

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

CLASS 202!

Alexandra Ricarte

Alexandra (Allie) Ricarte graduated magna cum laude on May 14 from Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business with a business degree in marketing with certifications in leadership and international business. While at TTU, Alexandra participated in the Scovell Business Leadership Program, and was a member of Rho Lambda Honor Society as well as Kappa Delta Sorority, where she served as Mother's Weekend chair, vice president of recruitment, and president. Allie's proud parents are John and Elizabeth Ricarte. Allie and her dog, Millie, are relocating to Dallas in July where she has accepted a position with Advantis Medical.

Congratulations!



Seeking news of 2022 Grads!

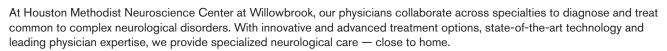
It's not too late! You still have time to recognize a 2022 high school or college graduate from our subdivision in our July newsletter for <u>FREE</u>!

Please send the student's name, parents' names, school graduating from, activities, honors achieved and future plans. A recent photo may be included with the write-up. For best results, the photo should be at least 300 dpi and sent as a separate JPG file attached to the email rather than being embedded in the text. Please send the information via email to oociaeditor@gmail.com at your earliest opportunity. The July newsletter deadline is June 9.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Father's DayJune 19 *HOA Meeting.....June 21

Our trash days are Tuesday and Friday and our recycle day is Tuesday.

*Our homeowners' meeting is usually the third Tuesday of each month (June 21) with the open (member) session starting at 6:45 p.m. Meetings are held at the Oak Creek Village Clubhouse, 3906 Gladeridge Drive (behind the Oak Creek subdivision tennis courts).

The Compassionate Friends of Northwest Houston

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

Currently Compassionate Friends meets in person second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Family Life Center, Room #204 5201 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas 77379

Dial 811 Before You Dig

Gas, electric, water, sewage and telecommunications lines can all be in your yard so dial 811 and they will notify all the utilities who have lines in the area for you. You could cause a life-threatening or even fatal accident if you don't.

This includes any type of disturbance to the ground, i.e, planting a tree, putting up a fence, putting in a pool or installing a sprinkler system.

Olde Oaks/Waterford Park is Now in Precinct 3 for Roads, etc.

Previously Olde Oaks and Waterford Park were in Precinct 4 as far as maintenance for roads, bridges, drainage and parks were concerned. Commissioner's Court has now changed us to Precinct 3. Our new County Commissioner is Tom S. Ramsey. You can request service at 713-274-3100 or visit the website pct3.com. OO/WP is still in Precinct 4 for Constables.

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How to Protect Your Home from Criminals

Crime prevention advice from professionals

- Lock your doors and windows if you are away from home, even for a short time.

 Use deadbolt locks that require a key from either side (double cylinder). Brace sliding glass doors; if the door is braced, the only way a burglar can get through it is to break it and that makes noise.
- Don't hide an outdoor spare key in an obvious place like under a doormat, potted plant or obvious rock; burglars know all the secret hiding places. If you are worried about locking yourself out, leave a key with a trusted neighbor or friend or get an electronic keyless lock.
- Get to know your neighbors (an informal neighborhood watch). Get familiar with their family, vehicles, pets and habits. Keep an eye on your neighbor's property and ask them to help keep an eye on your property. Let them know about packages on their porch and possibly move packages, flyers or newspapers to a less visible spot from the street.
- Get a dog. Any breed that barks can be a deterrent. You can put up a "Beware of Dog" sign and there are also apps that mimic a dog barking (but don't irritate your neighbors with the app going off continuously).
- Make it appear as if your residence is secured by alarms or a security system (even if it isn't). Security systems and surveillance or doorbell cameras are

- relatively inexpensive and can provide evidence in case of theft or vandalism. If budget constraints are severe, or a security system isn't an option, displaying a "security decal" may still thwart would-be criminals. If you have an alarm, please get a permit and post a sign in your yard or place a sticker on your window in a visible place.
- Keep your garage closed and park your vehicles in the garage. If the vehicle is left outside, lock it and don't leave any valuables visible in your vehicle. A thief can steal your garage door opener out of your vehicle and come back when you aren't home to access the garage and house. Lock your packages in your trunk. Catalytic converters (CC) are being chopped off and stolen because of the value of the metals. There are devices that can be installed to make it more difficult to steal the CC. Engraving an identification number on the CC will help identify it after the theft. As a side note, pickups and SUVs are popular targets simply because they sit so high up and it's easier to access the CC. Tires, wheels and even gas are also being stolen.
- Install motion or time controlled lighting on the outside of your entryways. Have your property well lit at night. Turn on your porch light at dusk. Consider having a timer randomly turn on lights inside your property and leaving a radio or TV on whenever you're out.

- If you're leaving for vacation or business travel, suspend newspaper and mail delivery or have a neighbor pick up these items for you. Criminals watch for newspapers and flyers that aren't picked up and often steal packages left on your doorstep. Consider signing up for a Vacation Watch of your home done by our deputies.
- Do not open the door to unknown persons. When a stranger knocks, answer verbally if someone is home (you can also add a separate door box and call forwarding controller that dials your cell phone when someone rings your doorbell.) Let them know you are not interested or busy. Request ID verification from service people and call to verify their identity if you are unsure, before you open the door. If they do not leave as requested or you feel threatened, call 911. Just talking into your phone (even if no one is on the line) may discourage them if they can see you.
- Install a peephole or wide angle viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door. Door chains break easily and don't keep out intruders.
- Don't place empty boxes from appliances, game consoles, electronics or other expensive items on the curb. Break down the boxes and put them inside the recycling receptacle.



- Trim trees, bushes or shrubs that might be used by criminals to conceal themselves. Thorny bushes and a fence can add privacy and deter would-be burglars.
- Don't broadcast you have nice things.
 Shut your blinds or curtains at night or when you are away from home so the criminals can't see in. Keep your garage door shut and the connecting door to the house locked so they can't help themselves.
- Don't advertise that you are on vacation on social media, including trip travel calendars that countdown and share travel dates with others. Post your pictures upon your return. Your friends and neighbors aren't the only ones who read social media (so do your friendly neighborhood burglars)! You might just as well post a sign saying "I'm out of town, rob me."
- Make sure your kids don't advertise parties on social media if you are not home to chaperone the party. Word can get around and often other kids show up unannounced and things are stolen from the house, the place trashed and/or alcohol could be served to minors. Five hundred kids could show up for the party and your neighbors will hate you if it turns

- into a loud party and vehicles are parked everywhere.
- If you arrive home and something looks questionable (ex. a slit screen, broken or open window, open door) don't go in. Call the deputies from a neighbor's house or another phone. Don't mess with the evidence while you wait for them, do not touch anything and do not attempt to clean up any mess. When the police arrive, point out anything out of the ordinary (such as a cigarette butt, a discarded garment, a drop of blood, a mask, a glove, or any item that does not belong in your residence or that you do not recognize).
- If you have a gun, know how to use it. There are several gun ranges in our area where you can practice and acquaint yourself with your weapon, just Google the locations.
- Criminals often watch you and observe your habits before they break in, so don't follow the same routine every day. Don't drive directly home from the bank if you think you are being followed, instead drive to a public place, such as the constables' office on Cypresswood or a busy parking lot. You may want to drive

- into the garage and shut the garage door before getting out of the locked car, if you have already driven home and are worried about being followed.
- Keep your cell phone charged all the time, just in case. Often, just seeing you pick up the phone will discourage criminals, but don't talk or text needlessly while driving. Program our nonemergency contract deputies' phone number into your phone (713-221-6000), but in an emergency call 911.
- Maintain a homeowner's or renters' insurance policy that covers theft and possible damages to your property in case you become a crime victim. It helps if you have a home inventory and photograph and record the serial numbers of valuables. You can also use a home inventory app that allows you to add photos, sort the items by room, or even store items in the cloud for simpler access. Valuables can be identified after a theft by engraving an identification number on them (making them less valuable and easier to verify). A home safe can also be used to protect your valuables (including a gun safe).





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Email oociaeditor@gmail.com. If you have a picture, please include it separately from the text. I am also looking for reporters/assistants to help with our subdivision newsletter and you will get credited (a byline) for the article. Please contact the editor for more information. – *Editor*



APRIL SHERIFF'S STATISTICS

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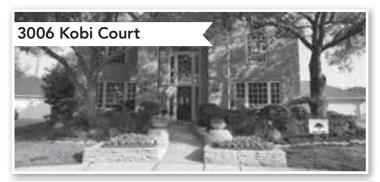
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Note: This report was produced by the Harris County Sheriff's Office and contains raw data subject to change as cases are investigated and reclassified. Editor edited list to eliminate routine checks.

*One of the vehicles was listed twice and one was stolen outside of our subdivision.

May Yards of the Month

Photos courtesy of Ryan and Royale Jockers.









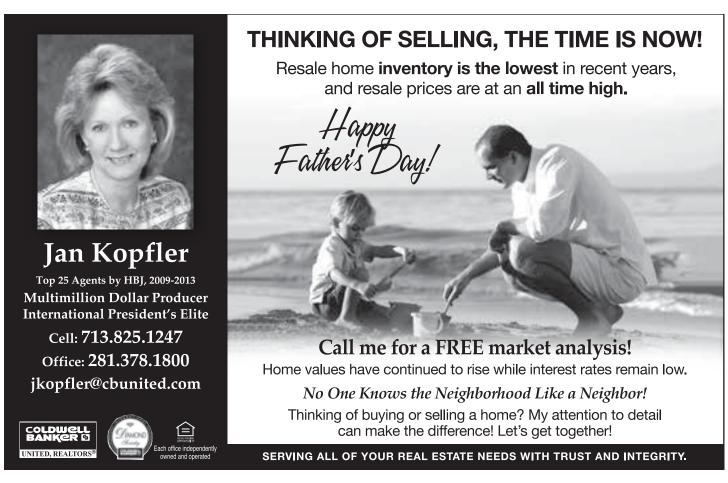


Teen Job Seekers

Please Note: Law enforcement agencies advise that publishing children's contact information on the Internet compromises their security. For this reason, the teenage job seekers list has been omitted from the online version of your newsletter.







The Houston
Metropolitan region is
brimming with activities
this summer. We hope
this schedule helps you
and your significant
others make plans to
attend the events that
interest you.





- June 2: Kenny Chesney with Carly Pearce
- June 6 12: Wine & Food Week
- June 4: Jimmy Buffet & The Coral Reefer Band
- June 7: FREE ADMISSION DAY Houston Zoo!
- June 14: Backstreet Boys
- June 17: Astros vs White Sox at Minute Maid Park
- June 21 & 22: Astros vs Mets at Minute Maid Park
- June 30: Astros vs Yankees at Minute Maid Park

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