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Flags Across the Community



For over 20 years, the young men of Scouts BSA Troop 1659 have been placing flags in yards around Oak Creek Village in recognition of our patriotic holidays. In 2022, a U.S.

Flag will be placed in your yard for Presidents' Day (February), Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), and Veterans' Day (November). Our scouts provide you with an outdoor flag and pole, installing a flat device in your yard that will not interfere with lawn maintenance.

We are pleased to also offer military branch flags. Choose from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard. U.S. Flag only is \$35 for the year; U.S. Flag plus one military branch is \$50. Additional military branch flags can be added

OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 12/13/2022

The Board members present were Jon Whisler, Darrel Johnson, Josh Donaho, Elizabeth Davis, Shawn Lane, George Arreguin and Committee member Jim Bowers.

We had about 7 residents in attendance. Cindy and Tricia Carlson, Perry Graham, Marlon and Wendy Hernandez, Barbara Frisbie and Robert Van Eschan. We also had 4 officers from our precinct who are part of our Contract officers both from the day shift and night shift.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by President Jon Whisler. The minutes from the previous month were read and approved.

Our Security Director had requested the officers to be present so that our residents can voice their concerns about different aspects of what was going on in the community. The concerns were that there is a lack of communication between our officers who we have contracted with and their response. The officers were able to openly talk about those issues and promised us that they will look into them and get back to our Security Director. It was an open discussion. The gist of it is if one of our residents makes a call the call should not be ignored, they have to be acknowledged and responded in a timely manner.

Kindly read the Treasurer's report and the Security report in your newsletter. The Architectural department had very few applications for paint, except for some installation of solar panels and fences.

No report on any deed restrictions or Recreation.

As there was no other new business the meeting adjourned at 9.30 pm.

Sincerely,

Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

for \$10 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

This fundraiser allows our youth to provide a service to the community, learn patriotism, and work to accomplish various outdoor and high adventure type activities. It teaches them the importance of "earning their own way" in scouting. Your support of our boys is invaluable!

Please visit www.ihtroop1659.org

OCV Executive Board

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jdonaho76@gmail.com	

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oakcreekvillageclubhouse@gmail.com

Emergency

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire	
Ambulance	281 440-4300
Animal Control,612 Canino Road	281 999-3191
Crimestoppers	713 222-8477
Crisis Hotline	713 527-9864
Harris County Public Health	713 439-6000
Poison Control, poisoncenter.org	800 222-2222
Sheriff, Harris County	713 221-6000
Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency)	281 376-8802
Harris County Environmental Public	Department

- (report neglected swimming pool)......713 274-6300

Helpful Numbers

OCV Accountant, TXMGMT	832 910-7525
Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex	281 376-2997
Forms (713 221-6000)	
Post Office-Cornerstone	281 444-1355
Gas, Centerpoint	713 659-2111
Trash, Texas Pride Disposal	281 342-8178
Telephone, AT&T	800 246-8464
Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District	281 376-8802

OCV Garden Club Board

281 440-1093
281 583-0652
832 298-8351
281 444-3497

The deadline for the next issue of the OCV Community News is January 15!

OCV Community Association Board of Directors

Meeting Reminder January 10, 7:30pm



Residents are reminded that the Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors normally meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. As always, all residents are invited an encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to present ideas to the Board should call a Board member prior to the meeting so we may allot time for you on the agenda.



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To pay your maintenance assessment on line, go to_https://txmgmt.cincwebaxis.com/?

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Recycling Tuesday is your only recycling day!



PLEASE NO – Styrofoam, Windows, Ceramics, Mirrors, Soiled Pizza Boxes, Coat Hangers, Light Bulbs, Paper Towels, Soiled Paper, Soiled Facial Tissue.

For a complete list of acceptable recycle items please visit http://www.oakcreekvillage.org/trashservice.html

Call 811 before you dig - Be Safe. It's free. It's the law.

- Call 811 before you dig.
- Give two working days' notice before digging. (48 hours)
- Utility companies will mark the location of underground utility lines.

Remember, you are responsible for marking your private lines such as invisible pet fences, sprinkler systems, yard lights and gas grill lines.

Attention OCV Residents. Non-commercial advertisments, classified ads and notices can be placed free of charge. Club information, birthdays and other important non-profit events are also welcomed! Letters to the editor are also accepted and published with your name. *Thank you.*

To report a streetlight out go to Centerpoint (713 207-2222) Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)

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Oak Creek Village Contract

HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez www.sheriff.hctx.net

Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

Nov. 1-30, 2022		S	M	۲,	70
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TOTAL	253	92	54	86	21
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	0	1	0
ALARM LOCAL	5	0	1	0	4
ASSAULT	1	0	0	0	1
CHECK PARK	2	2	0	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	184	81	27	70	6
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	0	1
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	1	0
DIST FAMILY	3	1	0	1	1
DIST JUVENILE	1	0	1	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	3	0	0	0	3
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	1	0	0
DOA	1	0	0	1	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	3	0	0	2	1
INFORMATION CALL	6	2	2	0	2
MEET THE CITIZEN	6	1	2	2	1
MEET THE OFFICER	1	0	0	0	1
MUD BUILDING CHECK	5	5	0	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	0	1	0	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	12	0	9	3	0
TRAFFIC STOP	8	0	5	3	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	3	0	3	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	0	0	2	0
WELFARE CHECK	2	0	2	0	0



OCV Community Association December 13, 2022 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The October31, 2022 balance sheet shows \$571,794 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For October 2022, revenue was under budget by (\$380) primarily due to lower than budgeted resale income. Expenses were above budget by (\$174)was mainly due to higher than budgeted legal expense.

Transaction Report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of October.

Additional Notes:

Our 2023 Maintenance Fee of \$343 was approved at the last meeting and was mailed out December 2nd and is due at the beginning of January 2023. If it is not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2023 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$31.75 was approved at the last meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the January 2023 bill as February is when the annual contract for Security renews and that bill is due by 20th of February.

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Only Rain in the Storm Drain - You may think that it's ok for little things here and there to be put down the storm drain. It's easy to forget that your one little thing and my one little thing eventually add up to create a mon-



ster problem. Our storm drains don't filter what we put into them. They run directly into the bay. To help keep them clean, properly dispose of your motor oil, pick up after your pet, take your car to a car wash, follow the directions when you spray and fertilize your yard and **please don't rake your leaves into the storm drain!**

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Dear neighbors:

Are you like us? Long-term residents of Oak Creek Village who have heard of the HOA but have never really thought much about what they do?

Recently we needed advice and held back from contacting them as - if we are honest - we did not think they would do much or be able to help. How wrong we were. In just one meeting and a few emails we have been amazed at how each member of the team has dedicated themselves to listening, acting and seeking resolutions where needed. We would like to thank each and every member of the HOA for all they do totally voluntarily - to keep this community safer and more harmonious. We don't live in a perfect world but with this fantastic bunch of people giving up their time to serve us, we are closer to it than we would otherwise be. Thank you HOA.'

Thank you. Richard and Terry-Anne Golko



Houston Rose Society Stop Treating Your Soil Like Dirt

January is the perfect month to finish construction of new rose beds or check the pH and soil composition of your existing beds. Besides water, good soil is the second most important factor in growing great roses.

We are fortunate to learn from Danny Wilson with Farm Dirt Compost how he coverts food and plant waste into rich, fertile soil and compost tea full of beneficial microbes. Danny's business is located near Hobby Airport and contains a four acre compost production site. Danny sells several soil and

TEEN JOB SEEKERS



B=Babysitting, **P**=Pet sitting, **Y**=Yard Work, **H**=House Sitting *CPR Certified ** BLS Certified

Michelle P.	18	B+P	715-821-2280
Jason	17	Р	832-375-1613
Mia	14	P+H	346-390-3069
Jack	15	P+Y	715-821-2280
Krissa**	14	B+P+H+Y	360-935-2682

Please email your work information to publish1@copperheadfarms.net Include your name, address, age, phone number, choice of work along with any special training, CPR etc. OCV residents only, 18 and under! **Parents:** It is up to you to verify credentials for services listed. compost products or if you prefer to do it yourself, he will teach you how to make your own compost from plant waste.



Please join us on Thursday, January 12th at 7 pm in person at St. Andrew's Episco-

pal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX or virtually from the comfort of your home using a computer, tablet, or smart phone using GoTo Meeting:

https://meet.goto.com/294564965

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is delighted to announce its 2023 Spring Exhibitions, which open to the public on Saturday, February 4.

"America's Western Landscape," a new exhibition by photographer Mark Burns, will be unveiled for the first time at the Pearl. The exhibit celebrates the raw beauty, vistas, and natural diversity of the American West. In many ways it represents the "best of the best" of Burns' landscape work, with 50 pieces selected by the artist including black and white photographs, color photographs, and hand-colorized black and white photographs.

American photographer Mark Burns was born in Houston and creates compelling images that are a unique mastery of composition, lighting, and photographic technique. In October 2015 he completed a five year project photographing all 59 of



Oak Creek Village Garden Club

You're invited to join us as we meet each month for a variety of outings in and around Houston, always combined with lunch at a local restaurant. If you're interested in learning more about this group, please contact Jane Flores at 615.423.5410 (call or text), or email to jane.b.flores@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!



"The Decisions We Make" is one of a dozen paintings by Lindy Chambers that will be featured at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts this spring. "Hidden Beauty in the Ordinary" opens on February 4 through May 13.

America's national parks in black and white. "The National Parks Photography Project" traveled to six museums the following year, including the Pearl, with a combined attendance of nearly 300,000 people.

"America's Western Landscape" will be featured in the Main Gallery of the Pearl from February 4 through May 13, 2023. The exhibition also features an optional audio guide accessible via smartphones.

In the Cole Gallery, the Pearl will feature "**Hidden Beauty in the Ordinary**," with a dozen works by artist Lindy Chambers. Chambers paints rural scenes of life in the Texas countryside where she lives. By simply paying attention, she observes often overlooked aspects of life to discover beauty in mobile homes, stray dogs, and piles of trash.

Her paintings are vibrant compositions of color that never use the same hue twice. Her insistence on variety furthers the idea that everything contains its own unique beauty, if you only stop to notice.

"Hidden Beauty in the Ordinary" opens February 4 and continues through May 13, 2023. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and admission is free.

Family Days

The Pearl will host its next Family Day on Saturday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Family Days are open to the community and feature art activities and entertainment for the whole family. The community is warmly invited to attend and admission is free. For details, visit pearlmfa.org.

Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold our next meeting on January 17th, 2023, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm.

We are excited and honored to welcome Dr. William "Bill" McKinley as our presenter for the January meeting. This will be an amazing opportunity that you don't want to miss. Dr. McKinley is an Instructional Associate Professor, Director, and Endowed Chair of the Benz School of Floral Design in the Department of Horticultural Sciences of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences,

Dr. McKinley splits his time between Benz School of Floral Design continuing education classes in the summer and academic curriculum during the regular semesters, teaching aspiring and professional floral designers. He is a frequent guest speaker and presenter at garden clubs, seminars, and conventions. Dr. McKinley travels twice a year to Seoul, South Korea to instruct floral design teachers at the Benz School Korea and evaluate their students.

As a former member of AIFD's National Board of Directors, he is currently the American Institute of Floral Design (AIFD) Online Education Administrator and past Chairman of its Cer-



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tified Floral Designer program. He also chaired the AIFD's National Education Committee, Educational Partners Committee, and Student Membership Committee. The AIFD recognized him at their July 2022 floral symposium with the organization's Award of Distinguished Service.

Dr. McKinley authored *The Cut Flower Companion* and coauthored *The Shopkeeper*. He co-authored *Flowers: Creative Design*, the primary textbook for the Benz School of Floral Design. He is a contributing author and task force chairman for the new *AIFD Guide to Floral Design*, introduced at the 2022 AIFD Symposium. He is also an advisor to the student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers at Texas A&M University.

Dr. McKinley earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and his master's degree from Texas A&M University. Prior to his academic career at Texas A&M, he taught floral design for 17 years at Kishwaukee College, where he later became the Associate Dean for Career Technologies Early in his career, Dr. McKinley worked for FloraLife Inc., owned a retail florist shop in Bryan, and worked for a prestigious event florist in the Dallas area.

We encourage anyone who has an interest in flowers and the art of designing to join us. We have members ranging from novice designers to floral shop owners and Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and socialize together.

For further information, please contact Christine Givens at 281-387-6626 or email givens3@sbcglobal.net.

Mercer Botanic Gardens

22306 Aldine Westfield Road, Humble 713-274-4160 pct3.com mercerbotanicgardens@pct3.hctx.

Garden Cruisin': Tour de 4, Jan. 20 - Board the Mercer cart under the Mercer staff building for a one-hour leisurely tour through the gardens. The Tour de 4 uses an open-air cart, so participants should dress for the weather. There is a maximum of four passengers per tour and a waiver is required. Ages 60+ or 12 and older with mobility needs. To register online, go to pct3.com/MBG

Saturday Garden Club, Jan. 28 - Jun. 24 - Kick off the New Year by learning something new, and getting dirty! Individuals and groups can volunteer with Mercer's professional horticulturists in unique and fun projects throughout the garden. Meet at Mercer's Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe walking shoes and bring your own water bottle. Register here. Contact Mercer's volunteer Coordinator: Colleen.Powell@pct3.hctx.net.





CoastalBirds.com is the first step in your journey to a unique birding experience. The Gulf coast of Texas is home to one of the most concentrated collection of different species of birds that can be found anywhere in the world. Many of these species can be found in habitats that cannot be accessed by other guided tours, such as rivers, deltas, and shallow estuaries.

Captain Tommy Hanover was born in Bryan Texas and has been exploring the bays and estuaries of the coast of Texas all his life. After serving his country in Southeast Asia as an Airborne Ranger, he returned home and worked cattle ranches as a cowboy and competed in steer wrestling in open rodeos for 8 years, and in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeos for 12 years. He has worked as a fishing guide in local waters for many years, and later as a birding guide.

Captain Hanover, a USCG licensed vessel operator, has been familiar with the waters from San Antonio Bay to Baffin Bay since his youth, a period of over 45 years. He operates a 21 foot Shoal Water boat that will carry up to 6 passengers in water up to one foot deep. His vessel has special modification to allow silent maneuvering and position holding equipment that enables you to get close



to birds without upsetting them in any way. The boat also has special modification to allow for photographic equipment of all sizes.

Let us know the birds you're interested in seeing and we'll suggest some local destinations. Consider booking a tour now to a place you've never been before. His boat is a 21' Shoal Water Cat with a Yamaha 200 HP SHO engine, capable of adventuring into extremely shallow water and tight spaces.



Reminder to Walkers, Joggers, Bicyclists & SCOOTER RIDERS!

For your own safety please make yourself readily visible to vehicle traffic. Wear light colored or reflective clothing. Also, during the twilight hours, lighting is highly suggested. **The life you save may be your own.**

January Events

January 28, 7th Annual Wild Game and Wine Camofest, Bay City - Enjoy tasting wild game, craft beer and wines. Visit our Food Camp and Kid zone. Live Auction.



Cooking "guides" will provide locally caught samples of wild game, fish and fowl and food inspired by Texas wines. Festival goers will enjoy samples of wine from local wineries, live entertainment, shopping with festival specialty vendors, Texas beer and wine and activities for the kids. The "welcome mat" will be out at as the many retail merchants of Downtown Bay City open their doors with discounts and specials. CAMOFEST highlights our one of a kind Downtown Bay City and Matagorda County as the "gateway to the great outdoors. Located at 6th Street and Avenue G. Please Call 979 557-4890 or visit baycitycamofest.net for more details.

January 26, 2023 – Taste of the Town, The Woodlands – Taste of the Town is a paradise for foodies looking to fulfill their cravings and sample local area cuisine! For one low price, guests can sample mouth-watering appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries, and drinks from more than 40 of the area's finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries and beverage companies. Join us on January 26, 2023 from 5 to 9 p.m. at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center. Purchase tickets today and learn more at www.tasteofthetown.org

Tomball Farmers Market is a year-round weekly North Houston Farmers Market, with over 65 local vendors featuring farm



ers, producers, bakers, artisans and more. Located in historic Downtown Tomball, the market provides a diverse, fun, pet friendly, family outdoor shopping experience. The market is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Living History Saturday: Medicine in the Republic of Texas - Washington, Jan 21 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm. Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836. On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dressed in period clothing bring to life the people and events of Old Washington supplying a unique opportunity to discover various aspects of life surrounding the birth of the Republic of Texas. The program features activities suited for the entire family. Take a spin on our Wheel of Maladies and learn about 19th Century Medicine in Texas as practiced by Dr. Asa Hoxey and Texas Declaration of Independence Signer, Dr. Benjamin Goodrich! Contact Adam Arnold at Adam.Arnold@thc.texas.gov or 936-878-2214 x228 for more information. 23400 Park Road 12. Washington, TX 77880

Texas Independence Celebration, 10am-6pm, February 25

- Texas Independence Day Celebration" is an annual two-day living history celebration on Saturday, February 25th from 10am to 6pm and Sunday, February 26th from 10am to 3pm on the 293-acre Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site to celebrate where 59 delegates bravely met in 1836 to make a formal declaration of independence from Mexico in 1836. The admission-free event.



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