

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

The Official Neighborhood Publication for December, 2023 - www.oakcreekvillage.org

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Happy Holidays!

OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 11/14/23

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler at 7:36pm. Board Directors present were Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Shawn Lane and Committee members Elizabeth Davis, Jim Bowers.

The previous month minutes of the meeting was read and the Board approved. We not have written reports from our Architectural Control Director and our Recreation Director. There were not any pending approvals for any addition or changes from our residents.

Residents, I hope you noticed our tennis courts have been completely redone and one of the courts closer to the street has been striped for pickle ball as well. Please call our Recreation Director for access.

Our Deed Restriction Director and our Maintenance Director could not be there, so we had no written reports.

Security report was read and approved please read the details in the newsletter.

Holiday Decoration Contest

Decorate Your House with Glee!

Gift cards to 1st & 2nd Place Winners

Judging will be by December 20th!

Sponsored by the OCV HOA

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

New Business

The Board approved a 2.6% increase on our yearly maintenance dues. It is still less than 3% that is allowed as per our bylaws. The new dues are \$352.00 for the year. The Board also approved a 2.26% increase to our monthly security fees by 75cents. The fees will be \$32.50.

OCV HOA members wanted to do something in appreciation of our residents. So we drove around and selected the houses that decorated for Halloween. The first prize goes to:

3707 Woodbriar - \$50 Kroger gift card

Second Prize

15614 River Ridge Court - \$25 Kroger gift card.

If you need to get in touch with Security please call the non emergency number and not our Security Director, if you call the non emergency number our security person will be immediately notified and the response will be more prompt.

As there was no other business to attend the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

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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
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OCV Accountant, TXMGMT.....832 910-7525
Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex.....281 376-2997
Forms (713 221-6000)
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*The deadline for the next issue of the
OCV Community News is December 15th!*

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder December 12, 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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For a complete list of acceptable recycle items please visit
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- **Call 811 before you dig.**
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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 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.*

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Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)



Oak Creek Village Contract

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OCV Community Association

November 14, 2023

Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Oct. 1-30, 2023

	Total	A. Barboza	J. Morrow	A. Ramirez	S. Schaffer	All Others
TOTAL	183	75	47	26	19	16
ACCIDENT FSGI	1	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	0	1	0	0
CHECK PARK	2	0	1	0	1	0
CHECK SCHOOL	4	0	0	0	4	0
CONTRACT CHECK	124	70	42	1	11	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	1	0	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	3	1	0	1	0	1
FOLLOW UP	1	0	0	1	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	5	0	1	2	0	2
MEET THE CITIZEN	6	1	2	2	0	1
MUD BUILDING CHECK	2	0	0	0	2	0
OPEN DOOR WINDOW	1	0	0	1	0	0
SEX OFFENDER VERIFICATION	1	0	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	2	0	1	0	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	5	1	1	3	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	14	0	0	12	0	2
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	4	0	0	1	1	2
WARRANT SERVICE	1	0	0	0	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	2	0	0	0	0	2
WRIT	1	0	0	0	0	1

Balance Sheet

The September 30, 2023 balance sheet shows \$506,357 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For September 2023, revenue was under budget by (\$20,735) primarily due to timing of security receipts income. Expenses were above budget by (\$39,181) was mainly due to higher than budgeted major repairs and legal expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of September in addition to repairs of the clubhouse and legal fees due to deed restriction issues.

Additional Notes:

I am making a motion to accept a 2.62% increase to the annual Maintenance Fee bringing the amount to \$352 for 2024. Motion was seconded and approved at the meeting.

I am also making a motion to accept a 2.36% increase to the security fee in 2024 that is being charged by Bammel UD on our behalf which will increase the fee from \$31.75 to \$32.50 (2.36% increase). This change will start in January 2024 to coincide with our annual contract renewal. Motion was seconded and approved at the meeting.

Our 2024 Maintenance Fee will be mailed out at the beginning of December and will be due in the amount of \$352 by the first business day in January which is January 2nd this year. If it is not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.



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Flags Across the Community & Wreaths Across America

A heartfelt thank you to all of our 2023 customers for continuing to support our Scouts BSA Troop!

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. In 2024, a U.S. Flag will be placed in your yard for Presidents' Day (February), Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), and Veterans' Day (November). Our scouts provide you with an outdoor flag and pole, installing a flat device in your yard that will not interfere with lawn maintenance.

We are pleased to also offer military branch flags. Choose from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard. U.S. Flag only is \$35 for the year; U.S. Flag plus one military branch is \$50. Additional military branch flags can be added for \$10 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

Troop 1659 also participates in Wreaths Across America, which allows us to place sponsored wreaths on the graves of service men and women at Houston National Cemetery. For only \$15, you can sponsor a wreath, and on Saturday, December 16th, our boys will be out placing the wreaths on graves, thanking the fallen hero for their service, and sharing a blessing for their families.

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, or email IronHorseTroop1659@gmail.com for more information.

Be More Like Rudolph

By Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

When Santa needs help guiding his sleigh, who does he turn to? Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, of course. How else would he get gifts to all the boys and girls all over the world? Without a doubt, Rudolph is the most famous reindeer of all but other than his nose, what do we really know about him?



Rudolph was "born" in 1939. Robert May, a copywriter for Montgomery Ward, was asked to write a Christmas story in the form of a booklet to be given away to customers. Often taunted as a child himself, he decided to write about a reindeer ostracized by the other reindeer for a physical deformity, a glowing red nose.

May struggled for a name for the reindeer and considered Rollo and Reginald before deciding on Rudolph. As he developed the story, he tested it out on his 4-year-old daughter. His boss, however, wasn't nearly as excited about the story as his daughter. After all, aren't red noses associated with people who drink a lot? That was unacceptable. May stuck to his guns and to prove that a reindeer with a red nose would make a great story, he took his friend from the Montgomery Ward's art department, Denver Gillen, to the Lincoln Park Zoo to sketch some reindeer with red noses. May's boss finally approved the idea. That year, 2.4 million copies of the Rudolph booklet were distributed. By the end of 1946, that number increased to 6 million and would have been much higher had there not been a paper shortage due to the war.

May's wife died from a terminal illness about the time he created Rudolph and he was deeply in debt with medical expenses. Even though May created Rudolph, he was an employee of Montgomery Ward and they held the copyright to Rudolph. May didn't make a penny on his creation. In January of 1947, May convinced Sewell Avery, the corporate president, to turn the copyright over to him and his financial security was no longer an issue.

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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!

OCV Halloween Homes 2023!



Winners:

3707 Woodbriar - \$50 Kroger gift card

Second Prize

15614 River Ridge Court - \$25 Kroger gift card.

**A Big "Thank You"
to everybody that decorated!**



The Rudolph booklet was reprinted in 1947 and in 1948 it was shown in theaters as a 9-minute cartoon. It really took off when May's brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, turned the Rudolph story into a song. Many in the music industry weren't interested in the song. In 1949 it was recorded by Gene Autry and went on to become one of the best-selling songs of all time. In 1964, Rudolph became a television special and is a holiday favorite to this day. Both the song and the television show differ greatly from the booklet May wrote but he is credited for Rudolph's creation.

Now that we know how Rudolph was created, how much do we actually know about real reindeer? Reindeer are a species of deer and in North America are called caribou. They live in the Arctic tundra and forests of Greenland, Scandinavia, Russia, Alaska and Canada. Both males and females have antlers. Males' antlers can grow 7 feet in length and can have as many as 44 points or "tines." In captivity they can live up to 20 years but only 15 years in the wild. Males can grow up to 4 feet tall at the shoulder and can weigh up to 550 pounds. Females are slightly smaller. Their predators include wolverines, bears and even eagles.

Can reindeer live in hot climates like Texas? Yes, they can. As a matter of fact there's a reindeer ranch called the Double R Reindeer Ranch just outside of Dallas. To stay cool, reindeer need shade and bodies of water to wade in. One Texas reindeer owner says he puts wet sand on the barn floor and uses fans to cool the animals in hot weather.

With Christmas just around the corner, I think it's the perfect

time to think about Rudolph and the message in his story. Rudolph always knew he was a little different but he let his light shine regardless of what others said. Don't hide who you are; your difference can be your strength. Let's all be more like Rudolph!



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Pearl Fincher | Museum of Fine Arts

Holiday Concert: Sunday, December 10

"Celebrate the Season" with Steinway Artist Don Irwin will take place Sunday, December 10, 2023 in the Main Gallery of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. Guests will enjoy holiday favorites as they are surrounded by beautiful paintings from the museum's fall exhibition, *Ode to East Texas: The Art of Lee Jamison*.

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Tickets are \$35 for members of the Pearl or \$45 for non-members, and may be purchased by calling the museum at (281) 376-6322. To learn more about the benefits of museum membership, visit pearlmfa.org/membership.

Celebrate The Holidays at Texas Master Chorale's Christmas Concert on December 16



Texas Master Chorale will delight guests with sounds of the season during their Christmas concert on Saturday, December 16.

The 2023-24 concert season is centered around music of peace, love, and joy, with the Christmas concert focused on "Love." This concert will feature "Glad Tidings," by Randol Alan Bass, for narrator, soloists, choir and orchestra. The Honorable Judge R. Jack Cagle will serve as special guest narrator.

Students from Klein Collins High School Chorale will also perform, under the direction of Elizabeth Marks.

"Love" will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16, at John Wesley Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston, 77069. Tickets are \$25; students are free with school I.D.

Tickets may be purchased online at TexasMasterChorale.org, through the box office at (281) 440-4850, or at the door. Con-



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