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OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 7/11/23

The Board was represented by Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Jon Whisler and Racquel Lona. Committee member Jim Bowers was also present. We had a few residents who attended the meeting. New residents Jessica and Blake Zimmerman and our long time resident Robert Van Eschan also attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Jon Whisler. The minutes of the June meeting were read and the Board approved it.

The Recreation and the Maintenance Directors were not present so no reports were given.

The Deed Restriction Report was read and approved. Kindly read the detailed report in the newsletter.

Security report was read and approved. Please read the detailed report in the newsletter.

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

newsletter.

Architectural Control: No written report. There were 5 applications submitted for roof, fence and paint. All of them were approved.

There was no new business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

Deed Restrictions Monthly Report - Topic for June 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 are 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 Identified 16 Violations for the month of June mostly for Neglected Lawns and Inoperable Vehicles and Trailers/Boats.

The HOA exercised the self-help clause as allowed in Article 14 and corrected four more property deed restriction violations that the homeowners 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.

Note to OCV Property owners: Please perform the proper upkeep and clean up your properties in a timely manner in order to avoid a violation notice. Do not forget to clean up the street curb in front of your property of leaves and pine needles. Please be kind to your others and to your community, do not blow your debris on to their side or to the street. Doing this will not only cause strife 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 up during rainy weather.

Deed restrictions continues to address the issue of semis, commercial vehicles, trailers, inoperative vehicles, and operable vehicles that are being semi-permanently or permanently stored in the public street right-of-way or on driveways. Please read below a copy of deed restriction article 9 requirements and also the definition of an continued on page 3

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Emergency/Helpful Numbers

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire	911
Ambulance	
Animal Control,612 Canino Road	
Crimestoppers	713 222-8477
Crisis Hotline	
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	Department
- (report neglected swimming pool)	713 274-6300
OCV Accountant, TXMGMT	832 910-7525
Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex	
Forms (713 221-6000)	
Post Office-Cornerstone	281 444-1355
Gas, Centerpoint	713 659-2111
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Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District	

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder August 8, 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.

Please Notice This

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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

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

June1-30, 2023	Total	A. Barboza	N. Johnson	J. Morrow	J. Schnur	All Others
TOTAL	251	87	37	79	23	25
ALARM LOCAL	6	0	2	0	0	4
ASSAULT FAMILY	1	0	0	0	0	1
BURG OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	151	65	30	36	20	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2	0	0	1	0	1
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	1	0	0	0	0
DIST FAMILY	1	0	0	0	0	1
DIST JUVENILE	1	0	0	1	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	2	0	0	0	0	2
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	0	1	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	0	0	0	0	1
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	0	0	1
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	2	1	0	0	0	1
INFORMATION CALL	8	0	0	7	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	10	1	1	6	1	1
MUD BUILDING CHECK	5	5	0	0	0	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	5	0	0	5	0	0
PARKING LOT CHECK	2	0	2	0	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4	1	1	0	0	2
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	17	3	1	13	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	14	5	0	9	0	0
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	0	0	0	1
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	7	4	0	0	0	3
WELFARE CHECK	5	1	0	0	1	3



OCV Community Association July 11, 2023 - Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The May31,2023 balance sheet shows \$639,658in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For May 2023, revenue was abovebudget by \$133 primarily due to higher than budgetedlate feesincome. Expenses were abovebudgetby (\$7,577)wasmainly due to higher than budgetedlandscapeexpense.

Transaction Report

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

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.

Deed Restrictions from page 1 operable vehicle* as provided by the HOA attorney.

9. STORAGE OF AUTOMOBILES, BOATS, TRAILERS AND OTHER VEHICLES; No boat trailers, boats, travel trailers, inoperative 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.

*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.

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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 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.

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.

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.

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, 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.



Galveston ArtWalk, Saturday, August 26, Presented every 6-8 weeks in partnership with downtown galleries, artist studies

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



AIA Sandcastle Competition, Galveston (East Beach), August 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 du-

ties. 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.

Lake Conroe Home and Outdoor Living Show, Aug 26th -

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!

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Please email your work information to publish 1 @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.

27th. Montgomery, TX. Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm. Admission General: 10.00.

The Lake Conroe Home and Outdoor Living Show is an opportunity for you to hear and learn about the latest in home improvement projects, products and services! There will be local experts with ideas and inspiration for improving your home! Enjoy live music, food trucks and an included boat show.

This Montgomery home show is held at Margaritaville Lake Conroe and hosted by Quality Home Shows. Margaritaville Lake Conroe. 600 Margaritaville Park Way, Montgomery TX 77356



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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 http://www.Mr.Davez.com where every day is Saturday!



Houston Rose Society

Fertilizers: What They Do & How To Use Them



The end of Summer and eleven (11) weeks before our South Central District Rose Show is a great time to learn about how and when to use fertilizers. We are fortunate to have James Laperouseshare his knowledge and skills with us about growing roses for over forty years. James is an ARS Master Rosarian and Horticulture Judge. He and his wife Debbie are rose exhibitors and have won numerous trophies at the local, district and national levels. They retired a few years to Georgetown north of Austin where they grow over 50 roses.

This meeting will be hybrid so you can join us in person at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston TX 77008 to listen, network, and enjoy refreshments or from the comfort of your home on a computer, tablet or smart phone using GoTo Meeting.HRS will provide some food items and members are encouraged to bring their favorite appetizer or dessert to share.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting in person or virtually 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 email address and GoTo Meeting screen name. Please include the name of your rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.

If you want to join the meeting virtually on Thursday, August 10th at 7 pm CT from your computer, tablet or smartphone click on the linkbelow: https://meet.goto.com/674502125 Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://meet.goto.com/install



HERE IN OAK CREEK VILLAGE!

Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its first meeting of the 2023-24 season on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. We will be meeting in Rooms B-207, B-209 which are located upstairs above the Social Hall. Please park in front and enter through the double doors between the two buildings. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm. We are so excited to welcome Michael Segura and Cher Pesses from Craftex as our guest speakers to kick off the 2023-24 SAFD season.

Michael Segura has worked in the floral industry since 1985. With experience in the day-to-day operations of running a flower shop, one of his favorite things was working on the bread and butter designs, or what he called his "sweet nothings". Throughout the years, Michael's work has been showcased in different local publications, magazines, and the Houston Chronicle. He has had the privilege of designing flowers for different affluent events and organizations, such as the Opera Ball, and UNICEF, as well as several celebrities. Michael currently works full-time for Craftex as one of the lead designers, one of the buyers, and the department supervisor over floral and Christmas, and is always happy to assist clients in any and all of their floral and decor needs.

Cher Pesses has worked in the Floral and Interior Decor Industry now for 25 years. Cher has a great eye for color and texture and takes a "hands-on" approach to every project at hand. Cher has experience in every aspect of floral work ranging from international buying and product development, conceptual drawings and sketches, target buying, and engineering a project to building and construction as well as installation. Cher's creativity ranges from creating festive tablescapes for any and all occasions, to intimate or full-scale

wedding and event planning, to Commercial and residential Christmas installations. Cher is a designer, buyer, lead for ribbon, and supervisor with Craftex.

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.



Leapin' Lizards

By Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

Growing up in the Midwest, I had one as a pet. I referred to it as a chameleon. I've also heard this critter called a lizard, a newt, and a gecko. What I'm referring to is the green anole. I have to say I was actually shocked when I first moved here and saw them running wild outside!

Green anoles (*Anolis carolinensis*) are lizards but they are not geckos, chameleons or newts. The green anole is the only kind of anole that is native to the United States. They can be found in Texas, of course, but also in Louisiana, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Hawaii.

Green anoles have the ability to change color. Sometimes they are green, sometimes brown. It is widely believed that their color depends on their surroundings. In reading some of the studies done on this critter, scientists found that green anoles often did not match the color of their surroundings. One scientist who witnessed a male-male encounter found that the anoles changed color frequently and the "winner" of the encounter was green and the "loser" was brown. It is now believed that stress is one of the most common factors of an anole turning brown. There could be other factors affecting the change as well. It could be the result of the body warming or cooling. Body color in anoles is very complex and there's no simple answer. If only they could talk.

If you've ever observed an anole in the wild, you've no doubt seen the red balloon-like display under the chin. It's a thin flap of skin that is inflated by a group of bones called the hyoid apparatus. Some people call this a throat fan but the real name for it is the dewlap. When inflated, you will also see the anole bob its head. Anoles use the dewlap and bobbing as a way of communicating. Males will display it when defending his territory, when deterring predators and to bait female anoles. When the dewlap is visible, an anole may bite. Females have dewlaps as well but they are much smaller and they rarely use them.

Green anoles are considered insectivores. They eat cockroaches, ants, flies and spiders. Because their eyes move independently from each other, they are able to scan a large



area around them to find their next meal. They are great climbers. You may have seen them climb up a smooth, straight wall or fence. Under each toe they have tiny flaps called lamella and microscopic



hairs called *setae*. They both act as adhesives that help them climb.

Anoles shed their skin. In adults, it happens every 4 to 6 weeks on average. It sheds in sections rather than one big piece like snakes. The anole's color turns into a grayish milky white when it's about to shed. Some will eat the shed skin.

FUN AND AMAZING FACT: their tails detach when threatened or if something grabs them. The detached tail will wiggle which is meant to distract the predator while the anole escapes. A new tail will grow back but it may be shorter or have a little different shape than the original.

You may be able to find stores that sell green anoles as pets. If you want one as a pet, never take one from the wild. Chances are high that they won't survive. Make sure you research how to care for one. You need to be aware of not only what to feed itbut also heating, lighting, humidity levels, substrate, housing and common health problems you may encounter.



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