



## Waterford Park

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Trash Talk 2.0

The OOCIA Board recently voted to change trash removal contractors, thereby saving the community nearly \$80,000 for the year. Beginning on **May 1, 2012**, Royal Recycle & Disposal trucks, instead of Republic Waste Services trucks, will be trundling up and down our streets. Because waste removal comprises nearly one-third of our community's annual budget, it is important to understand and utilize the services we are offered. Here's the scoop:

- Pickup Days** – Mondays and Thursdays, except for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- Setting Out Trash** – Do not set trash out any earlier than 7 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. This is a deed restriction!
- Backdoor Service** – Workers will not collect trash from behind your gate or fence, but instead of lugging household trash to the curb, please place your household trash container in an easily accessible spot on the driveway near the side of your house or garage door. This not only reduces the incidence of trash being blown over by a rogue wind or strewn along your yard or curb by a hungry animal, but also helps make our community look clean and neat.
- Yard Waste** – Leaves and clippings should be bagged and placed by the curb for collection. Pruned limbs should be bundled into 4-foot lengths. Bundles should be no heavier than 40 lbs.
- Heavy Trash** – Heavy trash (i.e., construction debris, old patio furniture, defunct appliances) is picked up on Thursdays. Like yard waste, it should be placed at the curb. This is limited to one item per week per home. Call Royal at 713-526-1536 to make arrangements for additional items.
- Recycling** – Place all recyclables in the designated bin at curbside. Recycling is picked up on Thursdays. Rinse out all food containers and break down all cardboard boxes before placing them in your bin. Please see page 3 for a handy chart of what Royal will take. Cut it out and tape it to the inside of your bin for future reference.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** – Items such as household cleaners, paint and paint-related products, yard/automotive products, batteries, tires, aerosol containers, small propane cylinders, and mercury-containing items (e.g., thermometers, CFLs and fluorescent tubes) can be disposed of at the Harris County HHW Facility located at 6900 Hahl Road, Houston 77040 (Hwy. 290 and Gessner area) on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 281-560-6200 for more information. You can also check out [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) for other facilities that accept specialized waste.

(See page 3 for Recycling Guidelines)

### 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.

If you want to receive an email reminder a few days prior to the meeting, please send an email request to [info@ACMImgmt.com](mailto:info@ACMImgmt.com). Please include your name, address and email address. Please note that members are welcome as observers and will not participate in discussions or voting. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the meeting.

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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911	Emergency/Crime in progress, Sheriff's Department, Ambulance and Fire
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281-251-0101	Klein V.E.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.ACMIimgmt.com](http://www.ACMIimgmt.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 May Newsletter Deadline is April 10.**

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# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

## PAPER

### Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines and catalogues
- Clean pizza, beer, and soda boxes
- Telephone books and paperback books
- Newspapers and circulars
- Paperboard (e.g., cereal/food boxes, detergent boxes, paper egg cartons)
- Office/school paper, fax paper (all colors)
- Tetrapak (paper dairy/juice cartons)
- Junk mail, including window envelopes

### No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Waxed paper/cereal box liner
- Mixed metal and paper (stapled items)
- Food-contaminated boxes (cheesy pizza boxes)
- Diapers
- Food/seed bags
- Slick-coated food boxes
- Tissue paper or foil gift wrap
- Tyvek envelopes
- Hardback books

## GLASS

### Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Clear, brown and green glass
- No, Thank You – Trash It!**
- Broken glass
- Mirror or window glass
- Glass plates
- Light bulbs
- Heat-resistant glass (e.g., Pyrex)
- Ceramics (i.e., dishware, ovenware, decorative items)

## PLASTICS

### Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Any and all plastics with recycle symbols #1-7
- Thin plastics (e.g., grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves)

### No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Plastics without a recycle symbol
- Pesticide, chemical, antifreeze or motor oil containers
- Toys
- Laundry baskets and unsanitary containers

## METAL

### Yes, Please – Recycle It!

- Bi-metallic cans (e.g., food and pet food)
- Aluminum cans, foil, pie tins, trays
- Jar lids

### No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Paint/aerosol containers
- Pesticide/chemical containers
- Needles/syringes
- Oil filters and batteries

## OTHER

### No, Thank You – Trash It!

- Styrofoam
- Computer/electronics waste
- Medical waste/biohazard materials

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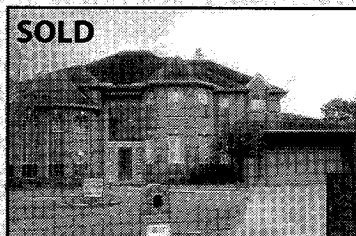
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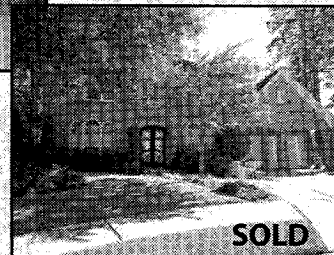
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# Discussion With ACMI

Let me continue this month with a discussion of issues that can impact the appearance of the neighborhood and related property values. Last month I discussed three aspects: (1) How do the entrances appear? (2) Does the community have an overall positive appearance? and (3) How do the individual homes and grounds appear? Finally, everyone was challenged to take a walk around their home and look for details that need attention and then take action. In our late February inspection we saw significant improvement; however, there are still a very significant number of areas of "opportunity."

This month I want to continue with a discussion of relatively common issues that detract from the appearance of some homes and steps the owner/resident can (and should) take to improve that appearance.

- **Many owners and/or residents have not taken steps to control winter weeds.** The result is many properties have become overgrown with weeds and present a very negative appearance. In late January and early February, 56 force-mow notices were sent to owners whose lawns were weed-ridden. The notice apparently helped – more than 30 of the properties were mown prior to the visit by the landscaper. The Association did, however, end up mowing 22 properties. This force-mow program will be continued. We hope there will be a general positive response with owners treating lawns with pre- and post-

emergent herbicides both this year and next so weeds do not reappear. Mowing during the winter months can keep weeds from going to seed, and it is far easier to control weeds before they sprout than once they go to seed.

- **Mildew is out of control on some homes.** In some cases it appears mildew has grown uncontrolled for several years. We will ask the OOCIA Board for approval to institute a special initiative on mildew growth on the homes, mailboxes, walks and driveways. In Houston, power-washing with an algacide at least once a year is required if your home has any damp, shady area where mildew thrives.
- **Mailboxes need attention, especially those on wooden supports.** As many as 30% of the community's mailboxes are in urgent need of replacement or repair, and in their current condition, they detract significantly from the appearance of the home and the community.

Again, let me urge you to please take a few minutes to walk around your home and take a critical look for details that need attention. Then get out the power washer, buy a new mailbox and take other action to make your home present a more positive appearance to visitors as well as to assist in increasing the value of the Olde Oaks and Waterford Park neighborhoods.

*contributed by Bert Williams, ACMI Management*



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# Spring Spruce. Up



Trees and bushes are in leaf. Bird song issues from the tops of our majestic trees. Lawn mower engines buzz in the distance like giant bees. There is no escaping it: Spring is upon us. As the weather gets warmer, spend an hour at your local plant nursery – I'll bet you won't come home empty-handed!

**Lawn Maintenance** – Now is the time to fertilize. Look for products with the general ratio 3-1-2 (for example, 15-5-10). The numbers tell you the ratio of nitrogen to phosphorus to potassium in the mix. Use a broadcast or drop spreader and follow the application instructions on the bag. Got leftovers? Don't worry – you'll use it again in late summer. If you have some bare spots in your lawn, purchase St. Augustine plugs

and place them every 12 inches. Water them in, and they will have meshed together by mid-season. Mow, trim, and edge – the community deed restrictions require it!

**Watering** – Turn on and cycle your irrigation system. Replace broken sprinkler heads and make sure the heads are spraying where you want them to spray – not on your foundation, windows or driveway. Watering rates are unique to every different yard, so ask a professional for advice on how long and how often to water. In general, you want to keep your plants wet for the least amount of time possible. Watering just before sunrise, when plants are already wet from dew and will quickly dry in the morning sun, is the optimal time. This also reduces evaporative loss and doesn't give fungus a chance to start. If you don't have an automatic rain sensor shutoff, hit the "off" button when rain chances are high.

**Trees** – Harris County and the surrounding counties lost or will lose an estimated 66 million trees due to last summer's drought. This is about 10% of the total tree population. If one or more of these trees is on your property, have it removed. For living trees, remove dead branches or any that touch your house – this can be a pathway for pests as well as a hazard in high winds or storms.

**Shrubs and Flower Beds** – If you are unsure whether shrubs and bushes will come back after last summer's brutal heat, scrape the bark with your thumbnail. If you uncover

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