



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Volunteers Needed for Annual Election

Volunteers are needed to assist in the annual election of Directors at the Annual Members' Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 13, 2013**. Interested members can contact ACMI by phone at 866-380-2292 or by email info@ACMIgmt.com.

An Update on Tree Maintenance

Trees are one of the more important features that sets Olde Oaks apart from many of the newer communities in the area, especially the large number of live oaks that line our thoroughfares and highlight many properties within the community. We all share a concern for the health and appearance of the trees and thereby their benefit to the community and our property values.

The drought in 2011 has created many problems for trees within the Houston area, and Olde Oaks has not been an exception. In an effort to preserve the more than 350 trees located on property owned or maintained by the Association, we have had each tree fertilized this year and also pruned to remove dead branches and improve their appearance. Unfortunately, a number of trees have died and been removed. This program will continue in 2013 and 2014 as the impact of the drought is forecast to last for several years.

In addition to the maintenance of trees on Association property, we have aggressively pursued property owners to encourage improved tree maintenance and removal of dead branches and also removal of dead trees which might present a hazard to neighboring homes, others within the community or, possibly, knock down power lines within the community.

This program has been very successful, but not perfect. For example, in mid-summer there were more than 70 homes on the deed restriction survey which received a notice to remove dead trees. Twenty-nine of these properties eventually received a certified final notice prior to legal action and nine were forwarded to the Association attorney. Based upon the most recent inspection, only three of these cases are now unresolved. Unfortunately, we see additional trees under stress which appear likely to die over the next few months.

We encourage everyone to inspect their trees since they are a valuable asset and to take steps to preserve them. Should a tree die, please remove it immediately to eliminate your risk of financial loss should it fall on someone or their property.

Notice to Homeowners of Olde Oaks CIA Board Meeting

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
unless otherwise posted

Where: MUD 44 Bldg. on IO Jester
on south side of the bridge

Time: 6:45 p.m.

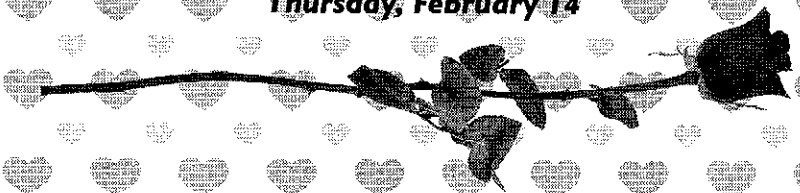
Feb. 13, 2013 • March 13, 2013

April 10, 2013 • May 8, 2013

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 Q&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@ACMIgmt.com with your name, address and email address.

Happy Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 14



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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911	Emergency/Crime in progress, Sheriff's Department, Ambulance and Fire
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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 March Newsletter Deadline is February 10.

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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	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
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Notice of Annual Meeting and Voting Instructions

The Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association is controlled by a five-member Board of Directors elected by the Association membership. The next Annual Members' Meeting, at which two Directors will be elected, will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, at the MUD 44 Building on TC Jester.

All members are encouraged to attend the next Annual Members' Meeting to hear the annual report, ask questions of the Board and to elect two new Directors. If you can't attend the Annual Members' Meeting, you are encouraged to vote by either casting an absentee ballot or by submitting a proxy.

Shortly, you should be receiving Absentee Ballots/Proxies and full voting instructions in the mail. Even if you do not plan to attend the meeting, it is critical that you return your Absentee Ballot/Proxy. Absentee ballots/proxies must be received in the ACMI office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, or they will not be counted.



AMY CHUA

Book Club

"Footnotes"

On February 26 the book club will meet at the home of Corinne Sloan to discuss *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* by Amy Chua. *Tiger Mother* is the story of the author's family's journey in two cultures. Ms. Chua and her three younger sisters were raised by very strict Chinese parents who demanded total respect. They had high expectations for all four but combined such with love. Chua feels this method worked for her, and she in turn raises her daughters in a similar way. Her point of view is that we can ask much of our children, and they'll respond to the challenge and thrive. Believe in your children more than they believe in themselves.

The book is a memoir and reflection on cultural differences in child rearing, not a parenting book, and is written with humor and self-parody. Chua says what she's learned is that it's a tough world and true self-esteem has to be earned. There are many ways to be a good parent. Different cultures have very different ideas of how to do that. We should be able to learn from each other.

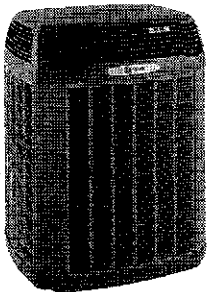
Amy Chua is a law professor at Yale. She was born in 1962, the year of the Tiger. Her family lived in Illinois and then California. She went east to attend Harvard College and then Harvard Law. After law school, she practiced in a Wall Street law firm but then joined her husband who was already teaching at Yale. Her field is in contracts, law and development, international business transactions, and law and globalization. Besides her teaching, she has written books on international affairs, contributed articles to newspapers and magazines, and appeared on TV shows. Yale Law School's "Best Teaching" award has also been earned by her.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator



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Accident.....4	Open Door/Open Window.....2
Aggravated Assault.....1	Solicitors.....1
Alarms.....28	Suspicious Person.....9
Burglary to a Habitation.....3	Suspicious Vehicle.....9
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle.....2	Theft.....3
Criminal Mischief.....3	Traffic.....23
Disturbances.....10	Vacation Watch.....2

Recent Crime Reports in the Neighborhood

In November and December 2012, residents have been followed home from Cypress Creek Parkway (FM 1960). HCSO deputies warn you to always pay attention: watch to see if you are being followed. If so, they recommend you do not go home. In November this resulted in a carjacking. In December there were 2 incidents of residents being followed home from Wal-Mart and its gas station. Both residents had a suspect point a gun at them and then drive off. Fortunately, a suspect was identified and arrested.

Recently laptops and weapons in vehicles were visible, and vehicles were broken into and these items stolen. Recently garages have contained unlocked vehicles and theft of items occurred. Deputies want to remind you not to leave items in your vehicles.

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

Whenever you have information about suspicious or criminal activity and report it to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, it is helpful and contributes to the safety and betterment of your community. These reports are available between law enforcement as communication to fortify their efforts to stop crime. In Olde Oaks and Waterford Park, we have HCSO deputies who patrol our neighborhood, and they encourage you to call in your information to the numbers listed below. Anonymity is available.

It is more effective to call immediately while it is occurring:

Emergencies 9-1-1 or 713-221-6000

You can choose to call even though it has already happened: 713-221-6000

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At our Tuesday, February 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.

Houston Northwest Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae Chapter

Houston Northwest Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae Chapter wants you to join them in February for the annual Champions Buffet Sisterhood at 6:30 p.m. For more information please contact Natalie Gibson at nataliesfa@hotmail.com or 832-725-2495.

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News in Brief

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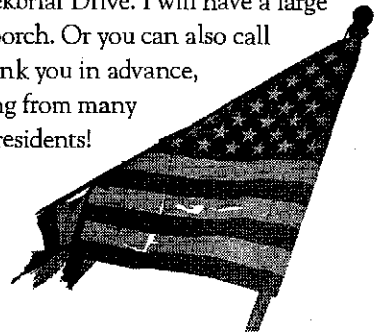
Do you have small children? If so, let's start something fun! If you are interested in having your children participate in a playgroup and meeting some new friends and neighbors, please contact **Annesia Penright** at annesiapenright@gmail.com.

Turn in Your Old Flag!

Please donate your tattered or torn United States flags that are in need of proper retirement to my Eagle Scout Project. My name is **Tyler Morland**; I am 17 years old and a member of Boy Scout Troop 1276 out of John Wesley United Methodist Church. I am collecting U.S. flags to be retired.

My Eagle Project will need 500 flags to meet my criteria. If you have one flag or 100 to be properly retired, drop them at my front porch at 3410 Creekbriar Drive. I will have a large red container on the front porch. Or you can also call or email me for pickup. Thank you in advance, and I look forward to hearing from many Olde Oaks/Waterford Park residents!

submitted by **Tyler Morland**
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Attention Teen Job Seekers!

To be listed as a Teen Job Seeker, email your name, phone number and job preferences to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com. To keep the list up-to-date, your listing will run for three months. You will need to resubmit your listing every third month. This column is for informational purposes only. No recommendation is being made by OOCIA.

B – Babysitting	OJ – Odd Jobs	Y – Yard Work
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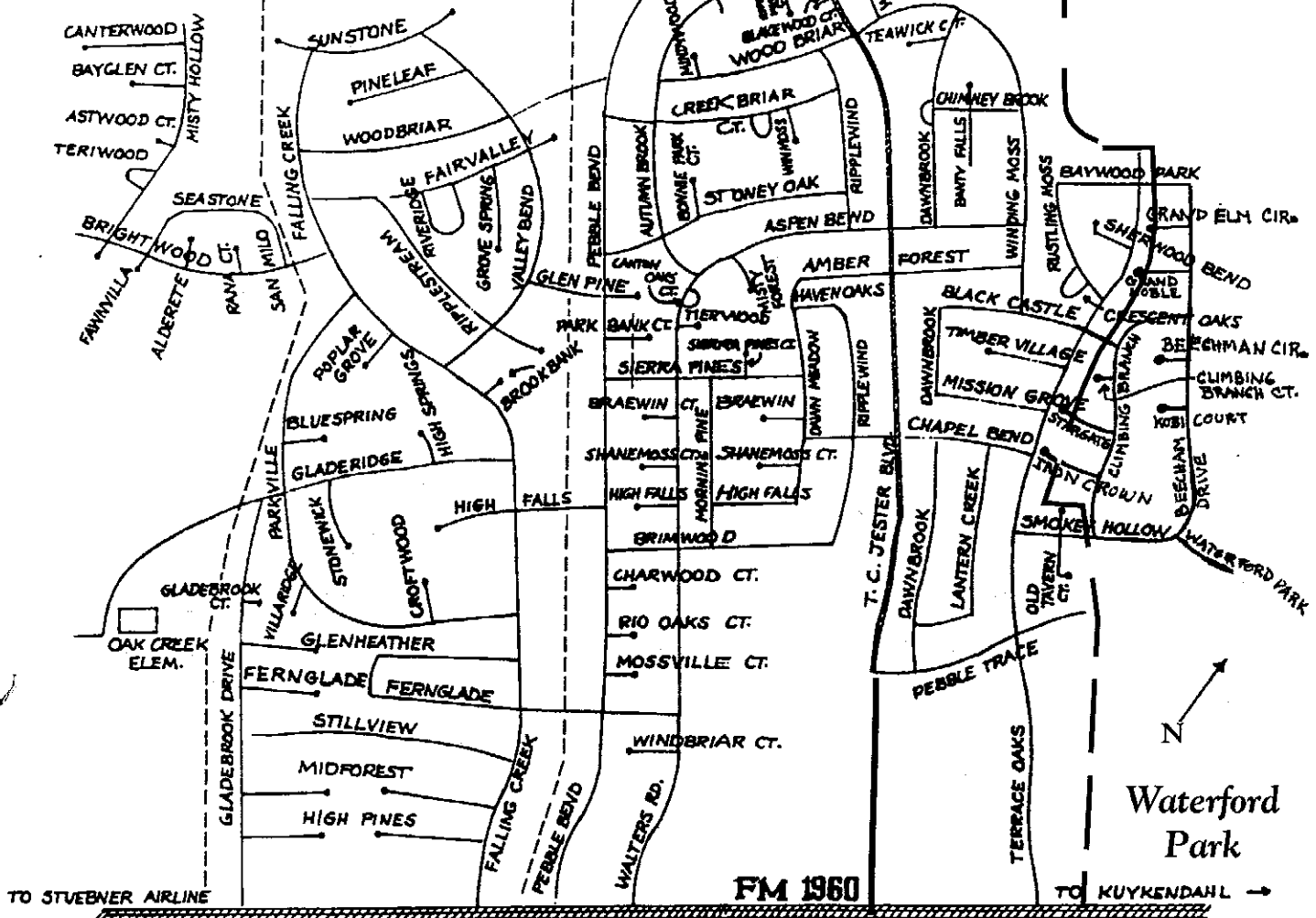
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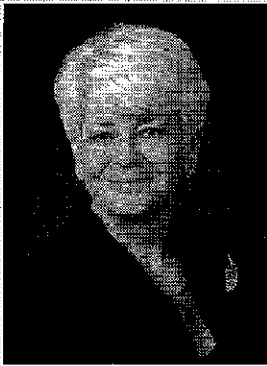
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