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OCV HOA Board Meeting 6/11/2024

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The Meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler at 7:51 pm. Board Members present were Lloyd Bratton, Raquel Lona, Darrel Johnson. Our OCV Security officers were present.



As there were no minutes of the May meeting available there were no changes to be made.

We had a small group of residents attending this meeting; Robert Van Eschan, Brenda Frankenhauser and Nicholas Flava were present.

✓ VOTE
Don't
Forget
To
Vote!

The residents had questions about some concerns and the board addressed them accordingly.

There were no written reports from the Architectural Director; the Recreation Director; the Maintenance Director or the Deed Restrictions Director.

Security Report was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Kindly read all the reports in the newsletter.

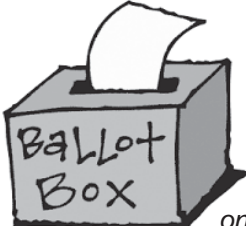
The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Submitted by:
Raquel Lona – Deed Restrictions Director

Flags Across the Community - Scouts BSA Troop 1659

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. For the remainder of 2024, a U.S. Flag will be placed in your yard for 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 \$21 for the remainder of the year; a U.S. Flag plus one military branch is \$30. Additional military branch flags can be added for \$8 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.



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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

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Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex.....281 376-2997
Forms (713 221-6000)
Post Office-Cornerstone.....281 444-1355
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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

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder July 9th, 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 <http://www.oakcreekvillage.org/trashservice.html>

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- **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)



Oak Creek Village Contract

HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez

www.sheriff.hctx.net

Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

OCV Community Association

June 11, 2024

Treasurer Report

May 1-30, 2024

	Totals	K. Chang	D. Eason	J. Morrow	All Others
ALARM LOCAL	8	2	0	1	5
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	1	0	1	0	0
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	1	0	0
ASSAULT FAMILY	1	0	0	0	1
BURG MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	0	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	114	55	20	39	0
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	2	0	0	0	2
DOA	1	1	0	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	2	0	0	0	2
FOLLOW UP	2	1	0	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	4	1	0	1	2
MISSING PERSON	2	1	0	1	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	0	0	1	0
STRANDED MOTOR VEHICLE	1	1	0	0	0
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	27	0	0	27	0
TRAFFIC STOP	11	2	0	8	1
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	1	0	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	2	0	1	1	0
VEHICLE RECOVERY	2	1	0	0	1
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	0	0	1
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	0	1	0	1
WARRANT SERVICE	1	0	0	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	6	0	0	1	5



Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The April 30, 2024 balance sheet shows \$503,994 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For April 2024, revenue was over budget by \$2,160 primarily due to being above budget on recouped legal fee income. Expenses were above budget by (\$13,295) was mainly due to being over budget on legal fees expense.

Transaction Report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2024 Maintenance Fee of \$352 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2024. If it was not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2024 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$32.50 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was sent to Bammel UD for the February 2024 bill to help with the increases we received in the new contract in November 2023 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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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 www.ihTroop1659.org to place your secure order online, or email IronHorseTroop1659@gmail.com for more information.

Summer Fun

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo History Exhibit - Houston, The Heritage Society, 1100 Bagby Street, Houston. Through July 31, 2024. Tue. - Sat., 10- 4pm

Be an urban cowboy/girl and two-step over to The Heritage Society to see an museum gallery exhibit filled with 92 years of Rodeo History! From award-winning paintings to vintage bronco bull riding photos, this HLSR exhibit complements the rodeo season in February and the Texas History Month in March. This exhibit represents the cowboy spirit across Houston's main heritages and is a big part of Houston history! Rodeo culture brings nearly all Texans together through food, skills competitions, music, parades, fundraisers, the carnival,

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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vendors/exhibitors, and family entertainment.

Some of the artifacts include George Bush Presidential Library Foundation saddle holder, Black and Hispanic Cowboy Heritage, Taylor Swift, Dolly Parton, Cody Johnson, Alabama, plus more signed guitars showcase (#swifties), Photography, paintings, collectibles, costumery, and memorabilia of all the competitions.

Save the date! Galveston Sandcastle Competition - Saturday, September 21, 2024. This event is free and open to the public. Located on East Beach parking is \$15 (CASH ONLY; NO ATM) - www.visitgalveston.com/

Every year, over 60 teams put their eyes and shovels on winning the prestigious Golden Bucket Award. Firms begin months in advance generating ideas, developing designs, and assigning duties. On the day of the event the teams, stretched along the **beachfront**, meticulously sculpt their piles of sand and work non-stop for five hours. While the building and awards takes place on Saturday, the best time to view the structures is the Sunday of the event. Avoid the crowds and bring the **family** to enjoy these architectural marvels at your own pace on Sunday plus, enjoy free sandcastle building lessons.



Join us on Friday, August 2 from 5-10 p.m. for the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce's 52nd Annual Tomball Night celebration which is designed to promote local businesses and foster community spirit in Tomball. This event features a variety of activities, including local vendors, sponsorship opportunities,

entertainment, and special deals from participating businesses. Come support local businesses as it helps boost the local economy and supports small business owners. Enjoy a fun FREE night out with a range of activities, there's something for everyone in the family. There will be exclusive deals so take advantage of special offers and promotions available only during Tomball Night. Engage with your community, make new friends, and celebrate what makes Tomball unique. Where - All over Tomball!

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OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. 2024 ELECTION BALLOT

I or WE as record (owners) of property or properties in Oak Creek Village hereby cast our written mail-in ballot for the purpose of the Election of Directors to be held at the Annual meeting of the Members to be held on the 18th day of July 2024, and any continuation or adjournment thereof. I or We have placed an X in the spaces before the names of the two (2) persons for which my vote or votes are cast. Vote For 2.

Vote Name of Announced Candidate

_____ Lloyd Bratton
_____ Raquel Lona

I or WE wish to vote for a candidate who is not on the Ballot. I or WE have placed an X in the space before the names of the following persons for which my or our vote(s) are cast for the following write-in candidate(s):

Vote Name of Write-in Candidate(s)

_____ _____
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Instructions: The mail in ballot must be returned by First Class U.S. Mail or hand delivered and must be addressed as follows:

Ooma Lakshmanan 15311 Ripplestream Drive, Houston, TX 77068

Your name and the property address must appear on the return address portion of the ballot,
Mail-in ballots received after the date of the Annual Meeting will not be counted.

Please be sure to include your name and property address below.

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

The Great Texas Mosquito Festival
July 25-27, 2024 Clute , Texas
Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive



Willie-Man-Chew (the world's largest mosquito mascot standing 26' tall with a large cowboy hat, boots, and large proboscis) greets visitors from near and far to enjoy three days of entertainment, food, and family-friendly fun including carnival games, contests, cook-offs, races, tours, live music nightly on stage, and more. Tickets go on sale Saturday, June 1st 2024!

For tickets and more information visit www.mosquitofestival.com.

Ice Cream Social & Rose Expert Panel

July is the month for our annual ice cream social! We will have ice cream available for all attendees. Please consider bringing your favorite ice cream topping or cookies to share with everyone.

We will have a panel of Consulting Rosarian Experts available to answer your questions on growing roses. Donald Burger, Maria Trevino, Mary Fulgham, and Randy Keen will share their expertise with us. Also, Mary and Randy will discuss their visit to English rose gardens and a flower show where Mary served as a Horticulture Judge during their vacation!

Danny Wilson with Farm Dirt and Karen Gerlach with Itchy Gardens and Art have been invited to share their knowledge and products with us.

This meeting is in person only at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston TX 77008

We hope you can join us and bring a guest on Thursday, July 13th at 7 pm.



DON'T WEAR WHITE
By Cheryl Conley

Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

What smells do you associate with the coming of spring? The sweet scent of flowers or that damp earthy scent after a rain? There's another smell associated with spring and it's the smell of boiling crawfish. Just walk into a restaurant that serves crawfish or even into an H-E-B and that distinct spicy, pungent odor slaps you in the face. Because I don't eat crawfish, the smell isn't appealing to me but to others it's quite enticing.

People describe the taste of crawfish as a little sweet and slightly salty with a bit of mineral flavor. It's like a combination of shrimp and lobster. If you're planning a crawfish party you should plan on buying 3 pounds per person on average. Cooking them is easy. Get your pot, add water and a packet of your favorite seafood/crawfish boil spices. You can add potatoes and corn at this point. Let them cook until just about done before adding the crawfish. After you add the crawfish, cover the pot with a lid and boil for 3 minutes. You can also cook your veggies ahead of time if you like and then you'd simply add the veggies and crawfish together to boiling water. You can eat all the meat in the body as well as the head but most people avoid the shell, tail and antennae.

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Crawfish, crayfish, crawdads, mudbugs—they go by several names. People in our area call them crawfish. The folks in the northern parts of the USA call them crayfish. Northern Californians and people on the east coast refer to them as crawdads. In Australia they are referred to as yabbies. There are over 600 species of these critters. They are freshwater crustaceans found all over the world except in India and Antarctica. They have 5 pairs of legs or 10 total. Their front 2 legs are like large claws, called chelae, which are used to defend themselves and to gather food. Water and air are drawn through the gills through an appendage that makes a noise called a “pulse train.” This is how they communicate with other crawdads and alert others that predators are near.

Crawfish have a long, pointed structure that looks like a nose but it’s thought to offer protection for their eyes. Under the tail is a small appendage called a swimmeret. It helps them move and also helps with carrying eggs. Their tail “fans” curl under their body to help protect the eggs. They have an instinctive reaction to a potential predator or disturbance called a “tail flip” which propels them backwards.

Texas ranks second in crawfish production and most are raised in rice paddies. Louisiana is first. The peak months are February, March and April. There are two varieties that are predominant here and are called the “red swamp crawfish” and the “white river crawfish”. They have similar ecological requirements and sometimes co-exist. Reds are found in swamps, ditches and bayous. Whites are found in larger, deeper, and flowing bodies of water.

Have you ever seen a smokestack-looking pile of mud in ditches, fields or even yards? They are called crawfish chimneys and there is a crawfish living in a burrow underneath. They can be as deep as 3 feet and are normally full of water. They use their legs and mouth to dig up mud and make it into a little ball called a pellet. The pellet is then taken to the top of the soil and placed on top of the other pellets. This is done over and over until the crawfish chimney is built. Why they build chimneys is not totally understood but it is assumed that one reason they do is for safety reasons. They never have to leave the safety of their burrow. Another reason for the chimneys is that it helps air flow into the burrow.

Did you know—

- In the wild, crawfish can live up to 30 years.
- Lose a limb? No problem. Crawfish can regenerate lost limbs. This comes in handy during mating season when males can get a little aggressive.
- Crawfish molt. They can shed their shells up to 15 times. With each molt, they nearly double in size.
- Crawfish can be red, blue, white, green or yellow but when cooked, they are all red.
- There are some species of crawfish in Australia that grow to 15.5 inches and weigh more than 8 pounds.

If you’re planning on eating crawfish, here’s some friendly advice: pinch the tail and suck the head, and do not wear white!Bon appetit!

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