrysanthemum Society (Fourth Friday of most months, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) These monthly meetings include discussions about growing chrysanthemums and floral arranging. The Society also provides plants for Mercer's collection.

Bonsai Society Saturday Study Group. Meets every three months on the first Saturday. Next meeting is **July 5, 9 a.m.-noon.** Meet under the treehouse portico to mentor, critique and learn more about this living art form.

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Adult Programs

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July 5: Eco Cleaning Workshop – Pop Shop Houston will show you how to make your own rose water and honey face wash, laundry soap, and hand sanitizer. You get to keep what you make. Space is limited; please register. There will also be a drawing for a gift card to a local bookstore.

July 12: The Science of Beer – Join us as the Karbach Brewing Co. walks us through the techniques of brewing beer on the large-scale level and for personal use. Sorry, no samples! There will also be a drawing for a gift card to a local bookstore.

July 19: Sci-Fi Writers Panel – The Houston Writers Guild will visit to share insights on writing science fiction. This is a wonderful opportunity for aspiring writers to get some tips. There will also be a drawing for a gift card to a local bookstore.

July 26: Concrete Vases – Pop Shop Houston will guide you through creating your very own concrete vase. If you've never mixed concrete, here's your chance! There will also be a drawing for a gift card to a local bookstore.

Senior Classic Movie Morning

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

July 11 at 10 a.m. – Movie from 1947 starring Cary Grant, Shirley Temple and Myrna Loy.

July 18 at 10 a.m. – Movie from 1941 starring Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour and Bing Crosby.

Due to licensing restrictions we are not able to promote the titles of the movies. Senior Classic Movies are held twice a month in the Earl Elliott Room; dates will vary with room availability. Please call the library for movie dates and titles.

Journaling at the Library

Need motivation to write your life story? Join this beginner's group on **Monday, July 21** at 3:30 p.m. in the WCR conference room. There's no right or wrong way. Jot down ideas and write from those, or just come and listen.

Summer Reading Program for All Ages – July

Children's Theme: Fizz, Boom, Read!

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Teen Theme: Spark a Reaction

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Adult Theme: Literary Elements

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FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

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Summer Dance Camp

July 14-18 • 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Cost per child: \$125
Cypress Creek Christian Community Center

This fun and unique one-week camp will feature a smorgasbord of dance: ballet, jazz, hip-hop, Chinese, creative movement, and musical theater. Geared for children going into kindergarten through 5th grade, each day campers will learn about different styles of dance and make a craft. The cost of the camp includes 4 days of instruction (4 hours per day) with an optional field trip on Friday, a camp t-shirt, and all of the supplies to complete the craft projects.

Note: Campers should wear comfortable clothes to allow for movement and shoes with socks. Campers may bring ballet shoes. Program is separated into appropriate age groups. Guest artist and field trip subject to change.



Highlights of the week:

- Houston Ballet's own Lauren Anderson will present a "tutu talk."
- On Thursday, campers will present a performance at 12:45 p.m.
- On Friday, campers have the opportunity to go on an optional field trip to visit Houston Ballet's new state of the art Center for Dance facility and the Wortham Center. Parents must provide transportation and chaperone their children on the field trip.



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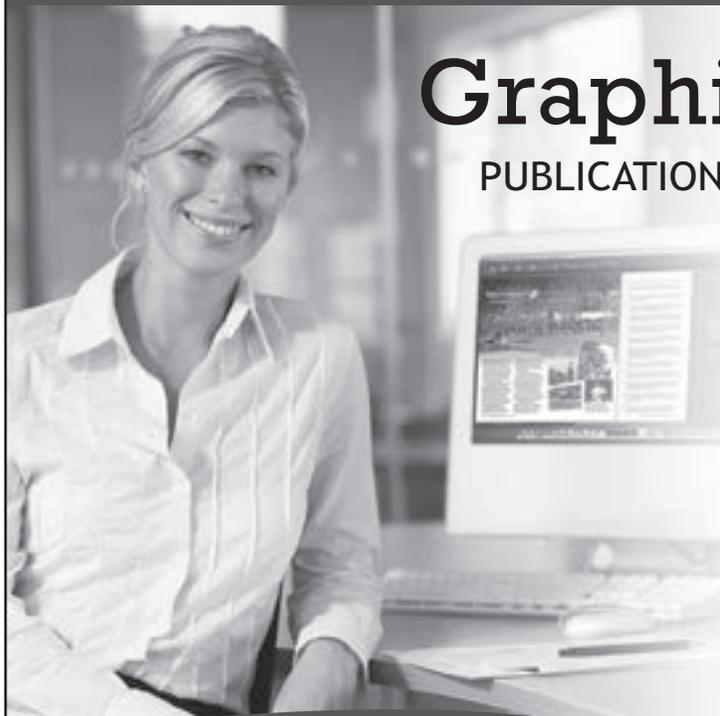
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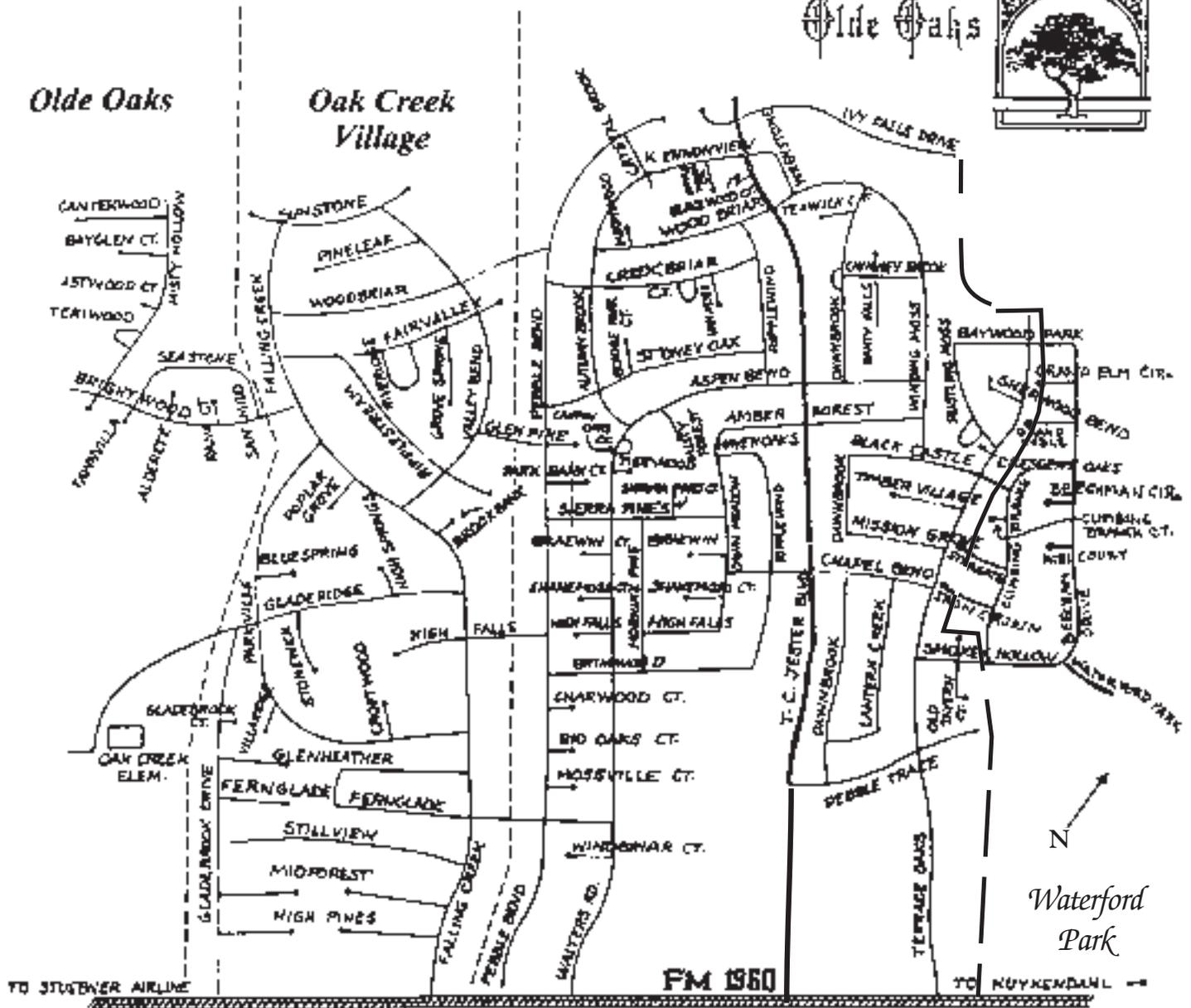
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