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## Waterford Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### April Dates



#### HOA MEETING

April 16, 2024

at 6:45 p.m.

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

**APRIL 1**

April Fool's Day

**APRIL 15**

Federal Taxes Due

No Yards of the Month were chosen for March

*Welcome Spring!*

## ANNUAL HOMEOWNER'S MEETING

Due to the annual homeowner's meeting being held March 20 (after the April print deadline), information about the annual meeting, including our new HOA Board, will be included in the May newsletter.

## 2024 OCV CUDAS SEASON

The OCV Cudas 2024 swim season is around the corner. The Cudas, starting their 51st season, are looking for swimmers of all ability levels from ages 5-18 to join us. The Cudas are a part of the Northwest Aquatics League (NWAL), which is made up of neighborhood teams throughout NW Houston who compete with each other during the May-June swim season. Sign-up starts at the beginning of April and practice at the Oak Creek Village pool (across from Reynolds Elementary) starts in late April. Swimmers from Oak Creek Village to Northgate Forest and the neighborhoods in between are welcome to join. Look for more details soon at [www.ocvcudas.com](http://www.ocvcudas.com).



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## OLDE OAKS CIA 2022 BOARD

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## MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD)

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### MUD #20

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Board Meetings: First Tuesday of month, 11:30 a.m.,  
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Board Meetings: (Call before to confirm),  
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## Bammel Utility District Office

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Board Meetings: Second Monday of month, 7 p.m., 3906 Gladeridge (clubhouse)

## TEXAS PRIDE (TRASH/RECYCLE)

Lisa Govea, Operations Manager  
Lisa@TexasPrideDisposal.com

Kevin Atkinson, Owner  
Kevin@TexasPrideDisposal.com

# Non-Emergency Phone Number

Our subdivision contracts to have security in our neighborhood. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1. The non-emergency phone number has changed from the Sheriff to the Constable.

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It is more effective to call immediately when suspicious or criminal activity occurs, but you can still call if it has already happened.

## CenterPoint Delivery Charges for Electricity

CenterPoint delivery rates historically change twice a year; in March they typically decrease and in September they typically increase. Effective March 1, 2024, the delivery charge from CenterPoint decreased by \$.015/kWh. Delivery charges for your home are the same without regard to which retail energy provider you choose.



## New Baby?

### *Congratulations on Your New Arrival!*

To arrange to have a stork sign in your front yard for two weeks, please email Rueben Pena at [ruebenpena@gmail.com](mailto:ruebenpena@gmail.com) with your address. You do not need to be home when the stork is delivered or picked up.

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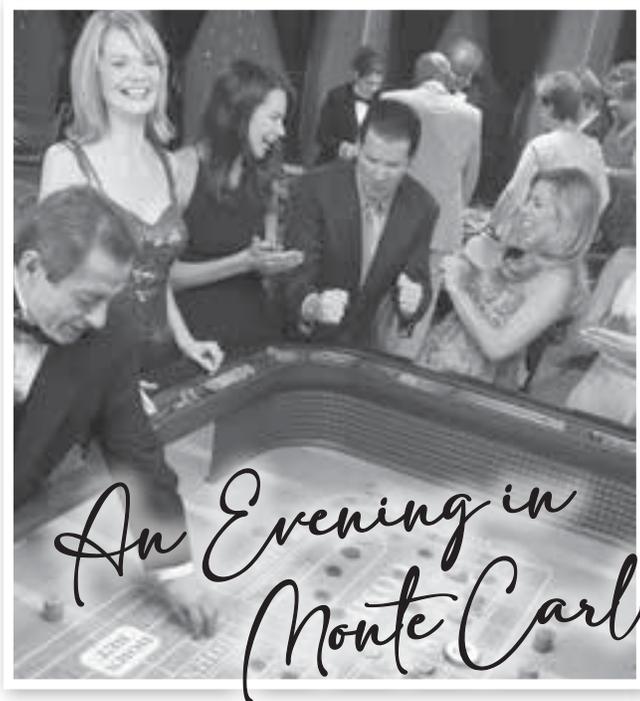
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# Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum Gala

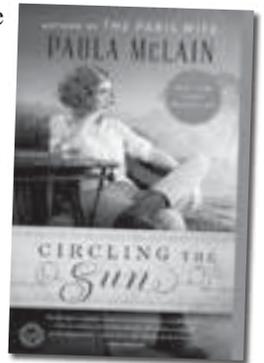


Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum Gala on April 7 will be an exciting night of food and fun including gaming tables of blackjack, roulette, and other exciting casino-style games. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on several fantastic items that include travel, dinners, themed baskets and more in the live and silent auctions. Visit their website [www.cwjuniorforum.org](http://www.cwjuniorforum.org) and click on "Fundraiser" for all the details and to buy tickets.

Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum is an organization of women dedicated to providing volunteer services, leadership and philanthropy to enrich the communities in North Harris and South Montgomery Counties. CWJF partners with agencies, schools, and corporations to fulfill identified needs in education, interaction with an aging population and support for people with disabilities.

# Book Club "FOOTNOTES"

Book Club will be on April 23 at the home of Randee Saber. Kathy Hall will lead the discussion of *Circling The Sun* by Paula McLain. Ms. McLain earned an MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan in 1996. She has written two collections of poetry but also two novels. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Real Simple*, and several other magazines. She lives with her family in Cleveland, Ohio.



*Circling The Sun* is a fictional account of the early life of a historical person, Beryl Markham, who was a pioneering aviator and the legendary first woman horse trainer in the 1920-30s. She grew up on the plains of colonial Kenya at that time period. First she became a horse trainer and later, a pilot. In 1936 she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic from east to west and as a horse trainer, produced one of the greatest victories in the history of horse racing. Unfortunately her mother abandoned her at age 4 and her father, at age 16, yet she overcame adversity and learned to stand on her own. Although she had some disastrous relationships, she developed self-discovery and with a free spirit she lived by her own code and not society's. No doubt comparisons could be made with her contemporary, Amelia Earhart.

Contact Kathy Hall, Coordinator, at 281-569-4967 for more information about Book Club.

## EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS

If you are planning exterior modifications to your home/yard, please get written approval from the HOA prior to implementing any changes. See our subdivision's website at: [Architectural Control \(oocia.org\)](http://ArchitecturalControl(oocia.org)) for more details.



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## Deseret Industries Needs Donations of Household Items and Clothing

Deseret Industries is a work training facility that accepts donations of usable household items and clothing. They sell these items in their thrift store to send their associates to school. They greatly appreciate donations, as they assist their associates in getting better jobs. Donation hours are Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have questions, please call at 346-214-7453. They are located at 8625 FM 1960.

## Precinct 3 Road Repairs and Other Maintenance

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– Editor

# GOING NATIVE

By Cheryl Conley

If you're like me, you're making regular trips to the nursery to replace plants lost after a freeze. I've decided to plant more native plants and those specifically recommended for Texas landscapes because of the benefits they offer. Certain plants and shrubs are better suited to our soil and climate conditions and are more resistant to insects and diseases.

Some of the plants and shrubs you might want to consider are:

**Turk's cap** – Some nurseries refer to this shrub as a Drummond wax mallow. It gets 2 to 3 feet tall and prefers partial shade. It gets bright red flowers and got its name because the flower resembles a Turkish turban.

**Gulf coast muhly grass** – This is a green, airy ornamental grass getting 2 to 3 feet tall. Its real beauty happens in the fall when the top foot or so turns a lovely purple. I love these en masse!

**Texas lantana** – Talk about a tough plant! Lantana grows best in full sun. It flowers profusely and once established, requires very little care.

**Eastern purple coneflower** – This beautiful plant blooms profusely spring through summer and attracts butterflies.

**Heartleaf rosemallow** – This is a type of hibiscus. It produces bright red flowers all year as long as it stays above freezing. It's very drought-tolerant.

**Texas sage** – This is a shrub that produces purple, bell-shaped flowers year-round. It can reach 8 feet tall but it looks best if you keep it pruned back.

Some nurseries in the area have sections that are devoted to native plants. This makes it much easier to plan your landscaping. You can also do a search on the Internet for native Texas plants.



Turk's Cap



Texas Lantana

## Please, Be a Considerate Neighbor

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## TRASH AND RECYCLING REMINDERS

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# How To Avoid Three Emotional Investing Mistakes

While market volatility and investment performance can affect your success toward your important long-term goals, your own emotions can become the biggest roadblock. Here are three mistakes people often make when their emotions get in the way of their investment strategy – and how you can avoid them.

## Mistake No. 1: Heading to – or staying on – the sidelines

Too often investors are tempted to head to the sidelines and move to cash when the news looks bad. But in order to time the market successfully, you must get two decisions right: when to get out, and when to get back in. Getting one right is difficult, and getting two right is nearly impossible. Investors have successfully navigated tough periods in the markets before. You're better off focusing on your long-term goals and not the latest headline.

## Mistake No. 2: Chasing performance

When the media hype the latest “hot” investment or highlight “dramatic” declines in the market, investors are often tempted to chase the winners and sell the losers. But this emotional response can lead to buying investments at market peaks and selling them at the bottoms – a recipe for underperformance. While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss in a declining market, it can help smooth out market ups and downs, so don't chase performance.

## Mistake No. 3: Focusing on the short term

While it's important to look at the long term, day-to-day fluctuations can obscure your view of success. Your measurement of success should be your progress toward your long-term goals rather than any day-to-day fluctuations. It helps if you can review your goals and objectives, recognize behaviors that could cause trouble, and as always, work with your financial advisor to help you focus on your progress toward your goals and avoid making emotional investment decisions.

*Condensed Article by Edward Jones Principal Scott Thoma, co-chair of Investment Policy Committee.*



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# Teen Job Seekers

If your teen is a responsible teen who lives in the subdivision and is interested in being listed in the monthly newsletter for job consideration, please send an email to [ooeiaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ooeiaeditor@gmail.com) with the teen's name, age, contact phone number and services they provide. If your teen is no longer interested in being listed, please notify the editor to get their name removed. This column is for information only and no recommendation of a candidate is being made by OOCIA. Parents are responsible for verifying the credentials of any person seeking their teenager's services.

B = Babysitting P = Petsitting T = Tutoring  
O = Odd Jobs Y = Yard Work PW = Power Washing  
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