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OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 2/11/25

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler. Board members present were Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Raquel Lona, George Arreguin and also our two at large Board members Nick Fava and Joshua Donoho. Committee member Jim Bowers was also present. We had our Security officers present and also Captain Wilson. We had residents Elizabeth Davis, Robert Van Eschan and Lynn Giles also present.

The minutes of the previous month was read and approved with no changes.

One of the residents had questions about the Flock cameras which have been installed in our neighborhood. The Board answered and her and the Security officers also explained to her the need for them.

There were no written reports from Architectural Control, Maintenance, Recreation and Deed Restrictions.

The Security report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and ap-

proved

George Arreguin who has been our Maintenance Director had to step down due to personal reasons.

Josh Donoho will be our new Maintenance Director.

The Board thanked our Water District President Nick Fava for getting us new chairs for the club house.

We are looking for a new Management company. The Board will decide on one of the 3 who have submitted a proposal.

The Board also approved the budget for 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 pm.

Submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

Scouts BSA Flags Across the Community

For over 20 years, the young men of Scouts BSA have been placing flags in yards around Oak Creek Village in recognition of our patriotic holidays. For \$35, Troop 272 will place a U.S. Flag 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, Coast Guard, or Space Force. Military flags are \$10 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

This fundraiser allows 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 <https://flags.troop272.com/> to place your secure order online. If you have questions, email flags@troop272.com, use the "Contact Organizer" link on the website, or you can call us at 281-606-5640.

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Emergency/Helpful Numbers

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Animal Control, 612 Canino Road.....281 999-3191
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 March 15th!*

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder March 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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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
HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez
www.sheriff.hctx.net
Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

OCV Community Association
February 11, 2024
Treasurer Report

January 1-31, 2025

| | Total | R. Guillen | J. Morrow | All Others |
|------------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| TOTAL | 274 | 185 | 65 | 24 |
| ACCIDENT MINOR | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ALARM LOCAL | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ARSON FIRE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BURG MOTOR VEHICLE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| CHILD CUSTODY DISP | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| CONTRACT CHECK | 189 | 141 | 48 | 0 |
| DISCHARGE FIREARMS | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DOA | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DOMESTIC PREVENT | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| FOLLOW UP | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| INFORMATION CALL | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| MEET THE CITIZEN | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| MEET THE OFFICER | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| MENTAL HEALTH CALL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MISSING PERSON | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MUD BUILDING CHECK | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TRAFFIC INITIATIVE | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| TRAFFIC STOP | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| VACATION WATCH | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| VEHICLE STOLEN | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| WARRANT SERVICE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| WELFARE CHECK | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |



Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The December 31, 2024, balance sheet shows \$475,061 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For December 2024, revenue was above budget by \$6,919 primarily due to higher than expected interest income. Expenses were below budget by \$17,459 which was mainly due to timing of payment of insurance and legal fees expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of December insurance payment which was made in January 2025.

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 was 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 March 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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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.
Wednesday - Call to reserve your spot at 281 446-8588

**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

*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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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. Be sure to check out our website at www.safdhouston.org.

Pearl Fincher | **Museum of Fine Arts**

The Main Gallery features, "**The Art of Ezra Tucker**," a tour produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C. The size and scale of this exhibition makes a dramatic impression as soon as you walk through the gallery doors. Its 40 paintings include stunning portraits of rhinoceros, tigers, bears, and many other animals, as well as stories of Black experiences in the history of the American West.

Ezra Tucker's wildlife art is characterized by its dynamic composition, unexpected color, lighting, and scale. Tucker's subjects seem alive and animated, while his use of earth tones and warm light give his subjects the glow of an old master's work. "**The Art of Ezra Tucker**" **through March 22, 2025**.



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March is the first month of the year that we start focusing on pest management after our last winter freeze. We are fortunate to have Jacob Wightman define pesticides as tools, as well as explore the risks associated with their use. These risks include, but are not limited to, toxicity, exposure, storage, and disposal. Throughout the presentation, he will share labels and safety data sheet examples to aid our understanding of these concepts and ways that we can safely carry out pesticide applications on our roses.

Mr. Wightman is an Extension Program Specialist with the Agricultural and Environmental Safety Unit of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He has a B.S. degree in Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems- Urban Horticulture from North Carolina State University, and is currently working on a Masters degree in Agricultural Education with Texas Tech University. As an Extension Program Specialist, he routinely provides apprentice and technician training seminars for both agricultural and structural pest license business owners.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting 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 name, email address, and name of your rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.

You will not want to miss this virtual program from the comfort of your home or office by clicking the Zoom website link below at 7 pm on Thursday, March 13th:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82512501327?pwd=Z9zDy5SYTtZNUCDByey8TDaEqni4LG.1>

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EVENTS

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March 29-30, Bayou City Art Festival (Houston) -

Original works of art. Shop, meet the artist and enjoy live entertainment, craft beer and a wine garden. Sam Houston State Park. 1000 Bagby Street. Call 713 521-0133 or visit bayoucityartfestival.com for more information.



St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 15th, (Surfside) – Parade route to the beach! Our

St. Patrick's Day parade is one of the longest lasting and most fun traditions at Surfside Beach.

We hold this annual event on the weekend before or on St. Patrick's Day. Festivities include a parade starting at City Hall, turning east on Seashell, and then turning onto Surf and then to Highway 332. The parade then

makes its way east to Francis Cove past Red Snapper Inn and through Pirates Alley, exiting by Kitty's Purple Cow, then turning west to Fort Velasco Boulevard and back to City Hall. Revelers throw plenty of free beads and candy from the floats. In addition to the parade, celebration sponsors sell turkey legs and sausages and supply free beer and Jell-O shots. There is also a social, fundraisers, and a reenactment of the Battle of Fort Velasco. Typically held during Spring Break, this is a great season starter where everyone dresses in spring green and enjoys the parade. A portion of the proceeds of this event go to the Surfside Police, EMS, and Volunteer Fire. Visit surfsidetx.org

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The Walking Stick

By Cheryl Conley

Lake Creek Nature Preserve

In Mother Nature's world where only the most cunning survive, the masters of disguise hold the winning hand. Insects and animals alike depend on their ability to remain unseen to ensure their continued existence. Take frogs and toads as an example. Their skin is often mottled with browns, greens and grays, providing excellent camouflage in leaves or near water. Owls blend into tree bark or foliage. The fur of rabbits and hares often matches the surrounding environment.

The walking stick is an example of an insect that is nearly impossible to spot. As the name implies, it looks like a stick. The body is divided into three parts: the head, thorax, and abdomen. They are wingless, have long, slender legs and long thread-like antennae. Normally they grow to about 4 inches long but there is one Texas species that grows to almost 7 inches long making it the longest insect in the United States. Everything is bigger in Texas, right?

One particular species of the walking stick insect, the two striped species, emits a milky, toxic spray to defend itself against *ants, birds, possums, cats, even people*. Aiming for the eyes, they can spray up to 15 inches with astonishing accuracy. The spray can cause serious injury to eyes with cases ranging from conjunctivitis to corneal ulceration. If you get sprayed, it is advisable to seek medical attention.



The opossum isn't the only thing in nature that plays dead. The walking stick has been known to purposely fall from wherever it's perched and lay completely still on the ground until the danger has passed. Another defense mechanism is swaying back and forth mimicking the movement of branches in the breeze.

What are walking sticks good for? Believe it or not, they play a very important ecological role especially in dense forested areas. Because they eat leaves, they create light gaps. These gaps allow sunlight to reach the ground. This helps new plants to grow. Consumption of leaves also encourages new growth.

What I find most interesting about these insects is that people actually keep them as pets. Apparently they are easy to care for. They don't smell, they're quiet, require minimal space and they're fascinating to watch. Not for me!

Camouflage is one of many ways animals have to survive in their environments. I find the walking stick insect to be one of the most interesting examples of camouflage in the animal world. Now, go see if you can find one. Good luck.



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Some to Celebrate!*

March 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 17

St. Patrick's Day



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