

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

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OCV HOA

Meeting Minutes 07/14/2026

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler at 7:38pm. Directors present were Joshua Donoho, Lloyd Bratton, Darrel Johnson and at large member Nick Fava. Our Security personnel were all present. We also had a few of our residents attend the meeting.

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

The Security report was read and approved.

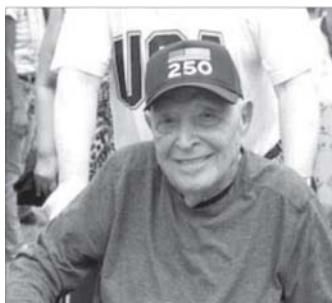
There were no written reports from the other Directors.

The Director in charge of Architectural Control said in this verbal report that there were no new requests and the past month has been quiet.

As there was no new business the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan

Nicholas P Fava US Marine Memorial Park



On July 11th, as part of the 250th Anniversary of the United States, Troop 272 of the Boy Scouts came out to do an official flag ceremony in honor of dedicating the Nicholas P Fava US Marine Memorial Park for his service to the country and the OCV community.

Jon Whisler



The Bluebonnet Squares wants you to join in the fun Introduction to Modern Square dancing in September 14 & 21. Team up with family, friends and neighbors to sample Square Dance! We invite you to join in on our **FREE** Introduction to Modern Square Dance Monday, September 14 & 21 starting

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Harris County Public Health.....713 439-6000
Poison Control, poisoncenter.org.....800 222-2222
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*The deadline for the next issue of the
OCV Community News is August 15th!*

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder August 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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Towels, Soiled Paper, Soiled Facial Tissue.

For a complete list of acceptable recycle items please visit
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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
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 www.sheriff.hctx.net
 Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

06-01 to 06-30, 2026

	Total	R. Guillen	All Others
TOTAL	178	150	28
ACCIDENT FSGI	1	1	0
ALARM LOCAL	2	2	0
ASSAULT	1	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	80	80	0
DIST FAMILY	2	0	2
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	2	0	2
DISTURBANCE OTHER	3	0	3
FLOODED ROADWAYS	1	1	0
FOLLOW UP	1	1	0
ICE ON ROADWAYS	1	1	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	4	3	1
INFORMATION CALL	6	1	5
LPR ALERT	1	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	31	29	2
MEET THE OFFICER	1	1	0
MISSING PERSON	1	0	1
MUD BUILDING CHECK	1	1	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	20	20	0
OPEN DOOR WINDOW	1	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	1	2
TRAFFIC HAZARD	2	2	0
TRAFFIC STOP	2	0	2
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	1
VACATION WATCH	1	1	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	1	1	0
VEHICLE RECOVERY	1	0	1
VEHICLE STOLEN	2	2	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	0	2
WARRANT SERVICE	1	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	2	1	1

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at 6:30PM. You will find our club at Klein United Methodist located at 5920 FM2920 just East of Walmart.

Why dance? Endorphins! A report from <https://psychology-spot.com/dancing-makes-me-happy/> states: "When we dance our brain releases endorphins, hormones which can trigger neurotransmitters that create a feeling of comfort, relaxation, fun and power. Music and dance do not only activate the sensory and motor circuits of our brain, but also the pleasure centers." Square dancing incorporates one more positive aspect, community and friendship. Square dancing can be found around the United States and abroad in many countries such as Australia, Japan, Germany, and Denmark. You will hear a variety of music including Michael Jackson, Pharell Williams and Justin Timberlake and more.

Who should come? The whole family! We welcome couples, students as young as 8 and friends and solos.

What comes next? The Lesson block will run from Sept. 28 to January 18, 2026, each Monday. The one time cost is \$70 total/person. Families \$150 total. Couples \$120. Please access our website go to the Lessons page for more information and to "Pre- register": bit.ly/LessonsBluebonnets.

Please contact me, Phillip at pellison66@gmail.com. Or call or email Terri Stephens 281+450-9812 terristephens80@gmail.com



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A MESSAGE FROM HARRIS COUNTY ESD 11

Your Care is Our Priority and as your neighborhood's emergency medical service, we're here to keep you informed and prepared.

EBIKE SAFETY

eBikes have been growing in popularity, but ebike injuries are growing too. In 2019, a single ebike injury incident was reported, and so far in 2026, over 179 have been reported. Injuries are most common among children aged 5-17 years old, with 82% of these injuries happening to males. 93% of injured individuals in Harris County reported not wearing a helmet. Ride safe and follow these tips, especially if your child is riding their bike to school soon!

Speed Controls – Can often be controlled in a companion app or by adjustable settings on the bike. Lower speeds give more time for riders to react and reduces the severity of crashes and injuries.

Simple Controls – Controls on the bike should feel intuitive and easy to use.

Strong, Reliable Brakes – look for responsive breaks that stop quickly and smoothly. Test breaking at a low speed. Remember that an increased speed increases the time to stop.

Safe Battery System – look for products that meet UN or EN safety standards. Follow the manufacturers instructions use. Avoid after-market batteries and chargers and keep e-bikes dry. Wet batteries are a fire risk.

Proper Fit – The bike should match your child's height, strength, and coordination. They should be able to: sit comfortably, reach the handlebars and controls easily, place one foot firmly on the ground, and handle the weight when turning or slowing down.

Stability and Visibility Features – Wide tires improve balance and traction, built in lights and reflectors make riders more visible, and a bell or horn allows riders signal their presence around others.

ence around others.

The Right Helmet - ALWAYS wear a helmet, even on short trips. Look for the ebike standard NTA-8776 which is specialized for up to 28mph use.

Know the Law - Age, helmet use, where ebikes can be ridden, and lighting requirements vary by neighborhood, municipality, and state. Know the law before you ride!



Each month our Medical Director Dr. Jay Kovar answers questions from our community about emergency medical care. This month Dr. Kovar talks about how dangerous ebikes can be and learn how to protect yourself

and your family from avoidable ebike injuries. Stay informed and safe, subscribe to our You Tube channel.

FREE CAR SEAT CHECK - Friday, August 21

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About Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare:

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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.**

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.

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Summer Fun

Galveston Island Wine Festival

Sept. 4-6, 3 days, 12 events. Sip by the Sea this Labor Day Weekend

Celebrate Labor Day weekend with bold wines, coastal charm, and unforgettable bites at the Galveston Island Wine Festival. Sip, savor, and celebrate as the Galveston Island Wine Festival returns with curated tastings, chef-led pairings, and Gulf-front flair. Join fellow wine lovers for a long weekend of flavor and festivity.

Get tickets: <https://galvestonislandwinefestival.com/tickets/>
The Galveston Island Wine Festival is a three day unique experience at Moody Gardens Hotel & Spa. Guests will gather in the celebration of food and wine with renowned chef menus, premium wine and spirit tastings and exciting product activations.

Galveston Island Shrimp Festival

Sept. 25 - 26. Celebrate coastal flavor and community spirit at the Galveston Island Shrimp Festival, a two-day tradition filled with food and fun.

Every September, Historic Downtown Galveston transforms into a shrimp-lover's paradise. Enjoy gumbo tastings, live music, a festive 5K, the Lil' Shrimps Parade, and a lively walk-about with Strand merchants. With family-friendly activities and Gulf Coast energy, this weekend has something for everyone. Bring your appetite and your dancing shoes!

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold our first meeting of the 2026/2027 season on Monday, September 21, 2026, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 16833 T C Jester Blvd., Spring, Texas 77379. Please enter the parking lot off of TC Jester and access the building through the rear entrance. SAFD signs will be posted. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with announcements and presentation beginning at 7:00 pm.

A reminder that the Membership Chair will collect Renewal/New Membership dues - \$40 per member, or \$25 if you are a student, 24 years of age or younger.

Meetings are held every other month starting in September, generally on the third Monday. (September, November, January, March, and May) Community Service projects and Outreach opportunities, TBA, enable members to give back to the community year-round. Hence our motto: "We learn how, share the knowledge and then give it away."

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 and Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and socialize together!

Connect with SAFD:

www.safdhouston.org - [www.facebook.com/SAFD Houston](https://www.facebook.com/SAFDHouston)

For further information, please contact Christine Givens at 281-387-6626 or email givens3@sbcglobal.net.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center



This 312-acre park has several miles of short trails covering several different ecosystems, including the swampy Cypress Boardwalk trail and a hardwood and pine forested floodplain of the Magnolia Trail. A short 0.3-mile walk from the nature center parking lot will take visitors to the Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village, a replica of a pioneer farm and

Native American plot. Jesse H. Jones Park is also situated near the beginning of the Spring Creek Greenway with 16 miles of paved trail system along, you guessed it, Spring Creek, drawing many cyclists, so keep those eyes peeled if you choose to hike this path.

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.

Even Birds Have Awkward Teen Years Meet The Yellow-crowned Night Heron

By Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Nature Preserve



Even birds go through awkward teenage years. The juvenile, yellow-crowned night heron is living proof. With its gangly appearance, streaked brown feathers, and oversized eyes, it's a bird that people ei-

ther find irresistibly cute or wonderfully odd-looking. Fortunately, it eventually grows into one of the most beautiful and distinctive wading birds in Texas.

The adult, yellow-crowned night heron is a striking bird with an unmistakable appearance. It has a glossy black head that's accented by bright white cheeks and a pale yellow-white crown for most of the year. It stretches from the base of the bill, between the eyes, and over the top of the head. During breeding season, it turns a bright yellow color—giving the species its name. The bold black-and-white pattern creates a distinctive striped look across the face. Another change that takes place during breeding season is long, delicate white plumes appear and extend from the back of the head. Completing the bird's regal appearance are its stout black bill and piercing orange-red eyes.

Now that we know where the "yellow-crowned" part of its name comes from, what about the "night" heron? Unlike most herons, which do their hunting during the day, yellow-crowned night herons spend much of the daylight hours quietly roosting in trees. As dusk approaches, they become active, searching for crabs, crayfish, fish, amphibians, insects, and other small prey under the cover of darkness. By hunting primarily at night and during the twilight hours, they avoid competing with many of the wading birds that feed during the day.

Yellow-crowned night herons are seasonally monogamous, forming a bond for each breeding season. The male chooses the nesting site, usually in a pine, oak, or other tree growing near or over water. Nests are often tucked high above the ground and may be built as much as 60 feet up. Once the nest is complete, the female lays two to six eggs. Both parents share incubation duties, and after about 25 days, the eggs hatch and the pair works together to care for their young.

One of the most remarkable things about the yellow-crowned night heron is its diet. While it will eat fish, frogs, insects, and other small animals, its favorite meals are crabs and crayfish. It will even eat small turtles—shell and all. Those hard shells might seem impossible to digest, but the heron's highly acidic digestive system is well equipped for the job, breaking down much of the shell, claws, and other hard parts that many predators can't. It's an impressive adaptation that allows the yellow-

crowned night heron to take advantage of a food source few other birds can handle.

Unlike many wading birds, yellow-crowned night herons have adapted surprisingly well to life in the Houston area and are remarkably tolerant of people. Houston's extensive network of bayous, wetlands, neighborhood ponds, and drainage channels provides an abundance of food and ideal nesting habitat. It's not unusual to find these birds quietly hunting around neighborhood ponds and city parks. If left undisturbed, they'll often ignore nearby walkers as they patiently search for their next meal.



If you'd like to see one, Buffalo Bayou is one of the best places to look. Other excellent locations include the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, as well as Memorial Park and Hermann Park. Your best chance of spotting one is around dawn or dusk when they become most active. Watch quietly along the edges of ponds, bayous, and wooded shorelines, where they slowly stalk the shallows before striking at unsuspecting prey. With a little patience, you may be rewarded with a close-up view of one of Houston's most fascinating wading birds.

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