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Houston Rose Society Annual Pruning Party



Similar to last few years, our pruning demonstration will be held outdoors weather permitting on Saturday, February 15th at 2 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd, Houston, TX 77008. Please note the day and time change for this month. This is a great time to learn from Consulting Rosarians how and when to prune your rose bushes.

Participants are encouraged to bring roses they no longer want and are worthy of a new home to be pruned. The bushes should be dug up carefully with their roots wrapped in a plastic garbage bag. You can dig up the bush the morning of the meeting or prior day. Unwanted rose bushes in pots are also accepted for this meeting. Immediately following the demonstration, we will have a drawing to give away all of the bushes! Also, if you bring your gloves and pruning shears, participants are invited to assist in pruning the bushes located throughout the

St. Andrew's Church grounds.

As a reminder, we change our members only website password at the end of January and you should have received your new password via email or US Mail. If you have not received the new password, follow up with one of our board members.

OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 1/8/25

The meeting was called to order at 7.42 by Board President Jon Whisler. Board members present were Lloyd Bratton, Darrel Johnson, Shawn Lane, Raquel Lona, George Arreguin and Board member Jim Bowers. Few residents were also present. Terrence and Amber Keller, Brenda Frankenhansen and Robert Van Eschan.

The minutes of our December meeting was read and approved.

Our prayers for the people of Los Angeles who are going through a very tough time due to the wild fires.

The Ribbon Cutting for the new Brightwood Children's Academy was that Friday.

Architectural Report: No written report. A request for a car port was denied.

Deed Restrictions: No written report

Security Report: Read and approved

Treasurer's Report: Read and approved

Thanks to the Water Board, we are getting new chairs to replace current chairs in the club house.

OCV HOA Board made a motion to add Josh Donoho as a second member at large. The motion passed.

Welcome back Josh.

Heritage is working on removing the dead trees on the clubhouse property as well as the damaged marquee on Falling creek.

The meeting adjourned at 8.40pm

Thank you Shawn for taking the minutes.

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Emergency/Helpful Numbers

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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 Department
- (report neglected swimming pool).....713 274-6300

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
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OCV Garden Club Board

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*The deadline for the next issue of the
OCV Community News is February 15th!*

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder February 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 and 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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- **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
January 14, 2024
Treasurer Report

December 1-31, 2024

	Total	R. Guillen	J. Morrow	All Others
TOTAL	298	188	82	28
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	1	0
ALARM LOCAL	2	0	0	2
ANIMAL HUMANE	1	1	0	0
ARSON FIRE	1	0	0	1
ASSAULT	1	0	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	209	161	48	0
DIST FAMILY	2	0	0	2
DISTURBANCE FIREWORKS	1	1	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	2	0	0	2
DOMESTIC PREVENT	4	0	0	4
FOLLOW UP	1	0	1	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	2	1	1	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	2	0	0	2
MEET THE CITIZEN	9	5	1	3
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	1	0	0	1
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	8	8	0	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	1	0	0
PROPERTY FOUND LOST	1	1	0	0
ROBBERY AGGRAVATED	1	0	0	1
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT	1	0	1	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	0	0	2
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	1	1	0	0
TERRORISTIC THREAT	1	1	0	0
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	17	0	17	0
TRAFFIC STOP	9	0	9	0
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	2	0	0	2
VACATION WATCH	3	3	0	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	3	1	2	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	7	3	1	3
WELFARE CHECK	1	0	0	1



Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The November 30, 2024, balance sheet shows \$420,309 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For November 2024, revenue was below budget by (\$806) primarily due to lower than expected Resale income. Expenses were above budget by (\$4,155), which was mainly due to higher than budgeted tennis courts repair expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of November in addition to tennis court repairs expense.

Additional Notes:

Our 2025 Maintenance Fee of \$362 was approved at the November 2024 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and is due at the beginning of January 2025. If it is not paid by January 31st, 2025, there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2025 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$33.25 was approved at the November 2024 meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the February 2025 bill to help with the increases we received in the new contract in October 2024 for the new year.

Only Rain in the Storm Drain - You may think that it's ok for little things here and there to be put down the storm drain. It's easy to forget that your one little thing and my one little thing eventually add up to create a monster problem. Our storm drains don't filter what we put into them. They run directly into the bay. To help keep them clean, properly dispose of your motor oil, pick up after your pet, take your car to a car wash, follow the directions when you spray and fertilize your yard and **please don't rake your leaves into the storm drain!**



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March 1 & 2, 2025

The Lone Star Convention & Expo Center, Conroe, TX 77303

Events:

What is Holi? - India's Largest Spring Celebration of the Divine Triumph of Good over Evil.

The Festival of Colors is a free-spirited play between friends, family and community with colored powder, welcoming the brightness and happiness of Spring. Houston Holi Festival is an outdoor festival with Live Bollywood Concert, all day color play, Bollywood & Indian Folk Dance Performances, Free Carnival Rides and Holi Pragitya (Bonfire Lighting Display). Enjoy Pichkaris (water guns), Music, Dancing, Comedy by the Crazy Masala Crew,



MahaAarti (ceremonial prayers for world peace), Foam Party, Hundreds of Sponsored Giveaways, Kids Rides, Photo Booths, Parade of Rikshaws, and Street Food Vendors.

Tickets are very nominal, attracting a large number of not only South Asian families, **but the ever increasing mainstream audience from Houston and surrounding areas.**

Get ready for one of the largest celebrations of HOLI in the nation – Houston Holi – Halo Re Halo!

Sat Mar 1, 2025 (raindate Sun Mar 2, 2025)
BH Ranch - 14149 Player St, Near Beltway8 & Fort Bend Tollway.

Houston Holi – Biggest Festival Of Colors In The Us!

Mardi Gras! Galveston
Feb 21 - March 4, 2025



Celebrate Mardi Gras in Galveston, TX at the 3rd largest Mardi Gras celebration in the country with dozens of parades, live entertainment, street food vendors and much more.

The colors. The parades. The beads. The incredible food, music, and crowds bursting with excitement - Mardi Gras has a lot to love. And when you add the sand between your toes and the epic views of Galveston Island, Mardi Gras gets even better.

What to Expect - There is a gate fee for entrance into The Strand, but children ages 12 and under can enter for free. Parking lots are located at 21st & Market Street; 20th & Market Street; and 20th & Postoffice Street, and garages are located at 25th & Harborside Drive and 22nd & Market Street. If you are lucky, you may also be able to find metered street parking.

ALL Local Farmers Market



Embrace your Saturdays with a burst of local goodness! From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Saturday, dive into the vibrant atmosphere of the Tomball Farmers Market. Come rain or shine, this year-round haven for local businesses is your chance to savor the flavors of this Texas Department of Agriculture certified farmers market. Join us in celebrating community, fresh produce, and unique finds every week! 205 W. Main St. in Historic Old Town Tomball- Closed on December 14, 2024



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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!

Teen Job Seekers

B=Babysitting, **P**=Pet sitting, **Y**=Yard Work,
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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.**

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
20634 Kenswick Drive Humble, Texas 77338

7am - Dusk

Wildlife Wednesdays - Join Martin de Vore in the nature center to learn all about different wildlife in Jones Park. A different animal species will be featured each program. Afterwards, take a self-guided hike on the Grapevine Trail behind the nature center to find wildlife. Program is great for Scouts and homeschool families, Texas Master Naturalists, and community members of all ages. Meet in the nature center.



10:00AM - 11:00AM, Wednesday
Call to reserve your spot at 281 446-8588

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Sunday, February 16, @4:00 PM

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- Alexander Scriabin's Piano Concerto in F sharp minor with guest soloist James Palmer
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**Society for the
 Advancement of Floral Design**

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold our March meeting on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. We will meet in rooms B207, B209 & B211 which are located upstairs in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting/presentation beginning at 7:00 pm.

NOTE: Due to the severe inclement weather on January 21st, SAFD rescheduled January meeting to **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**. (See location information above.) Lisa Stroyne, Owner and Lead Designer, of Glass Slipper Designs with bethe guest speaker.

We encourage anyone interested in flowers and the art of designing to join us. We have members ranging from novice designers to floral shop owners to Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and socialize together! For further information, contact Christine Givens at 281-387-6626 or email givens3@sbcglobal.net.

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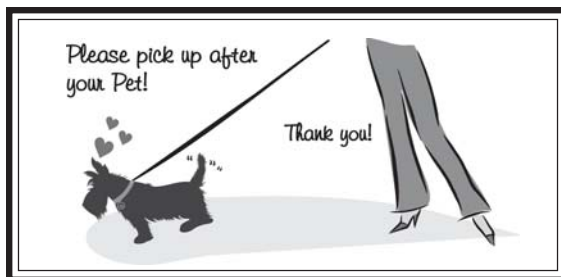
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**Friday, February 28, 5:00pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 1st, 10:00am– 5:00 pm**

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Cypress Creek Christian Church
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**Please come and invite all your friends!
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For Information Email vronstadt@yahoo.com



State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

Do you or anyone you know need some assistance during times of an emergency event? The State of Texas presents the STEAR program. The STEAR program is a free registry that provide local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community. Texas communities use the registry information in different ways. Registering yourself in the STEAR registry DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Available services will vary by community. For more information on how your community will use information in the STEAR registry, contact your local emergency management office. For more information please visit call (512) 913-2353 or visit stear@tdem.texas.gov



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The Fish That Time Forgot

By Cheryl Conley

Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

Everything's bigger and better in Texas. Hats, hair, the Texas sky, our longhorn cattle, and even our Texas pride. It takes something very special to impress Texans but even a true Texan might have to do a double-take when they see an alligator gar fish.

This pre-historic-looking fish is big, scary-looking, and a living fossil. They have been traced back over 100 million years. They are among the largest freshwater fish in North America growing up to 10 feet long and weighing 300 pounds. Alligator gars have a bony snout and rows of razor-sharp teeth. Adults have two rows of large teeth on either side of the upper jaw. Their scales are called ganoid scales and are unlike the scales of other fish. They are bone-like, rhomboidal-shaped with serrated edges and are covered in an enamel-like substance. They are nearly impenetrable. It's been said that its scales can deflect a .22-caliber bullet.

Alligator gars are ambush predators meaning they wait patiently for their prey and then launch a sudden attack that incapacitates the prey. They eat waterfowl, other birds, turtles, and small mammals that might be in the water.

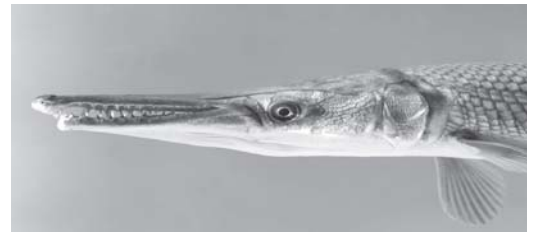
Alligator gars can tolerate salt water and can be found in large rivers, reservoirs, and coastal bays. In East Texas, they're found in Cypress Creek, the Sabine, Neches, Angelina,

and Trinity Rivers, and in mainstream reservoirs including Caddo, Sam Rayburn, Toledo Bend,

and Livingston. Along the coast, they can be found in nearly every river system draining into the Gulf of Mexico and in every coastal bay system in Texas including Galveston, Corpus Christi, Matagorda, San Antonio, and Laguna Madre — and within the intercoastal canal system.

The alligator gar has become a popular sport fish in Texas. The season is in the spring and summer. With the exception of the Falcon International Reservoir, the statewide daily bag limit is 1. Gars must be less than 48 inches to be retained and you must report your catch within 24 hours using the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app.

Alligator gars stand as a testament to the resilience of ancient species. With its impressive size, unique adaptations, and vital role in aquatic ecosystems, this remarkable fish deserves our admiration and protection. As we continue to explore and understand the complexities of our natural world, let us advocate for the conservation of the alligator gar, ensuring that future generations can appreciate its uniqueness and ecological significance.



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