



## Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Upcoming Dates

#### Homeowners' Meetings

January 17, 2023  
at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting will be held at the Oak Creek Village Clubhouse at 3906 Gladeridge Drive, behind the Oak Creek subdivision tennis courts.

New Year's Day  
January 1

MLK Jr. Day  
January 16

### Reminder: 2023 HOA Fees are Due by January 31

Just a reminder that the OOCIA homeowners' fees are due by January 1 and become past due if not paid by January 31. After this date, you will have a late fee and interest. If you did not receive a statement, email Crest Management at [Mayra@Crest-Management.com](mailto:Mayra@Crest-Management.com), go online at [www.crest-management.com](http://www.crest-management.com) or phone Mayra at 281-945-4644.



### Board Member Elections in February

If you would like to take part in the inner workings of our subdivision and volunteer your time, please consider running for the HOA Board. Board member elections are held during the Annual Members' Meeting in February, and in 2023 there will be two Board positions up for election. Anyone interested in running for an open Board position should contact Pam at Crest Management to request a candidate biography form, [pam@crest-management.com](mailto:pam@crest-management.com). Candidate biographies need to be received by January 9, 2023 to appear in the February 2023 newsletter.



Next HOA Meeting January 17, 2023  
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# Resignation of Debbie Aiello as Security Coordinator

Debbie Aiello is resigning as Security Director for Olde Oaks/Waterford Park effective January 1, 2023. Thank you, Debbie Aiello and our deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, for keeping Olde Oaks and Waterford Park a safer place to be.

## What are Your New Year's Resolutions?

It's the new year and time to start thinking about those new year's resolutions. What are your goals for 2023? Losing weight? Running a marathon? Being more careful with money and setting up an emergency fund? Spending more time with family?

New year resolutions never get old. Every year people swear that they're going to change and improve the quality of their life and relationships with others. Needless to say, many people fall along the way, but many go on to achieve their goals. Here are some steps that can help you achieve your goals:

- **Set goals that motivate you.** You need to make sure the goals you set are important to you and only you and that there is value or benefit for you in achieving the goals. Often goals are to please a spouse, boss, significant other or because of peer pressure.
- **Write down your goals** and break down big goals into smaller goals that are more achievable.
- **Limit resolutions to reasonable goals.** If you are out of shape, running a marathon requires that you build up to it. Likewise, you are not going to stay healthy and lose 25 pounds overnight. You are not a super hero.
- **Limit the number of resolutions.** A common mistake is having too many and spreading yourself too thin. It's unreasonable to think you can learn to speak Mandarin Chinese, get your degree and a hundred other goals all at once. It's better to complete one resolution well than do ten resolutions poorly. You can choose other goals to achieve next year.
- **Share your resolutions with others.** It's great to make a resolution for yourself but if no one else knows about it, it's easy to forget about it or even ignore it, and when you don't achieve it, no one notices or cares. If you've have gone public with your goal, you will feel more of a sense of obligation and accountability.
- **Stay positive in your attitude** and if you get off track, get back on track. Setbacks happen, but so long as they are handled correctly, they will not impact the big goal. Avoid a defeatist attitude at all costs, i.e. "Well I screwed up, why should I even try to do this anymore?" Once a mistake is made, own up to it and move on. A few small mistakes shouldn't spoil your resolutions for the year! You can achieve your goals!

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713-951-0800

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# Book Club "Footnotes"

Well, happy new year everyone! Here's hoping you readers out there find lots of good reads this year. The Book Club met in November and chose books for January through April. We're still working on a choice for May, but we'll get there.



So far what we chose are the following:

- January 24 – *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. In October we enjoyed her *The Nature of Fragile Things* so much that we chose another of her books for 2023.
- February 28 – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- March 28 – *The Sweetness of Forgetting* by Kristin Harmel
- April 25 – *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult

The title of our January book is somewhat cryptic as it entails a French scarf made from an Indian repeating pattern, perhaps 100 years old, embroidered in a burst of marigolds. The scarf has been passed down through generations and connects two women from September 1911 to September 2011. They find that the capacity to love gives meaning to our lives. They learn about "the weight of the world is made tolerable by the love we give away."

Susan Meissner is a native of San Diego and a former managing editor of a weekly newspaper. Besides being an award-winning columnist, she has 14 published novels. In her writing she likes to incorporate a physical element of some kind such as the special scarf in this book. Also she offers ethical dilemmas with challenging choices between right and wrong and living with the consequences. There are two seemingly unrelated story lines that revolve around a theme and some aspects that don't change even though the years go by. Anyone who reads one of her books will see what a talent she is.

Kathy Hall, Book Club Coordinator  
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## 8th Annual MLK Program

8th Annual MLK Program celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will be held at The Centrum at Cypress Creek Community Christian Church, 6823 Cypresswood on January 14 at 5 p.m. Families and guests are welcome to come and enjoy a program with local speakers, dancers, and a short version of the play, *You Are Cordially Invited to Sit-In*. This play was featured in May 2022 at Stages here in Houston to sold-out audiences and wonderful reviews.

## Boy Scout Flags Over the Community

It's time to  
renew your flags  
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or request flags  
for 2023!

Boy Scout Troop 1659 continues to provide flags for our neighbors in Olde Oaks and Waterford Park through our Flags Across the Community fundraiser. Troop 1659 will provide you with an outdoor flag pole, and install a flat device in your yard that will interfere with yard maintenance. Flags are displayed on Presidents Day (February), Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July) and Veterans Day (November). Please visit their website at [www.ihtroop1659.org/flags](http://www.ihtroop1659.org/flags) to order flags for the patriotic holidays. You can also call 832-791-1442 or mail to Boy Scout Troop 1659, P.O. Box 12296, Spring, TX 77391.



### St. Ignatius of Loyola Church Garage Sale

February 2 – February 4  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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# December *Holiday Yards of the Month*

## WINNERS

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Congratulations to our winners of our Holiday Yards of the Month! Please note the houses are chosen early in the month to meet our print publication, so they may not reflect the best of the holiday decoration choices, as some families may not have put their decorations up yet (by December 9). Next year we could consider having anyone interested in being featured for Christmas decorations have their yard decorated by December 9 and have them SUBMIT A PHOTO to be considered. The YOM winners would then be professionally photographed, and honorable mentions would have the photo that they submit published. Another option is we could also post the Christmas pictures in the February newsletter instead of the January newsletter. All pictures are courtesy of Ryan and Royale Jockers. Our homes are selected by our Yard of the Month Committee and you can submit nominations for the Yards of the Month by contacting the HOA Committee Chairman David Pichowsky at [david.pichowsky@redfin.com](mailto:david.pichowsky@redfin.com).

## HONORABLE MENTIONS



4015 Seastone



3610 Brimwood



3607 Glen Pine



3222 Mission Grove



15326 Beecham Drive



3318 Woodbriar



15307 Dawnbrook Drive



15231 Pebble Bend Drive

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 281-251-0101

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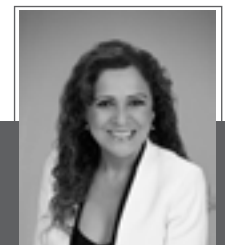
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## MARKET REPORT OLDE OAKS NOVEMBER 2022

PRICE RANGE	ACTIVE LISTINGS*	UNDER CONTRACT	CLOSED SALES
Below \$300K	1	2	1
\$300K - \$350K	8	2	3
\$350K - \$400K	3	1	2
\$400K - \$450K	0	1	0
\$450K - \$500K	0	0	0
\$500K - \$550K	0	0	0
\$550K - \$600K	0	0	0
\$600K - \$650K	1	0	0
\$650K - \$700K	1	0	0
\$700,000 - \$750K	1	0	0

\*Source Data: Per HAR MLS, 11/1/2022 - 11/30/2022, Single Family Homes, Olde Oaks

MONTHS OF INVENTORY	2.3
# OF HOMES SOLD IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	85
AVERAGE PRICE	\$310,005



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## NOVEMBER SHERIFF'S STATISTICS

Accident Auto Pedestrian.....	1
Accident FSGI.....	1
Accident Minor.....	1
Alarm Holdup.....	1
Alarm Local.....	11
Alarm Rep. Site.....	1
Assault Aggressive.....	1
Assault Family.....	1
Burglary Habitation.....	3
Burg. Motor Vehicle.....	1
Child Custody Disp.....	1
Compliance Check.....	1
Criminal Mischief.....	1
Disturbance Family.....	2
Disturbance Fireworks.....	1
Disturbance Loud Noise.....	2
Disturbance Other.....	3
DOA.....	1
Domestic Prevent.....	4
Follow Up.....	1
Information Call.....	8
Meet the Citizen.....	15
Suspicious Person.....	6
Terroristic Threat.....	3
Theft Other.....	1
Traffic Hazard.....	1
Traffic Initiative.....	2
Traffic Stop.....	71
Vacation Watch.....	2
Vehicle Abandoned.....	1
Vehicle Suspicious.....	4
Welfare Check.....	11

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.

\* Aggravated Assault – Domestic dispute involving residents living in house.

\*\* Burglary Habitation – A case number was not assigned to one and a report has not been turned in for the incident on 11/18/22 or for the follow up on 11/19/22.

\*\*\* Burglary Motor Vehicle – A truck was left unlocked in the driveway.

\*\*\*\* Theft Other – Didn't happen in OO/WP. Money was stolen from a bank account.



## Kids' Track and Field Season Kicks Off!

Do you have a child who is interested in the sport of track and field? Plan to attend the Northwest Flyers Track Club's season orientation and breakfast event at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4. It will take place at Crossover Bible Fellowship, 12332 Perry Road, Houston, TX, 77070.

The Northwest Flyers, one of the leading youth track clubs in the country, is a member program of USA Track And Field (USATF), which is the national governing body for track, cross country, and the U.S. Olympic team. Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse founded the club to foster the development of youth track and field in the northwest Harris County area. The club will celebrate its 36th anniversary season in 2023 and offers a full range of track and field events for boys and girls ages 6-18.

For more information, visit [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org), follow the team on Facebook and Twitter, or contact team Registrar Shavonne Spencer at [sxrobin@yahoo.com](mailto:sxrobin@yahoo.com).

## NAM's Young at Heart Senior Center Activities

Did you know that seniors (60+) can participate in various activities and classes at the Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) facilities? Activities include bingo, Wii bowling, Duplicate Bridge, senior fitness classes (including ballet, tap, line dancing and yoga) and French classes (beginning and intermediate). Young at Heart (YAH) is seeking volunteers for new activities including leading an indoor walking class, Tai Chi Class, Bid Whist and dominoes. Seniors can also meet for lunch (MWF) at their café. The YAH membership fee is \$35 annually plus \$1 daily fee. NAM is close to home at 15555 Kuykendahl Road, Houston, TX 77090. For more information check NAM's website at [www.namonline.org/seniors](http://www.namonline.org/seniors) or call 281-885-4600.



# Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts has a wonderful array of classes and workshops this spring, for ages preschool through adult. Youth classes include ceramics, fashion design, art exploration, watercolor, and Mini Masters, as well as classes specifically for homeschool students. Classes are designed for various ages ranging from 6-15 years old, and all materials are included. The first session begins January 9, with a second session starting March 27. For course descriptions or to register, visit [pearlmfa.org](http://pearlmfa.org).

Little ones will love the Pearl's new preschool class, "Little Art Historians" on Wednesday mornings for ages 3-5. Children will learn about a new artist each week and create fun projects inspired by that artist. Monthly registration is required for this course. Children ages 5 and under can also attend the free Art Start program each Tuesday morning at the Pearl. Art Start includes story time and a related art activity. The program is free thanks to a generous gift from AT&T; space is limited so please register online.

Adults can get in on the fun as well, with weekly art classes or half-day workshops. Current spring subjects for adults include watercolor, ceramics, and dried floral crafts.

To learn more or register for any of these opportunities, visit [pearlmfa.org](http://pearlmfa.org) or call the museum at 281-376-6322.

If your new year's resolution is to get involved in the community, the Pearl needs you! Volunteer docents are needed to provide guided tours for guests of all ages. Docents should have an interest in art and be available during the day. Training is provided for each new exhibition, and docents enjoy camaraderie and fun as they share their love of art with others. To learn more or volunteer, contact Rebecca Howland at [rebeccapmfma@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccapmfma@gmail.com) or 281-376-6322.



## *Hello Neighbor!*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

***Wishing You A Blessed and Successful 2023***

2022 saw me earn my Seller Representative Specialist Designation AND be the Top Producing Agent of my Brokerage! Most importantly, it allowed me to join the Olde Oaks Community.

Here's to 2023 and whatever changes it may have in store. If you are thinking about a residential change, let me help guide you through your journey. I would be honored.

**I'm Bilingual, HABLO ESPAÑOL**

*"Whatever you do, work heartily" -Colossians 3:23*



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# Round of Appaws for a New Year!

By Tim Merritt

This New Year, resolve to keep yourself and your loved-ones happy and healthy. If you're like me, each year you resolve to exercise and drop a few pounds. Lack of time and boredom are reasons why most of us fail to develop a sustainable routine. This year, I'd like to suggest a different approach: Exercise your pets. Our pets need daily exercise to stay healthy and burn off energy. Physical activity with your pet is good for them and you'll benefit too.

Think outside the "daily walk" and consider activities you can do together for fun and physical conditioning. My rescues Gus and Zoey get bored walking the same old route and smelling the same patches of grass. To fend off boredom with the same activities day after day, mix it up and try these activities:

- Follow your dog's nose. Instead of walking your dog, let your pet lead the way. Wherever she goes, you go. Your pets will become energized, and you'll get a brisk walk.
- Run and Fetch. A simple game of fetch could fulfill your dog's daily exercise fix. Toss a squeaky toy or ball, and then run alongside your pet. This makes the game more exciting for your pet and you'll benefit from the cardio activity. Fetch is easy to squeeze into busy schedules, and there's no need to travel far to fit in a game.
- Dancing with your furry star. Ever find yourself dancing around to the music of a TV commercial? Maybe it's just me! But when I dance around, my dogs do the same; jumping up and down and moving around on their back legs. If you do aerobics, you can choreograph routine moves that allow you both to work out together.

Gus, Zoey and I would love to hear how you and your pet stay active so please email us at [tim.merritt@garygreene.com](mailto:tim.merritt@garygreene.com).



**In 2023, please resolve to be more active with your pet. You'll both appreciate the benefits!**

# Banish the Winter Blues

Source: [www.inspirewellbeing.org](http://www.inspirewellbeing.org)

The relatives have been dropped to the airport, the mammoth turkey and hams have been eaten, the Christmas tree is shedding, you have a serious hole in your pocket and all that drinking and eating has left you a little curvier around the edges. Yes it's January and you've got the blues. Remember this too will pass in time! Here are some helpful tips for banishing the winter blues a little quicker:

**Exercise.** Exercise releases endorphins, gives you a natural high and puts you in a good mood; simply taking a brisk walk once a day will give you that feel good factor.

**Eat well.** It's not terribly exciting, but eating well is a great way to make us feel better, particularly after the excesses of the Christmas period. Eating healthily is not about going on a fad diet, it's about eating a variety of foods in moderation, so enjoy plenty of fruit and vegetables. And of course you can have a dessert... now and again.

**Sleep well.** During the Christmas period it was late nights and lie-ins, so getting back into a proper sleep pattern is important, but can be difficult. Swapping your latte for decaffeinated coffee and drinking camomile tea before bed will be of great benefit. Also, try having a bubble bath with lavender oil before getting into a freshly changed bed to help drift off into a peaceful slumber (if you are pregnant check with your doctor before using any essential oil).

**Preparation is key.** Mornings are tough enough without having to pick an outfit, iron it and make your lunch, before having to race out the door without breakfast or a shower. Prepare yourself the night before so you're not feeling pressured in the morning. It will make it much easier to face a day of studies if you have had a good breakfast, arrived on time and aren't feeling stressed.

**Have something to look forward to.** January is synonymous with staying in, feeling a little miserable and feeling the pinch. Most people are in the same boat so don't feel guilty for saying no to offers of drinks or swapping the pub for a takeout and Saturday night television. But it is important to have something to look forward to, so arrange a trip to the cinema or an early bird dinner for February, so you know there's light at the end of the house-arrest tunnel.

**Enjoy the sunshine.** Granted it's not Cozumel, but there still is some sunshine out there. Even natural daylight can give you the daily lift you might be craving for. Just ten minutes in the sun a day can help fight off SAD (seasonal affective disorder) as well as helping your body to make Vitamin D.

**Fight the boredom.** Sometimes the same routine during these dark and cold winter nights can make you feel bored or even down. Try to change it up by finding a hobby or an activity that would blow the boredom clouds away. Since the weather is not your friend this time of the year, try to pick up something you can do inside while keeping warm and dry.

# Please Be a Considerate Neighbor

- No one wants to listen to barking dogs, loud music and/or playing basketball late at night (that thump is louder than you think!)
- Pick up your pet's poop. Secure your fence so your pets cannot escape the yard and run loose in the neighborhood.
- Consider putting your trash in bags so when the trash is picked up, there will not be leftover trash all over the neighborhood.
- Don't litter. Help keep our neighborhood a beautiful and nice place to live.



# 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.



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