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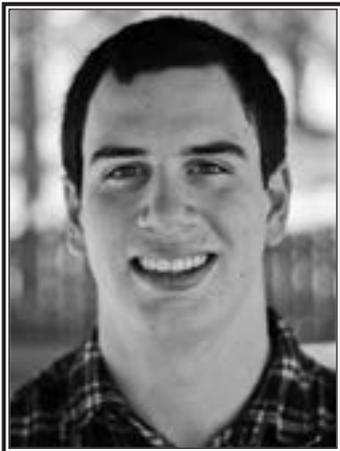
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Congratulations, 2014 GRADUATES!



Blake Barnett



Blake is the son of Brent and Brenda Barnett – and an Olde Oaks resident since birth. He will be graduating on May 10, having been home-schooled and completed 43 hours of dual credit coursework through Lone Star College-Tomball. He is enrolled in LSC-Tomball's Honors College and is the Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 1659, Blake earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is also an active member and student leader at

Champion Forest Baptist Church. Blake is very much looking forward attending the University of Oklahoma next fall, with plans to pursue a degree in energy management with a minor in finance.

Mallarie Geraé Guillory



Mallarie is the daughter of Harold and Rita Guillory. She is a senior at Wesfield High with an impressive array of extracurricular involvement: Culinary Arts program, Christian Student Union, Student Council, Yearbook Club and the Lariettes Dance Team. Mallarie will graduate in the top 20% of her class with plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University or Tennessee State University.

Notice to Homeowners of OOCIA Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

June 11 • September 10 • November 12

MUD 44 Bldg. on TC Jester
on south side of the bridge

We encourage all residents to attend and then participate in the 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

Residents – Please sign up your email address at www.oocia.org. Currently there are only about 100 email address sign-ups out of 1,500+ residences in our community. We can do better than that! Sign-up provides the ability to remind you about board meetings and send the occasional special notice. In particular, we urge T.C. Jester residents to sign up so we can rapidly relay information about the T.C. Jester traffic signals situation as needed.

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**For Deed Restrictions and Neighborhood Management,
 call ACMI Management Company at 281-251-2292.**

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.

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Currently the traffic signal design is TxDOT standard "Z" span; traffic poles on the T.C. Jester median with T.C. Jester signals on mast arms and the side street signals suspended on wire/cable. Groundwork is anticipated to begin mid-May. Speed limits will remain the same and we are pressing hard for driver feedback radar speed signs to curtail speeding and red/yellow light running. We are striving to ensure there are rational traffic type restrictions through residential areas, particularly once the remainder of T.C. Jester is opened to Beltway 8. Funding and the necessary 100% T.C. Jester residents' approval on sidewalk/walkways will be a big challenge if that is what enough T.C. Jester residents indicate they want and are willing to support, work for and possibly even contribute financially toward. Various aesthetic considerations are also being explored.

Graduating Seniors

There's still time to recognize the high school and college graduates in our community. Please send student's name, parents' names, school presently attending, activities and honors, and future plans. You may also email a photo of your graduate to accompany the write-up. For good resolution, the photo should be at least 300 dpi sent as a separate jpg attachment rather than embedded in the text file. Send to oldeoakseditor@hotmail.com by the newsletter deadline.



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Through his charitable foundation, Gary recently presented a check for \$10,000 to Carl Josehart, CEO of TIRR Memorial Hermann. The funds will go to the new robotic floor where robotic equipment will help people with cerebral palsy, brain injury, stroke victims and our wounded veterans to become mobile. Gary has also raised and donated \$12,000 for cerebral palsy research. For more information about Gary or the Gary J. Lynn Foundation, visit www.thegarylynnfoundation.org.

We are a community rich in remarkable residents. If you know someone in Olde Oaks/Waterford Park who deserves special recognition – share their story! Submit to oldeoakseditor@hotmail.com.

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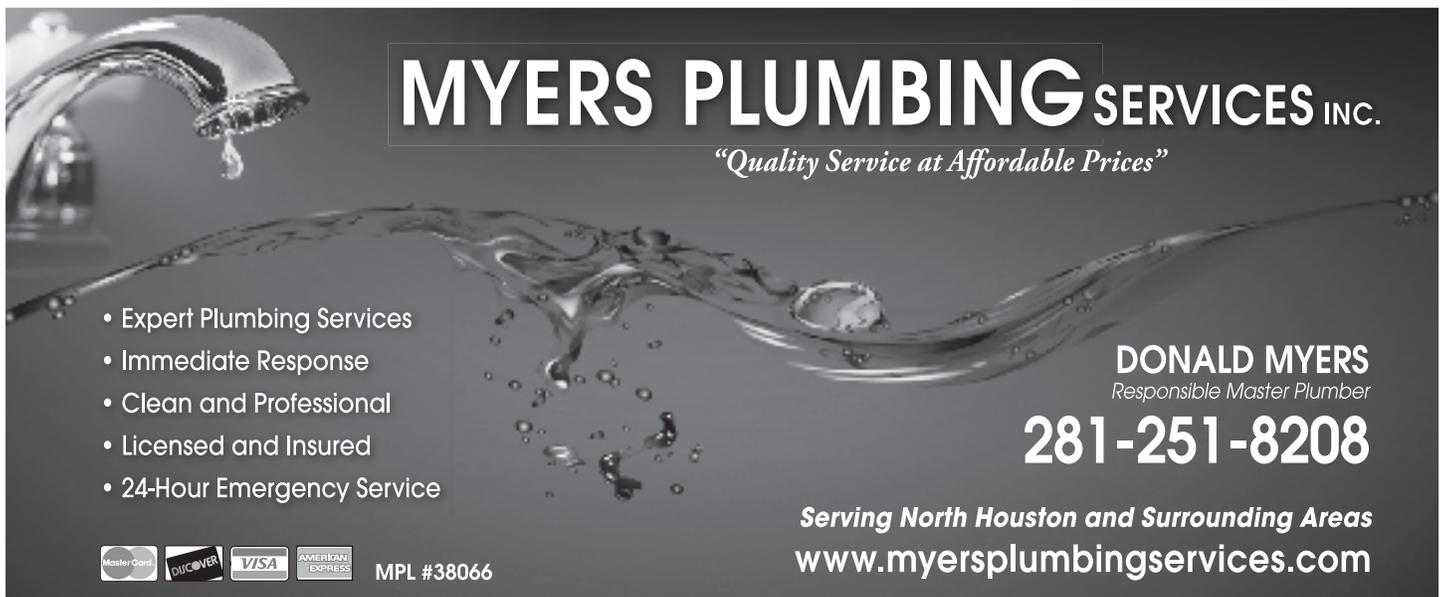
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Deed Restrictions are accessible at www.oocia.org under the “Neighborhood Information” tab. These legal restrictions are in place to promote an aesthetic community environment and are strictly enforced.

Signs are not permitted to be posted on stop signs, street light poles, monument entrances or in your front yard (other than “Home for Sale”).

Household and yard trash is to be set out on Monday and Thursday mornings to prevent unsightly community appearance and wildlife disturbance. Please return your trash receptacles to areas out of sight after the Monday and Thursday pickups.

This is a perfect time to **weed and feed** your lawn. Many of our lawns are infused with weeds which inhibit the healthy growth, and this important step will help. Please mow/edge weekly.

Take the time to weed your flower beds and apply 3-4 inches of mulch. This not only prevents future weed growth, but reduces water usage. Tackling one bed a week makes this a “do-able” weekend project.

These beautiful trees in our community come with a price – lots of falling leaves. **Do not sweep leaves, etc. into the drainage system.** Drainage systems can only effectively help prevent flooding if kept clear. Be a good neighbor by sweeping up to prevent that rubbish from traveling downhill.

Homeowners planning improvements to the exterior of the home or elsewhere on the property **must obtain written approval prior to beginning work on the modification** (see www.oocia.org, “Architectural Control Guidelines” tab). Allow at least 30 days for review of your completed application. This includes painting and repainting of siding, trim, brick, etc.

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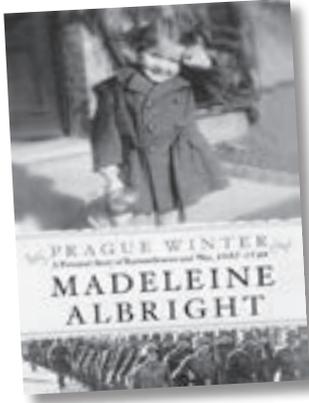


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On Tuesday, May 27 book club will meet at the home of **Terri Checkles** with **Virginia McGriggs** as discussion moderator for an autobiography, *Prague Winter*, by Madeleine K. Albright.

Prague Winter is her personal story of remembrance and WWII from 1937-1948. An online source describes the

book as “a moving and thoughtful memoir of her formative years in Czechoslovakia during the tumult of Nazi occupation, WWII fascism, and the onset of the Cold War. An intensely personal journey into the past that offers vital lessons for the future, the book combines the intimacy of an autobiography with the drama of an exciting and well-told story.”

Ms. Albright was born May 15, 1937 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Her father, Josef Korbela, was a member of the Czech diplomatic service who worked in Belgrade, London, and Prague before he fled with his family after a Communist coup in 1948. The family was granted political asylum in the United States, and Josef began working at the University of Denver.

Ms. Albright became a naturalized citizen and eventually became our 64th Secretary of State from 1997-2001. She is known for her strong commitment to democracy, arms control, human rights, and peace in the Middle East, Africa, and other regions of conflict. After that office she authored several best sellers and is currently Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm, and Chair and Principal of Albright Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory company focused on emerging markets. She also serves on other Boards of foundations and councils related to foreign relations.

Returning to book club matters, we met at the home of **Susan Muirhead** on April 22 for a potluck lunch and book discussion as a change from our annual meetings at the park for sack lunches and book discussion. We’re a flexible group! At our March meeting we decided to take a summer break from June through August and will resume meetings in September. I will also take a break from book club articles during these summer months. So if there are avid readers out there who have been thinking about joining a book club, try it in our group in September for the book, *Steve Jobs*, by Walter Isaacson. Call me for further details.

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Ms. Whitfield founded the National Memorial Ladies in Houston, whose volunteers attend services at the Houston National Cemetery under the mantra "No soldier, young or old, will ever be buried alone," a quote from Hoyt. S. Vandenberg, World War II Air Force general. Visit nationalmemoralladies.org to learn more about this group's ongoing dedication to fallen soldiers.



Get into the *swim* of things – be a CUDAs

Neighborhood children, ages 3 to 18 (no experience necessary). Register online at www.ocvcudas.com. \$85 for first child, discounted rates for additional family members



Cudas are now practicing after school Tuesday-Friday; after school ends practice will be either morning or evening. Swim meets are on Saturday mornings May 10-June 21. Team events such as Spirit Rally, Pep Rally, Bingo Night, Cuda-Swim-A-Thon and End of Season banquet add up to great summer fun for the entire family. "Not only do swimmers enjoy the benefits of exercise, it is also a great way to for swimmers and parents to meet neighbors and build lifelong friendships. There is no experience necessary, and the Cudas welcome everyone," says Brent Barnett, president of the OCV Swim Team.

The Cudas need sponsors to support this great program. A \$300 sponsorship includes a pool-side banner, company name on team's t-shirt, and written and verbal advertisement during home meets. The Cudas are members of the Northwest Aquatics League. For more information, visit www.ocvcudas.com or call Brent and Brenda Barnett at 281-440-6825.

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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

Don't forget Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 11

My mother had a great deal of trouble with me but I think she enjoyed it. ~ Mark Twain

When your mother asks, "Do you want a piece of advice?" it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway. ~ Erma Bombeck

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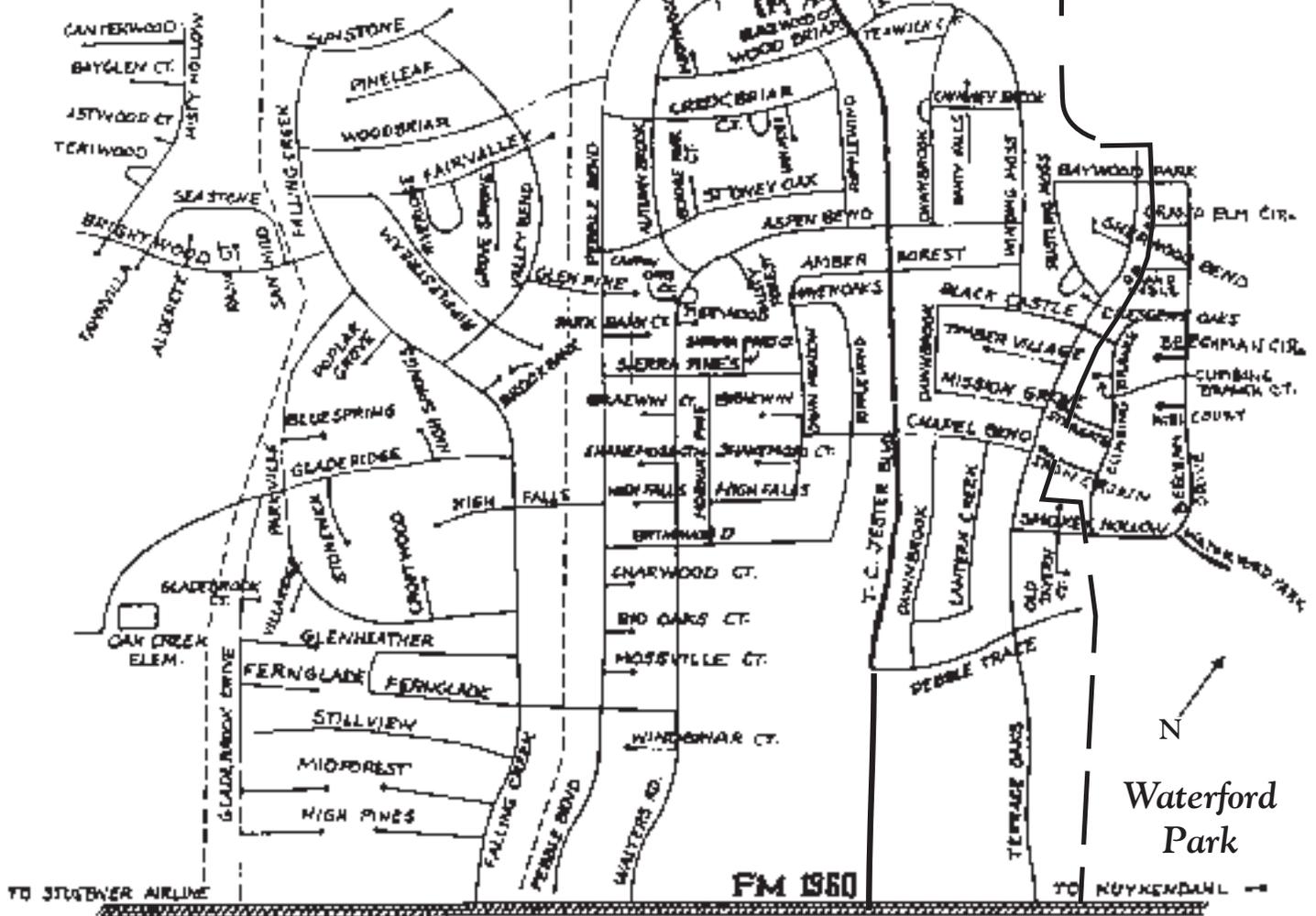
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