



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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.

Agenda: Minutes from prior meeting,
financial report, old business,
new business, discussion
period. A closed executive
session will follow in which
private issues related to
collections, deed restrictions,
etc., will be discussed.

If you want to receive an email
reminder a few days prior to the meeting,
please send an email request to
info@ACMIgmt.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.

March 14, 2012

April 11, 2012

May 9, 2012

June 13, 2012

34th Annual FM 1960

St. Patrick's Day PARADE



Looking for a free local activity the whole family will enjoy? Love to wear green? Then slather on the sunscreen, pack some drinks and snacks, grab the lawn chairs and come on down to FM 1960!

The 1960 Parade Committee's 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 11**. This is a great chance to enjoy a spring day outdoors, relax with friends and family, and watch the floats go by. For the kids, there are plenty of beads and other treasures to be had if you can catch them.

The parade steps off at 2 p.m. from the parking lot of the Wells Fargo Bank building at Champion Forest Drive and FM 1960 and finishes up at The Texas Rock Tavern at Kuykendahl and FM 1960. Parade officials estimate that between 60,000 and 80,000 people will attend this year's parade, so stake your claim early if you plan to watch from the sidelines.

Keep in mind that the 3.5-mile parade route will be closed down to all traffic from 1 p.m. to about 5 p.m. that day, and plan to use Cypresswood Drive or Stuebner Airline as alternate routes. The intersections at Champion Forest Drive and Kuykendahl will remain open, and police will open up intersections from west to east along the route as the parade clears.

Proceeds from parade entries benefit Cypress Creek EMS scholarship programs, and over \$100,000 has been raised in the past several years. For more information, visit the 1960 Parade Committee's website at www.1960parade.com.

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NEW BABY?



Kathy Hall would love to hear from parents who have had a visit from the stork! Call her at 281-569-4967 to have a "stork" set up in the front yard.

**NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE**

The April newsletter deadline is March 10.

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Discussion with ACMI

Property Values

At the owners' meeting on February 8 there was considerable discussion about property values and what the Association Board and members of the Association can do to support those values.

The general consensus within the industry is that a positive first opinion is extremely important in determining the value of a property. This relates to the community, the area where a home is located, the immediate neighbors to the home and the property itself.

Given this perspective, the following items need to be considered by the Association Board and each homeowner:

- **How do the entrances to the subdivision appear?** Are they well kept, inviting? As discussed at the meeting, this subject is under review by the Board and everyone should support upgrades that assist in providing a positive outside appearance for the community.
- **Does the community have an overall positive appearance?** The addition of trees, irrigation of medians and other landscape upgrades over the past few years has helped here. The current project to upgrade eight cul-de-sacs is also a positive step. Other such steps should be identified by members and forwarded to the Board for consideration along with ideas the Board may develop.

- **How do the individual homes and grounds appear? Are they generally well maintained?** This is an area where each homeowner or tenant plays an important role. In recent visits to the community we find several maintenance activities where many homes need attention: a) Winter weeds are not controlled and are allowed to grow without frequent mowing (more than 50 force-mowing notices were issued in January due to this issue). b) Many mailboxes need to be replaced or maintained; they lean, do not have doors, etc. c) Many homes have significant mildew buildup

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on brick and wood siding. d) Driveways and sidewalks are in need of repair – just to mention a few areas of concern currently being addressed.

- **How you can help?** Please take a few minutes to walk around your home and take a critical look for details that need attention. Every home requires some annual maintenance. Then, clean the debris from the eaves, get out the power washer, buy a new mailbox and take other action that you perceive might make your home present a more positive appearance to a visitor, provide an increase in value and thereby to assist in increasing the value of the Olde Oaks and Waterford Park neighborhoods.

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
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Update on Annual Meeting

The OOCIA Board of Directors would like to thank all of the homeowners who participated in and/or attended the 2012 OOCIA Annual Meeting on February 8. A record number of homeowners were in attendance.

As voted by you, the new OOCIA Board of Directors is as follows:

- President..... Ms. Susan Sulski
- Vice President Ms. Christine Potter
- Secretary..... Mr. Vincent Perna
- Treasurer..... Ms. Linda Faulkner
- Director-at-Large..... Ms. Joycelyn Ray-Latson

All homeowners are invited to attend OOCIA's monthly Board meetings. Come be a part of shaping your community.

Additionally, be sure to check out the Olde Oaks/Waterford Park webpage on ACMI's website to view our bylaws, deed restrictions, architectural guidelines, aerial maps of our community, and more. Go to www.acmimgmt.com, click on the "Homeowner Access" tab, enter your house number and street name, click "Verify," then select "Olde Oaks" from the drop-down menu.

The Communications Committee plans to expand this webpage in the coming months and make it a handy source of valuable information covering all aspects of our community.

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OLDE OAKS & WATERFORD PARK

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Accident.....1	Meet the Citizen.....12
Alarms.....17	Open Door/Open Window.....0
Animal Humane/Aggressive.....0	Solicitor.....1
Burglary to a Habitation.....1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle.....3/3
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle.....2	Traffic Initiative.....25
Criminal Mischief.....6	Vacation Watch.....13

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"

A nonfiction book, *The Big Rich* by Bryan Burrough, is on the docket for our **March 27** meeting. We will meet at the home of **Jannette Hanna**, and **Heather George** will be the discussion leader. *Rich*, written in 2009, chronicles the rise and fall of one of the great economic and political influences of the 20th century, Texas oil. It's a tale of money, family, and power. The big four – Roy Cullen, H. L. Hunt, Clint Murchison, and Sid Richardson – were all from modest backgrounds but became heads of the wealthiest oil families of Texas. Together they became known as "the big rich" and helped shift wealth and power from the East Coast, financially backed three Texas native sons to the White House, and so assisted the rise of modern conservatism in the United States.

Bryan Burrough is a best-selling author of four books and is a *Vanity Fair* special correspondent. Raised in Temple, Texas, he attended journalism school at the University of Missouri and then went on to write for several newspapers. He is a three-time winner of the prestigious Gerald Loeb Award for Excellence in financial journalism. In addition, he has consulted for *60 Minutes* and various Hollywood studios and written book reviews and Op-Ed articles in many newspapers. He presently lives in New Jersey with his wife and two teenaged sons.

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The exhibit will be showcasing:

Barbara Gilroy (acrylics), Anne Hines (small sculptures), Debbie Chiecchi Jackson (oils), Alicia Judkins (Byzantine icons and oils), Petra Kuder (colored and charcoal pencil), Elizabeth Sapre (acrylics and prisma color); including artwork by Janet Engdahl (watercolors) and Roger Gandelman (art glass) who will not be present.

When: Thursday, March 22

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Where: Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts
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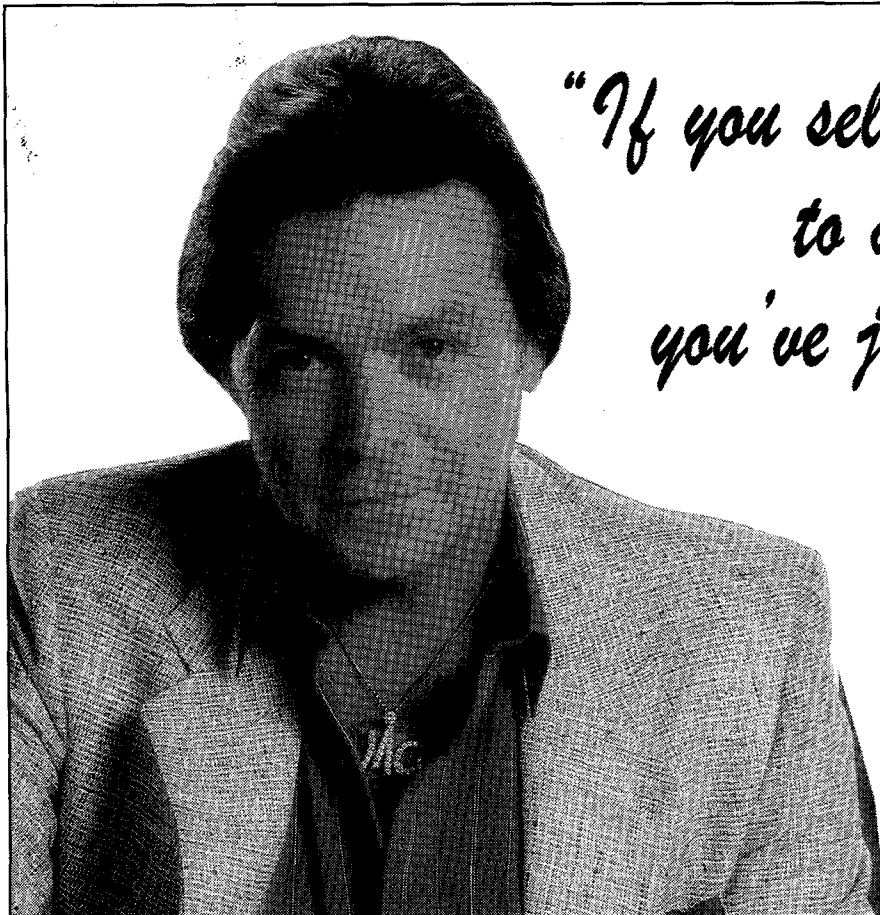
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MOMS Club

Are you a stay-at-home mom of young children looking for daily outings and activities? Are you looking for other stay-at-home moms in the area and playmates for your child? We are the MOMS Club of Spring-Central and host a variety of activities and outings each month for moms just like you. Visit our website at <http://momsclubofspringcentral.weebly.com> for more information or email Chelsea at momsclubmembership@yahoo.com.



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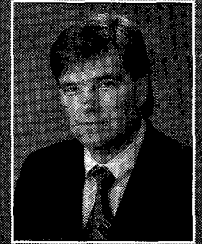
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Mondays from 1-8 p.m.

Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The volunteers are not able to take phone calls. The volunteers will be here through April 16.

Ongoing at the Library

Bilingual Yoga on Fridays – Volunteer-led Yoga classes are held every Friday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Robin Bush Activity Room. Just grab your mat and come; bring a friend.

Spanish Classes at Library – Practice your Spanish on Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., in the WCR conference room. No need to register; just drop in and meet Oscar, our tutor. Class is free and open to everyone. Some knowledge of Spanish is helpful.

Adult/Senior Games at the Library – The adult/senior games morning will meet every Wednesday in the Robin Bush room from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Senior Game Day on February 29 will be rescheduled to **Thursday, March 1**. Come and play dominos,

traditional and Chicken Foot or Rummikub with others in the community. Meet new friends or bring a friend.

Green Magazine Exchange Center – The library has a place for your recent, but read magazines. Bring in your old magazines to share with others. Please bring only magazines published in 2011 or 2012. Feel free to take as many as you bring in (or more). The rack is at the top of the stairs on the second floor.

Knitting/Crocheting/Conversation Group (Fridays all year) – All ages are welcome to this knitting, crocheting, and conversation group. The group meets in the Earl Elliott Meeting Room from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Bring your own projects or use our yarn to make lap blankets for veterans and chemo caps for M.D. Anderson patients. Please arrive before 4 p.m. if you want assistance learning to knit or crochet. Please bring your own hook or needles.

Classic Movie Morning for Seniors (March 9 at 10 a.m.) – Will show a film from 1944 starring Cary Grant. “An easy-going drama critic discovers that his kind and gentle aunts Abby and Martha have a bizarre habit of poisoning gentlemen callers and burying them in the cellar.” The movie is scheduled in the Earl Elliott meeting room on the first floor. The **April** movie is from 1948 starring Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, and Ann Miller.

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NAM Endowment Dinner featuring David Cook, author of *Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days in Utopia*. This event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Champions Golf Club. Tickets are now on sale for \$250. VIP tickets include a round of golf at Champions Golf Club the day of the event, with a few holes of golf played with David Cook. VIP tickets are \$1,500. Tables for ten start at \$5,000. For more information, contact Tanecia at 281-885-4608 or at tsnid@namonline.org.

Community Fund-Raisers

Team NAM – Training is under way for The Woodlands Marathon and Half Marathon in March. The program also supports other races locally and around the country and provides training for endurance endeavors beyond miles, like the R2R2R. For information, go to www.marathon-Teamnam.org or email marathonteamname@gmail.com.



Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

March Mart Preview (March 17, 10 a.m.-noon) – Get ready and make your wish list as you view a PowerPoint presentation of some of the choice plants that will be offered later in the month at March Mart. Please call for reservations.

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| H – House Sitting | T – Tutoring | D – Dog Walking |
| M – Mother's Helper | P – Pet Care | O – Office Help |

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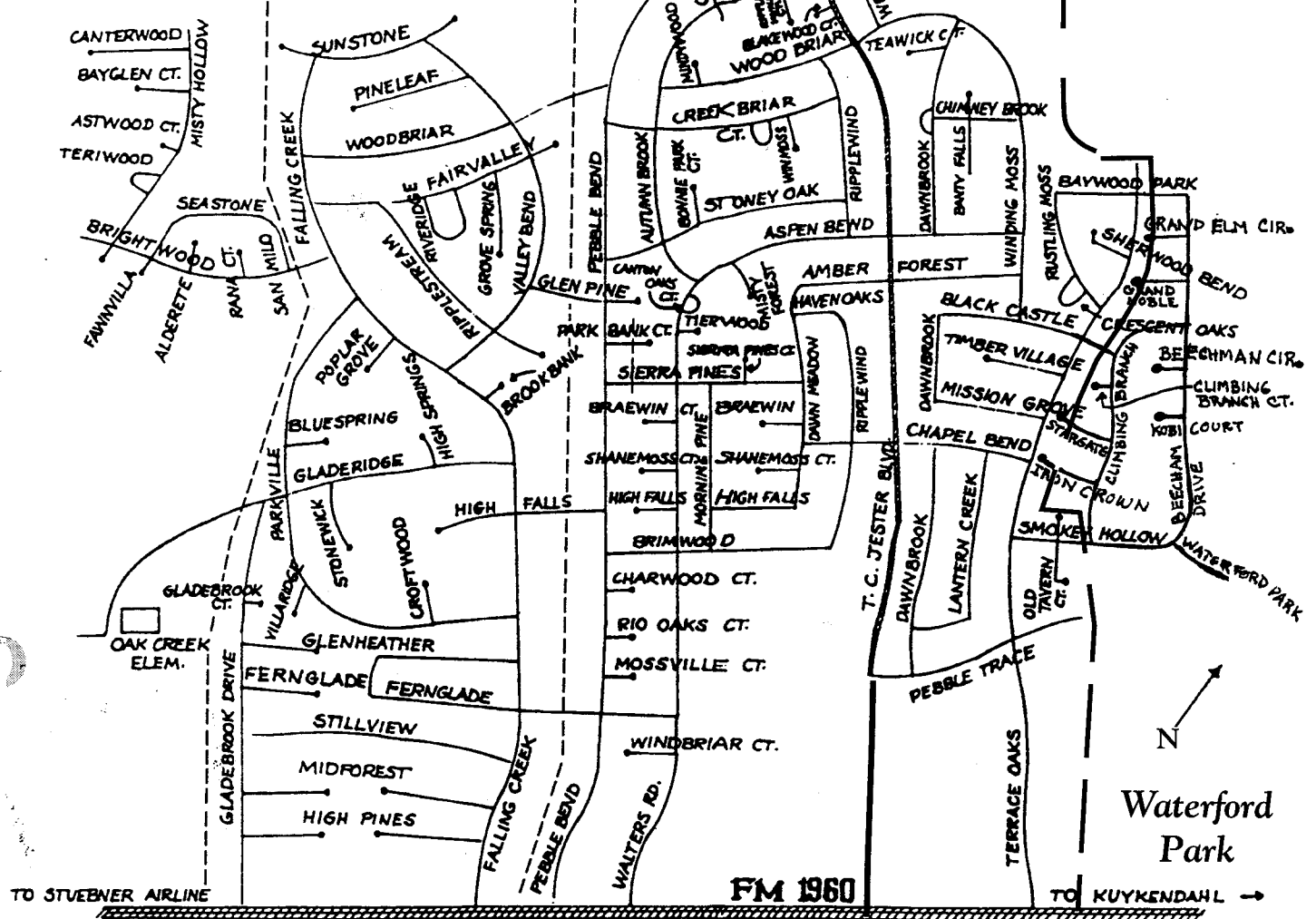
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