

OLDE OAKS

September 2018

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Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS **Next OOCIA Monthly Open Board Meeting**

Tuesday, September 18

at 6:45 p.m.

Oak Creek Village Clubhouse
3906 Gladeridge Drive

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE **September 8**

Editor: Mary Ann Waterman

Send information and questions to
oociaeeditor@gmail.com

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TEXAS

"National Night Out Texas," Tuesday, October 2, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is a neighborhood crime prevention event that occurs annually and is celebrated in every city, town and village in the US. In addition to increasing awareness of crime prevention programs, NNO also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!"

It's that time of year once again when Olde Oaks/Waterford Park residents are encouraged to celebrate their neighborhood safety goals and be grateful for the efforts of the Harris County Sheriff's Office in keeping our community safe. As residents, we are responsible for creating awareness of how to keep not only our own families but also our neighbors safe from unwarranted intruders and criminal activity. Plan now to sponsor or at least participate in a local celebration of neighborly awareness. Designate a driveway, cul de sac or other safe haven to sit and enjoy an hour of conversation with those who live next door. Take a snack to share, bring a drink to refresh and just get together for one brief hour. If you know who your neighbors are – you are already safer, happier and part of the expanded network of persons who care about you.

Hope to see you on the curb!

LET'S MAKE NEWS: HOMEOWNER FORUM

When did you last attend an Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association Board Meeting? The newsletter editor is looking for a few neighbors who are interested in attending the monthly meetings with the intent of learning and disseminating what actions the Board is working on. Willingness to ask questions, take note of the discussion highlights and then helping the editor pull a newsworthy article together would be our objective. Obviously, no one is generally available to attend every meeting. So if a few of us "plan" a bit, we can be sure that each monthly Board meeting is covered and communicated. If interested, please email Mary Ann Waterman, Newsletter Editor, at oociaeeditor@gmail.com

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MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD)

Manhole/Sewer Backup..... 713-983-3602

MUD #20www.edpwater.com/your_district.html

Billing, Service & Emergencies..... 832-467-1599

Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.
10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston, TX, 713-951-0800

MUD #44 ...www.wdmtx.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44

Billing, Service & Emergencies..... 281-376-8802

Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of month, 4 p.m. (Call before to confirm), 15705 N. Greenfield Drive

Bammel Utility District Office..... 281-376-8802

www.wdmtx.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district

Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m.
3904 Gladeridge (clubhouse)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Ambulance 911

Nonemergency Sheriff 713-221-6000

Fire Department – Klein Volunteer..... 281-251-0101

Animal Control..... 281-999-3191

24 hr. Emergency Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

CenterPoint Electric 713-207-2222

CenterPoint Gas 713-659-2111

Harris County Pct. 4 (M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) 281-353-8424

Harris County Pct. 4 (outside regular hours)..... 713-755-5000

Registered Sex Offenders.....www.familywatchdog.us

www.iwatchharriscounty.com Download the app for Apple and
Android phones to report criminal activity anonymously.

To have your house checked on while you're away on vacation
go to www.harriscountysos.org/vacation_watch.aspx and
complete the form online, or call the Cypresswood substation.

Sign up for "Alerts" posted for our community at
www.nextdoor.com.

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

2018 Statement of Financial Activities

	EOM – June	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Total Revenue	\$95,978	\$577,901	\$1,178,331
Opr Expenditures	\$30,851	\$181,301	\$498,890
Patrol Services Contract	\$23,055	\$137,662	\$274,644
Trash Collection Contract	\$30,198	\$181,187	\$362,376
Total Expenditures	\$84,104	\$500,150	\$1,135,910
Net Income (Loss)	\$11,874	\$77,751	\$42,421

Please contact Board members should you wish to volunteer on Committees or if you have any specific questions. We hope to see you at the next Board meeting on September 18.

Planning Your Fall Renovation?

Homeowners planning to make improvements to the exterior of their home or elsewhere on the property must obtain written approval prior to beginning work on the modifications from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). This includes painting and repainting of siding, trim, brick, front door, etc. The goal of the ACC is to serve both you and the community by determining that your finished improvement will comply with the Deed Restrictions and Architectural Guidelines and enhance the value of your property and our neighborhood. Approval is not required for plans to remodel, paint, or otherwise alter the interior of a home. For more information see www.oocia.org/governing-documents.

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SEEKING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Finance Committee Seeking Three Volunteers with Background in Finance/Accounting/Bookkeeping

As an Olde Oaks/Waterford Park homeowner and Olde Oakes Community Improvement Association (OOCIA) member, it's important to understand that committees are an integral part of the operations of our community. Committee members help keep a community vibrant, and they can help save our Association hundreds or even thousands of dollars each year. I have experienced this firsthand with some very diligent (and greatly appreciated) volunteers within our community.

Without active and effective committees, the Board faces the larger burden of managing your OOCIA without the help of capable members who may be in a position to contribute their expertise to our community. There are many areas of our community that would benefit in the creation of committees to help improve the operational oversight of Olde Oaks and Waterford Park. Committees give the Board a way to gather information, offer new ideas and opinions and provide a training ground for future Board members. All committees are advisory to the Board unless given specific decision-making authority by the Board or Charter documents (CC&Rs).

Specifically, we are seeking three volunteers with financial experience for the Finance Committee (FC). The FC is a standing committee established by the Board for an ongoing and specific purpose with all processes requiring final approval by the Board.

The role of the FC is primarily to provide financial oversight for the OOCIA and to be in charge of closely reviewing the financials presented by the management company each month and requesting corrections in discovering discrepancies, if any. The FC is currently in need of volunteers to help formulate an FC charter, as well as to create an investment policy/plan to help improve our cash flow and set long-range financial goals along with funding strategies to achieve them. Finance Committee volunteers should have a background in finance, accounting or bookkeeping.

The FC typically will meet face-to-face several times a year and will complete the year-end financial cycle by creating an annual budget for the upcoming year in coordination with the Board members. We work "virtually" together on a monthly basis on review of the financials via email, so knowledge of working "in the cloud" and communicating by email are integral parts of this position.

If you would like more information on the duties involved with being a member of the Finance Committee, please contact me at DeborahPlance.oocia.board@gmail.com and I will be happy to discuss this opportunity with you. You can also talk with me after one of our monthly board meetings to find out more. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Kind regards,
Deborah Plance, OOCIA Treasurer

REFLUX SERVICES AT HOUSTON METHODIST WILLOWBROOK HOSPITAL



The digestive health experts at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital understand the discomfort and frustration that often comes from chronic acid reflux. Our team of specialists evaluate the symptoms of each individual to recommend appropriate diagnostic and treatment options.

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- Burning sensation in the back of the mouth
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- Difficulty swallowing
- Discomfort in the chest and throat
- Dry cough and hoarseness
- Frequent heartburn
- Irritation in the esophagus

We are here to help.

Call the Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital Reflux Services navigation line at **281.737.GERD (4373)** and find a Houston Methodist reflux specialist near you.



Yards of the Month



Congratulations to the
August Winners!

Olde Oaks and Waterford Park August Yards of the Month were on display! Many thanks to those dedicated gardeners who brave the summer heat to maintain a Houston Summer Yard worth mentioning!



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Dinner with Friends

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Editor's Correction:

The contact information provided in the August newsletter was in error. Please use the corrected email below.

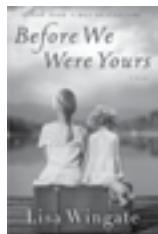
Dinner with Friends restarts this September and meets every other month until June with rotation of hosting homes. The purpose of the Dinner with Friends activity group is to bring neighbors closer and provide an opportunity to meet new friends from around the subdivision.

If you are interested in joining this group,
please contact Lauren Hensley

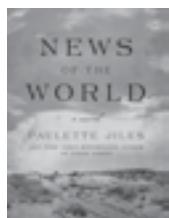
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BOOK CLUB FOOTNOTES

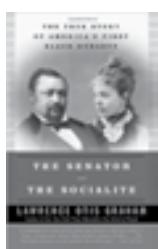
The Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Book Club has begun a new season after the long hot summer break! The reading list for the next few months and associated meeting dates are as follows:



September 25
Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate



October 23
News of the World
by Paulette Jiles



November 27
The Senator and the Socialite
by Lawrence Otis Graham

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Olde Oaks and Waterford Park Sheriff's Department Patrol Statistics 2018

Incident Category	May	June	July	YTD
Alarm – Security/ Silent/ Panic	25	20	36	260
Animal – Humane	2	1	0	6
Assault	0	1	0	4
Burglary – Home	1	0	0	2
Burglary – Vehicle	6	5	1	32
Criminal Mischief	0	0	3	7
Disturbance – Loud Noise	4	5	6	48
Disturbance – Animal	0	0	0	0
Disturbance – Family	2	5	0	21
Domestic – Prevention	1	0	0	6
Domestic – Violence	0	0	0	0
In Progress	0	2	1	5
Medical / Fire	0	1	0	9
Neighborhood Check	659	699	645	5199
Robbery – Aggravated	0	0	0	4
Robbery – Individual	0	0	0	0
Sex Offender Check	1	0	0	6
Suspicious Person	6	8	6	45
Theft	2	1	3	26
Telephone Harassment	1	0	0	9
Vacation Watch	24	44	23	232
Vehicle – Accident	1	2	0	13
Vehicle – Abandoned/Disabled	1	0	0	7
Vehicle – Speeding	47	45	48	299
Vehicle – Stickered	0	6	0	31
Vehicle – Suspicious	7	5	8	41



Do you have a couple of hours to spare?

If so, Houston Ground Angels invites you to join us as a volunteer to provide a safe ride to or from Houston area airports to the Texas Medical Center or lodging facility for those who are coming to Houston for medical treatments. If you have a few hours a week or month and would like to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients, we'd greatly appreciate hearing from you.

It is easy to join – just a valid driving license and proof of insurance opens the door. There is no specific training and **no driving minimums** which must be performed. This is a donation of your time and transportation to be scheduled at **your leisure**. HGA offers complimentary social gatherings/events for volunteers. For more information, please visit www.houstongroundangels.org and select Volunteer or call 281-900-7377.

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BARBARA BUSH BRANCH LIBRARY

September is all about the adults as we move into fall at Barbara Bush Library! For a full list of events, please go to www.hcpl.net/content/events-programs.

Citizenship Practice Interviews

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Beginners' English Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Spanish With Oscar

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Knit and Crochet

Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

Book Club

September 17 at 7 p.m.

September 28 at 2 p.m.

Passport Services

September 25 at 1–6:30 p.m.

September 26 at 4:30 p.m.

September 27 at 1–6:30 p.m.

Barbara Bush Branch Library at Cypress Creek is at 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring 77379.



ST. IGNATIUS

2018 Fall Festival

St. Ignatius joyously announces that we will have the 2018 Fall Festival **October 6 and 7** at 7810 Cypresswood Drive. There will be games, rides, bingo, food, craft fair, music, raffles and fun for all. See the St. Ignatius website for more info, <https://ignatiusloyola.org>.

2018 ST. MARY'S FALL GIFT MARKET

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is hosting its 13th annual Fall Gift Market on **Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 15415 N. Eldridge Parkway, Cypress, Texas 77429. The convenient location at the corner of Louetta Road and North Eldridge Parkway makes it easy to shop the selection of unique jewelry, home decor, creative toys, handcrafted gifts, collectibles, pottery, candles and trendy clothing for ladies and children. For more information, please visit stmaryscypress.org, or call Michelle at 832-559-8726/281-370-8000.



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- Stay Involved – Parental involvement is the best safety feature. Make them use their technologies in the open and ask questions, such as, who are you talking with? Do you physically know this person? What apps are you using, etc.
- Inspect location services on devices and determine how they are used. If your child takes a picture of themselves in their own home and sends it to someone, the child may be broadcasting the GPS coordinates of their location, unwittingly to potential suspects.

- Mood changes and sudden "recluse" behavior are indicators of technological problems, like harassment or "cyberbullying," up to and including online sexual exploitation. Just as parents used to look for their kid's diaries and journals, the devices may hold information for possible changes in behavior by your child.
- Review your child's devices on a regular basis for inspection and consider activating features such as family sharing on phone accounts to better monitor text, call and data usage.
- Consult online resources such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's www.netsmartz.org for talking points and more strategies for online safety.

If you discover suspicious or dangerous activity on your child's devices:

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- Preserve the evidence, resisting the urge to destroy the device or delete the suspect application.
- Contact law enforcement for immediate assistance.

"The Precinct 4 Constable's Office offers free Internet safety presentations for children and adults. Contact our High Tech Crimes Division at 832-927-6158 to have one of our experienced and knowledgeable investigators speak to your group."

Constable Mark Herman



CPR Class Available

A free (noncertification) CPR class is available if you can assemble 6–15 of your friends or family members and notify me at pbarton@ccems.com. The two-hour class will be taught at the Cypress Creek EMS Education Center at 7111 Five Forks. Class times are flexible. For more information, please visit ccems.com or call 281-378-0800.



2018 JEANS & Jewels Gala

Luncheon and Style Show

Thursday, September 13, at 11 a.m.
Shirley Acres

A Texas Size Party

Saturday, October 20, at 6 p.m.
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

Since its inception in 1999, Jeans & Jewels has raised over \$8.5 million for Northwest Assistance Ministries programs and services. It consists of a luncheon and style show and the Jeans & Jewels Gala as the grand finale. This year marks the 20th anniversary for Jeans & Jewels. For more information, contact Samantha Gonzalez, fundraising manager, at 281-885-4609, or go to namonline.org.

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September Events in Texas

The following local and regional events are taken in part from the Texas Events Calendar which is compiled by the Texas Department of Transportation and published herein with their permission. Please note: Dates for events listed in this calendar were correct at the time of publication and are subject to change. Please confirm details in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce.

through September 3 – Houston: “Big Bugs”

The Houston Zoo’s special summer exhibit features several giant animatronic bugs, including ladybugs, dragonflies, tarantulas and more. Purchase tickets online or during your next visit to the Houston Zoo, 6200 Hermann Park Drive. For more information, call 713-533-6500 or go to houstonzoo.org.

11–23 – Houston: Oklahoma! Theatre Under the Stars opens its 50th anniversary season with a timeless classic, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Oklahoma!*, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Theatre Under The Stars Houston, the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby Street. For more information, call 713-558-8887 or go to tuts.com/oklahoma.

14 – Sugar Land: Opry on the Square

Enjoy Country Now and Then, featuring country favorites that will appeal to all generations of country music fans. Sugar Land Town Square, 15958 City Walk. Call 281-242-2000 or go to sugarlandtownsquare.com for more information.

14–15 – Klein: Houston Arts Partners Conference

The conference highlights how together the arts, arts partnerships and arts integration in schools can serve students with learning differences by creating arts-infused, inclusive learning environments. From students with special-needs accommodations to English-language learners to gifted and talented students, this conference is all about aligning our work to support every child. The conference features interactive, innovative and fun presentations on integrating music, dance, theater, visual arts, academic subjects and other education priorities to create a dynamic learning environment. Klein ISD Multipurpose Center, 7500 FM 2920. For more information, call 713-552-9345 or go to hapconference.org.

23 – Houston: Houston Jerk Fest

The focus of the festival is a jerk-seasoning cookout competition. Thousands gather for Caribbean food, arts and crafts, and a major reggae concert. India House, 8888 West Bellfort Boulevard. For more information, call 832-304-4930 or go to houstonjerkfestinc.com.

28–29 – Galveston: Galveston Island Wild Texas Shrimp Festival

The festival features some of the best shrimp gumbo on the Gulf Coast and will feature a seafood cook-off, gumbo tasting, parade and a Strand merchants walkabout. Saengerfest Park, 2302 Strand Street. For more information, go to galvestonshrimpfestival.com.

29 – Tomball: Beetles, Brew and Barbecue

The North Houston VW Club’s 24th annual show takes place at the beautiful park surrounding Tomball’s Historic Downtown Train Depot. See great cars and sample Texas craft beer from area brewers in the Houston area. Mouthwatering Texas-style barbecue, local vendors of all kinds and live music onstage. Swap-meet area too. All air or water-cooled Volkswagens are welcomed. Raffles, door prizes, the best goodie bags in Texas, manufacturer samples and gift certificates, gift baskets and great fun! All proceeds benefit Northwest Houston charities. Main Street (FM 2920) and Walnut Street. For more information, call 281-682-4190 or go to <https://nhvwclub.wordpress.com/about/>.

29 – The Woodlands: 2018 The Woodlands Oktoberfest

The family-friendly event will have cold drinks, food trucks, children’s activities and live music. Town Green Park, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. For more information, go to woodlandsonline.com.

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OF FM 1960 WOMEN'S CLUB (FAN)

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FAN's purpose is to provide an opportunity for members to become acquainted with others in the community in an atmosphere of friendliness, goodwill and helpful information to form enduring friendships. FAN undertakes and promotes charitable and humanitarian projects within the community.

General meetings, September through May, offer entertaining and informative programs each month. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. for social time, and 10 a.m. is our business/program at Faithbridge Church, 18000 Stuebner Airline Drive, Spring. Annual dues are \$25.

Each year, FAN members select a deserving charity in this area to support. In recent years, FAN has been able to donate \$6,000 or more each year.

We welcome Melo Pisha to speak at our **September 4** FAN meeting. Melo is a retired professional clown. She will entertain us with the history of clowns. Clowns have existed for over 8000 years ... come and learn more about the beginning of clowns to present-day clowns.

We welcome you to come and join in the fun of FAN. No child care is provided.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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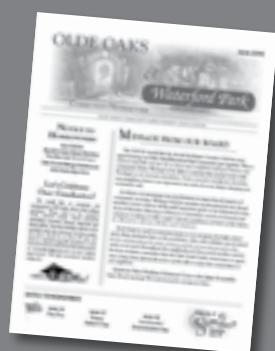


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