

The Old Orchard Outlook



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The Official Newsletter Of The Old Orchard Homeowners Association.

Update – Lake Erosion

The board is happy to share that after careful review and community feedback that we have started the installation of ShoreSOX in highly impacted areas in Lake 4 and 5. Quick reminder that ShoreSOX is a modular open containment system. It is then filled with a locally sourced organic media, such as topsoil or blow-in mulch that ultimately will be graded before the top portion of the mesh is wrapped.

Upon installation, the system halts soil erosion and re-stabilizes shorelines and hillsides. The short-term and long-term impacts include an immediately stable shoreline, which adds aesthetic value to all properties, an improved and enhanced ecosystem, and mitigated safety risks for residents, workers, and staff. For more information visit <https://www.soxerosion.com/>

Community Project

Greetings Everyone,

My name is Omkar. I am in second grade. When I was in Kindergarten, I had gone with my family to Cullinan Park for biking. I saw trash in the Cullinan Park's Lake (plastic water bottles, soda cans etc.) and I got very upset and disappointed that people polluted the lake instead of throwing trash in trash bins. We have beautiful lakes and amazing wildlife in our community, and I want to appeal to everybody to respect our environment and keep our surroundings clean.

I would like to continue creating this awareness within our community and I would like to thank Rae, Ed and the rest of the HOA board for encouraging me to display my posters around the lake and share them with you all.



Be the change and please join me in making a promise to ourselves to throw trash only in trash bins and recycle where we can at home as well as anywhere outside.

Community Website

WWW.
OldOrchardTexas
.COM

For All of Your Neighborhood Information

Resident Portal

www.ciranet.com/ResidentPortal

Important Contacts

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

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Email Blasts for Community Information

Reminder to register your email address with Real Manage to receive email blasts. Access your account at www.ciranet.com/residentportal or via CiraMobile, available in the Apple App Store for IOS and Google Play Store for Android. You can also create a customer service request via email at realservice@ciramail.com or contact Real Manage via phone at 866-473-2573.

Social Committee

The Old Orchard HoA Social Committee organized a spring event on Saturday, April 1st, held at the Clubhouse parking lot. This event was a huge success, enthusiastically attended by many of our homeowner residents and their families, who enjoyed a morning of fun-filled egg-hunt as well as several other fun activities and games. Face-painting and Kona Ice were amongst the most popular attractions. These, as well as the pizza and cookies, were enjoyed by both the kids and parents alike. Our Social Committee would like to thank our homeowner residents for attending, enjoying, and providing positive feedback on the event.

The Social Committee will be organizing a few more community events this year, including Independence Day, Halloween, and the Year-End Holiday Party. Stay tuned. They are also entertaining the idea of accepting "sponsorships" from the local and community business owners, to help support these events. For inquiries, please contact the Social Committee Chair at vpradhan@oldorchardtexas.com.



How to Organize Your Travel Plans

Traveling soon? Don't just rely on Post-it notes and your email inbox. Thanks to all the travel apps and websites that have popped up in recent years, organizing your travel plans has never been easier.

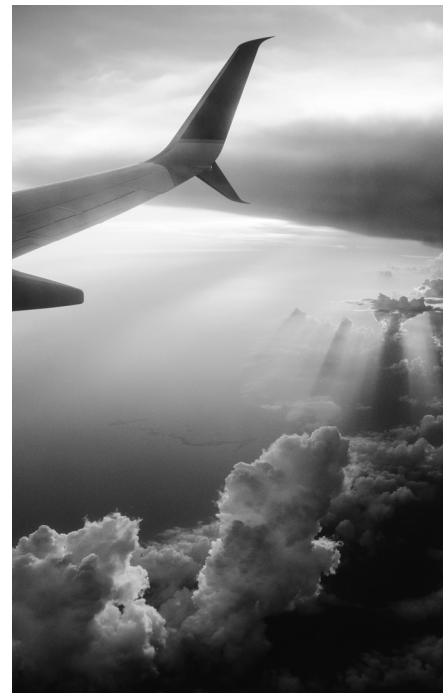
Here are a few of the most popular:

For finding airfare: Google Flights, Kayak and SkyScanner help you draw a quick baseline for cost of flights. They also suggest alternative days to travel if you can be flexible on your travel dates to save a little money.

For researching hotels: TripAdvisor offers thousands of consumer reviews along with photos that have been uploaded by travelers rather than advertising professionals. If you do arrive at a hotel and don't like it, apps HotelTonight and Roomer can help you find a suitable (and likely discounted) alternative there on the spot.

For keeping track of your details: Flight times, your hotel's address, rental car info, confirmation numbers — so many numbers you want at your fingertips when traveling. TripIt and TripCase are two apps that strip out unnecessary information and put what you need to know from confirmation emails into a well-ordered itinerary. They're both free, but you can pay \$49 annually for a more robust TripIt Pro with extra features like notifications of gate changes and alerts when a better seat becomes available.

For road trips: iExit tells you what services are where at various U.S. highway exits so you can decide whether to wait or turn off now. Roadtrippers finds all the great American roadside attractions as well as restaurants and other services that are close. And GasBuddy compares gas prices of all the nearest stations.



Landscaping Tips:

Spring and summer are the perfect seasons to revamp your landscaping and create an inviting outdoor space for your community. With a few simple tips, you can achieve a beautiful and functional landscape that will enhance your property's value and appeal.

Firstly, consider adding some color and texture to your landscaping by planting seasonal flowers and shrubs. You can choose from a variety of options such as petunias, marigolds, and zinnias to add some vibrancy to your garden beds. Additionally, consider adding some mulch or decorative rock to your landscaping to provide contrast and create a more polished look.

Secondly, it is important to maintain your landscaping throughout the spring and summer seasons. This includes regular watering, trimming, and weeding. By staying on top of these tasks, you can ensure that your landscaping looks its best throughout the season and stays healthy.

Oak tree maintenance is pruning. In the spring, it's a good idea to remove any dead or damaged branches, as well as any that may be rubbing against each other. This can help improve the tree's overall health and appearance, and also prevent any potential safety hazards. However, be careful not to over-prune, as oak trees have a slow growth rate and can take years to recover from too much cutting. Always trim from the bottom of the tree not the top.

Lastly, don't forget about your lawn! Regular mowing and fertilizing can keep your grass looking lush and green throughout the summer. Additionally, consider adding some outdoor seating or a fire pit to create a welcoming space for residents to gather and enjoy the warmer weather.

Overall, by following these simple tips, you can create a beautiful and functional landscape that will enhance your property's value and appeal. Happy spring and summer gardening!



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 Kendra Cox at oldorch@ciranet.com to express your interest.

Current Committees:

Property and Grounds - Chairpersons Aaron Bishop and Ed Stecher

Community Outreach - Chairperson Vivek Pradhan

Nominations - Chairperson Rae Spencer, Committee members Anand Karnak and Jane McCrae

Contracts and Improvements - Chairperson Aaron Bishop

Gates - Chairpersons Rae Spencer and Ed Stecher

We need volunteers who can be trained to open the gates when the power goes off or a malfunction occurs.

Communications - Chairperson Sulabh Upadhyaya

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Clubhouse

The OO Clubhouse located at 13222 Peach Orchard Lane and is available for rental for homeowners only. For information log on to oldorchardtexas.com for the clubhouse rental form and submit to Real Manage, Kendra Cox, Client Development Manager, oldorch@ciramail.com, 1-866-473-2573.

Free Yoga Classes at the Club House



For those residents interested, Liliana Celidonio Moyses, a resident and certified Yoga Instructor is offering free Yoga classes at the clubhouse. See the schedule posted on the clubhouse door. The classes are free and a waiver must be signed to attend these classes. The HOA is not sponsoring the classes but is making the clubhouse available. Participants are responsible for cleaning up after the classes.

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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.

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. 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.

