

The Old Orchard Outlook



FOURTH QUARTER 2024

The Official Newsletter Of The Old Orchard Homeowners Association.

Expressing Gratitude and Welcoming New Board Members

Dear Residents,

We are also excited to welcome our two new Board members, Qurahtulheini "Annie" Akram and Kamran Khan, to the team. We are confident that their skills, experience, and enthusiasm will be a great asset to our community.

In addition, the current board would like to express our sincere gratitude to our outgoing Board members, Rae Spencer and Ed Stetcher for their dedication and service to our HOA. Their time, energy, and commitment to our community have been invaluable. They will be missed.

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Thank you,
Old Orchard Board

Proper Tree Trimming for Oak Trees

Why is proper oak tree trimming important?

Oak trees are a beautiful and valuable addition to any neighborhood. However, improper trimming can lead to disease, structural weakness, and even death. By following these guidelines, you can help ensure the health and longevity of your oak trees.

When to trim:

Late winter or early spring: This is the ideal time to trim oaks, as they are dormant and less susceptible to disease. Avoid trimming during the growing season, as this can increase the risk of infection.

How to trim:

1. Avoid topping: Topping, which involves cutting off the top of a tree, is a harmful practice that can weaken the tree and make it more susceptible to disease and storms.
2. Hire a professional arborist: While you can do some basic pruning yourself, it's always best to consult with a qualified arborist for major trimming or removal. They have the expertise to assess the tree's health and recommend the best course of action.
3. Make clean cuts: Use sharp, sterilized pruning shears to make clean cuts. Avoid leaving ragged or torn stubs, as these can become entry points for disease.
4. Remove dead or damaged wood: This will help to improve the tree's overall health and safety.
5. Thin out dense canopies: This will allow more sunlight and air to reach the interior of the tree, reducing the risk of disease and pests.

Community Website

WWW.
OldOrchardTexas
.com

For All of Your Neighborhood Information

Resident Portal

www.crest-management.com

Important Contacts

Questions, comments and concerns about our Old Orchard community can be sent to amberj@Crest-Management.com. Please register your email address at OldOrchardTexas.com to get important email blasts.

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HOA Social Committee Seeking Volunteers for Year-End Holiday Party

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community? Join the HOA Social Committee and help make our year-end holiday party a memorable event! The Social Committee is responsible for organizing fun and engaging activities for our residents.

We're currently seeking volunteers to assist with planning and executing our upcoming holiday party on Sunday December 15th.

Your help is needed with:

- **Decorations:** Assisting with the selection, purchase, and setup of holiday decorations.
- **Food and Beverage:** Helping with menu planning, food preparation, and serving.
- **Entertainment:** Contributing ideas for entertainment options, such as games, music, or special guests.
- **Cleanup:** Ensuring the party space is clean and tidy after the event.

If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Vivek via vpradhan@oldorchardtexas.com.

Let's come together as a community and create a memorable holiday celebration!

How To Make Your House Winter Ready

As we have learned, even Texas can have winter storms that can cause burst pipes and water damage. Here are some things you can do in advance to minimize your damage.

Prepare the inside of your home

- Get your chimney inspected and cleaned. Creosote buildup can start a fire.
- Get your furnace inspected to ensure it's safe and will last the winter.
- Test your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms. Alarms older than 10 years should be replaced.
- Seal leaks or cracks around bathroom and kitchen pipes.
- Check your attic insulation for areas that need repair.
- Stock up on bottled water, nonperishable food, and batteries in case your power goes out.

Prepare the outside of your home

- Trim trees hanging over your house and cars.
- Clean the gutters.
- Winterize your pool and check your coverage. If the temperatures dip below freezing, run the pump to keep the pipes from freezing.
- Find your water shutoff valve. It's usually under a metal lid near the street between your house and the larger man-hole cover with the city water shutoff valve. Test the valve to make sure it's not stuck and that you can shut it off in an emergency. If you can't, contact a plumber to replace it.

Proud of OO? Want to make it better? Please VOLUNTEER

If you are proud of OO, or want bigger and better things, please consider volunteering for the benefit of the Old Orchard community. The board of directors asks for your assistance in volunteering for the different committees. Please contact rachaeles@Crest-Management.com to express your interest.



ANGELS JR. DANCE CLINIC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
OPEN TO PRE- K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

REGISTRATION IS NOW **OPEN**

TO RECEIVE A SHIRT, PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION AND SEND THE PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 18TH

ACTIVITIES
DANCE, GAMES, CRAFTS
SO MUCH FUN!

Not an Official Old Orchard Sponsored Event

Remember To Dial 8-1-1

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the number you should call before you begin any digging project.

A federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" number, 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

Make a call for every digging job – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

A recent study revealed that nearly half of homeowners who plan to dig this year won't call 811 to learn the approximate locations of buried gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines before digging, putting their safety and the safety of others at risk. According to data collected by CGA, when an individual makes a call to 811 before digging, damage occurs less than 1 percent of the time.

So, before you dig, call 811. More details online at: www.call811.com.



Old Orchard Street Parking Policy

Parking on the streets and in cul-de-sacs is not permitted in Old Orchard. Please review the full parking policy and access to the street parking form to make a no-tow request for special events on the community website @

<https://oldorchardtexas.com/street-parking>

Pet Waste Stations

In an effort to maintain cleanliness, and to assist all pet owners in the community, eight (8) pet stations are available along the pathways throughout. Please be courteous to your neighbors and utilize these convenient stations by picking up after your pet, and discarding it in the waste station. The stations are emptied and the bags are replenished on a weekly basis.



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Be Neighborly

Please be considerate of your neighbors. Dog owners pick up after your pets. Do not toss trash out of your cars on Old Orchard streets. Please reduce your speed in the neighborhood and refrain from revving your engines and playing loud music on residential streets. Stop signs should be heeded.

In general, be considerate of your neighbors and abide by the "quiet hours" between 10 pm and 7 am. We have had complaints about people at the playground and club parking lot making a lot of noise in the middle of the night. Entering the pool area is trespassing!

Holiday Safety Tips

Cars loaded with gifts and left in parking lots can become easy targets for thieves, so remember to lock your vehicle, even when you expect to be in and out of a store quickly. Keep packages in your trunk and out of sight. Park your car in a well-lit, heavily traveled area, and never leave the keys in your vehicle. Use only Christmas tree lights that have the "UL" tag attached to it. This means that the lights have been tested by the Underwriters Laboratories and are safe.

However, before you put the lights on the tree, (new or old), check them for broken or cracked sockets, broken or exposed wire and/or any loose connections. If any one of the problems is present, throw the light set away. Damaged lights can shock a person or start a fire. If you use an extension cord, use no more than 3 sets of lights attached to it.



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Deed Restrictions

You may review the deed restriction at www.oldorchardtexas.com. Here are a few things that will trigger a fine.

- Please put your trash cans out of site from the street after pickup on Wednesday evening and do not bring them out before 5 pm on Tuesday.
- Failure maintain your yards and landscaping
- Failure to submit ACC applications.

Online submittal is available at www.crestmanagment.com.

ALL outside modifications. A few examples are: fences, driveway expansions, basketball goals or other sports equipment, solar screens, solar panels, storage buildings, changes in paint color, roof, and building additions, etc.