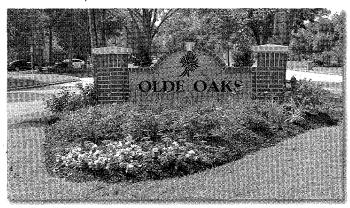
OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Achieving the Aesthetic: Beautification Committee

The Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Beautification Committee is led by OOCIA Vice President **Christine Potter**. The goal of the Beautification Committee is to enhance the aesthetics of the community.



Recent eye-catching updates to the entrance monument at the north end of T.C. Jester enhance the beauty of our community.

Entrance Monuments — One of the committee's ongoing tasks is to maintain the appearance of the neighborhood's entrance monuments. Last month, the Beautification Committee and the OOCIA Board worked jointly to refresh the plantings surrounding the monuments at either end of T.C. Jester. The flowerbeds in front of each monument were expanded in a tapering shape, and fresh periwinkles, knockout roses,

society garlic and variegated grasses were added. The monuments are both backed by several tall Japanese blueberry bushes, which provide a great anchor to the monuments and will stay green and shapely year-round.

Yard of the Month – The Beautification Committee is proud to announce the OO/WP Yard of the Month program. The finest yards in our community will be celebrated each month beginning in October. The purpose of the Yard of the Month is to provide an incentive for residents to maintain and improve the appearance of our community by promoting well-kept yards. One winner each month will proudly display a Yard of the Month sign in their yard for an entire month. A picture of the winning yard will also be posted on the OOCIA newsletter and website each month. Every homeowner is invited to participate.

The Yard of the Month will be chosen based upon both maintenance and design/landscaping criteria. Guidelines are as follows:

Yard Maintenance

- Healthy lawn: neatly mowed and edged
- Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
- Healthy plants
- Weed-free flowerbeds
- Yard free of debris and clutter
- Driveway free of oil and other stains

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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.

Sept. 12, 2012 Oct. 10, 2012 • Nov. 14, 2012 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@ACMImgmt.com with your name, address and email address.

Who You Gonna Call?

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12603 Louetta Rd., Suite 101	
Cypress, TX 77429 <u>w</u>	
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website	<u>www.hcp4.net</u>
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Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association Current Officers

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Christine Potter, Vice President
Vince Perna, Secretary
Steven Hatcher, Treasurer
Joycelyn Ray-Latson, Director at Large

EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
911	Emergency/Crime in progress,
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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.

To access the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Webpage, go to ACMI Management's website,

www.ACMImgmt.com.

Click on "Homeowner Access" tab, enter your house number and street name. Click "Verify," then select "Olde Oaks" from the drop-down menu.

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 October Newsletter Deadline is September 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.

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Beautification Committee - continued

Design and Landscaping

- Use of color and/or texture
- Creative and unique curb appeal
- Overall aesthetic appeal; an inspiration to others in the neighborhood
- Balance of landscaping appropriate to house and lot size

Rules

- 1. Homes throughout the community will be selected each month.
- 2. Each yard will be limited to winning Yard of the Month only once in any calendar year.
- Only the front yards as viewed from the street will be judged. Backyards will not be considered, even if visible from the street.
- 4. All plantings must be living; no plastic, silk or artificial plants.
- 5. Current OOCIA Board members and voting members of the Beautification Committee are not eligible.
- 6. Winner must be in good standing with the OOCIA.
- 7. Members of the Beautification Committee and OOCIA Board will judge, determine, and select the Yard of the Month prior to the award being given.
- 8. Yard of the Month sign will be placed in the winning yard and will remain the entire month.
- 9. Decisions of the committee are final.

Nominations for Yard of the Month – Do you wish to nominate a home for Yard of the Month? Please email nominations to ACMI at info@acmimgmt.com (subject line: Christine Potter, Beautification Committee). Email nominations are needed no later than the first of each month in order for the committee to drive by and evaluate recommended yards.

Yard of the Month signs are in the design process. Good luck to all residents, and we hope you will wake up to a Yard of the Month sign in your front yard!

Volunteer Opportunity – Would you like to be a part of the Beautification Committee? This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community and help maintain the beauty of our neighborhood. Contact ACMI at info@acmimgmt.com to get involved!

submitted by Christine Potter OOCIA Vice President and Beautification Committee Chairperson





NEWS in Brief

Calling All Moms of Little Ones!

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.

A Message From Royal Recycle & Disposal

If you are unhappy with your 96-gallon recycling container, please call Royal Recycle & Disposal at **713-526-1536**. They will gladly replace the 96-gallon container with a much smaller 60-gallon one or will remove it from your property completely, if you wish.

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	
Dinner With Friends	Lauren Hensley, 281-893-1833
Museum Excursion	
Mixed Bowling	Francine Alvarez, 281-580-8815
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OOCIA Monthly Meeting Notes

The OOCIA Board held its first Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 8. Approximately 25 residents were in attendance. Topics of discussion included the following:

- The OOCIA Board members introduced themselves and talked briefly about the various committees they chair.
- All of the Sheriff's deputies who patrol OO/WP were in attendance. The deputies made a brief presentation on how to keep your home and family safe and answered questions from residents.
- The Harris County Sheriff's Explorer Post 41 provided information on safety and security, including handouts on Cybersafety for Kids Online, Carjacking, and National Child Identification Program packets.
- The Board addressed questions regarding abandoned houses, the upkeep of vacant lots, solicitation in the neighborhood, and the cleanup of trash along Walters Road. In addition, some general comments were made thanking the Board and ACMI for all the work they have accomplished in the past few months.





Thanks to Local Businesses

OOCIA and the Strategic Planning Committee would like to thank local businesses who have worked with us over the last few months in an effort to enhance the aesthetic appeal of our community.

Tom Labropulos, the owner/manager of the Walters Road convenience store shopping center, has given the shopping strip a fresh, new and clean look. Labropulos has spent over \$2,000 to date making improvements.

Andy Curley, the manager of the Walters Road Shopping Center, has been generous in allowing his maintenance crew to engage in a massive cleanup of the area and has agreed to make sure the property continues to be maintained.

Rafael Meza, the manager of the Soccer Club, has also made great strides in the cleanup of the area around his club. He has cut down dead trees, removed dead bushes and is working hard on trying to keep his property clean and litter-free.

Rolando Hernandez, the manager of the Walters Road Wal-Mart store, is making every effort to get stray carts picked up around the neighborhood and has also instructed his staff to be watchful about cleanliness in their parking lot. Wal-Mart is also working on a landscape improvement program.

OOCIA and the SPC are very grateful to the local businesses who have helped bring positive change to our community.

submitted by Rufi Natarajan OO/WP Resident and SPC Volunteer Coordinator

Harris County Sheriff's Explorers Post 41

Explorers Post 41 has a new location in the Olde Oaks subdivision at the MUD Building #44, 16900 TC Jester. The program is seeking students from age 14, who finished the 8th grade, to 21 years old who have an interest in the field of law enforcement. Meetings will be held Thursday evenings from 5-8 p.m. at the MUD Building.

For more information contact Deputy R. Curnel at 281-376-2997.





Preventing Cooking Fires

The latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association show that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States.

Fire departments in the U.S. respond to an average of 155,400 home fires that involved cooking equipment per year. These fires cause an average of 390 deaths, 4,800 injuries, and \$771 million in property damage. Ranges accounted for the largest share (58%) of home cooking fire incidents, while ovens accounted for 16% and microwaves 5%.

Unattended cooking is the primary cause of kitchen fires. The U.S. Fire Administration advises that you should stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. Many cooking fires start when people leave the kitchen to take a nap or to watch TV. If you must leave the kitchen, for even a short period of time, turn off the stove as a safety precaution. Accidents in the kitchen can also be avoided by using a moderate cooking temperature and never overfilling a pot or pan, as that can cause the contents to spill over and ignite.

A study published by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission found that 43% of cooking fires began with cooking oil. When overheated, cooking oil will start to bubble excessively and can overflow from a pan and ignite. Cooking oil fires are intense and can surge up and out of the pan almost instantly. When cooking with oil always stay close by the stove.

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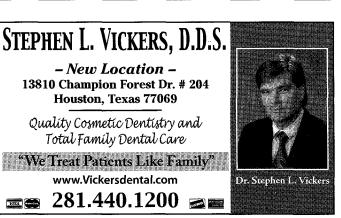
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How to Avoid Cooking Fires – Here are some other helpful tips from the U.S. Fire Administration on how to avoid fires in the kitchen:

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home, and use a timer to avoid burning food.
- Stay alert while cooking. Drinking alcohol or taking certain medicines can make you drowsy and slower to react if a fire develops.
- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper bags, pot holders, food packaging, towels, or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean. Before cooking, always clear old spilled food and grease from the stove and oven because they can easily ignite. This is also good safety practice for microwave ovens.
- Keep your pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle over the stove and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

How and When to Fight Cooking Fires – Three of every five (58%) of reported nonfatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves.





Here are some guidelines on what to do if a fire breaks out in your kitchen:

- If you attempt to extinguish the fire, use a class ABC multipurpose fire extinguisher. Follow the manufacturers' instructions and stay back 6 to 8 feet. Be careful not to spray the grease out of the pan because that will only spread the fire. If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner and do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- Never pour water on a grease fire because that can make the fire spread.
- Never try to carry a burning pan or pot to the sink or outside. That could fan the flames and spread the fire to other parts of the kitchen. You also increase your risk of getting burned as well.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.
- If you have a fire in your microwave oven, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the

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- door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.
- After a fire, have your range, oven, or microwave serviced before using again.

Smoke Alarms

A smoke alarm should be installed in your kitchen or near your kitchen per the manufacturer's instructions. Sometimes while cooking, a small amount of smoke from an oven or stovetop can create a nuisance alarm. If your cooking causes a nuisance alarm, open the door or window and fan the area with a towel to get the air moving.

Purchase a smoke alarm with a pause or hush button to temporarily stop a nuisance alarm from activating. Never disable the smoke alarm or take out the batteries. Treat any activation from a smoke alarm as a likely fire and always react quickly and safely.

submitted by Nicholas Summerville OO/WP Resident







Monthly Statistics

OLDE OAKS & WATERFORD PARK July 2012

9-1-1 Hang-Up1	Meet the Citizen	8
Alarms29	Open Door/Open Window	
Animal Aggressive1	Solicitors	
Burglary to a Habitation0	Suspicious Person	4
Burglary Other0	Vehicle	12
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle0	Traffic	5
Criminal Mischief3	Vacation Watch	23
Disturbances22		
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into dispatch for loud noise, family	8	
disturbance, etc., that Deputy	×	
responds to.)		

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. Still call if it has already happened.

CALL 713-221-6000 OR 9-1-1

To request a Contract Deputy to contact you, call nonemergency/informational at 713-221-6000.

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



Book Club

"Footnotes"

August was a momentous time for us as it was the 10th anniversary of when we organized the Book Club in the home of **Mary Boase** in August 2002. We've certainly read a lot of books, and probably many that members say they would not have read if not for being in the Book Club.

As individuals we all have our areas of interest when reading for recreation and relaxation. We presently have a nucleus of 8 members, although we have had almost 20 at one time. People move out of town, go back to work, or become involved with other community activities, so the number has fluctuated over time.

We choose books every six months and get ideas from books members have already read or from friends in other book clubs.

Our next meeting will be at my home on September 25



with Jerry Lutz as discussion leader. The book is *The Golden Hour*, a first novel by Margaret Wurtele. I found it at the library a few months ago on the new fiction shelf and thought I'd check it out for a future read for the group. It's about German occupation of Italy during WW II, Mussolini's Fascist party alignment with Hitler's Germany, and the effect of the occupation on one family.

Ms. Wurtele has written two other books, both memoirs — Touching the Edge: A Mother's Path from Loss to Life and Taking Root: A Spiritual Memoir. She and her husband live in Minneapolis and the Napa Valley where they are the owners of a winery. Her website is www.margaretwurtele.com.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator





Bammel Utility District Town Hall Meeting

The Bammel Utility District Board of Directors is hosting a Town Hall Meeting for the residents of Bammel Utility District.

Tuesday, September 18 • 7 p.m.

Oak Creek Village Clubhouse 3904 Gladeridge Drive, Houston, Texas

Topics to be covered include surface water, water rates, reading and understanding your water bill, and improvements being made to the District's infrastructure.

Questions can be directed to Alan Kaniss, Board Secretary, by phone at 281-537-8113 or by email to akaniss@polysopec.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Spring ISD 2012-2013 School Calendar

September 3	Labor Day/Student Holiday
October 8 Paren	nt Conferences/Staff Development
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Break
December 21-January 2	Winter Break
January 18	1st Semester Classes End
January 21	M. L. King, Jr. Holiday
January 22	2nd Semester Classes Begin
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 29	
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 31	2nd Semester Classes End

^{*} Inclement Weather Days: January 2, June 3







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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
H – House Sitting	T-Tutoring	D – Dog Walking
M – Mother's Helper	P – Pet Care	O – Office Help
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B, H, M, O	Solynna King	832-461-7245
OJ, Y, D, M, P	Andre Mattox	713-444-2991
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Want to be a part of restoring this community to its former glory? Olde Oaks/Waterford Park needs volunteers to serve on various committees, particularly the Beautification Committee. If you can spare even an hour per month, we want you! Please email your contact information to OldeOaksEditor@hotmail.com (or mail to Laura Summers, 3511 Kennonview) as soon as possible, and we will get you plugged into the exciting things that are now taking place!

Hospital Volunteers Needed!

If you have some free time, think about donating some of that time to your community by volunteering at Northwest Medical Center Hospital located at 710 FM 1960.

The Houston Northwest Medical Volunteer Auxiliary is in dire need of volunteers to perform duties such as assisting families in the surgical and outpatient waiting rooms, managing the gift shop, helping with patient dismissals in wheel chairs, delivering medical equipment and medical records where they are needed, and much more.

Our morning volunteer shift begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m., and our afternoon shift begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Volunteer opportunities are Monday through Friday with no weekend or holiday shifts. You can usually choose the shift you would like.

If you are interested, please call Houston Northwest Hospital at 281-440-1000 and ask for the Volunteer Desk.





VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES: Where Do You Fit In?

Beautification Committee Chairperson: C. Potter

The Beautification Committee is responsible for the beautification and maintenance of the community's common areas and entrances.

Architectural Control Committee Chairperson: V. Perna

The Architectural Control Committee is charged with reviewing all requests for construction, modifications, or improvements made to properties within the community to ensure compliance with deed restrictions and established architectural guidelines.

Communications Committee Chairperson: J. Ray-Latson

The Communications Committee keeps the community informed of activities and Association functions through the newsletter, the webpage, signboards, and various other forms of publicity.

Strategic Planning Committee Chairperson: S. Hatcher

The Strategic Planning Committee focuses on creating a positive image for the community, identifying capital improvement projects to propose to the Board, and cultivating community partnerships with local organizations and associations, thereby increasing property values neighborhood-wide.

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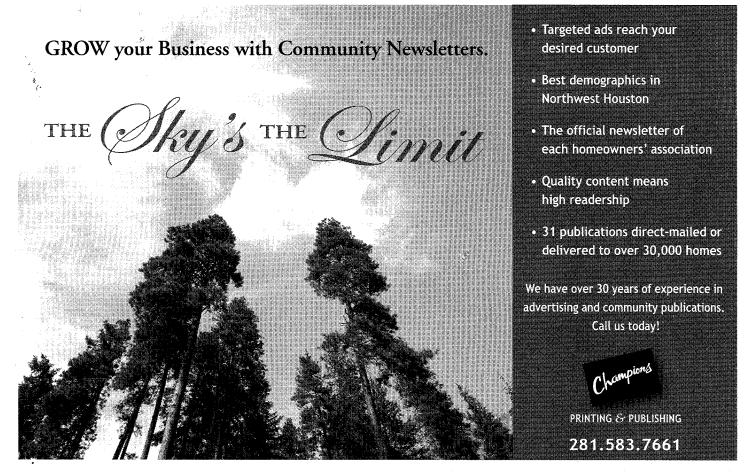
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Sept 14-16 • Houston Fine Art Fair at The Reliant Centerhoustonfineartfair.com
Sept 28 - Oct 7 • Fort Bend County Fair & Livestock Showfbcfa.org
Sept 29 - 30 • 15th Annual Jazz Festivalkemahboardwalk.com
Oct 4-7 • 46th Original Greek Festivalgreekfestival.org
Oct 6 • 22 nd Annual Race For The Curekomen-houston.org
Oct 6 - Nov 25 • Sat & Sun - Texas Renaissance Festivaltexrenfest.com
Oct 11 - 14 • 34th Annual Festa Italianahoustonitalianfestival.com
Oct 12 - 14 • Conroe Cajun Catfish Festivalconroecajuncatfishfestival.com
Oct 13 • Houston Walk Now For Autism Speaks, Reliant Pk walknowforautismspeaks.org
Oct 20 & 21 • 15th Galveston ARToberFEST, Galvestonartoberfest.com
Oct 20 & 27 • Kemah Boardwalk Halloween Costume Contestkemahboardwalk.com
Oct 27 • 28 th Texian Market Daysgeorgeranch.org
Oct 27 & 28 • Wings Over Houston Airshowwingsoverhouston.com
Oct 27 - 29 • International Quilt Festivalquilts.com
Nov 8 - 11 • 32 nd Annual Nutcracker Marketnutcrackermarket.com
Nov 10 & 11 • 17 th Annual Children's Festivalwoodlandscenter.org
Nov 17 & 18 • 2012 ViaColoriHoustoncenterhearingandspeech.org
Nov 22 • 63 rd Thanksgiving Day Paradehebparade.com
Nov 22 • Uptown Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony713.621.2504