

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

The Official Neighborhood Publication for November, 2025 - www.oakcreekvillage.org

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OCV HOA Meeting Minutes 10/14/2025

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler at 7:35 pm. Directors present were Darrel Johnson, Raquel Lona, Shawn Lane and at large member Nick Fava. Committee members Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan were also present. Our Security Officer Rudy was also present. A few residents were also present.

The meeting minutes of the previous month were read and approved.

There were no written reports for Recreation, Architectural, Maintenance and Deed Restriction.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

One resident needed clarification about fencing of their yard. Another resident was concerned about their neighbor's home right behind theirs. Our deed restriction Director said she will look into it and also alerted our Security Officer.

The Board approved to award two gift certificates for first and second place winners of

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OCV Notes:

A contest is being held for first and second place for the best decorated 'Home for the Holidays'. Decorations need to be up by the 20th of December. All judging will be completed that night! No exceptions.

Please immediately remove your garage sale signs after it is over. Our Deed Restriction Director has to collect them. Recently she picked up 10-12 signs, which is far too many. Help keep our neighborhood clean and tidy for everyone!



Tradition!

Everyone in Oak Creek Village has always put red bows on their mailboxes for the holiday season. It really looks festive.

Let's all help.

Please Encourage your neighbors.
Buy---or make---them a bow!

Winners of the Halloween House Decorations!



First Place
3854 Villa Ridge Ct.



Second Place
3842 Fairvalley

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Nov. 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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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)



Oak Creek Village Contract
HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez
 www.sheriff.hctx.net
 Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

OCV Community Association
October 14, 2025
Treasurer Report

08-01 to 09-03, 2025

	Total	R. Guillen	J. Morrow	M. Ramirez	All Others
TOTAL	197	108	6	60	23
ALARM LOCAL	2	0	0	0	2
ALARMAUDSILHU	1	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	0	0	1
CHECK PARK	1	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	125	88	5	32	0
DIST FAMILY	1	1	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	3	0	0	0	3
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	0	0	1
DOMESTIC PREVENT	4	0	0	0	4
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	4	4	0	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	6	0	0	0	6
MEET THE CITIZEN	5	3	0	2	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	11	6	0	5	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	19	4	0	15	0
SOLICITORS	1	0	0	1	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5	0	0	2	3
TERRORISTIC THREAT	2	0	0	0	2
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	1	0	1	0	0
VACATION WATCH	3	1	0	2	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	1	0	0	0

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The August 31, 2025, balance sheet shows \$382,860 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For August 2025, revenue was above budget by \$94 primarily due to higher-than-expected security receipt income. Expenses were above budget by (\$1,604), which was mainly due to being over budget on legal expense.

Transaction report

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

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.



**Notice to Walkers, Joggers, Bicyclists
and Scooter Riders!**

For your own safety please make yourself readily visible to vehicle traffic. Wear light colored or reflective clothing. Also, during the twilight hours, lighting is highly suggested. Use of the community walking and jogging trails rather than busy streets is also highly suggested. **The life you save may be your own.**



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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Houston Rose Society The Art of Rose Tea The Journey from Garden to Cup

For centuries roses have captivated us with their beauty and fragrance—but did you know these versatile flowers can also be used in teas and infusions? Join Elizabeth Escobedo, Certified Tea Sommelier, as she guides you through the intriguing history of rose petal tea and its journey to the cup.



During this sensory-rich experience, discover which rose varieties are ideal for tea and how their color and fragrance influence flavor. Explore drying and preservation techniques to retain their beauty long after harvest. Learn brewing methods with fresh and dry roses - from hot infusions and decoctions to cold brews and more - each offering a unique way to enjoy the delicate complexity of roses.

Elizabeth will guide you through essential tea tools, elegant glassware, and presentation tips that elevate the rose tea experience. She will also show you how to pair roses with complementary herbs and fruits to create vibrant, flavorful blends. Come ready to embrace the ritual of tea and cultivate a life in full bloom. Elizabeth Escobedo is a Certified Tea Sommelier, culinary educator, and rose enthusiast who is passionate about bringing unique floral flavors and techniques to the modern table. She founded Elizabella Tea & Co. with the vision of leading others into a lifestyle of tea. Elizabeth teaches a Masterclass on Herbs and Infusions with the UK Tea Academy and is a judge for the Leafies International Tea Awards. Elizabeth is also a contributor to publications such as Edible Houston and TeaTime Magazine. She pairs her gardening and culinary skills to create engaging tea and botanical workshops.

Elizabeth resides in Los Angeles and enjoys traveling, painting botanical watercolors, and growing rare rose varieties. Additional information is on her website at www.elizabellateaco.com.

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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. This is one program that you will not want to miss on Thursday, November 13th at 7 pm CT. Registration will be required for this meeting. Attendee participation will be restricted to using the chat box only. Register in advance at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YE9UV6rESB-yHbMnZednxw

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!



Kleb Woods Nature Preserve and Center

Nature Center Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Park Hours: Daily, 7 a.m. - dusk

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Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

20634 Kenswick Drive Humble 281-446-8588



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.



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The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold our second meeting of the 2025-26 Season on Tuesday November 18, 2025, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. We will meet in Rooms A201, 203 & 205, located upstairs in the Main Office building. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm.

We are very excited to welcome back our presenter, Lisa Stroyne, owner and lead floral designer with Glass Slipper Designs. Lisa trained at Pittsburgh Floral Academy and has over 30 years of experience. She stays on top of trends and knows how to create colorful eye-popping designs. Lisa loves to provide a "personal" level of service to her clients, especially her brides, and her favorite moment is watching her bride cry with joy when she sees her bouquet. Lisa worked with Disney for many years and even had the pleasure of decorating Cinderella's magical coach. Lisa is just in time to get us ready for the upcoming season, as she'll be sharing new ideas while designing all "holiday arrangements".

This is going to be an exciting evening, and 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/SAFDHouston

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

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the Best decorated house during Halloween and Christmas. First place \$75 gift card and second place winner \$50 gift card.

As there was no new or old business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

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



Klein United Women in Faith

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Together we believe love in action can change the world.

United Women in Faith is deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice and we have been for a long time. In 1952 we wrote and adopted the Charter for Racial Justice which still guides our work today. Join us at Klein United Methodist Church on November 13th at 6:30 p.m. as we learn the history of the Charter and what we can do to help eliminate racism in all its forms. We believe love in action can change the world. Contact us at uwfaith@kleinmc.org.

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Tree To Tree: The Trio That Rules The Woods

By Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Nature Preserve
Board of Directors

Squirrels are often overlooked as just playful creatures darting through trees, but they are far more complex than many people realize. Like all wildlife, they possess intelligence, emotions, and intricate survival strategies shaped by their environments.

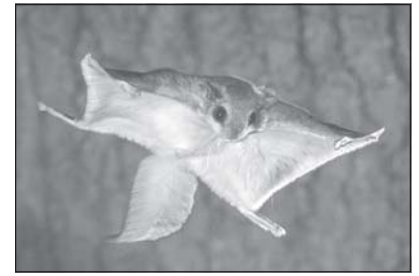
In this area, three species of squirrels can be found: the eastern grey squirrel, the eastern fox squirrel, and the southern flying squirrel, which is rarely seen because it's nocturnal. The grey squirrel is the most common species in our region. The easiest way to distinguish a grey squirrel from a fox squirrel is by their coloration. As its name suggests, the grey squirrel has grey fur with a white underside, while the fox squirrel is covered in rusty-orange fur with some black mixed in. Fox squirrels are also larger, weighing about two pounds compared to the grey squirrel's one pound. It has grey fur with a slightly lighter underside and weighs only about six ounces, making it the smallest of the three species.

Occasionally you might see a black squirrel or a white squirrel. The black coloring is the result of a mutation called melanism. White squirrels are the result of either leucism or albinism. Squirrels with leucism will have either all white or partially white fur. The only thing affected by this condition is the

fur. With albinism the squirrel will have white fur and red or pink eyes.

Things you may not know about squirrels:

- Squirrels are born blind.
- They have two litters every year—spring and fall.
- They “stash” food for the winter months and because of their powerful noses and memory, they can find most of the food they've buried. This stashing behavior is called **caching**. You can thank squirrels for “planting” trees. Sometimes they forget where they've stashed seeds and those can grow into trees. They lose about 25% of what they hide to other squirrels and birds.
- Their front teeth never stop growing. They wear them down by gnawing on nuts, seeds, bark, and other hard objects.
- One of their defenses against predators is to zig zag when they run.
- During mating season, the male's sense of smell is heightened and they can smell a female in heat up to a mile away.
- Their fluffy tails of the grey and fox squirrels not only provide balance but they act as a parachute by catching air and slowing them down when they jump from branch to branch. The flying squirrel has a special membrane called a **patagium** that stretches from the wrists to the ankles that allows them to glide from tree to tree. Their legs are fully extended and acts like a steering wheel.
- Squirrels run at an average of 10 miles per hour but if needed, they can put the pedal to the metal and go 20 miles per hour.
- They have 4 toes on the front feet and 5 on the back feet.
- Predators are foxes, raccoons, hawks, owls, and snakes. You can add domestic dogs and cats to the list.
- Greys and fox squirrels are omnivores. They feed on nuts, seeds, fruits, insects, eggs, and even bird nestlings. Flying squirrels are predominantly herbivorous, feeding on nuts, seeds, acorns, and tree sap.



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Michael Kelly

Here's a fun fact that might make you smile: male squirrels actually get *smarter* in the fall. Yep, you heard that right. As the air cools and the acorns start to drop, the males' hippocampus—the part of the brain that controls memory and navigation—actually grows larger. This seasonal “brain boost” helps them remember where they've buried their nut stashes, which is pretty important if they plan on eating through winter. Scientists say it's a survival adaptation that evolved over millions of years. The funny part? Researchers think this seasonal change makes the males' brains work a lot like the brains of females. In other words, the guys get a little boost in brainpower that the ladies have had all along.

Come fall, squirrels turn into tiny overachievers. Their brains kick into high gear and their to-do lists get longer. While we're trying to remember where we left our keys, they're remembering hundreds of nut-hiding spots. Maybe we could all use a little squirrel brainpower.



The community is invited to
a Thanksgiving Service

United in Gratitude, Inspired by Hope

Presented by Spring Interfaith Council

NOVEMBER 20 at 6:30PM

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www.SpringInterfaith.org

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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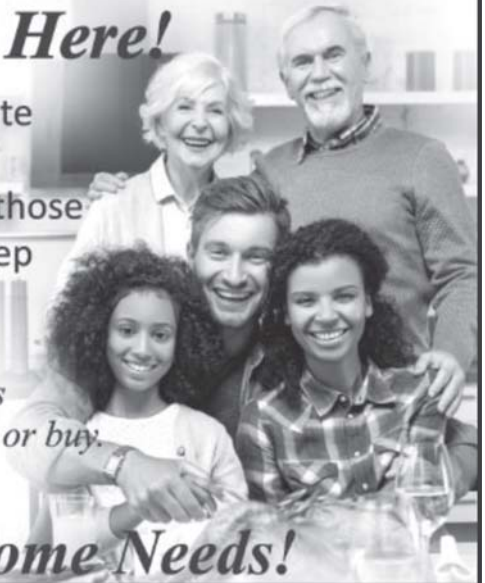
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The Holidays are Here!

As we join together to celebrate
Thanksgiving with family and
friends, let us be thankful for those
serving in the military who keep
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