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OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 6/13/23

OCV HOA Board meeting minutes on 6/13/2023.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler at 7:54pm. Board Directors present were Darryl Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Shawn Lane and Racquel Lona. Committee members Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan was also present.

Two residents attended the meeting Robert Van Eschen and Mr. Lona. Our 2 security officers were also present. Our past Recreation Director Elizabeth Davis was also present

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

There was no written report from the Recreation Director. He is still working on some minor details before approving the work on the tennis courts.

Security Report was read and approved. Kindly read the detailed report in the newsletter.

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

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Please read it in the newsletter.

The newsletter is a source of information to the residents of our community. Kindly take the time to at least read it, so that you are informed of the different aspects of what is going on within your sub-division.

AS there was no new business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. Respectfully submitted by

Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

Deed Restrictions Monthly Report - Topic for May 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 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 idea of a neighborhood is a neighbor helping a neighbor.

Deed restrictions Identified 25 Violations for month of May, mostly for lawns and inoperable vehicles and trailers/boats.

The HOA exercised the self-help clause as allowed in Article 14 and corrected eight property deed restriction violations that the homeowner's did not correct. The HOA hired a lawn service to clean up the front yard and driveway of excessive lawn overgrowth, leaves, and pine needles. The cost of hiring these services was assessed against the homeowner's maintenance account.

Most property owners have taken the time to mow and clean up their property and the street curb in front of their property of leaves and pine needles, however if you have not taken the time to clean your property please do so or expect a violation notice letter. This action on your part will help prevent the storm system from flooding and backing up and I am sure it will make your neighbors happy and make the development look nice.

Deed restriction is also giving special emphasis to addressing trailers, inoperable vehicles, and operable vehicles that are being semi-permanently or permanently

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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 11, 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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- **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 advertisements, 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

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Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

OCV Community Association

June 13, 2023

Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The April 30, 2023 balance sheet shows \$632,802 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For April 2023, revenue was under budget by (\$1,219) primarily due to lower than budgeted security receipts income. Expenses were above budget by (\$3,013) was mainly due to higher than budgeted landscape and security patrol expense.

Transaction report

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

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 been presented to Bammel UD and was increased on the March water bill.

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stored in the public street right-of-way or on driveways. Below is a copy of deed restriction article 9 requirements and also the definition of an operable vehicle* as provided by the HOA attorney.

9. STORAGE OF AUTOMOBILES, BOATS, TRAILERS AND OTHER VEHICLES; No boat trailers, boats, travel trailers, in-operative automobiles, campers, or vehicles of any kind are to be semi-permanently or permanently stored in the public street right-of-way or on driveways. Permanent and semi-permanent storage of such items and vehicles must be screened from public view, either within the garage or behind the fence which encloses the rear of the lot.

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May 1-30, 2023

	Total	A. Barboza	J. Morrow	J. Schnur	All Others
TOTAL	310	125	79	75	31
ACCIDENT FSGI	2	1	0	0	1
ALARM LOCAL	3	0	0	0	3
ANIMAL HUMANE	1	0	0	1	0
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT FAMILY	1	0	0	0	1
CHECK PARK	1	0	0	1	0
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	0	1	0
COMPLIANCE CHECK	1	0	0	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	216	99	57	59	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	0	1
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	1	0
DIST FAMILY	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	5	1	0	0	4
DISTURBANCE OTHER	3	0	1	0	2
DOA	1	0	0	1	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	0	0	0	1
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	1	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	3	0	0	3	0
INFORMATION CALL	3	0	0	0	3
MEET THE CITIZEN	10	1	2	1	6
MEET THE OFFICER	1	0	0	1	0
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	1	0	0	1	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	10	10	0	0	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	3	0	1	0	2
THEFT OTHER	1	0	1	0	0
THEFT RESIDENCE	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	15	7	6	2	0
TRAFFIC STOP	10	3	7	0	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	2	0	2	0	0
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	0	1	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	6	3	1	0	2
WELFARE CHECK	2	0	1	1	0

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*The definition of an operational vehicle that is visible from the public right of way is it must be functional, licensed, inspected, insured, and drivable on the roads and highways of Texas. **Also, operational vehicles must be driven off the property occasionally as the deed restrictions do not allow for the temporary or permanent storage of any vehicles on the driveway or roadway.**

Scouts BSA Troop 1659 News

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. For the remainder of 2023, a U.S. Flag will be placed in your yard for Independence Day (July) and Veterans' Day (November). We install a flat device in your yard that will not interfere with lawn maintenance, and our scouts post your flag(s) the Sunday before the holiday, then collect the Sunday following the holiday. We are pleased to also offer military branch flags. Choose from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard.



U.S. Flag only is \$14 for the remainder of the year; U.S. Flag plus one military branch is \$20. Additional military branch flags can be added for \$4 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

Wreaths Across America

Troop 1659 is once again participating in Wreaths Across America, selling sponsorships for wreaths to be placed at Houston National Cemetery on December 16, 2023. Each wreath sponsorship is \$15, and wreaths can be purchased in memory/in honor of any veteran. This is a fundraiser/service that is very near and dear to the troop, as many of our families have direct links to our Armed Forces, and we work very closely with Paralyzed Veterans of America - Texas Chapter.

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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.ihntroop1659.org to place your secure order online. For flags, select "Flags Across the Community" tab at the top of the home page. For Wreaths Across America, select the "SUPPORT" button to reach the link to our WAA page.

Summer Fun

Kleb Woods Nature Center, Discovery Days: Backyard Critters with Houston Humane Society Wildlife Center Thursday, July 20, 10 – 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All are welcome at this program designed especially for school-aged children. Meet animal ambassadors from Houston Humane Society Wildlife Center as you learn about the benefits of coexisting with our wild neighbors, their roles in the urban ecosystem, and how to help wildlife in need. Registration is required and space is limited. Email klebwoods@hcp4.net or call 281-357-5324 to register.

The Houston Barbecue Festival and Saint Arnold Brewing Company announce the 2nd Annual Tex-Mex BBQ Block Party to celebrate the growing influence of Tejano and Tex-Mex cooking traditions in contemporary Central Texas-style craft barbecue.



Ticket holders will taste unlimited samples of each vendor's barbecue dish as well as enjoy great Saint Arnold beer. **Sunday, July 23rd, 2023** from 1-4pm at Saint Arnold Brewing Company, Beer Hall (air conditioned), 2000 Lyons Ave, Houston, TX 77020. Link to tickets: <https://texmexbbq2023.eventbrite.com>

2nd Saturday at the Depot, Tomball -

The 2nd Saturday at the Depot is a time-honored Tomball event at the Railroad Depot downtown. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free outdoor movie screening complete



<i>Oak Creek Village Garden Club</i>	
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!	

with concessions. Each movie is family-friendly, so whether you're bringing the kids or just indulging your own inner child, you can relax and share a fun experience with other families.



Tomball Farmers Market, Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – The market is open year round at 205 W. Main Street in Downtown Tomball, TX. Tomball Farmers market provides a fun & unique family and pet friendly shopping experience.

42nd Annual Great Texas Mosquito Festival, Clute July 27-29

- The BUZZ you hear in July is coming from Clute, Texas the Home of the Great Texas Mosquito Festival, where Willie-Man-Chew greets visitors from near and far to enjoy three fun filled days of entertainment, food, contests, and family fun. Our mascot is the world's largest mosquito standing 26' tall with a large cowboy hat, boots, and a large proboscis. Willie is the favorite of all the festival visitors and becomes the most photographed souvenir memory of all times. The festival has lots to offer with a carnival, games, contests, races, and Live Entertainment Nightly on stage. For the athletically inclined, there is a "Mosquito Chase" 5K Run and 600 meter Kids run on Saturday. Also on Saturday there are tournaments featuring doubles Cornhole, Horseshoe, and doubles Washer pitching. If you can cook then you must enter the BBQ Cook-off and Grill Master Competition. For the more mature (60+) there is BINGO and for the little ones a petting zoo, carnival, and more. There are food vendors and arts and craft vendors that will satisfy a variety of tastes. Then for some extra fun enter the Mosquito Calling or Mosquito Legs Contest.



The Great Texas Mosquito Festival in Clute, July 27-29 Texas (about an hour south of Houston) is a family oriented fun event. Everyone is invited to come out and join us, just for the fun of it. For more information, visit www.mosquitofestival.com; call 979-265-8392, 800-371-2971, or email at buzz@mosquitofestival.com.

Lone star Flight Museum, Houston - Sat., July 22 – Star Wars Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. - Movie characters will be onsite along with Hangar Talks about the aircraft that inspired the star-traveling spaceships. Dress in character and get \$2 off! 6 p.m. - Star Wars: The Force Awakens movie night. Not included in general admission. \$5 per person, free for members. For more information on this and more summer programs, admission & memberships visit lonestarflight.org. or call 346-708-2517. 11551 Aerospace Ave., Houston, TX 77034.

Galveston ArtWalk, Saturday, July 15, 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 - July 26, August 26, October 7, November 25



AIA Sandcastle Competition, Galveston (East Beach), Au-

gust 12-13 - Every year, over 60 teams put their eyes and shovels on winning the prestigious Golden Bucket Award. Firms begin months in advance generating ideas, developing designs, and assigning duties. On the day of the event the teams, stretched along the beachfront, meticulously sculpt their piles of sand and work non-stop for five hours.

While the building and awards takes place on Saturday, the best time to view the structures is the Sunday of the event. Avoid the crowds and bring the **family** to enjoy these architectural marvels at your own pace on Sunday plus, enjoy free sandcastle building lessons.

Main Street Market, Conroe - The Main Street Market is a farmers and artisan market held every Saturday in downtown Conroe from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm rain or shine. Shop and support local vendors, farmers, makers, chefs and artists! Thirsty Thursday, every 4th Thursdays from 6-9pm



Lone Star 1st Saturday, 9:30-3pm – Venture down to Lone Star 1st Saturday – where everything is homemade, hand-made, or homegrown. Nestled under the trees of the Old Community Center in Montgomery, this market is held on the first Saturday of every month from 9am to 4 pm. Bring the family (or your well-behaved furry friends) to this crafters market to shop antiques, boutiques, and uniques! Call (936) 597-5004 or visit info@MontgomeryAreaChamber.com for more information. Old Community Center, 14420 Liberty Street Montgomery Texas 77356

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Dr. David Zlesak is a Professor of Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. He has been breeding landscape plants for greater adaptability since 1984 and has cultivars of roses, ninebark, heliopsis, and ageratum on the market. He works with the American Rose Trials for Sustainability^(R), Earth-Kind^(R), and National Clean Plant Network-Roses programs and loves to study resistance to rose diseases (viruses and rose black spot) with colleagues at the University of Minnesota and Texas A&M.

This meeting is a hybrid meeting so you can join us from the comfort of your home or office using a smart phone, tablet or computer using GoToMeeting by clicking on the link below:

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If you are available to join us in person at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston TX 77008, we are bringing back our July Ice Cream Social after four long years. HRS will provide the ice cream. Members and

The Dog Days of Summer are here!
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lots of water!



guests are encouraged to bring their favorite ice cream topping, or other dessert to share.

We hope you can join us and bring a guest on Thursday, July 13th at 7 pm.

Texas Master Chorale Announces 2023-24 Concert Season; Auditions To Be Held In August

Texas Master Chorale will hold auditions for their 2023-24 concert season on August 13 and 14.

Founded in 1986, Texas Master Chorale is a mixed choral ensemble of 100 auditioned singers who perform a variety of choral masterworks including classical, contemporary, sacred and secular.

Auditions will take place at John Wesley United Methodist Church in northwest Houston from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, August 14. To schedule an appointment or download audition music, please visit <https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/auditions>.

Concert guests can mark their calendars for wonderful performances on Saturday evenings, October 21, December 16, and April 27. Tickets start at \$20 and will go on sale August 1. Tickets may be purchased online at [TexasMasterChorale.org](https://www.texasmasterchorale.org), through the box office at (281) 440-4850, or at the door.

Texas Master Chorale is generously sponsored by Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Texas Commission on the Arts.

To learn more, visit [TexasMasterChorale.org](https://www.texasmasterchorale.org).



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Tree Frogs

By Cheryl Conley,
Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

The first and only time I've seen one of these critters was on my living room wall. Don't know how he got there but he was quickly scooped up and transferred to the nearest tree. After doing a little research, I discovered he was a green tree frog. Tree frogs are amphibians (a cold-blooded vertebrate animal of a class that comprises frogs, toads, newts and salamanders). There are 800 species of tree frogs and Texas is home to 14 of them. Interestingly, not all tree frogs make their home in trees. The ones that live in trees are called arboreal. Others live in ponds and lakes or in moist ground cover and are called non-arboreal. The physical feature that classifies them

all as tree frogs is their feet. The last bone in their toes is shaped like a claw and they have pads on their toes that help them climb. Of the 14 that live in Texas, the following tree frogs can be found in the east Texas area.

1. Cope's Gray tree frog – native to the USA. Lives in trees close to fishless ponds where they mate. Grows to 2" in length. About the only difference between them and the gray tree frog is the mating call.
2. Squirrel tree frog–Native to USA. Can live in woodland areas or urban areas. They don't get larger than 1.5". They are usually green. Similar to green tree frog but with a different mating call.
3. Spring Peeper – They lay their eggs in water. Their call sounds like young chickens. Females are larger than males and are about 1.5" long. They are tan or brown with a black "X" on their back. They're most active in the spring. Mating call is a "peep" sound.
4. Northern Cricket frog – May migrate north to hibernate. They live near slow or still waters. Great swimmers and can jump up to 3'. Less than 1.5" long. Variations of green, gray and brown in color. Mating call sounds like a cricket.
5. Blanchard's Cricket frog – usually don't live over 1 year. Endangered species because of invasive predators. Usually found in wetlands or near crop agriculture. Never larger than 0.6" long. Brown and tan but can be olive green. Males have a mating call that sounds like a metallic clicking, similar to a cricket.
6. Green tree frog – a Texas native. Found in wet areas. Can grow to 2.3" in length. Usually green with smooth, oily skin. Males have wrinkled throats. Mating call is very nasal-sounding.
7. Strecker's Chorus frog – Lives in wet areas. They burrow in the woods using their front feet. Up to 1.8" long. Green or gray-green. They have a clear dark stripe through the eye and a dark spot below the eye. Mating call is similar to a bell and is made by the male.
8. Cajun Chorus frog – They spend most of their time on the ground. They lay eggs in still bodies of water. Males are about 1.25" long, females a little smaller. They are dark brown with 3 black stripes down the back. Mating call is similar to a trill.
9. Upland Chorus Frog – They prefer moist areas but can adapt to dryer locations near small bodies of water. No larger than 1.5" long. Brown or brown and gray. Skin almost always feels moist. Mating call sounds like a finger running along a

comb.

Did you notice that all of these tree frogs are very small? All arboreal are small because they sit on leaves and small twigs.



Most tree frogs lay hundreds of eggs in water just below the surface. These clumps of eggs are called frogspawn and look like black specs surrounded by jelly. As they develop, they nourish themselves by eating the yolk of their egg. Their tails begin to grow and the eggs resemble the shape of a comma. At 1 to 3 weeks, the babies hatch and are called tadpoles. Some refer to the tadpole stage as the larval stage. At this stage they have gills, a mouth and a tail. They can't leave the water so they survive on vegetation in the water. Over the next 14 weeks, they grow legs and their body changes shape. They can now start eating insects. The tails begin to shrink, lungs and eardrums develop and skin grows over the gills. They have reached adulthood. The series of changes in the frog's body form as it moves through its life cycle is called metamorphosis.

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