OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

# NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Monthly Open Board Meeting **Tuesday, November 20** at 6:45 p.m.

Oak Creek Village Clubhouse 3906 Gladeridge Drive

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4

**Daylight Saving Time Ends** 

November 6
ELECTION DAY

**November 12** 

Veteran's Day Observed

November 19-23

SISD School Holiday

**November 22** 

Thanksgiving Day

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

November 9

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Mary Ann Waterman

Send information and questions to **oociaeditor@gmail.com** 



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. *Wikipedia*, October 10, 2018.

On behalf of the Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association's Board, may your Thanksgiving holiday be filled with great food and special memories of time spent with loved ones, and may peace and goodwill fill your home with gratitude.

#### And for those who just have to find a "new" something for the menu:

www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/thanksgiving-ideas www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/thanksgiving www.countryliving.com/food-drinks/g637/thanksgiving-menus www.epicurious.com/occasion/thanksgiving?page=5

And if you happen to have a fantastic picture of your festivities, send it to Newsletter Editor Mary Ann Waterman, oociaeditor@gmail.com, for our December edition.

#### OOCIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Crest Management Company, AAMC......281-579-0761 (for deed restrictions, neighborhood management and property improvements) Fax 281-579-7062 | www.crest-management.com

#### **OLDE OAKS CIA 2018–2019 BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### **MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD)**

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MUD #20www.edpwater.com/your_district.html				
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Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.				
10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston, TX, 713-951-0800				
MUD #44 www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/harris-county-mud-44				
Billing, Service & Emergencies281-376-8802				
Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of month, 4 p.m.				
(Call before to confirm), 15705 N. Greenfield Drive				
Bammel Utility District Office281-376-8802				
www.wdmtexas.com/districts-served/bammel-utility-district				
Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m.				
3904 Gladeridge (clubhouse)				

EMERGENCY NUMBERS			
Police – Fire – Ambulance			
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Fire Department – Klein Volunteer281-251-0101			
Animal Control			
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To have your house checked on while you're away on vacation go to www.harriscountyso.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.			

#### Footnotes Book Club

Here we are at the last meeting of our fall season and 2018. We will be meeting at the home of Randee Saber. The book will be The Senator and the Socialite by Lawrence Otis Graham with discussion led by Virginia McGriggs. Also at this time, we will choose books for January through May 2019. This past August we will have been meeting for 16 years.

The senator is Blanche Kelso Bruce who was born a slave in 1841 and rises to becoming the first black man elected to a full term in the U.S. Senate. It is much more than that, though, as it chronicles three generations of his family, its rise and its fall. The book is also an excellent history of United States slavery, late nineteenth century politics, and the complexities of being a black and moneyed achiever in the post-Civil War period into the twentieth century.

Lawrence Otis Graham is a nationally known attorney and commentator on race, politics, and class in the United States. Having researched Senate records, historical documents, and personal letters, Graham has produced an impressive and comprehensive history that examines these issues and the Bruce dynasty from 1875-1967. He is the author of thirteen other books. A graduate of Princeton and Harvard Law School, Graham has taught African American studies and American government. His wife, Pamela Thomas-Graham, a novelist and corporate executive in New York City, is leading a campaign to have the USPS create a stamp honoring this first black official in the United States Senate.

If interested in joining the group, call Kathy Hall, Coordinator, at 281-569-4967.

## **Market Spotlight**

Provided by Ryan and Royale Jockers, Neighborhood Real Estate Specialists

#### Waterford Park Quick Statistics (7 Listings Total)

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	Min	Max	Average	
List Price	\$315,000	\$399,900	\$360,467	
Sold Price	\$300,000	\$378,500	\$339,900	
LP/SF	\$76.60	\$111.11	\$93.97	
SP/SF	\$82.57	\$101.59	\$91.19	
Quick Statistics (61 Listings Total)				
	Min	Max	Average	
List Price	\$135,000	\$476,999	\$233,757	
Sold Price	\$127,000	\$425,000	\$218,126	
LP/SF	\$41.82	\$122.88	\$78.39	
SP/SF	\$39.92	\$122.61	\$76.48	
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### **Seeking Finance Committee Members**

The OOCIA Board is seeking at least three volunteers with financial experience for the Finance Committee (FC). The role of the FC is primarily to provide financial oversight for the OOCIA and be in charge of closely reviewing the financials presented by the management company each month, and to request corrections in discovering discrepancies, if any. The FC is currently in need of volunteers to help in creating an investment policy/plan to help improve our cash flow and set long-range financial goals along with funding strategies to achieve them.

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. As well as meeting up, we work "virtually" together, 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 Treasurer Deborah Plance at deborahplance.oocia. board@gmail.com.

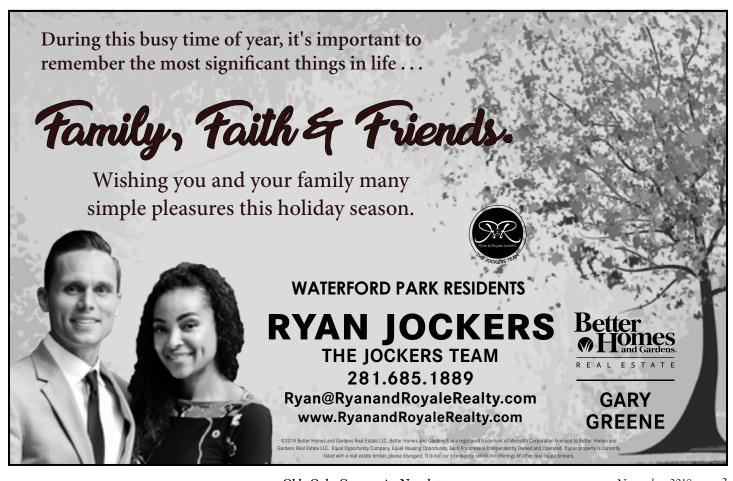
## Heads-Up to Future **OOCIA Board Members**

As the winter months approach, it's time to give some serious thought as to whether you would like to volunteer for a board member position. There will be three positions open in this election cycle; the term of office is two years and starts in February 2019.

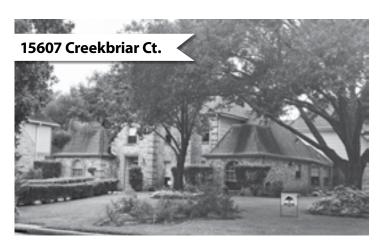
Further details about how to obtain information and get your name submitted for the voting cycle will be published in December's newsletter. But if you want to be introduced to the community in January by way of a personal profile, you should submit your application to Crest Management as well as a brief biography and picture to the newsletter editor by December 7.

Contact any board member for further information.





# Yards of the Month



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Ictober Winners!

October is celebrating the start of the fall season as we award our Yards of the Month.

Contact the Neighborhood Beautification Committee at sszota@me.com to nominate your favorite yards!















# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TEXAS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

On Saturday evening, October 6, about 15 residents stopped by at various times to participate in the second annual Misty Hollow area NNO block party. Once again Ms. Melody Douglas' initiative, coordination and the good weather allowed for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, potluck refreshments and a lot of laughter.

Festivities also were happening over on Lantern Creek Lane.





# FREE WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINARS

Join the surgical weight loss team at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital for a free bariatric surgery seminar. Learn about the benefits of weight loss surgery and the advantages of a team approach toward reaching your goals.

#### TUESDAY, NOV. 13 | 6 P.M.

**Featuring: Dr. Todd Worley**Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeon

Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital 18220 State Hwy. 249 Willow/Spruce Conference Rooms Houston, TX 77070 WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5 | 6 P.M.

**Featuring: Dr. Dexter Turnquest**Bariatric Surgeon and Medical Director

 $\label{thm:condition} Visit \ \mbox{\bf houstonmethodist.org/events} \ \mbox{or call} \ \mbox{\bf 281.737.2500} \ \mbox{to register}.$ 





### BARBARA BUSH BRANCH LIBRARY

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#### **November Events**

For full list of events, visit www.hcpl.net/content/events-programs.

Barbara Bush Library will be closed November 22-24 for the Thanksgiving Holidays

Baby Caterpillars Story Time – Mondays at 2 p.m.

Baby Butterflies Story Time – Mondays at 3 p.m.

Read and Play Story Time – Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Teen Fun Night – Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Senior Game Morning – Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Teen Anime Club – November 14 and 28 at 4:30 p.m.

New! Homeschool Support Group – November 17 at 3 p.m.

New! Journaling Group – November 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Great Books Book Club - November 19 at 2 p.m.

**Passport Services** 

November 27, 1–6:30 p.m.

November 28, 1-4:30 p.m.

November 29, 1–6:30 p.m.

# Craft Shows, Festivals & Markets

#### **International Quilt Festival**

Thursday, November 8 – Saturday, November 10, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston. Admission is \$15 per day for adults, \$9 for seniors, students and military. Age 10 and younger are free. \$50 for full-show pass. Call 713-781-6864 or go to quilts.com.

#### **Houston Ballet Nutcracker Market**

Thursday, November 8, and Friday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 10, and Sunday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NRG Center, One NRG Park. Sponsored by Houston Ballet. Holiday shopping extravaganza. Proceeds benefit Houston Ballet Foundation and scholarships. Admission is \$20. For details, call 713-535-3231 or go to nutcrackermarket.com.





# SAFE 2 SAVE CAMPAIGN

# www.safe2save.org

The dangers of distracted driving are plastered on billboards alongside highways, emotionally conveyed in television commercials and emphasized in the news, yet drivers everywhere still text, snap and scroll while they are behind the wheel. Why is this? It seems like the new state law and the facts surrounding distracted driving crashes aren't enough to convince people that it's just not worth it.

So, what will prevent drivers from putting people and themselves in danger while they attempt to use their phone and drive? Being rewarded for good behavior! Instead of focusing on bad habits and bad outcomes, it's more advantageous to focus on good ones. Safe 2 Save was created to do just this! Safe 2 Save rewards drivers points for every minute they drive over ten miles per hour. Drivers are reminded through a personal photo the reasons they shouldn't tech and drive—as well as reminded to not use their phones while on the road. Points can be redeemed at businesses and restaurants such as Outback Steakhouse and Bahama Bucks. Memorial Hermann Life Flight has partnered with Safe 2 Save to launch a campaign to "Turn the Trend. Don't Tech and Drive." You will start to see

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the campaign spreading across National Night Outs, schools and B\businesses near you. To be involved in the mission, email info@safe2save.org to bring a Safe 2 Save program to you. Download Safe 2 Save and get 1,000 points using the code "Champions" to get you started!

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# Celebrate Our Military Veterans

#### A HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4 SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM

#### Wednesday, November 7, 6–8 p.m.

Honor those who served our country at Commissioner R. Jack Cagle's Tribute to Veterans on Wednesday, November 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Humble Civic Center.

"We enjoy our freedom because of the courage, determination, and sacrifices of these great people," says Commissioner Cagle.

Precinct 4 is home to more than 180,000 veterans. "This tribute is just a small way we celebrate and recognize the contributions our veterans make in and out of uniform," he says.

Following a presentation of flags by the Atascocita High School Junior ROTC and a welcome address from Commissioner Cagle, guests will feast on a catered turkey dinner and enjoy a patriotic concert from the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, now in their 115th touring season.

"This event is a wonderful collaboration. From H-E-B, which donates our apple pies, to the ExxonMobil Foundation, which provides volunteers, the whole community comes

together to celebrate our veterans," says Jan Sexton, director of Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program. Dinner is free, but reservations are required and can be procured at www.hcp4.net/sap/events. For those who need transportation, reserve a seat on a Precinct 4 bus, which departs from 11 locations.







#### **Friends And Neighbors** of FM 1960 Women's Club (FAN)

In Northwest Houston, there is a group of remarkable women that each week enjoys life, whether it is lunching, playing bridge, canasta or mah-jongg, going to the movies, or book clubs. FAN (Friends and Neighbors of 1960 Women's Club) has approximately 300 members from Cypress, Klein, Spring and The Woodlands.

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 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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# Christmas Bird Count for Audubon Society

#### Bird Feeder Watchers From Your Neighborhood Are Needed

On Saturday, December 15, bird feeder watchers from your neighborhood are needed to help with the Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Each year between December 14 and January 5, the Audubon Society involves people to help the birds by participating in a Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The Audubon Society's goal is to capture a snapshot of bird populations during the early winter, comparing this data with snapshots from scores of previous years to help understand fluctuations in bird populations that show which species are thriving and which are struggling.

One of these CBCs is the Spring Creek CBC on the north side of Houston and is sponsored by volunteers from the Piney Woods Wildlife Society. This CBC is scheduled for the first Saturday of the CBC period – this year it falls on Saturday, December 15. It is centered roughly at I45 and Rayford/Sawdust and extends 7.5 miles in all directions. This 15-mile diameter circle makes up the "Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count." (You can see this and many more CBCs in Texas by visiting www.HoustonAudubon.org/cbc.)

There are two components to counting birds for a CBC. The first consists of teams of bird watchers that go outside and count all the birds that they find in the count circle. The second

consists of people watching their backyard feeders and counting those birds. All this information is turned in to the CBC compiler and reported to the National Audubon Society.

If you live inside the Spring Creek CBC count circle, have bird feeders in your yard, and will be home part of the day on Saturday, December 15, please contact the Spring Creek CBC compiler, Claire Moore, and volunteer to help by counting the birds that visit your feeders on that day. Claire will send you further information on how to count and report your sightings. Claire can be reached via email at cdmoore3i@gmail.com.

As mentioned above, volunteers from the Piney Woods Wildlife Society sponsor this CBC. PWWS is a local bird watching and nature club that has meetings on the third Wednesday of each month (except summer months) at 6:30 p.m. The meetings include some snacks plus a presentation by a local person about their bird watching or nature experience. The meetings are held at the Big Stone Lodge at Dennis Johnston Park located at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road in Spring. If you are interested in birds or nature, please feel free to attend the PWWS meetings. You can learn more about PWWS at www.pineywoodswildlifesociety.org/.



### Pet of the Month

Mickey is a one- to two-year-old male dog. We think he is a Brussels Griffon or Shih Tzu mix. He was found a matted mess at a construction site in Texas. He was so matted it took days to shave his hair off. He is much better now and getting used to loving caregivers. Mickey would do best in an adult household that will be patient with him while he learns to trust people. He would need an experienced and patient new owner. Adoption fee applies.

For more information, 832-267-5777 or animal rescueking dom@gmail.com.





#### Nine Weekends of Huzzah!

2018 Festival Dates and Themes Kids 12 and Under Free Every Sunday!

Roman Bacchanal	
School Days (School Groups Only).	November 6 and 7
Heroes and Villains	November 10 and 11
Highland Fling	November 17 and 18
Celtic Christmas	. November 23, 24 and 25

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