



Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Monthly
Open Board Meeting

February 18
at 6:45 p.m.

**Oak Creek Village
Clubhouse**
3906 Gladeridge Drive

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Valentine's Day is

Friday, February 14

(a Friday night).

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MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

February 9

EDITOR:

Tanya Pilant

Send information and questions
to ooциаeditor@gmail.com

Annual Members' Meeting and Board Election – February 12, 2020

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this very important neighborhood event. We must have a community quorum of over 160 residential homesteads (not just persons) participating to ensure that the election can be held as scheduled. If we do not get a quorum, then there will be the added expense of rescheduling the event (i.e., renting a venue, printing and mailing proxies, etc.). Speakers representing the School of Science and Technology (SST) will be at this year's Annual Members' Meeting on **February 12** include: Dr. Nancy Thompson – SST Director of Community Outreach; Atnan Ekin – SST Houston Area Superintendent; and Mike Gok – SST Recruitment Coordinator. Election announcements, including location and time for the Annual Meeting, will be posted on Nextdoor and on the OOCIA website, <https://ooциа.org>. Please feel free to contact Pam Hummel at Crest Management for more information at Pam@Crest-Management.com. If you know you can't attend, please ensure your proxy will be used by giving it personally to a neighbor who will be attending or mail it to Crest prior to the Annual Meeting.



TC Jester Construction – South End

Construction is proceeding for the School of Science and Technology (SST) a state-funded public charter school which focuses on a curriculum of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). SST is headquartered in San Antonio, and once opened, the TC Jester location will be the sixth campus in Houston. Groundbreaking for the TC Jester campus occurred in the fall of 2019, with completion scheduled to meet the 2020-21 academic year.

Beginning Monday, January 6, Key Construction began the left turn lane work for the new school. This will continue to close one lane of traffic in each direction on TC Jester in front of the project area. Larry Bodley, Project Superintendent, anticipates this work will take 8 weeks to complete. If you usually park on the street overnight, you will not be able to do this during this phase of construction. Key Construction will do everything they can to minimize the inconvenience and re-open the street in accordance with Harris County specifications. If you need additional information, contact Mr. Bodley at ljbodley@keyconstruction.com.

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Candidate for the 2020-2021 OOCIA Board of Directors: Debbie Aiello

Each year, the Homeowners in their role as Members of the Olde Oaks Community Improvement Association (OOCIA) hold an election to renew the Board of Directors. The Board is charged with ensuring the business of the Association is conducted in accordance with our Bylaws and other governing documents. On **February 12, 2020**, the Members will hold a vote to elect three Board Member seats that are vacating at the end of their 2018-2019 terms. To date, there are only two individuals who have completed applications for the open Board seats and have formally submitted brief statements as to why they are interested in volunteering for the next two-year term. Last month, Charles "Chuck" Gaimari was featured in the newsletter as intending to run for another two-year term. This month, we welcome Debbie Aiello's intention to serve as a Board member.

Debbie submits the following brief bio for your consideration:

"My husband and I have lived in Olde Oaks going on 36 years. We have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. While raising our girls, I was very active in their schools, the subdivision, and the community. I served on PTO boards, chaired and co-chaired fundraisers, did volunteer work at Northwest Assistance Ministries for 8 years, collected Toys for Tots, was Security Coordinator in our subdivision for two years, and with the help of two other ladies, formed the Neighborhood Watch program in Olde Oaks. Recently, I've served on the Yard of the Month Committee and the Architectural Control Committee, organized the first Pot Luck Dinner get-together and volunteer as a clerk in our precinct. We have a maturing subdivision that needs residents to be more involved. I would like to do my part."

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*Thank
You to*

Mary Ann Waterman
Former Editor

The Olde Oaks/Waterford Park community would like to offer a sincere thank you to Mary Ann Waterman for her dedicated service as editor of our monthly newsletter. I really appreciate Mary Ann's willingness to mentor and assist me as I take over this responsibility. I have some big shoes to fill. Mary Ann plans to remain in her home in the neighborhood, but pursue other interests.

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Community Social Chairman and Committee Volunteers

Our Olde Oaks/Waterford Park Homeowners' Association is asking for your help. Please consider stepping up to create an active Committee that will create and sustain a positive social environment. What is our future? Can we build a community that welcomes young families? How do we do that?

When was the last time you remember having a casual, even if quick, conversation with your immediate neighbor? Many of my neighbors have lived in Olde Oaks for more than twenty-five years. They raised families here, fulfilled their careers and made friends along the way. Participating in their children's school events, organizing neighborhood activities and belonging to special interest groups was the norm. But children grow up, move away, and over time the focus of our lives becomes more insular and self-fulfilling.

Ten years ago, my husband and I moved into what we hoped would be a vibrant and family oriented environment. A spark seemed to ignite Olde Oaks/Waterford Park residents a few years ago when attention was drawn to the economic health of our Homeowners' Association. Lots of people gathered in living rooms to discuss community issues, volunteered to distribute notices in their immediate neighborhoods and baked cookies for Annual Meetings. More recently we witnessed an outpouring of help when devastating floods disrupted our lives. It was magnificent! It felt good, really good.

Perhaps 2020 will be the year we, as a community, can recapture and sustain interest in the social future of our neighborhood. Driving around the area, you can glimpse signage in surrounding neighborhoods that speaks of women's club luncheons, holiday parties, and charitable functions that bring people together periodically throughout the year. So, it's possible. Let's do it. Raise your hand.

For further information, contact our OOCIA Board members. See page 2 for their direct email address.

By Mary Ann Waterman

Book Club "Footnotes"

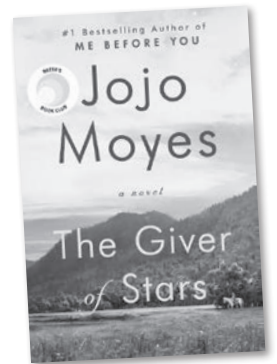
Happy New Year, everyone, and good luck in finding lots of great books throughout the year. Since my last article, club members met and developed the club reading list for March through May. The following are those books:

March 24 – *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter

April 28 – *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*
by Kim Michele Richardson

May 26 – *Blowout* by Rachel Maddow

Our **February 25** meeting will be held at Rao's on Cypresswood with Heather George as discussion leader. The book is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. This book sounds like it is right up our alley as it details the lives of five women who become traveling librarians delivering books to people of Kentucky. The setting is in a small Kentucky town in Depression-era America. The story follows Alice Wright, a British woman who moves to Kentucky after marrying a Kentucky native. She thought this marriage was her ticket out of her stifling life in England but finds the same boring life in America. An opportunity presented itself via Eleanor Roosevelt who wanted to counteract the devastating effects of the Depression by focusing on literacy and learning. Alice signs on to be part of a traveling horseback library. I predict some good discussion, as usual, for this one.



Pauline Sara Jo Moyes, known professionally as Jojo, is an English journalist and since 2002, an award-winning romantic novelist and screenwriter. Her novels have been translated into 28 languages. Ms. Moyes is 50, married with three children, and resides in Essex, England.

For further information about Book Club, contact Kathy Hall, Coordinator, 281-569-4967.

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New Exhibitions for 2020

Beginning **February 1**, the Pearl will showcase two new exhibitions. *Stitched: Contemporary Quilt Art from the International Quilt Festival Collection* will be featured in the Main Gallery and includes a collection of 25 contemporary quilts from the Texas Quilt Museum. Artists range from some of the most famous names in contemporary quilt art to emerging artists, with themes including narration, color abstraction, landscapes, and homage to antique quilts.

In the Rebecca Cole Gallery, the Pearl will feature *Lesley Humphrey: Saved by a Horse*. Equestrian artist Lesley Humphrey has been painting or drawing the horse since childhood. Her awe-inspiring views of horse racing and her unique artistic process have led to a career that has included serving as official artist of the Kentucky Derby as well as works in prominent collections throughout Britain and the United States.

Both exhibitions open **Saturday, February 1** and continue through **May 16**. Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated and help continue the Pearl's mission of art, education, and community.

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February Events

- Mondays & Saturdays.....AARP Tax Aide
- MondaysBaby Caterpillars Storytime
- Mondays Baby Butterflies Storytime
- Thursdays Toddler Time Storytime
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays Preschool Storytime
- TuesdaysTopsy Tuesday Crafternoons
- Wednesdays..... Senior Game Morning
- February 5 & 19 Wags & Tales, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
- February 11 Evening Book Club, 7–8:30 p.m.
- February 13..... Teen Time Artist Zone, 5–6 p.m.
- February 13..... Green Thumb Gardening, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- February 17Great Books, 7–9 p.m.
- February 27 & 28 Afternoon Book Club, 2–3:30 p.m.
- February 27..... Teen Creative Writing Group, 5–6 p.m.



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Sleep in Heavenly Peace–Houston NW is the local chapter of a national, nonprofit organization that builds beds for kids 3-17 years of age and gives them free of charge, complete with mattress and all bedding, to kids who don't have beds of their own. Olde Oaks residents Gary and Nikki Akin are co-presidents of SHP-Houston NW. “We were astounded to learn of the number of kids in our area who are sleeping on the floor, a couch, or sharing a bed, when we started the local chapter in August of 2018.”

In 2019, with the help of many dedicated volunteers and donors, the chapter built and delivered 860 beds of the 30,026 delivered nationally. The chapter’s all-time mega delivery of beds was to 136 happy kiddos on December 14, 2019. Since mid-August of 2018, the chapter’s volunteers and donors have built and delivered 1,027 beds, complete with age and gender appropriate bedding, chosen for each individual. Components for the beds are made at the SHP-Houston NW Build Shop on the campus of the MET Church on Jones Road. It takes many volunteers and donors to build and deliver the beds, and no special “woodworking skills” are needed. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the activity – even kids with parents.

To be notified of future builds, email gary.akin@shpbeds.org. Age and gender appropriate bedding is collected at the Akins’ home at 3219 Chapel Bend Drive. “We look forward to making many more kids happy this year and sincerely thank the residents of OO/WP for their generous donations of bedding and for working with us at the Build Shop.”

Submitted by Nikki Akin

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YTD Market Snapshot

The chart below captures all the Sold listing activity for the entire year of 2019.

Waterford Park Quick Statistics YTD SOLD Stats (2 Listings Total)			
	Min	Max	Average
List Price	\$369,000	\$380,000	\$374,500
Sold Price	\$353,000	\$364,000	\$358,500
LP/SF	\$80.36	\$105.94	\$93.15
SP/SF	\$76.87	\$101.48	\$89.18
Olde Oaks Quick Statistics YTD SOLD Stats (92 Listings Total)			
	Min	Max	Average
List Price	\$139,900	\$387,500	\$236,403
Sold Price	\$117,000	\$372,000	\$230,964
LP/SF	\$37.49	\$95.59	\$76.16
SP/SF	\$34.76	\$95.59	\$74.48

*Submitted by Ryan and Royale Jockers,
Neighborhood Real Estate Professionals*

Community-Wide Garage SALE

Hold the Dates

The 2020 Community-Wide Garage Sale will be held **Friday, April 24**, and **Saturday, April 25**, rain or shine. Please circle those dates on your calendar and start "organizing" your attic treasures! The committee will develop a map. Please forward any questions to ooциgaragesales@gmail.com.



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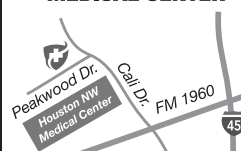
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