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#### OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 6/14/2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler at 7.35 pm. Board members present were Lloyd Bratton, Darrel Johnson, George Arreguin, Joshua Donaho and Jim Bowers.

One resident was present, Walter Guzman.

Security Report: please read the detailed report in the newsletter. The report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report: the report was read and approved. Please read the detaiuled report in the upcoming newsletter.

Deed Restriction report: The report was read and approved. Please read the detailed report in the newsletter.

There were no Architectural Control

written report or Maintenance written report. The Board has been busy getting bids for security system in and around the clubhouse. The Board voted and approved a security system with cameras at a cost of \$9,158. It will be a monitored system.

There have been written requests for paint, roofs and they have been approved. Thirty-two letters were sent to homeowners to correct some deed restriction violations.

As there was no other new business the meeting adjourned at 9.05pm.

Respectfully submitted Ooma Lakshmanan - Secretary

#### Deed Restrictions May Report

I hope everyone has enjoyed the end of the school year, and the start of summer. The HOA would like to inform the new residents and remind the existing residents that trailers are not allowed to be parked in the neighborhood. Also, commercial vehicles are not allowed to be parked over night in the neighborhood. Any trailers or commercial vehicles that are parked or stored at residents' homes will receive a letter or letters from the Deed Restrictions Committee resulting in possible legal actions at the owner's expense.

The sheriff's department is ticketing cars that are not parked correctly on the street, so make sure you are parking the right way to not get a ticket and to be respectful of your neighbors.

We would like to ask the residents of the community to make sure their property maintenance is being kept up to date, if yards are not maintained the HOA will send a lawn service to the property and the fee will be charged back to the resident. Trash cans need to be stored out of sight from the community. Trash cans should only be outside on the day of the trash service.

When residents are wanting to update the exterior of their property don't forget to print out an Architectural Approval Form and turn it in the HOA with the required samples if needed. When work is started with out approval, letters will be sent to stop work until is it approved, if not legal actions can and will be taken to resolve the situation.

The Deed Restrictions Committee sent out 28 deed restriction violation letters for the month of May.

We hope everyone has a safe and great summer. Make sure to check the web site at Oakcreekvillage.org

## **OCV Executive Board**

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## **Committee Numbers**

Clubhouse Rental, Katie Donaho

oakcreekvillageclubhouse@gmail.com

## Emergency

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire	
Animal Control,612 Canino Road	
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 I	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**

President , Anita Cook	281 440-1093
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#### The deadline for the next issue of the OCV Community News is July 15!

#### **OCV Community Association Board of Directors**

Meeting Reminder July 12th, 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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- 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

May 1-31, 2022	tal	alloy	hnur	mall	hers
Total	10	Š	Sc	S	ð
TOTAL	257	63	119	57	18
ACCIDENT FSGI	1	0	1	0	0
ALARM LOCAL	1	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT FAMILY	2	0	1	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	0	0	1
COMPLIANCE CHECK	1	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	178	25	108	40	5
DIST FAMILY	5	2	2	0	1
DIST JUVENILE	1	0	1	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	1	0	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	0	1	0	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	2	1	0	0	1
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	2	0	0	2	0
INFORMATION CALL	1	1	0	0	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	14	3	1	8	2
MUD BUILDING CHECK	2	2	0	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	2	0	0	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	8	8	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	8	5	2	0	1
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	0	0	1
VACATION WATCH	15	8	2	5	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	5	5	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	0	0	1	0
WARRANT SERVICE	1	0	0	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	2	0	0	0	2



Leaving kids & pets in car. Hot car. Not cool.

#### OCV Community Association June 14th, 2022 Treasurer Report

#### Financial Report -

#### Balance Sheet

The April30,2022 balance sheet shows \$699,262in the bank.

#### Statement of Revenue & Expense

For April 2022, revenue was underbudget by (\$626) primarily due tolower than budgeted resale income. Expenses were belowbudgetby \$1,136wasmainly due to timingof audit expenses.

#### Transaction report

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

#### Additional Notes:

Our 2022 Maintenance Fee of \$335 was approved at the November 2021 meeting, was mailed out December 3rd and was due at the beginning of January 2022. 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 2022 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$31.25 was approved at the November meeting and was sent to Bammel UD this month to start collecting.

# 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	15	Р	832-375-1613
Keith	18	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.

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#### Scouting in the Community

Scouts BSA Troop 1659 continues to do good in our community! We've completed yet another Eagle Project, this one involving wheelchair accessible picnic tables for the Texas Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. For those of you keeping count, that's four Eagle projects over the course of two months! We're super proud of our young men, and we invite you to come over and say hi to us if you see us over at our Scout Hut. We meet on most Sunday afternoons, from 5-6:30PM. If you have an idea for a service project we can help with, have a question about Scouts BSA, or just want to come see what Troop 1659 is all about, please do!

And, as always, we continue to provide flags for our neighbors through our Flags Across the Community fundraiser. There's still time to order your flags for the rest of this year. Please visit our website at www.ihtroop1659.org/flags to order for the remaining patriotic holidays of 2022 - Independence Day (7/4), and Veterans Day (11/11).



We strive to build unity through community service.

At JustServe, we believe nothing should get in the way of organizations and volunteers coming together to do good.

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- An organization looking for service opportunities?
- Hosting an event or project and need volunteers?

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For more information visit JustServe.org Local contact: justserveklein@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 Chasing a Dream

Learn about rose hybridizing from expert Steve Roussell located in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Steve is a member of the Southwest Louisiana Rose Society, Houston Rose Society, and three other local societies, as well as the ARS and Rose Hybridizers Association. He and his wife Carmen have been growing roses for approximately 44 years. Steve started hybridizing!in 2010 and successfully turned his rose growing hobby into a profession!He is interested in creating big roses with fragrance, vigor, disease resistance and either good garden rose or show rose form.

Several years ago, Steve is quoted as saying "I want my roses to create a name for themselves". Three different nurseries are currently selling four roses hybridized by Steve. Those roses are named Clovie, Vibrant Vonnie, Liz's Charm, and American Maid.

Last September, Steve shared his knowledge about rose hybridizing at the ARS National Convention in Milwaukee and has also presented at other rose society meetings across Louisiana and Texas.

Please join us in person at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2022. If you cannot join us in person, you can also join from the comfort of your home using a computer, tablet, or smartphone with Go To Meeting by clicking the link below. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/917509069. New to Go To Meeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meetingstarts:https://meet.goto.com/install



The Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern was one of the City of Houston's first underground drinking-water reservoirs. Built in 1926, it provided decades of service until it was decommissioned. The 87,500-square-foot expanse includes 25-foot tall



concrete columns set row upon row, hovering over two inches of water on the reservoir's floor. Recognizing the significance of the highly unusual space, BBP repurposed the Cistern into a magnificent public space. In addition to tours highlighting the history and architecture of this unique industrial site, the Cistern houses periodic art installations.

The temperature in the Cistern hovers around 75-80 degrees, and we encourage taking a break with a history or self-guided our, or even a Sound Healing Meditation session. Should you have any questions about the Cistern or Buffalo Bayou Park, email bbpark@buffalobayou.org or call 713.752.0314 ext. 30.

Santa Anna Ball, Brazoria – July 16. Reenactment of the 1832 Santa Anna Ball at Jane Longs Tavern. Annual event, gourmet catered dinner and silent live auction. 205 N. Nevada St. Reservations required. For more information call 979 824-0455 or visit https://brazoriahf.org/new/

**Comicpalooza 2022, Houston,** July 15-17, Science Fiction Convention with pop culture festival, celebrities, films, gaming and literature. Collectibles, toys, and clothing for sale.George R. Brown Convention Center. Visit comicpalooza.com for more information.

**Brazoria County Free Paddling Event,** July 23 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm& August 20. Join the Brazoria County Parks Department for a FREE paddling event on one of the area's waterways. Launch site TBA. Borrow one of their boats or bring your own. Great for families and first time paddlers. Call 979-864-1541 to make your reservation.<u>www.brazoriaco untyparks.org</u>

**Deep in the Heart in Texas theaters, Deep in the Heart,** a visually stunning celebration of what makes Texas unique — its diverse landscapes and remarkable wildlife behavior that cannot be found anywhere else in the world, is now in theaters. Narrated by Matthew McConaughey and featuring stateof-the-art cinematography, this family-friendly film journeys from the highest peaks in West Texas, through our aquifers, rivers, and bays, and deep into the Gulf of Mexico. Learn more about the film, now Playing at Cinepolis The Woodlands

Kleb Woods Nature Center, First Saturday Bird Walk, Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Start your day with a guided walk to explore the birds of Kleb Woods Nature Preserve. All ages and levels of experience welcome. Please bring your own equipment, water, bug spray, etc. Walks leave from the nature center. For more information, email klebwoods@hcp4.net or call 281-357-5324.

Jones Park Conservation Connections, Wednesday, July 27, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM -Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are invited to join staff and assist with a vari-



ety of park conservation projects. Wear closed-toe shoes. Bring garden gloves and water bottle. Long pants and hat recommended. Ages 18+ or accompanied by an adult.

Jones Park, First Saturday Birding and Hiking, Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 7:45 AM to 9:45 AM - Birders and hikers of all skill levels are invited to join a naturalist and volunteer guides for a closer look at the wildlife in Jones Park on a leisurely hike of just a few miles. Wear closed-toe shoes, and pack a water bottle and binoculars (or borrow some of ours). Ages 10+. No reservations. Meet in front of the nature center.

**Texas Mosquito Festival** - CluteThe 41st Annual Great Texas Mosquito Festival is a three day fun-filled, family event with many booths offering a variety of foods, a 5K, a cook-off, along with arts & crafts and more. Live entertainment caps off each evening. July 28,29,30 from 5:00pm-10:30 pm. Visit www.mosquitofestival.com, Clute Parks Department. 979-265-8392, www.clutetexas.gov. Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive.

**The Architecture of Bees**. Through August 26, Architecture Center Houston offers the exhibition The Architecture of Bees in the gallery of its headquarters at 902 Commerce Street. Curated by architect and beekeeper Wendy Heger, AIA, *The Architecture of Bees* is an immersive educational visual arts exhibition that brings together designers, architects, naturalists, and beekeepers to illustrate the importance and influence of bees on human design and construction. The exhibit *next page* 



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is accompanied by several public programs including beekeeping courses and pollinator walks in collaboration with Buffalo Bayou Partnership; a Biophilia and Bees lecture; and a beehive-inspired architectural workshop for kids. For more information, visit aiahouston.org.

#### What can you do to help bees?

Avoid using pesticides - insecticides don't discriminate between insects. Systemic insecticides (e.g., neonicotinoids, including imidacloprid) especially have been shown to negatively affect the health of honeybees, and have been banned from use in other countries for this reason.

Plant pollinator-friendly plants, especially local native ones to provide good sources of nectar and pollen. Choose several colors of flowers. Bees are especially attracted to blue, violet, white and yellow. Choose plants that flower throughout the seasons to support bees at different times of the year.

Create a water source in your yard for pollinators. Honeybees need water to cool their hive and to dilute honey for feeding young bees.

Encourage others to plant bee-friendly gardens and to avoid pesticides.

Galveston Art Walk - 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

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- Saturday, August 27
- Saturday, October 8
- Saturday, November 26





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#### If Truth 'Bee' Told By Cheryl Conley

Would you believe that mankind's future on this planet depends on the honeybee? It's only been in the last few years that I've come to realize their importance. I bet you didn't know that one out of every three bites of the food you eat depends on pollinators like the honeybee. Some of those foods are avocados, asparagus, broccoli, squash, cucumbers, apples, pears, berries, kiwis, cherries, melons, and more! Honeybees play a vital role in the growth of healthy crops as well. Without the natural pollination carried out by bees, it is estimated that the US could lose from one third to one half of its national food supply.

Bees add beauty to our world, too. About 80% of the wildflowers in the US are pollinated by bees. Can you imagine our beautiful country sides without wild flowers?

Bees evolved from wasps about 140 million years ago and there are now about 20,000 species worldwide and about 4,000 in the United States. When this evolution took place, the bees began to switch from prey to pollen.

Bee bodies consist of a head, thorax and abdomen. The head has two antennae that are used to touch and "smell", two compound eyes and three simple eyes, and mandibles or "jaws" used for biting, working wax and pollen, and digging. The thorax has two pair of wings and three pair of legs. The abdomen consists of six segments in females and seven in males, internal wax glands (only in honey bees and bumble bees), a stinger (only in females), and branched hairs.

Let's look at two common bees in our area:

Honeybees are social bees and live in colonies. Each bee plays a particular role—drone, worker, and the queen. Drones are the males and their role is to mate with the gueen. When winter comes, the drones are kicked out of the hive. The workers are sexually underdeveloped females. They clean the hive, collect pollen and nectar, care for the queen, construct beeswax and guard the entry to the hive. The queen gets chosen at birth and she kills her competition. Her job is to reproduce and she can lay 15,000 eggs in a day!



Each colony consists of hundreds of workers, 50,000 to 60,000 workers and one queen. One bee colony can produce 60 to 100 pounds of honey per year. It is estimated that 29,000 individuals in the USA depend on beekeeping for their livelihood.



There are fifteen species of bumble bees in the US. Bumble bee colonies are quite small and can have from 50 to 400 workers. Bumble bees should be a welcome site in your garden. They are great pollinators of many kinds of flowers. They are very recognizable by their loud buzzing. They are usually black and yellow but can also be red and black or orange and black. The female worker bumble bee can sting but the males can't; they have no stinger. The bumble bee does not leave its stinger in your skin as honey bees do, and therefore can sting you more than once.

Sadly, bees are disappearing. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, the bee population in the United States dropped 40 percent from 2014-2015. Why? There are several factors causing the decline. One of the major reasons is habitat loss. In the name of progress, humans destroy natural habitats like meadows and forests to make room for new homes, businesses, schools, etc. Global warming is another reason. More flooding, rising temperatures and drought are affecting the blooming seasons of flowering plants that all affect the bees' ecosystem. The use of pesticides - including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides - harm pollinators and other beneficial insects. Parasites, diseases and poor nutrition are also contributing to the decline in bee populations.

What can we do to help save our bees?

- Plant a bee-friendly garden filled with native flowering plants. Many can be purchased at local nurseries.
- Give 'em some sugar. This one surprised me. Mix a tea spoon of water and two teaspoons of white granulated sugar together on a spoon and put it on a plate in your garden.
- Set a shallow bowl of water in your garden. Bees will drown in bird baths and pools.
- Purchase sustainable honey. Choose only organic honey as well as other organic foods.
- Don't use synthetic pesticides in your yard and garden.
- Be careful when you weed your garden. Many weeds are beneficial to bees and other pollinators examples are milkweed and dandelions.

Educate your children on the benefits of bees. They are not to be feared. If bothered, bees may sting but teach your children to simply keep their distance.

Let's preserve and perpetuate life on Earth by saving our bees.



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