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OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 9/14/2022

The meeting was called to order September 14th at 7:28 PM by Jon Whistler. The board members in attendance were Jon Whisler, Josh Donaho, Lloyd Bratton, and Darryl Johnson. There was one resident, Bill Taylor in attendance as well as committee member Jim Bowers.

The board minutes were read by Darryl and approved as read by the board.

There was no report for Architectural Approval.

Security report was read and approved. See newsletter for security report.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. See newsletter for treasurer's report.

There was no report for Deed Restrictions.

New/Old business

The AC unit in the clubhouse needs replacing. The board voted and approved the new AC Unit.

The clubhouse needs quarterly pest control maintenance. The board voted and approved to set up quarterly pest control.

The door from the kitchen to the pool needs replacing. A budget of up to \$4000 was approved for the new door.

one in their costumes!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Troop 1659 Trunk or Treat for Halloween & Flags for Veterans' Day

Bring your little ghouls, goblins, witches, super heroes, and dinosaurs to the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat hosted by the youth and families of Boy Scout Troop 1659! We'll be set up at the 1659 Annex (old firehouse next to tennis courts) from 5:30-8:30 PM on Monday, October 31st. We can't wait to see every-





And it's not too late to order your flags for Veterans' Day! Pricing for the remainder of 2022 is \$7 for a US Flag, \$10 for a US plus one military branch flag, and \$2 for each military branch flag after the first (i.e. \$12 for US plus two military branch flags).

Please visit our website to order - https://www.ihtroop1659.org/flags.

NHCRWA Candidates Call for an Immediate Moratorium on Increasing Water Fees

Spring, September 10, 2022: The North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) Board of Directors have approved massive water rate and pumpage fee hikes for over twenty years. Continuing these rate hikes is not sustainable.

NHCRWA fees are up over 2000% in the past twenty years. These are negatively and cont.on page 5

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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

Helpful Numbers

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Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex	281 376-2997
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Post Office-Cornerstone	281 444-1355
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OCV Garden Club Board

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder October 11th, 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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- 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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ACCIDENT FSGI	1	0	1	0	0
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	1	0	0
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	0	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	0	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	153	38	65	49	1
DIST FAMILY	3	1	1	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	0	0	1	3
DISTURBANCE OTHER	2	1	0	0	1
DOA	1	0	1	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	2	0	1	0	1
FOLLOW UP	2	0	0	0	2
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	1	0	0	1	0
INFORMATION CALL	6	4	1	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	14	2	1	11	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	1	1	0	0	0
PROPERTY FOUND LOST	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	0	1	1	1
TELEPHONE HARRASSMENT	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	20	13	7	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	7	3	4	0	0
VACATION WATCH	17	10	1	6	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	9	9	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	0	0	0	2
WELFARE CHECK	3	0	1	0	2
WRIT	2	0	0	0	2



OCV Community Association September14, 2022 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The July 31, 2022 balance sheet shows \$652,545 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For July 2022, revenue was over budget by \$664 primarily due to higher than budgeted legal reimbursement income. Expenses were below budget by \$4,735 wasmainly due to timing of street light electric refund of expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of July along with an electric refund.

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



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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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Texas Master Chorale Opens 2022-23 Season With "musical Masterpieces" On October 15

The concert features two classic pieces: *Requiem* by French composer Gabriel Fauré, which was written between 1887 - 1890, and John Rutter's *Gloria* which was composed in 1974. Both pieces are in Latin and will be accompanied by orchestra.

Musical Masterpieces will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 15, at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston, 77069. Tickets are \$20; students are free with school I.D.

Additional concerts this season include *The Christmas Story* on December 17, and *For Love of Country* on April 1, 2023.

Tickets may be purchased online at <u>TexasMasterChorale.org</u>, through the box office at (281) 440-4850, or at the door. Concerts are generously sponsored by Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Texas Commission on the Arts.

About Texas Master Chorale

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.

The chorale is led by Brad Bouley, founder and artistic director. Bouley served as the Director of Choirs for Tomball High School for 20 years and was the Director of Fine Arts for Tomball ISD for 15 years until his retirement. He was one of four people to receive the 2018 Texas Choral Excellence Award, presented by the Texas Choral Directors Association. To learn more, please visit texasmasterchorale.org.

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!

Mark Your Calendar

"Come One and Come All" to the Knights of Columbus Council 14512 (St Edward Catholic Church) 10th Annual Chili Cook-off benefiting The American Wheelchair Mission.

The event will be heldon Saturday, November 12, 2022 on the grounds of St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 26777 Glen Loch Dr., Spring, TX 77381. General public gates open at 10AM, final judging begins at about 2:30PM.

Come sample some of the best chili inTexas! Enjoy family entertainment, DJ music,car show, games, drinks, homemade desserts, hamburgers, hotdogs and day long raffles of products, services, silent auction and cash 50/50 raffle. A 5-sample pack/1 drink admission is only \$5.00, which also includes you in 20-25 doorprize raffles of about \$10 to \$15. Other raffles from \$3.00



to \$5.00 for much larger prizes will also be conducted during the day, along with a 50/50. All proceeds go toward purchasing wheelchairs for people in need through The American Wheelchair Mission.

There are openings for Cooking Teams as well. If interested in joining the competition scan the QR code.

Registration fee for a cooking teamis \$150 (1 wheelchair) and spots are assigned on a first come basis, deadline 10/31/22.

Contact Errol Barrois at epbarrois@att.net or John Edwards at Johnedwards7662@sbc global.net with any questions.



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Houston Rose Society Rose Propagation: From a Bud Eye to a Bud

Propagating roses is one of the most difficult and rewarding hobbies once you see the newly created rose bush. Roses can be propagated from the planting of cuttings, grafting cuttings onto a new root stock, or using seeds from the rose's hips. Deanna Krause will share with us her proven techniques to propagate as a way to expand and share her garden with others.

Deanna and her husband, Earl, have been growing roses for over 40 years and are active rose exhibitors with many first place trophies. Their garden includes unique rose varieties that are hard to find in other gardens. Ray Ponton, a long time friend and hybridizer with the Texas Rose Rustlers named one of his seedlings in commerce after Deanna. You can purchase the shrub "Deanna Krause' at the Antique Rose Emporium.

All Consulting Rosarians who attend this virtual meeting will receive one hour of continuing education credit. CRs will be required to email Suzanne Gilbert at sgilbert2@icloud.com prior to the meeting with theiremail address and screen name used on GoToMeeting and also include the name of their rose societyin order to receive credit.

Please join us in person at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX or virtually from the comfort of your home using a computer, tablet, or smart phone on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7 pm:https://meet.goto.com/957814789

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Kleb Woods Nature Center - A Closer Look at History: Unearthing Archaeology

Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 – 11 a.m. or 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. - All are welcome at this program designed especially for schoolaged children. Each class includes a 30-minute presentation followed by an activity.Registration is required, and space is limited. Email klebwoods@hcp4.net or call 281-357-5324 to sign up, and be sure to let us know what time you would like to attend.

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permanently affecting families' budgets, already hit by the triple financial burdens of two years of government-mandated COVID-19 shutdowns, high gasoline prices, and inflation of other core necessities, including food.

Lower income families, and those living on fixed incomes, are especially hard hit by the rate increases.

Some households recently reported receiving a higher water bill than their summer electricity bill - unimaginable until recent years - and in the middle of a July heat wave! The water bills' increases are being driven by increases in fees approved by the NHCRWA board over the past twenty years, not by local subdivision MUD districts, which are forced to pass along the charges to their neighbors. MUD districts are charged these fees even when 100% of their customers' water comes from subdivision-MUD-owned and operated deep wells, and not from NHCRWA Lake Houston water.

There have been no NHCRWA board of director changes in over twenty years! It is clearly time for fresh perspectives.

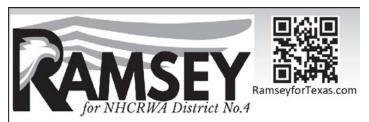
We call for an immediate moratorium on any future rate or fee increases and if elected, will champion saving rate payers' money at every opportunity.

David Barker, challenger candidate for NHCRWA Director District 2

Melissa Rowell, challenger candidate for NHCRWA Director District 3

Mark Ramsey, challenger candidate for NHCRWA Director District 4

Roy Burroughs, challenger candidate for NHCRWA Director District 5



Say NO to skyrocketing water bills!

My opponent hiked your water fees over <u>2000%</u> during his <u>23 years</u> on the board! It is time for <u>change!</u>

Vote MARK RAMSEY for NHCRWA Dist. 4!

Paid by Mark S. Ramsey



Tomball Library Artist of the Month

Longtime Spring resident, Watercolor Artist, Reva Power will display over 40 of her watercolors at

Lonestar College, Tomball Community Library on

October 5 - November 2. This will be part of a new relationship with the Da Vinci Artist gallery. Reva is a signature member of the Watercolor Art Society, Houston, a member of Da Vinci Art Gallery located at 315 W. Main Street in Tomball and the Tomball Art League. Her work can be seen both in the meeting room and the general gathering area.

Reva Power www.revapower.com. A reception will be held at the library at 2pm October 29.



The Bayou City Art Festival **Downtown Returns to Sam Houston Park** October 8-9, 2022!

The Bayou City Art Festival - Downtown will once again take place in Sam Houston Park, and along Allen Parkway, in beautiful Downtown Houston, Texas on October 8-9, 2022. More than 220 national and international artists, representing 19 disciplines of art, will come together with 20,000+ art-loving patrons, for 2 days full of art, music, food, and entertainment.

The two-day festival will include two live performance stages, an Active Imagination Zone for children of all ages, a craft beer garden, a food truck park, a boutique wine garden, a community interactive art project, a Culinary Arts Stage, the VIP Hospitality Lounge presented by Frost Bank, the inaugural Collegiate Art Collective exhibit, and much more! https://www.artcolonyassociation.org/





Calling All Artist

Tomball Art League (TAL) an affiliate of Lone Star Art Guild will be hosting its Fall Show & Sale Thuursday November 10th, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th @ Lonestar College - Tomball Community Library For details on registration or membership go to the TAL website. http://www.thetomballartleague.com Not participating, but love art?

The show is free to the public

Going, Going, Gone by Cheryl Conley

In the wildlife world, no one wants to hear about endangered or extinct animals. Sadly, animals are being added to these lists now more than ever and mostly because of us.

What is an endangered species? It can be a plant or an animal that is considered at risk of extinction. A plant or animal can be listed at a state level, federal level and international level. In other words, there can be an animal that is considered extinct in Texas but not in other areas of the country. Looking at animals in Texas, there are 45 on the endangered species list. (You can view the list at https:// texreg.sos.state.tx.us/fids/202001043-2.pdf.)

When an animal goes extinct it means every single animal in that species has died. So what causes an animal to go extinct? Habitat destruction, invasive species, overexploitation, illegal wildlife trade, pollution and climate change put the survival of species at risk but according to the World Wildlife Fund, human actions alone account for the extinction of 869 species in the last 500 years. A sad example of an animal going extinct by the actions of humans is the Dusky Seaside Sparrow. In 1963 in an effort to control the mosquito population around the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, NASA decided to flood an area of marshland around Merritt Island in eastern Florida. This area happened to be one of the last areas populated by the Dusky Seaside Sparrow. When the area was flooded it destroyed the sparrows' breeding ground. The construction of a highway around the St. Johns River also contributed to habitat loss. The bird struggled to survive but by 1979 only 5 birds remained and they were all male. The species was declared extinct in 1990.

But occasionally there's good news. Let me tell you about the red wolf. The wolves once roamed the Southeastern US but their populations dwindled due to habitat loss by humans and hybridization with coyotes. They were declared extinct in the wild in Texas in 1980. Along came wildlife biologist Ron Wooten, a resident of Galveston. In 2008 a pack of what he thought were coyotes snatched his dog. He was able to track the group but it was too late for his dog. His flashlight picked up red coloring on the muzzleof one of the animals and he was

fascinated. He posted a message on Facebook and asked to be notified if anyone in the area saw the pack. He got a response and rushed over with his camera. Looking at the photos, he saw that they had overly long legs, sharply pointed snouts, and unusually broad heads. The body looked slightly out of proportion. He did some research on red wolves and was convinced the animals were either a red wolf-coyote hybrid or maybe even an actual red wolf. He began looking on roadsides to see if he could find any dead ones. He got lucky and found a couple of dead animals. He removed some skin from each one and froze it. He tried for years to get scientists and biologists to take an interest. Finally, in 2016, someone listened. He contacted researchers at Princeton University and requested genetic testing." I regularly receive this kind of inquiry, but something about Wooten's email stood out," says Bridgett vonHoldt, an assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at Princeton. "His enthusiasm and dedication struck me, along with some very intriguing photographs of the canines. They looked particularly interesting and I felt it was worth a second look."

DNA from the skin samples was compared to the DNA from coyotes, gray wolves, red wolves, and eastern wolves. Although mostly coyote, it turns out that nearly 30% of the genetic makeup of the samples was from the red wolf. Under the Gulf Coast Canine Project, the animals are now being fitted with GPS collars and wildlife cameras to track movements. Both fecal and tissue samples are being collected as well. For more information on this project, go to gulfcoastcanineproject. org.



St. Dunstan's 51st Street of Shopes Fall Festival 14301 Stuebner-Airline Road October 28th and 29th, 9 a.m. 4 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church will have it's 51st Street of Shoppes on 2 days this year. Each day there will be vendors and crafters as well as a large Book and Resale Shoppe. On Saturday a Holiday Shoppe, Cookies & Goodies Shoppe, Snack Shoppe with food and drinks, and Silent Auction will also be open. There will be special events each day, which are listed below.

Special Events Friday, October 28th

Food Trucks
with Live Entertainment
4 p.m. 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 29th

Fun Run 7 a.m.
Christian Motorcycle
Bike Blessing
10 a.m. 11 a.m.
Children's Activities

as well as
The Hope Center
for the homeless.

For more information
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All proceeds go to fund

church and community

outreach ministries

11 a.m. 3 p.m.

Here are just a few things you can do to help save endangered species and their habitats.



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

- Put up bird feeders and provide bird houses and baths.
- Plant a pollinator garden.
- Avoid using herbicides and pesticides. Try to use only environmentally-friendly products.
- Don't dump out old paint, oil or chemicals. Look for places in your community where you can safely dispose of these items.
- Recycle. Buy sustainable products.
- Speak up and support measures to help animals and their habitats.
- Follow and support conservation and environmental or ganizations.

Most importantly, learn to live in harmony with our furry and feathered friends. Let's work to make sure endangered doesn't turn into extinct.



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