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Aquatic Management of Houston is hiring lifeguards for the 2023 Summer Season. If you are at least 15 years old, have a positive attitude and great swimming skills, you are just the person we are looking to hire. All lifeguards are required to be American Red Cross certified in Lifeguarding and CPR/First Aid. Classes are available. First year lifeguards earn \$11.50/hour.

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OCV HOA ANNUAL Board Meeting Minutes 4/20/23

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Jon Whisler. Directors present were Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis, Shawn Lane, George Arreguin and Committee members Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan.

The committee members gave an account of Ballots received. We received 75 ballots and the committee members certified them. Jon made a motion to approve the ballots so that the 4 candidates can be on the Board and the Board passed the motion. Our daytime and afternoon officers were also present.

Security Report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Recreation report was read and approved.

There was a lot of discussion about the general maintenance of the clubhouse and also of the grounds.

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder May 9, 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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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.*

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Oak Creek Village Contract

HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez

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

OCV Community Association April 20, 2023 Annual Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The December 31st,2022 balance sheet shows \$588,453 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For December 2022, YTD revenue was abovebudget by \$12,210 primarily due to higher than budgeted security receipts and late charges. YTD Expenses were below budget by \$6,098 was mainly due to lower than budget for the year pool expenses.

Transaction report

None

Additional Notes:

N/A

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Board Meeting from page 1

New Business:

The Board approved a new Landscape contract bid and the old landscape company's services would be terminated, and the new company will start the clean up and maintaining the designated areas as soon as possible.

The Board also approved a proposal from Mr. Lewis Turner to do some exterior maintenance work on the club house like power washing, soffit repairs and replacement of rotten wood and also paint.

As there were no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Submitted by

Ooma Lakshmanan - Secretary



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Financial Report - February 28, 2023

Balance Sheet

The February 28, 2023 balance sheet shows \$650,647 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For February 2023, revenue was under budget by (\$19,677) primarily due to timing of security receipts income. Expenses were above budget by (\$1,858) was mainly due to higher than budgeted security patrol expense.

Transaction Report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2023 Maintenance Fee of \$343 was approved at the November 2022 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2023. If it has not been paid it is past due therefore fees and interest will be added to it until paid. You can call the accountant to find out how much you owe on your account at 832-910-7525.

Our 2023 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$31.75 was approved at the November 2022 meeting and has presented to Bammel UD and was increased on the March water bill.

Oak Creek Village Community Association Annual Recreation Report for 2022 Submitted April 20, 2022 by Elizabeth Davis

2022 pool maintenance contract with Aquatic Management of Houston Signed.

Aquatic Management of Houston reported black algae in our pool and they treated the problem. It appears to be under control.

Aquatic Management of Houston was asked to hire their electrician to fix the lights in the pool as they were not working. Northland Christian Schools Cougar Camp contracted to use

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the pool and lifeguards during June and July. New pool passes were ordered and issued to residents. We experienced a lifeguard shortage over the summer. Pool hours had to be modified and the pool was closed several times due to a lack of lifeguards. Opening the pool to residents under Swim at Your Own Risk was considered.

The January 2022 monthly HOA board meeting was my last as Recreation Director.

Resident Shawn Lane was appointed by the board to fill the role as Recreation Director.

OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 4/11/23

The meeting was called to order by Jon Whisler at 7:45pm. Board members present were Jon Whisler, Joshua Donaho, Shawn Lane, Darrell Johnson, Lloyd Bratton and Elizabeth Davis, and committee member Jim Bowers. There were three residents and HOA's evening and day shift Sheriff's personnel were present.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Recreation report was read and approved.

Security report was read and approved.

Please read all the reports in the newsletter.

There were no written reports for Architectural Control, Deed Restriction or Maintenance. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Lloyd Bratton made a motion to the Board to have a Maintenance person on call (Mr.Louis Turner) using a one year contract with \$100 a month retainer fee. After a discussion the Board approved the motion. Board had discussion to update the exterior of the clubhouse and the tennis courts. The Recreation Director will get the bids to get the tennis courts fixed. Updating the clubhouse will be done after the repairs are identified and will be done as needed.

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 floor was opened to the residents and a spirited discussion followed. Concerns were of excessive noise – loud music, lack of upkeep of properties, animal husbandry. They wanted to know what the Board and the residents could do to improve the same. The Board advised the residents what actions can be taken to address those issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm

Submitted by Jim Bowers for Ooma Lakshmanan

OCV HOA Board Meeting. 3/14/2023

Since we did not have a quorum we could not conduct our meeting. Board members present were Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton and George Arreguin. Committee members present were Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan.

We had many residents present. Nora and Gene Murphree, Neil Jennings, Jacinto and Raquel Lona, Bob and Diana Brooks, Kim and Jack Tenkate and Richard Golka.

The residents addressed their concerns to the Board about loud music, parking and general nuisance caused by residents knowingly or unknowlingly. The only way to mitigate this is by calling the non emergency line of the sheriff's department and lodging a formal complaint. The residents were concerned that a lot of their calls to our patrolled security go unanswered. Our Security Director assured them he will look into it.

We have our Board Elections next month on April 20th. The ballot will be in the April newsletter, please do fill it out and vote. The 4 Board members who are up for election are: Jon Whisler – President George Arreguin – Maintenance Director Shawn Lane – Recreation Director Darrel Johnson – Vice President.

There will be a basket on the porch of Ooma Lakshmanan's house and you can drop off the ballot in it. Her address is 15311 Ripplestream Drive, Houston, TX.77068.



Adoption - Miss E is a Tortie Point Siamese and a sweet and loving girl, looking for her new home. She is about 1 year old, Spayed, Chipped, Combo neg. and fully vaccinated. She will do well as an only cat or with an older/



calmer cat. No young kittens for her. She would be an ideal lap cat. Adoption fee is \$140.00.

For more information email: eRescueCats@gmail.com

Look But Don't Touch By Cheryl Conley Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors



When we see something little, cute, and fluffy, our first instinct it to pet it or pick it up. But you want to steer clear of this little fella. It's the asp caterpillar also known as the Toxic Toupee also known as the puss caterpillar.

Lots of names for such a little thing. They are more formally known as the Texas southern flannel moth Megalopyge opercularis. They are only about an inch to an inch and a half long, are tear-drop shaped, are covered in a thick coat of tan to grayish white hairs and are most active at night. The head and legs aren't visible from the top. They are one of the most toxic caterpillars in North America and can be found on the east coast from New Jersey to Florida and as far west as Texas.

The life cycle of the asp is egg to larva (caterpillar) to pupa to adult. The first stage of the life cycle is the egg. Eggs are laid by adult femalesin rows or clusters on twigs or leaves and are covered in hairs. A tiny caterpillar grows inside the egg. As the larvae (caterpillar) grow, they become more hairy. Once they



hatch, their main job is to eat and grow. During this time, they will shed their skin 4 or 5 times. When fully grown, it stops eating and spins a cocoon as a protective cover for the pupa. The cocoons are very tough and often remain on the twig long after the moth has emerged. The life cycle is now complete and it starts again when the female lays eggs.

Beneath the soft hair are tiny venom-filled spines and when brushed against the skin, they produce a very painful sting. Some describe the pain as excruciating. The pain can radiate throughout the entire body. In some, the sting can also cause nausea, headache and abdominal pain. What should you do if you get stung?

- Put tape over the wound and quickly pull it off to remove any spikes.
- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Apply an ice pack which will help numb the pain.
- You can take antihistamines to help with pain and swelling.
- For more severe symptoms, see a physician.

Before touching any insect or animal, make sure you've done your homework. Sometimes looks are deceiving!





Houston Rose Society Are You Seeing This In Your Garden

We are fortunate to have Caroline Fredette speak to us in May. She is the Editor and Publisher of *Rose Petals*, the newsletter for the Seattle Rose Society which has won the ARS Bronze and Gold Award for Newsletters. Caroline is also an ARS Horticulture Judge,





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Master Rosarian, four-time past president of the Seattle Rose Society, two-time Pacific Northwest District Prizes & Awards Chair and current District Director. She has been a member of ARS since 1971 and has received the ARS Bronze Honor Medal from the Seattle Rose Society and the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award, Outstanding Judge Award., and Silver Honor Medal from the Pacfic North West District.

Three years ago, Caroline began a column in *Rose Petals* with the title "Are You Seeing This In Your Garden" and would list three items that you might see that month. She will show photos of diseases, pests, etc. and teach us methods to resolve any issues preventing production of beautiful blooms!

Please join us virtually from the comfort of your home or office on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7 pm CT with your computer, tablet or smartphone at:https://meet.goto.com/147063069

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. We are pleased to welcome Yvette Stark as our guest presenter. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm.

Yvette Stark is the founder of Addy's Floral Farm; a small sustainable farm specializing in fragrant, romantic blooms on an approximate 3-mile tract alongside the Colorado River in Wharton County near Missouri City.

Yvette's passion and love for flowers were ignited at a very young age while cultivating flowers with her beloved maternal Grandmother Lulu. In Yvette's words, "her grandmother's gardens were simply beautiful and ever abundant.... flowers were growing everywhere". Along with time on her

grandmother's small farm, Yvette's floral appreciation was expanded with summers spent with her maternal family in Tyler and Canton.

Yvette spent many years as a practicing neonatal intensive care RN until her life-long dream could be realized and pursued full-time beginning in 2018. Yvette believes that 'grown' local not 'flown-in' sourcing is the best means of providing quality floral products to consumers with maximized vase life.

Addy's Flower Farm has been accomplishing this mission by supplying fresh-cut flowers and bouquets for Houston and surrounding areas through the Urban Harvest and Heights Farmers' Markets, Posey Porch Pickups, and U-Pick Flowers.

This is the last meeting of this season and it's going to be another exciting evening that you don't want to miss. 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 givens3@sbcglobal.net or at 281-387-6626.

May Events

9th Historic Homes Tour, Galveston May 12-14 – Organized by the Galveston Historical Foundation. Annual event giving visitors a chance to tour the inside of private residences not normally open to public. For more information and tickets visit Galvestonhistory.org or call 409 765-7834.

Bird Banding, Lake Jackson May 20 – The banding station is an opportunity to see birds up close, observe banding and learn about area birds. Gulf Coast bird Observatory. 299 SH32 West. Visit gcbo.org or call 979 480-0999 for more information.

Wine Festival, Rockport May 27 – Sponsored by the Maritime Museum with proceeds benefitting the museum this festival includes wine tastings, beer, food and live music. Texas Maritime Museum, 1202 Navigation Circle. For more information call 361 729-1271 or go to texasmaritimemuseum.org

Piney Woods Express Steam, Palestine May 26-29 – 4.5 hour round trip train adventure departs Palestine



for a journey through the Texas piney woods with 135 years of history. Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. Call 855 632-7729 or visit texasstaterailroad.net for more information.

Vintage Car Festival, Tomball May 13 - A Great Way to Spend Time With The Family Enjoying Beautiful Cars, Food, & Music In Tomball! The Vintage Car Festival 2023 is held at First Presbyterian Church, right across from Lone Star College Tomball, on Saturday, May 13th. The Festival is the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission to the public is free. Enjoy a family friendly day viewing Vintage Vehicles of all types including Cars, Trucks, Hot Rods, & Cruisers. Family activities include a Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Vendor Booths, Church Tours and more. Enjoy festival food and drink. Located at 30410 Tomball Parkway (Highway 249). Contact vintagecarfestival@mail.com, or call Paul @ 979-299-4185 if you have any questions.

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