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Flags Across the Community Scouts BSA Troop 1659

A heartfelt thank you to all of our 2023 customers for continuing to support our Scouts BSA Troop! Your flag orders allow us to keep our troop active and our gear in tip-top shape!

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 2024, 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 for \$10 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes - 01/09/24

The meeting was called to order January 9th at 7:35 PM by Jon Whisler. The board members present were Jon Whisler, Raquel Lona, Darrell Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, and Committee member Jim Bowers. There were two residents in attendance and the HOA daytime and second shift sheriffs personal.

Minutes from the December meeting was read and approved.

Floor was opened up to residents.

Nick Fava informed the board that Bammel Utility District approved the security fee. There was concern expressed about the number of dead trees in the development and the hazard they can create during a storm. Please is you have a dead tree on your property please have it removed.

There was concern expressing the lack of respect that some neighbors have regarding the playing loud music especially late at night. The board told the residents that if the music is loud and can be heard in their house to call the non-emergency police number and they address the concern. **Please if you play music outside be respectful of your neighbors and keep the volume at a reasonable level.**

Deed restriction director's report was read and approved. See newsletter for report.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. See newsletter for treasurer's report. Security report was read and approved. See newsletter for securities report.

There were no reports for Architectural Control, Recreational, or Maintenance. New business

Board tabled a quote from maintenance person for the repairing and painting of the pergola by the tennis courts till next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM

Deed Restrictions Monthly Report Topic for December 2023

The OCV Community Association, Inc. (the "Association") identifies and advises property owners and residents of Deed Restriction violations within the Oak Creek Village. When we see a violation, we will be sending the property owner a letter. Please understand we do not know the circumstances or situation a property owner or tenant is dealing with we only know there is a violation. If you receive a letter and

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Emergency/Helpful Numbers

| Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire | | | |
|---|--------------|--|--|
| Ambulance | 281 440-4300 | | |
| Animal Control,612 Canino Road | 281 999-3191 | | |
| Crimestoppers | | | |
| Crisis Hotline | | | |
| Harris County Public Health | 713 439-6000 | | |
| Poison Control, poisoncenter.org | 800 222-2222 | | |
| Sheriff, Harris County | | | |
| Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency) | | | |
| Harris County Environmental Public Department | | | |
| - (report neglected swimming pool) | 713 274-6300 | | |
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| 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 | | | |
| Telephone, AT&T | 800 246-8464 | | |

OCV Garden Club Board

Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District......281 376-8802

| President , Anita Cook | 281 440-1093 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Treasurer, Kathy Colbert | 281 583-0652 |
| Directory, Carol Barziza | 832 298-8351 |
| Telephone Comm. Mary Quinn | |
| Telephone Comm. Georgette Popeney | 281 444-3497 |

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder February 13, 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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Service@TXMGMT.com, www.txmgmt.com 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)

Oak Creek Village Contract

HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez

www.sheriff.hctx.net Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

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| ACCIDENT MINOR | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ALARM LOCAL | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| ARSON FIRE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ASSAULT FAMILY | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BURG MOTOR VEHICLE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| CONTRACT CHECK | 282 | 252 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| DISTURBANCE FIREWORKS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| DISTURBANCE OTHER | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DOA | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DOMESTIC PREVENT | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| DRUG OD POSSESSION | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| FRAUDULENT USE ID | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| INFORMATION CALL | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MEET THE CITIZEN | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| NUISANCE ABATEMENT | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPERTY FOUND LOST | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RUNAWAY | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAFFIC INITIATIVE | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAFFIC STOP | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VACATION WATCH | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VEHICLE ABANDONED | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WELFARE CHECK | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |



OCV Community Association January 10, 2024 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The November 30,2023 balance sheet shows \$453,863 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For November 2023, revenue was over budget by \$104 primarily due to increased security Receipts income. Expenses were under budget by \$358 was mainly due to lower than budgeted legal expenses.

Transaction Report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2024 Maintenance Fee of \$352 was approved at the November meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2024. If it is not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2024 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$32.50 was approved at the November meeting and was sent to Bammel UD for the February 2024 bill to help with the increases we received in the New contract in November 2023 for the new year.

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 monster 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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Troop 1659 also participates in Wreaths Across America, which allows us to place sponsored wreaths on the graves of service men and women at Houston National Cemetery. For only \$17, you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on graves at Veterans' cemeteries around the country every December, thanking the fallen hero for their service, and sharing a blessing for their families.

These fundraisers allow 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 to place your secure order online, or email IronHorseTroop1659@gmail.com for more information.

Deed Restrictions from page 1

there are extenuating circumstances then please contact us and let us know. Do not stew on it, complain, or get stressed out as there is always ways to fix a violation but if you do not contact us then we do not know. In some cases, we may be able to help out and get the violation resolved, but the idea of a neighborhood is a neighbor helping a neighbor.

Deed restrictions committee continues its efforts to Identify Violations every month.Deed RestrictionsCommittee has mostly identified violations for Trailers/Boats.

Note to OCV Property owners:

Please monitor your property for any diseased or pre-decayed trees needing to be cut down. We want to prevent present and future damage to the neighborhood and avoid Hazardous situations in advance. If you require a professional opinion for dead tree removal, contact the Deed Restrictions Committee at ocvdeedrestrictionscommittee@gmail .com for further contact information. Please continue to perform the proper upkeep and clean up your properties in a timely manner in order to avoid a violation notice. Do not forget to edge and clean up the street curb in front of your

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 |
|-------------|----|---------|--------------|
| Mia | 14 | P+H | 346-390-3069 |
| Jack | 15 | P+Y | 715-821-2280 |
| Krissa** | 14 | B+P+H+Y | 360-935-2682 |

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property of leaves and pine needles. Remember to Bundle small branches less than 4-feet in length and smaller than 18inches in diameter and place next to the trash bags for collection. Otherwise, trash company will not collect your debris. Which at that point you will be served a violation notice if debris remains uncollected for more than a week. Please be kind to others and to your community, do not blow your debris on your neighbor's side or leave it in the street. Doing this will not only cause conflict between neighbors but the bigger issue that this action creates will be to our storm system. Preventing this simple act will help the communities storm system from flooding and backing upduring rainy weather. Lastly Trash bins/cans must be concealed from public viewor stored out of site. Garbage or trash cans can only be put out on the curb or by the street the night before trash pickup and must be removed and stored out of site on all non-trash days.

A Special Thank you to our OCV Residents whom are making an effort and taking the time to maintain their properties. We understand the extreme heat is one huge factor in the process of lawn maintenance as well as the ability to move around for some of our elderly residents. So please take all necessary precautions while being outdoors during this extreme heat season. If you happen to live next door to an elderly resident,



OCV Ladies Tennis Team

is looking for women players 18 years or older to play and compete in the NHTA League -A3 LEVEL that competes against other subdivisions. We travel to play at different subdivisions, as well as at OVC, on Monday nights

at 7pm starting February 19th, 2024 thru the end of April. Then again in the Fall. There is a once-a-year league fee and cost of tennis balls-approximately \$30 per person.

Contact the Captain of the Oak Creek Village Ladies tennis night league for more information. Adele Puffer adelepuffer@gmail.com

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!

Houston Rose Society Annual Pruning Demonstration



Annual Pruning Demonstration Similar to last year,

our pruning demonstration will be held outdoors weather permitting on Saturday, February 11th at 2pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd, Houston, TX 77008. Please note the day and time change for this month. This is a great time to learn from Consulting Rosarians how and when to prune your rose bushes. Participants are encouraged to bring roses they no longer want and are worthy of a new home to be pruned. The bushes should be dug up carefully with their roots wrapped in a plastic garbage bag. You can dig up the bush the morning of the meeting or prior day. Unwanted rose bushes in pots are also accepted for this meeting. Immediately following the demonstration, we will have a drawing to give away all of the bushes! Also, if you bring your gloves and pruning shears, participants are invited to assist in pruning the bushes located throughout the St. Andrew's Church grounds. As a reminder, we change our members only website password at the end of January and you should have received your new password via email or US. Mail. If you have not received the new password, follow up with one of our club officers.



At Mardi Gras! Galveston, February 2 - 13, 2024. The



extravagance found in Texas's largest Mardi Gras celebration starts with the beads! More than 3 million beads will be thrown at Mardi Gras! Galveston and that's just the beginning of the elaborate parades, headliner perfor-

mances, family events, feasting, and other festivities that come with hosting Mardi Gras island style. For more information please visit mardigrasgalvestion.com.

The Woodlands Farmers Market is



home to vendors offering locally grown produce, grass fed beef, Texas handmade

artisan cheeses, goat cheese, sustainably cultivated coffee, local honey, breads & pastries, no sugar-added baked goods, prepared tamales, Indian cuisine & Mediterranean food, gluten-free options, and seasonal products. Saturdays, rain or shine!

- 9:00am 1:00pm (October June)
- 9:00am noon (July September)

The market typically closes only one Saturday during the year, the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day. **Address:** Grogan's Mill Shopping Center, 7 Switchbud, PI, The Woodlands, TX 77380

Galveston ArtWalk, Saturday, March 2nd,

Presented every 6-8 weeks in partnership with downtown galleries, artist studios, nonprofits, and local businesses, ArtWalk takes place inside existing art spaces. This



popular event is free and open to everyone. 2127 Strand, Downtown Galveston from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Mercer March Mart - Get ready to celebrate Mercer Botanic Gardens' 50th Anniversary in style at March Mart, our iconic two-day plant sale extravaganza! Join us for this milestone year as we showcase a dazzling array of nearly 1,200 rare plant varieties, handpicked for their high quality and uniqueness—many of which are seldom found in local nurseries.

This year, in honor of our milestone anniversary, we're unveiling 'Thelma's Collection,' a special showcase featuring unique and cherished plants personally cultivated by Thelma Mercer herself decades ago. It's a rare opportunity to own a piece of Mercer Botanic Gardens' rich history and legacy.

Discover the magic of Mercer-grown plants, meticulously nurtured by our dedicated team and volunteers in nearby greenhouses. These plants are tailored to thrive in the diverse soils and weather conditions of the Gulf Coast region, ensuring their adaptability and resilience.

As we mark 50 years of botanical excellence, March Mart promises not just a sale but an experience—a celebration of our heritage, growth, and commitment to nurturing nature's beauty. Join us for a weekend filled with plant enthusiasts, expert advice, and the chance to bring home a piece of Mercer's history. Don't miss this unforgettable celebration of nature's wonders! Mercer

Members only Feb 22 8am -10am General Public: Friday Feb. 22 10am - 4pm Saturday Feb 23 - 9am - 4pm

713 274-4160 - 22306 Westfield Road, Humbe

Washed Ashore: Art To Save The Sea Traveling Exhibit In Galveston, Texas

Returning by popular demand, Washed Ashore - a traveling art exhibit in Galveston Island - is aimed at educating the public about the hazards of plastic pollution in the world's waterways.



Have you ever seen an 8-foot-tall octopus? How about a bald eagle with a 17-foot wingspan? Head down to Galveston and meet **Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea**, a FREE, engaging family exhibit on display at various locations across *next page* *Events from page 5* Galveston Island.

Thru Mar 31st, 2024

About Washed Ashore: Art to Save The Sea

Washed Ashore's huge, awe-inspiring sculptures are constructed entirely of plastic debris that has washed up on America's beaches and are designed to demonstrate the scale of plastic pollution found in our oceans and waterways.

Artists have intentionally placed familiar items like buckets and shovels at children's eye level to convey the importance of keeping beaches clean. Each sculpture graphically illustrates the tragedy of plastic in our oceans and waterways and aims to encourage conservation. The Galveston collection marks the first time these sculptures have been outside of a gated, central location and is free to the public. Visit Galveston.com for sculpture locations.



GOLDEN~BLACKHAWK & CENTRAL CITY -The G~B&CC is a large national award winning modular Z scale train layout created by: **Mister Dave**, aka David L. George of Spring, Texas and

has appeared at model train shows from coast to coast. It is now housed at The Tomball Railroad Depot at 201 South Elm, Tomball, TX 77375.

Come out and enjoy the many Rocky Mountain tunnels and bridges plus see the dynamic seashore of New England.



10:00am - 2:00pm Saturday only. For more information visit us at www.mrdavez.com *where every day is Saturday!*



Bald Eagles are Nesting in Tomball! - The following FaceBook group has all kinds of information on the pair of bald eagles that are nesting in Tomball. They are present between late September and May every year as they raise their eaglets. If interested, please join the FaceBook group below (make sure to read & agree to ALL FOUR rules of the group) and you will enjoy the information and photos from many local bird watchers who go out to follow the lives of our local eagles! Pleae visit us at https://www.facebook.com/ groups/EnjoyTomballEagles

Winter Feeding By Cheryl Conley Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

It's much easier for birds and squirrels to find food in the summer but it's challenging in the winter. There are about 300



species of birds that spend their winters in the Houston area because of our mild temperatures. Squirrels are here yearround. You can help our birds and squirrels by supplementing their diet when food is scarce.

SUET – birds burn a lot of calories just to stay warm. Suet is a high-energy, high fat food source and Is available at big box stores and Amazon. You can order feeders specifically for suet cakes. If you want a fun family activity, you can make your own. You'll find many recipes online.

SEEDS – black-oil sunflower seeds, thistle, and safflower seeds are popular high-energy foods.

FRUITS – use a tray feeder to provide fruit like apples, oranges and pears. Cut the fruit into small pieces.

PEANUT BUTTER - Make sure you get the salt-free kind. You can purchase feeders specifically for peanut butter and you can also use a pine cone. Just put the peanut butter in the crevices and hang it from a tree. If you want to, after putting the peanut butter on the cone, roll it in bird seed.

MEALWORMS – I purchased a big bag of mealworms at Walmart. It's pretty gross to look at but the birds love them.

CRACKED CORN – you can purchase bags of cracked corn or you can buy a bag of mixed bird seed with cracked corn as one of the ingredients. Make sure to buy premium feed. The cheaper feed has fillers and is just wasted because the birds won't eat it.

NIGER SEED – loved by goldfinches. There are specific feeders for this.

WHITE PROSO MILLET - Use a tubular feeder for millet.

PEANUTS – squirrels love peanuts. You can buy shelled or unshelled but make sure they are unsalted. Put the peanuts on a tray feeder away from your bird feeders. Some birds like peanuts as well.

EGG SHELLS – don't throw your egg shells away. Rinse them and bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Once cooled, crush them up and add to your bird food. You can also scatter some



on the ground for the ground feeders.

CHEESE – this one surprised me. Buy grated mild cheddar and use a tray feeder.

WATER – very important! You can purchase birdbath heaters so the water won't freeze.

No matter the season, always keep

your feeders and bird baths clean. Rotten food can actually kill the very birds you're trying to help.

I haven't said much about squirrels. In addition to peanuts which I mentioned above, they will raid your feeders and pick out what they like leaving the rest to fall to the ground. You can try baffles, spikes and squirrel-proof feeders. Don't place your feeders near trees because they will jump from a branch onto your feeder. I know from experience.

Thank goodness the weather in our area isn't too bad. We have cold snaps that don't usually last too long but if you think about how small birds and squirrels are, you realize how hard it is for them to stay warm and to find food in the winter. Let's help them.









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