OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Notice to Homeowners of Olde Oaks CIA **Board Meeting**

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month

unless otherwise posted

Where: MUD 44 Bldg. on TC Jester

on south side of the bridge

Time: 6:45 p.m.

> March 13 • April 10 May 8 • June 12

Monthly meetings are conducted to address the Board's new and old business. Residents are encouraged to attend; however, discussion during the Board Meetings is limited to the directors. A brief O&A session will be held at the end of each meeting for resident questions and comments. Residents with specific property or account concerns should address these questions to ACMI directly. If you want to receive an email reminder for upcoming meetings, send an email request to info@ACMImgmt.com with your name, address and email address.



Congratulations, February Yard of the Month Winners!

February is a month when most homeowners are just beginning the daunting task of getting their yards in shape for the spring season. There is so much to do that it can be a bit overwhelming: pruning crape myrtles, sculpting shrubbery, raking up the last of those prolific leaves, topping the beds with new mulch, fertilizing the lawn and shrubs. Where do we begin?

I have found the best way to tackle these seemingly impossible tasks is to make a simple plan of what needs to be completed. Prioritize each job. Select one or two tasks each week for the next few weeks before you begin planting your spring flowers. Before you know it, you will require only the weekly mowing and edging and occasional weeding and pruning. You and your neighbors will be rewarded with incredible enjoyment of a beautiful front yard!

It is always so difficult to select yards from our vast community. As we spend hours driving through our community looking for the next home to place the Yard of the Month signs, we notice many homeowners making improvements to front yards and enhancing the overall appearance of the neighborhood. At times, we are fortunate to surprise you as you are working in your yard, always enjoying your surprise and elation at being one of our monthly winners!

Please remember, if you would like to nominate a yard, please submit your welcome suggestion to ACMI management company at info@acmimgmt.com (attention Christine Potter). Please email your suggestion no later than the first of each month in order for the committee to drive by and evaluate Yard of the Month suggestions. We appreciate your input!

(See photos continued on page 3)

Christine Potter, Beautification Committee Chairperson and OOCIA Board Member

OOCIA Board Update

On February 13, the OOCIA Board held its annual meeting, which included election of officers. Christine Potter was re-elected, Jacqueline Harvell was elected to replace outgoing officer Susan Sulski, and Caleb Summers was confirmed to serve out Vince Perna's unexpired term.

Susan and Vince, thank you for your dedicated service to the community. You will truly be missed! Jacqueline and Caleb, welcome to the OOCIA Board!

Who You Gonna Call?

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Cypress, TX 77429 <u>ww</u>	
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Harris County Pct. 4, Commissioner R. Jack C	
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website	<u>www.hcp4.net</u>
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CenterPoint Energy	
Street Light Out	
website: www.centerpointenergy.com/services/ele	ctricity/residential/
<u>reportastreetlightoutage</u>	
Dirty Pools	
The Environmental Public Health Dept	713-274-6300
Greenbelt Preservation Association (http://oogp	
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Kathy Zigler, Secretary	
Tanya Morland, Treasurer	
John Edmonson, Director at Large	••••••
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(Barking Dog Complaints)	201-570-5512
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Manhole/Sewer Backup	713-983-3602
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Robert Skinner	
Larry Foster	
Brian Beck	832-249-8720
MUD #44 – Water District Management	
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Billing, Service & Emergencies	281-376-8802
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Tom Sooy, Harry Swanstrom	
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Fax	281-379-1428
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Alan Kaniss	
Al Habinak	
James Armand	281-440-4754
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Julie Brown	713-302-9148
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Reliant Energy	
Entex Natural Gas	
CenterPoint Energy	713-207-2222
Trash & Recycling Pickup	
Royal Recycle & Disposal	713-526-1536

Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association Current Officers

Christine Potter Steven Hatcher Joycelyn Ray-Latson Jacqueline Harvell Caleb Summers

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911	Emergency/Crime in progress,
	Sheriff's Department, Ambulance and Fire
713-221-6000	Sheriff's Department – Nonemergency
281-251-0101	Klein V.F.D.
281-999-3191	Animal Control
281-376-2997	To request Vacation Watch,
	call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
1-800-222-1222	Poison Control Center –
	24-Hr. Emergency Assistance

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Got exciting news to share? Have something for sale?
Have a community-related event to publicize?
Want your neighbors to know more about an important issue?
Submit all of this and more to the Olde Oaks Waterford Park
Community Newsletter. We want to hear from you!

The April Newsletter Deadline is March 10.

Editor: Laura Summers

Email: OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com

Mail or Hand-delivery: 3511 Kennonview Drive

For hand-delivery, please leave in the box marked "Olde Oaks Editor" on the front porch, not in the U.S. mailbox. All submissions must be signed to be considered for publication.

VISIT US ONLINE AT: www.oocia.org

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	
Bridge, Women's Susanne Bailey, 281-580-1717	
Dinner With Friends Lauren Hensley, 281-893-1833	
Museum ExcursionZelda Kaye, 281-880-8505	
Mixed BowlingFrancine Alvarez, 281-580-8815	
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March 2013

February Yard of the Month Winners! - continued



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9-1-1 Hang-Ups0	Disturbances13
Abandoned Vehicle1	Meet the Citizen13
Accidents1	Open Door/Open Window2
Alarms25	Solicitors2
Animal Aggressive6	Suspicious Person4
Animal Humane1	Suspicious Vehicle4
Burglary to a Habitation 1	Theft1
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle4	Traffic76
Criminal Mischief 2	Vacation Watch 1

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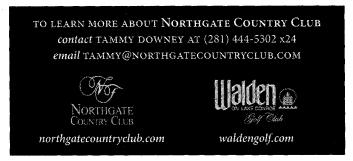
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Lap top computers, phones, and weapons left in vehicles make a tempting target. Deputies urge you to lock your doors and take all valuables inside with you.

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

Sharing information about suspicious/criminal activity with the Harris County Sheriff's Office contributes to the safety of this community. In Olde Oaks and Waterford Park, we have HCSO deputies who patrol our neighborhood full-time, and they encourage you to call in your information to the numbers listed below. Anonymity is available.

If possible, call while the crime is occurring:

Emergencies 9-1-1

Non-emergencies 713-221-6000

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





Book Club



"Footnotes"

For our Tuesday, March 26 book club meeting we'll be reading Wild by Cheryl Strayed. At the age of 26, the author endured the death of her mother from cancer, a failed marriage in the ensuing months, and a run of reckless behavior as her life spun out of control.

Four years after her mother's death, she undertook a solo hike

on the Pacific Coast Trail from the Mojave Desert through California, up through Oregon, and on to Washington. With no prior experience as a long-distance hiker before this 1100-mile challenge, Ms. Strayed encountered rattlesnakes, black bears, heat, and record snowfall. Despite the loneliness of the trail, there was a beauty in what she saw and experienced which ultimately healed and strengthened her.

This memoir was chosen for Oprah's Book Club and optioned for a film by Reese Witherspoon's production company. Strayed has also written novels titled *Torch* and *Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Love and Life.* She holds an MFA in

fiction writing from the University of Syracuse and a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. Presently she lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband and two children.

The meeting will be at the home of **Jannette Hanna** with **Corinne Sloan** as discussion leader.

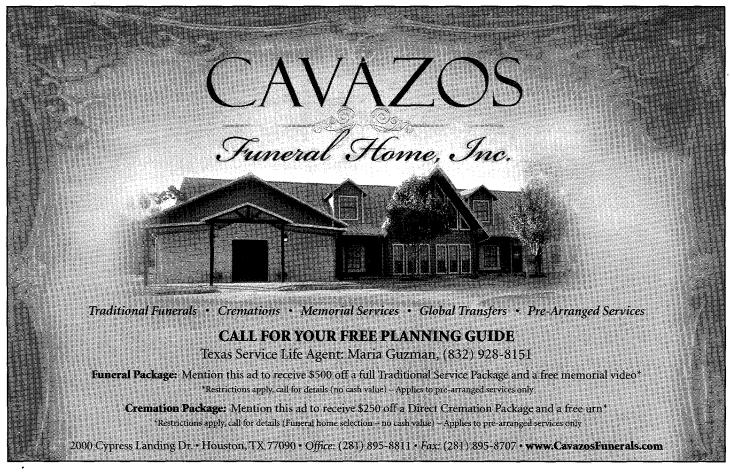
Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator

Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club

Please join us for Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club on the first Tuesday of the month (September-May) at 9:30 a.m. at the Christus Center, St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 7810 Cypresswood Drive.

The group focuses on forming new friendships within the community. Activities include crafts, book clubs, day trips, hiking, etc.

At our Tuesday, March 5 general meeting, Jim Parsons, Director of Special Projects for Preservation Houston, will provide a virtual tour of Glenwood Cemetery with stories and photographs. For more information please call Pat at 832-422-3469. This program was rescheduled from February.



Is It Becoming Too Difficult to Retire?

I used to think people postponed retirement and worked longer than they needed to because they wanted to make more money or they wanted to have something to do to feel useful. After exploring the possibility of retirement, I came to an inescapable conclusion: People delay retirement for the same reason they procrastinate doing their taxes: it's just too difficult and painful.

At a retirement workshop my wife and I listened attentively to the speaker: "As you roll your 401K into a tax-deferred IRA with net unrealized appreciation you must consider cost basis on the sale of existing securities and leverage yourself with a diversified portfolio of value, blend and growth stocks mixed with bonds, no-load mutual funds and treasury notes that over the long-term will outpace inflation and hedge market volatility — being sure to fully examine stochastic indicators in order to fully appraise market trends."

I looked around the room. Everyone was nodding knowingly. Either they understood this stuff or they were great actors. "I wonder when we'll ever get a chance to think about the fun things you do in retirement," I said to the person next to me. "I don't think we will," he said glumly. "If you're like me, you don't have enough in your fund to do much anyway. This is all about managing what you have — survival."

This whole process was shaping into a barrel of laughs – health insurance, life insurance, long-term care insurance, tax-deferment, IRAs, no-load accounts. This new vocabulary was

cold, bleak, entirely devoid of human emotion. I knew about a retirement Holy Grail everyone was seeking, but everyone we spoke to had different ideas on how to find it.

"You want maximum return on your retirement fund with minimum risk," the speaker admonished. "That's obvious," I thought. "What you need is a diversified portfolio of value, blend and growth stocks, some bonds, no-load mutual funds, treasury bills, etc."

"You don't understand," I persisted. "Tell me specifically what stocks, what bonds, what treasury notes, what mutual funds to buy." He gave me 25 options, instead of three or four, compounding my confusion. "You don't want to help me, do you?" I challenged. "Of course I do. Just invest in one of the many options we've listed."

The presenter strolled around the room as he lectured. He walked slowly past my chair and I grabbed his hand with an eagle-talon grip, moving it toward a pile of prospectuses. "Point your finger at the best ones," I said forcefully. "I'm not supposed to recommend specific equities."

"Which one?" I said, tightening my grip. "Okay, okay, go for that one — it's a solid performer." The presenter called for a 10-minute break, dashed out of the room and wasn't seen the rest of the day. I kind of thought we'd shared a special moment, even some bonding.

"I don't want to retire now," I later told my wife, who is much smarter about finances than I could ever hope to be.





"Good, because you can't," she said flatly. "Our kids are still in school. We need a healthy monthly income."

"Have you seen the life expectancy chart based on the age you retire?" I asked her. "It cites a University of Wisconsin study showing that the earlier you retire, the longer you live after retirement. For example, if you're an American male and retire at age 55, you can expect to live to be about 78 to 80. However, if that same person retires at 65, the grim reaper comes along at about age 72."

"You can't retire yet," she said firmly. "You'll just have to take care of yourself and not let stress get the best of you."

"Jobs don't stress me out – it's this retirement planning business," I countered. "Can't we just find a consultant, tell him or her our situation, our assets, our expectations, etc., and have him make a plan?"

"Nothing is that easy," she said. "We have to study this, become methodical, deliberate, focused."

"And stressed," I added.

The grim reality was settling in. It wouldn't be easy. Nothing is easy. Staying alive isn't easy. The cost of living is increasing, and if we wanted retirement to be more than just staying alive, we would have to go through this excruciating planning. It was settled. We would embark on a multi-year plan which included both of us working, and at the end of that period, see if we could retire.

Do people really retire? I asked myself. Most people I know who call themselves "retired" are busier than ever.

Self-preservation, I think, because to do nothing is to die. However, some people are better than others at doing nothing, and people's definition of "nothing" varies tremendously. For example, many folks would call the following activities doing nothing: staring at trees, watching birds, listening to rain drops fall on the roof, talking back to ravens, creating images in cloud formations – and here's the best one: listening to silence. I had a stepfather who liked to stare out the window of our lake cabin and watch it get dark.

I've never considered those activities "doing nothing." In fact, for a long time they've been an important part of my life. They certainly don't help a person's 401K or add to the Gross National Product, but for me, they definitely have their place.

Maybe I'll be good at retirement. Someday.

submitted by Nicholas Summerville OO/WP Resident







Attention Teen Job Seekers!

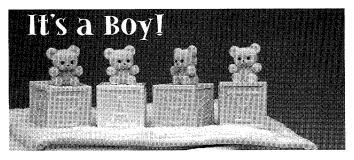
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Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents!

submitted by Sharon Wilkendorf • OO/WP Resident



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February 26
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March 4Styx
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March 6
March 7 Bruno Mars
March 8 Tim McGraw
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March 13* ** Jake Owen
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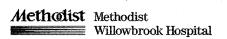
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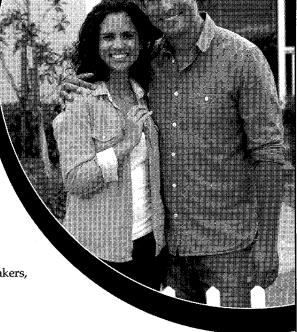
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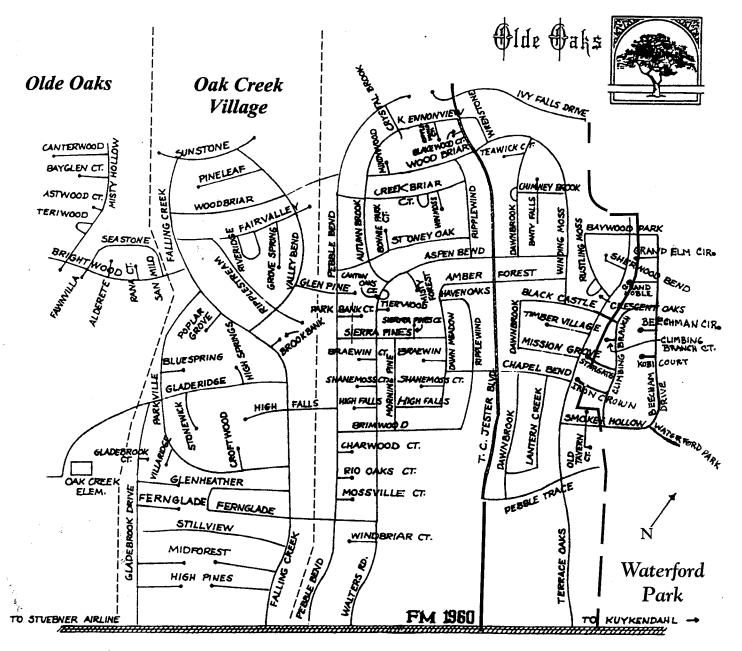
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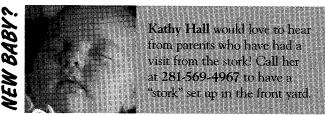
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