

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

The Official Neighborhood Publication for March, 2026 - www.oakcreekvillage.org

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- Houston Rose Society A.R.T.S.
- Celebrate St. Paddy's Day Parade in Galveston
- Keeping Time in the Wild



HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY

For Emergency Dial 911

HCSO
6a-2p Monday-Friday

Texas Patrol Security
2p-10p Monday-Saturday
10p-6a Random Patrol every 1.5 hrs

Texas Patrol Security will be in a marked patrol car with lights while patrolling Neighborhood

As there was no new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

OCV HOA Meeting Minutes 02/10/2026

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler. Directors present were Lloyd Bratton, Raquel Lona, Darrel Johnson and at large member Nicholas Fava.

The minutes of the January meeting was read and approved.

We had no written reports from Architectural Control, Maintenance, Recreation or Deed Restriction.

The security report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The following information was provided for Texas Patrol Security:

Texas Patrol Security

Start Date: 02/14/2026

713-771-5642 Non-Emergency Line for residence.

No complaints, suspicious activity, solicitors, etc.

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Emergency/Helpful Numbers

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire.....911
Ambulance.....281 440-4300
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
Telephone, AT&T.....800 246-8464
Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District.....281 376-8802

OCV Garden Club Board

President , Anita Cook.....281 440-1093
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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 10th, 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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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 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)



01-01 to 01-31, 2026

	Total	R. Guillen	M. Ramirez	All Others
TOTAL	359	242	92	25
ALARM LOCAL	4	1	0	3
CHECK PARK	2	1	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	270	211	52	7
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	1	0	0
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	1
DIST FAMILY	3	0	1	2
DIST JUVENILE	1	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	1	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	0	1
DRUG OD POSSESSION	1	0	0	1
FOLLOW UP	1	1	0	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	1
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	5	5	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	1	0	1	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	7	4	2	1
MEET THE OFFICER	1	1	0	0
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	2	0	0	2
MUD BUILDING CHECK	7	3	4	0
NATURAL DISASTER	1	1	0	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	16	5	11	0
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT	1	1	0	0
STATIONARY VISIBILITY PATROL	21	4	17	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	0	1	1
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	3	2	1	0
TRAFFIC STOP	1	0	0	1
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	1	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	0	1	1



Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The December 31, 2025, balance sheet shows \$346,266 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For December 2025, revenue was above budget by \$71,397 primarily due to higher-than-expected legal fees income. Expenses were below budget by \$1,715, which was mainly due to over-than-expected security patrol expense.

Transaction report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2026 Maintenance Fee of \$372 was approved at the November 2025 meeting and was mailed out the last week of November and is due at the beginning of January 2026. If it is not paid by January 31st, 2026, there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2026 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$34.00 was approved at the November 2025 meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the January 2025 bill to help with the increases we received in the new contract in October 2025 for the new year.



Please Drive Safely!

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Lifeguard Student Information

- Must be able to swim 200 yard unassisted.
- Must be able to retrieve a weighted object from beneath the surface.
- Must be able to tread water for 2 minutes

- **Bring bottles of water, sunscreen, swimsuits & dry clothing, food/snacks.
- Must be 15 years of age or older by the last day of instruction.
- Proof of citizenship with two forms of identification required.
- School ID or Government issued ID & birth certificate or SS card - (Passport is two forms of ID.)
- Before participation in skills class, students must complete an online homework, which includes videos, and questions. Videos must be completely watched through to the last second.
- **Online Learning** → **Face2face Skills Session.**
- Other information
- Text Brian Vestal, Operations Manager to be scheduled for a class after interview, Competitive pay and flexible hours.

Start Date May 2026!

<u>Day 1(Face 2 Face Instruction)</u> 7:15 AM -8:15 PM (12 HR)	<u>Day 2(Face 2 Face Instruction)</u> 7:15 AM - 6:00 PM (10 HR)
03/07/26 (Saturday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Spring Texas Session ID 26-006	03/08/26 (Sunday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Tomball Texas Session ID 26-006
03/16/2026 (Monday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Spring Texas Session ID 26-007	03/17/2026 (Tuesday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Tomball Texas Session ID 26-007
03/28/06 (Saturday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Spring Texas Session ID 26-008	03/29/06 (Sunday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Tomball Texas Session ID 26-008
04/25/2026 (Saturday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Spring Texas Session ID 26-009	04/26/2026 (Sunday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Tomball Texas Session ID 26-009
05/09/2026 (Saturday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Spring Texas Session ID 26-010	05/10/2026 (Sunday) Skills Session @ Pool Location Spring Texas Session ID 26-010
FINAL CLASS TBA Session ID 26-011	FINAL CLASS TBA 26-011

Houston Rose Society
A.R.T.S.® Overview and Past Winners



The American Rose Trial for Sustainability (A.R.T.S.®) was created in 2012 to identify the hardiest, disease and pest resistant garden worthy rose cultivars on a regional basis requiring low maintenance. Winners are announced each year in the Spring.

We are fortunate to have David Zleasak, Ph.D. and President of A.R.T.S.® provide an overview of this research program and share some of the past winners specifically for our region.

David is a Professor of Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-River Fall. He is an ARS Master Rosarian and has been a Houston Rose Society member since 2015.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting will receive one hour of continuing education credit. CRs are required to email president@houstonrose.org by March 13th with their name, email address, and name of their rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.

Please join us on Saturday, March 14th at 2 pm on Zoom Webinar. Registration is required by March 12th and you will need a free personal Zoom account to register at [HRS March 2026 Zoom Webinar Meeting Registration](#).

*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,
H=House Sitting *CPR Certified ** BLS Certified

Mia	14	P+H	346-390-3069
Jack	15	P+Y	715-821-2280
Krissa**	14	B+P+H+Y	360-935-2682
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Finley	14	B+P	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.***



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Galveston with the Luck O' The Island Parade rolling through historic downtown on March 14, then keep the Irish spirit going on March 17 at the St. Patrick's Shindig at Galveston Island Brewing featuring green beer, games and more!



A MESSAGE FROM HARRIS COUNTY ESD 11

A Message From Harris County ESD11 - Your Care is our Priority and as your neighborhood's emergency medical service, we're here to keep you informed and prepared.

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month
 At least 64 million adults report having experienced one or more traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) in their lifetime. The most common causes of TBIs are falls, motor vehicle crashes and sports-related injuries. Learn the signs of a major problem and when you should go to the ER.

Remember:

- Brain injury symptoms can appear hours or even days later.

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- Many effects are **invisible**, such as memory problems, mood changes, fatigue, or trouble concentrating.
- Children, older adults, and people with previous brain injuries may be at higher risk for complications.
- Get emergency care if someone has:
 - Loss of consciousness, even briefly
 - Repeated vomiting or nausea
 - Severe or worsening headache
 - Confusion, agitation, or unusual behavior
 - Slurred speech or difficulty speaking
 - Weakness, numbness, or trouble walking
 - Seizures
- One pupil larger than the other
- Clear fluid or blood coming from the nose or ears
- Trouble waking up or extreme drowsiness
- A head injury after a high-impact event (car crash, major fall, sports collision)

If something feels “off,” trust your instincts—it’s always better to get checked out. Early care can make a big difference. Each month our Medical Director Dr. Jay Kovar answers questions from our community about emergency medical care. This month Dr. Kovar talks about when to go to the ER after a head injury. Stay informed and safe, subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Be The Lifeline Before the ER

Patients in the Gulf Coast region require 1,000 units of blood every day. Join us as we begin to offer plasma for pre-hospital trauma patients.

Community Blood Drive March 23 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
HCESD 11 Admin campus 18334 Stuebner Airline Spring, TX 77379

Visit www.harriscountyesd11.gov



Keeping Time in the Wild
By Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Nature Preserve

The deer in my area may not wear wristwatches, but don't be fooled—they are obsessively punctual. It seems like an invisible alarm clock goes off in the woods, and right on cue they report for duty. Well, not really duty—food!

Around 4:00pm every day, my own local herd arrives for their daily snack of corn. Remember the slogan associated with mail carriers? “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” This certainly applies when it comes to snack time. This uncanny punctuality isn't coincidence or politeness—it's biology. From birds to beetles to extremely food-motivated deer, animals run on powerful internal clocks that govern when they eat, migrate, sleep, and show up ex-

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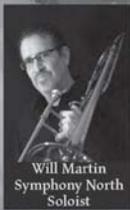
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pecting snacks. Call it nature's timekeeping system: no batteries required, but surprisingly accurate.

What I've noticed with deer happens with other species in the animal kingdom as well. Almost all mammals, including us, have internal clocks that tell them when to eat, when to be active, and when to sleep. It's known as a circadian clock. In simple terms,

it works like a master clock in the brain called the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN), located in the hypothalamus. It coordinates many smaller clocks throughout the body. Almost every cell in the body has its own independent, smaller clock. Mammals rely on external clues from the environment to help reset the 24-hour biological clock. These external cues are known as "zeitgebers," which is a German word meaning "time-givers." Without zeitgebers, mammals might wake up at the wrong time or eat at the wrong time. Light is the main zeitgeber for almost all species. Other examples are:

- Artificial light - can interfere with an animal's activities like foraging, mating, and migration. Exposure to lights at the "wrong" time can have adverse effects on the internal clock.
- While natural light is the main zeitgeber, food availability is second. In anticipation of eating, mammals display increased wakefulness, body temperature, and locomotor activity. Eating at "normal" times ensures synchronization of internal rhythms. When food is scarce it forces animals to change their eating patterns. More time is spent looking for food which can interfere with sleep-wake cycles.
- Temperature - changes in temperatures play a role in synchronizing the 24-hour day-night cycle. Normally, cooler temperatures signal rest or nighttime for animals but extreme cold during daylight hours may send the wrong signal. Extreme cold can force animals into abnormal behavior. They may be forced to look for food into the night, disrupting their circadian rhythm. Light and darkness may be nature's most reliable alarm clock, but depending on the species, the cue to eat, move, mate, or migrate might come from the tides or the moon, a whiff of pheromones, a change in humidity, a drop in barometric pressure, or even Earth's magnetic field.

Toss in social interactions, rainfall, oxidative stress, and a dozen other signals, and it becomes clear: nature runs on more clocks than a watch store. What remains most remarkable is the way life pays attention. Across forests, fields, oceans, and skies, species of every kind read the planet's subtle cues—light, water, pressure, and motion—and respond in quiet, precise ways. Without clocks or conscious thought, they adapt and endure, moving in rhythm with forces far older than themselves. It's a reminder that survival is not just about resilience, but about belonging—an ongoing conversation between living things and the world that shapes them.

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!

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*Some to Remember
Some to Celebrate!*

March 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

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