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### OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 02/13/24

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler. Board members present were Lloyd Bratton, Raquel Lona, George Arreguin. Committee members present were Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan. Our OCV Security officer was present.

The minutes of the January report was read and approved with no changes.

There were no Recreation, Maintenance or Architectural written reports to be approved.

The Deed Restriction report was read and approved.

The Security report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Please read the detailed reports in our monthly newsletter.

New Business: The Board approved to do some repairs and paint the pergola and cost not to exceed \$2,875.

The Board also unanimously approved the installation of Flock Security Cameras in strategic locations in our neighborhood at a cost of \$12,600. This is for safety, security and traffic purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

### **Deed Restrictions Monthly Report /Topic for January**

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 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 Restrictions Committee located several violations due to excessive overgrowth of weeds on grass due to negligence of lawn maintenance by its resident and has notified several residents about Trailers/Boats/Commercial vehicles. Note to OCV Property owners:

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### The 2024 OCV Cudas Season is coming!

The OCV Cudas 2024 season is around the corner. The Cudas, starting their 51<sup>st</sup> 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. Signup starts at the beginning of April and practice at the Oak Creek Village pool (across from Reynolds Elementary) starts in late April. Look for more details soon at www.ocvcudas.com

The above is something the OCV Cudas would like to include in the March newsletter. Can you confirm that this works or do you need additional information.

Thanks,

Brent Barnett OCV Cudas



## **OCV Executive Board**

President, Jon Whisler jon.whisler@sbcglobal.net.. Vice President, Darrel Johnson johnsonone1@yahoo.com Recreation, Shawn Lane shawn,lane33@gmail.com OCV - Recreation@yahoo.com Security, Lloyd Bratton dhurley68@gmail.com Maintenance Director, George Arreguin cm2arreguin@gmail.com Deed Restrictions, Raquel Lona ocvdeedrestrictionscommittee@gmail.com.

## **Committee Contacts**

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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		
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 March 15th!

### OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder March 12, 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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TOTAL	344	187	96	46	15
ALARM LOCAL	3	0	2	0	1
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	1	0	0	1	0
ANIMAL HUMANE	1	0	0	0	1
BURG HABITATION	1	0	1	0	0
BURG MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	0	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	0	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	237	176	52	9	0
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	1	0	0	0
DIST FAMILY	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	1	1	0	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	1	0	0	0
EVADING	1	0	0	1	0
INJURY TO ELDERY	1	0	0	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	6	1	1	2	2
RUNAWAY	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	1	0	0	0
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	29	1	27	1	0
TRAFFIC STOP	40	0	9	31	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	2	0	2	0	0
VEHICLE SPEEDING	1	0	0	0	1
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	6	4	0	0	2
WELFARE CHECK	6	1	2	1	2



### OCV Community Association February 13, 2024 Treasurer Report

#### Financial Report -

#### Balance Sheet

The December 31, 2023, balance sheet shows \$469,256 in the bank.

#### Statement of Revenue & Expense

For December 2023, revenue was over budget by \$1,231 primarily due to increased resale income. Expenses were over budget by (\$22,362) was mainly due to higher than budgeted legal and insurance expenses.

#### Transaction Report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of December along with additional insurance cost due to making needed changes to our coverages.

#### Additional Notes:

Our 2024 Maintenance Fee of \$352 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2024. If it was 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 2023 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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#### Deed Restrictions from page 1 The drought is over and Freeze has passed, please water/ mow/trim/edge your grass!!!

Please continue to 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 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 property of leaves and pine needles. Remember to Bundle small branches less than 4-feet in length and smaller than 18-inches 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 community's storm system from flooding and backing up during 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, please be a good neighbor and offer your help. Sometimes just reaching out and offering your help goes along way for someone that cannot move around as effortlessly as others.

"Let's be a good neighbor"

## **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

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.

### 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. For the remainder of 2024, a U.S. Flag will be placed in your yard for 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 \$28 for the year; a U.S. Flag plus one military branch is \$40. Additional military branch flags can be added for \$8 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

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 <u>www.ihtroop1659.org</u> to place your secure order online, or email IronHorseTroop1659@gmail.com for more information.

## 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!



### **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 <u>at 7pm starting February 19<sup>th</sup>,</u> <u>2024</u> 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



Northwest Forest Republican Women <sup>2nd</sup> Monday each month, Shirley Acres Event Venue, 217 Woerner Rd, Houston, TX 77090 Next meeting, March 11, 2024 11:30 AM – 1:00 AM Register online \$25 at Northwestforestrepublicanwomen.org \$30 Walk in

NWFRW proudly welcomes speakers for March representing Camp Hope and Camp SHiEld. Camp Hope opened in 2012 with the mission to relieve the effects of combat and trauma on male veterans, suffering with PTSD, and their family members.



There is no cost for participants. David Maulsby is the Executive Director fot Camp Hope. Beginning in 2009, Mr. Maulsby began the mission of the PTSD Foundation of America by walking the streets of Houston, finding homeless vets. He is an ordained minister, bringing his his strong faith and steady leadership to serve and support our country's veterans and their families. His message centers on what Camp Hope is accomplishing and how the involvement of NWFRW makes a difference.

Camp Shield serves women veterans. The number of women veterans in our nation is currently around 2 million-an all time high and a number that continues to grow. Camp SHiEld is a resource created **BY** women veterans **FOR** women veterans and addresses the emotional, social and physical wounds. They strive to develop and celebrate the personal and professional successes of women veterans and their families. **Maggie Peterson is Founder of After Military Service currently focused as Camp SHiEld**. Ms. Peterson is a 10-year Air

Force veteran whose focus after military service has been Post Traumatic Growth. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems and an MBA with a specialization in Finance, along with many certifications. **She will introduce us to Camp Shield and what the organization of fers. Both of these speakers will give us enlightening information on these worthy endeavors.** 

### Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd.,Spring, Texas 77379. We will meet in rooms B-207, B-209, and B-211 which are located upstairs in the Main Office Building.Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting/presentationbeginning at7:00 pm.

This is going to be an exciting evening that you don't want to miss, and 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. Be sure and check out our website at www.safdhouston.org.





And the winners are:

 15623 Valley Bend

🖈 3910 Sunstone

A big thank you to everyone that decorated their houses! See you all next year!

Winners received Kroger Gift Cards!





The Mercer Society - March Mart 03/22&23 Friends of Mercer Botanic Gardens -22306 Aldine Westfield Road Humble, TX. Road77338 - 713 274-4160

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, hand-picked 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!



### Houston Rose Society Resiliency with Roses



In the past few years, we have experienced extreme temperatures in Houston from frigid hard winter freezes with temperatures in the teens to scorching summers well over 100 degrees fahrenheit.

If you want to learn how to protect your roses and other plants from climate changes, join us in March to learn from Mike Serant, owner and master formulator of MicroLife fBiological Fertilizers. Mike is also a co-founder and president of the OBHA, a 501 c-3 Organic education nonprofit. Mike regularly teaches and consults across the great state of Texas on topics such as how to protect your plantings from climate change; and how to make your gardening easier, safer, and less expensive. His presentation will focus on plant biology and nutrition.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting will receive one hour of continuing education credit. CRs will be required to sign a registration form at the meeting or email president@houstonrose.org prior to the meeting with their name, email address and rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.

Please join us Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston or virtually from the comfort of your home using a computer, tablet, or smartphone with GoTo Meeting by clicking on the link below: https://meet.goto.com/899362117 Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://meet.goto.com/install

#### Let's Talk Bugs By Cheryl Conley Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

Bugs bug me. They give me the creeps whenever I see one. Sometimes it feels like I have one crawling on me and I immediately freak out . I don't think this will ever change but I know they all have a place on our earth and they all serve a purpose. Let's take a look at one of them you've probably seen in your yards.

Have you ever picked up a rock and seen this little black bug? Maybe you've seen them in other damp areas like mulch or under logs. My grandchildren call them roly-poly bugs because they roll themselves up into a ball when threatened or to retain moisture. This process is called conglobation. Their scientific name is Armadillidium vulgare. The roly-poly, or pill bug, is a terrestrial crustacean that looks just like an insect but is actually not an insect at all. They are more closely related to lobsters, crabs and shrimp but have adapted to living life on land. No one really knows how they became land animals. They have a hard shell, seven sets of legs and they breathe through gills. The problem with gills is that they can dry out and that's the reason they are found in damp areas. Even though they are not actually a bug, that term is a catch-all for small creatures so many of us still refer to them as bugs.

The bodily functions are quite unique. They don't urinate. Their waste fluids are secreted through their shells. They eat their own feces where they obtain nutrients. This is known as self-caprophagy. When they're thirsty they can drink from their mouths or drink through a tube-shaped structure that juts out from their rear ends—sort of like a straw I would guess.

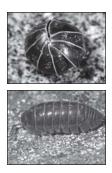
Females have a pouch on their underside called a marsupium where they carry their eggs until they hatch. This is usually two or three months. After the eggs hatch, the babies may return to the pouch to grow. Mom produces a marsupial fluid that nourishes the young ones.

Are these bugs good for anything? Yes, they certainly are. They are great composters. They prefer to eat dead organic plant matter which speeds up decomposition. They have bacteria in their guts that gives them the ability to process dead



fruit, leaves and other vegetation and return it to the earth or compost pile where it is then digested by fungi and bacteria.

There is a downside to having these animals around especially in certain agricultural areas. Because they are attracted to wet areas with decaying plant matter, they thrive in locations with heavy rains where they eat decaying crop matter and emerging seedlings. Farmers report an



increase in these fellas destroying soybean crops, corn, beans, squash, peas, melon, chard, beets, cucumbers, potatoes, spinach, and lettuce, with potential for significant losses in strawberries. They will also eat wood supports in houses.

Good or bad, they're here and having just learned they're not really an insect, I find them quite amazing! However, I still don't like them.









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## March is Full of Important Days...

Some to Remember Some to Celebrate 1

March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins

> March 17 St. Patricks's Day

> > March 31 Easter Sunday

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