

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

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OCV HOA

Meeting Minutes 11/11/2025

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler at 7:42pm. Those present were Terrance & Amber Kelly, Nick Fava, Joshua Donahue, Raquel Lona, Jon Whisler and JB.

JB read the minutes of prior meeting, Raquel made motion and Joshua seconded, unanimous approval.

Nick reminded everyone that the military memorial was going to have ribbon cutting on Saturday, November 15th.

Raquel gave update on deed restrictions but no report.

Joshua is working on possible fix to the tennis court gates and will bring pricing as soon as he has it.

JB said that two of the cameras on tennis court are offline and so he is going to contact the company that installed them.

Jon read the treasurers report. Raquel made motion and Joshua seconded, unanimous approval.

Jon made motion to increase annual mainte-



nance dues to \$372 which is 2.76% for 2026. Raquel seconded, unanimous approval

Jon mad motion to increase monthly security fee to \$34.00 which is 2.26% for 2026.

Joshua seconded, unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:05pm by Jon.

Pearl Fincher | Museum of Fine Arts

Holiday Shopping, Fall Exhibitions & More

Fall Exhibitions

This fall, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is honored to present, "A Curated Life: Selections from the Collection of Andy Moran" in the Main Gallery, along with "The Maker's Muse: Contemporary Photography from the Artists of the American Society of Photographers," in the Cole Gallery.

Andy Moran and his late wife, Mary Lou Chester began collecting art in 1971 and developed a remarkable collection of work primarily by African-American artists—many of whom were students of Dr. John Biggers and Carroll Harris Simms at TSU. This exhibition features 47 works of art from Andy Moran's private collection, including work by Dr. John Biggers, Kermit Oliver, Edsel

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Dec. 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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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.
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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
November 11, 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



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

For you 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.**



Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The September 30, 2025, balance sheet shows \$367,128 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For September 2025, revenue was above budget by \$560 primarily due to higher-than-expected collection reimbursement. Expenses were below budget by \$6,037, which was mainly due to timing of insurance expense.

Transaction report

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

Additional Notes:

I am making a motion to accept a 2.76% increase to the annual Maintenance Fee bringing the amount to \$372 for 2026. Motion was seconded and approved at the meeting.

I am also making a motion to accept a 2.26% increase to the security fee in 2026 that is being charged by Bammel UD on our behalf which will increase the fee from \$33.25 to \$34.00 (2.26% increase). This change will start in January 2026 to coincide with our annual contract renewal. Motion was seconded and approved at the meeting.

Our 2026 Maintenance Fee will be mailed out at the beginning of December and will be due in the amount of \$372 by the first business day in January, which is January 2nd this year. If it is not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.



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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. This month we're sharing important facts and updates- from safety tips to new community initiatives that help us all stay healthy and keep you out of the ER!



HEY DR. K!

Each month our Medical Director Dr. Jay Kovar addresses questions from our community about emergency medical care. This month Dr. Kovar addresses the common injuries seen in ERs during the holidays. Stay informed and safe, subscribe to our YouTube channel!

Become a CPR and choke-hazard hero!
Call and book a CPR class with Experience Coordinator Brian Piatkowski at 281-524-7667



A Study by The American Heart Association found an increase in death from cardiac conditions over the holiday season. The reason for this increase could be for many reasons including increased respiratory disease, emotional distress, changes in diet and alcohol consumption and delaying medical care. Protect yourself! Know when to get emergency care!

WHEN TO CALL 911

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest.
- Pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck, jaw, arms or back.
- Shortness of breath
- Abnormal chest pain, stomach or abdominal pain
- Nausea and dizziness
- Unexplained anxiety, weakness or fatigue
- Palpitations, cold sweat or paleness



About Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare: Harris County ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare covers a 177 square mile area of northern Harris County with over 700,000 residents, the largest Emergency Services District in Texas. If you have an emergency call 911. www.harriscountyesd11.gov

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

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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.**



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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The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design, (SAFD) will hold our next meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 16833 T C Jester Blvd., Spring, Texas 77379. Please access the parking lot off of TC Jester and enter building through the rear door. SAFD signs will be posted. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the presentation beginning at 7:00 pm.

Our January presenter will be Mary McCarthy, who has been a proud part of the floral industry for over 23 years, and owner of The Blooming Idea, a well-established flower shop in The Woodlands, Texas. Her journey began in the spring of 2002, when she enrolled in her first floral design course at the Houston School of Floral Design. Inspired and determined, she opened The Blooming Idea later that same year.

Committed to staying current with evolving design techniques and trends, Mary continually invests in her education—regularly attending design shows, workshops, and taking full advantage of the educational programs offered by the Texas State Florists' Association. She earned her Texas Master Florist Advanced Certification (TMFA) and is an accredited member of the prestigious American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD). In 2022, Mary was honored to be named Texas Designer of the Year, a reflection of her dedication, artistry, and longstanding passion for floral design.

We're looking forward to an exciting evening and encourage anyone who has an interest 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! For further information, please email Christine Givens at givens3@sbcglobal.net.



Texas Master Chorale will delight guests with sounds of the season during their Christmas concert on **Saturday, December 20**. "There Shall a Star" will include traditional carols, sacred selections, and fun holiday tunes. Gather your family, friends and neighbors for a celebration that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit!

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and will take place at John Wesley Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston. Complimentary valet parking is provided. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased exclusively at TexasMasterChorale.org this season. Students are free with school I.D.

The 2025-26 concert season celebrates America's 250th with music. Upcoming spring concerts include Mozart Requiem on March 7, and "A More Perfect Union" of patriotic songs on April 25.



Tomball German Christmas Market is here!

Make plans to visit, volunteer, dance and shop again this year! We have assembled a great line-up of vendors, contests & entertainment for the whole family to enjoy! Come out and enjoy the fun! **December 12th-14th**

Come and enjoy the family-friendly ambience – Gemütlichkeit – of this unique music/street festival with three stages of live music and an open-air market along with antique shops in the old town area. On Friday, from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM, shop street vendors and enjoy various performances. Saturday, from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM begins at 10:30 AM, with our famous "tapping of the keg" and Willkommen ceremony for German exchange students and their Tomball host families, and official opening ceremonies for the festival. Join us again on Sunday from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM for more festivities! An estimated 163 unique and interesting street vendors will line Market and S. Walnut Streets, selling German Heritage items, arts and crafts, and much more. Visit the "Weihnachtshaus" inside the Community Center at 221 Market Street at the corner of Cherry Street which will be filled with German clothes and souvenirs for sell.

REMINDER: Don't forget to catch a ride on the FREE SHUTTLE provided Saturday 10am-10:30pm & Sunday 10am-6:30pm.

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



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In the Cole Gallery, the Pearl is delighted to host a traveling exhibit featuring 60 images by members of the American Society of Photographers from across the country. From landscapes to portraits and everything in between, visitors will find beauty and inspiration in every image. Both exhibitions continue through January 10, 2026. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and admission is free.

Holiday Shopping at the Museum Store

For unique gifts this holiday season, visit the Museum Store at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts!

The Museum Store offers a variety of items made by local artists, including jewelry, home décor, and original art, as well as notecards, seasonal selections, and gifts for children. During the month of December, members of the Pearl will enjoy 20% off their purchase while future members can take 10% off. To learn more about the benefits of membership, visit pearlmfa.org/membership.



Located in the Judith Ann Smith Foyer of the Pearl, the Museum Store is open during regular museum hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Creating Together:

In Partnership with the Houston Alzheimer's Association
Creating Together is a collaboration between the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts and the Houston Alzheimer's Association.

Designed especially for people with early stages of dementia and their caregivers, this free program includes a flexible 30-minute tour of the Pearl's current exhibitions, followed by a craft inspired by the exhibit. Creating Together takes place while the museum is closed to the public, offering a quiet and welcoming space for reflection and creativity.

The next program date will be **Monday, December 15**, from 11 a.m. to noon. To register, please contact Adrienne McGee at the Houston Alzheimer's Association, ammcgee@alz.org or Samantha Aguilar at the Pearl Fincher Museum, samantha@pearlmfa.org.

For more information and to register, visit pearlmfa.org.



Home for the Holidays

Nov 22 - Dec 21, 2025
403 Main St., Spring



Home for the Holidays at Old Town Spring The annual Home for the Holidays festival takes place in Old Town Spring throughout the month, with events and activities every weekend from November 22 through December 21. The festival features a holiday lights display, live entertainment, family activities, and opportunities for photos with Santa.

Want to Vend Joy This Holiday Season?

The Giving Machines are coming to Houston—and you're invited to help make a real difference!

These bright red vending machines don't dispense snacks, they deliver hope! With the push of a button, you can give meals, clean water, shelter, or supplies to someone in need. 100% of your donation goes directly to the cause you choose. Each year, we partner with local and global organizations to give back to our communities and help those in need. Local charities this year include TOMAGWA Ministries, Interfaith of The Woodlands, BEAR (Be a Resource), East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, and Target Hunger, as well as global charities Church World Service and Splash.

Machines will be in the following locations:

- Nov 28 - Dec 1 at **Gallery Furniture** (6006 North Fwy, Houston, 77076) with a local launch event on Black Friday, November 28
- Dec 3 - Dec 15 at **Sugar Land Town Square** (15958 City Walk, Sugar Land, 77479)
- Dec 17 - Jan 3 at **Hughes Landing Band Shell** (1900 Hughes Landing Blvd, Suite 600, The Woodlands, 77380) with local launch event on Tuesday, December 17

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors this Christmas season! Let's vend joy to Houston, and the world! Contact Corinne Natali at (832) 534-0477 with questions.



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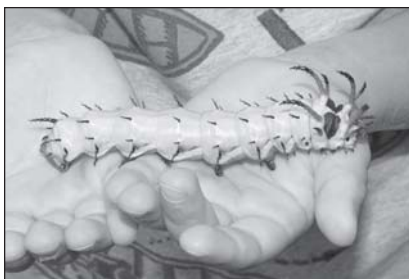
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Fierce in Looks, Harmless at Heart

By Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Nature Preserve
Board of Directors



One would expect that with a name like *hickory horned devil*, the creature attached to it would be a venomous beast, spewing out fire, waiting in the woods to eat whatever comes near. Surprisingly, it turns out to be a magnificent, totally

harmless member of the insect kingdom.

The hickory horned devil caterpillar is simply the larval stage of the regal moth (*Citheronia regalis*), and it's a giant—often reaching the length and circumference of a hot dog. It's green or turquoise body is segmented and covered in soft black spines that give it the look of a tiny dragon. The head is reddish-orange with four black-tipped horns that curve backward, completing its fearsome yet fascinating appearance.

Like all caterpillars, the hickory horned devil undergoes a complete metamorphosis—from egg to larva (caterpillar), to pupa, and finally emerging as an adult moth. Among all these stages, the most fascinating is the caterpillar or larval stage.

It begins as a tiny egg laid on the underside of a leaf and in 6 to 10 days hatches into a small, unassuming caterpillar. During this 35 to 42-day life stage, the caterpillar does something quite ordinary—it eats, and eats, and eats. It feeds on the leaves of hickory, walnut, sweetgum, and persimmon trees. It will eat 2 to 3 times its body weight in leaves every day and grows to over a thousand times its initial size during this month-long life cycle. During this time, it sheds its skin (molts) multiple times, each time revealing a larger version of itself. By early fall, it has reached its full size and crawls to the ground where it burrows into the soil and becomes a pupa. After about 8 months, it emerges as a regal moth.

So, the next time someone mentions a “horned devil,” remember it's not a monster lurking in the woods but a gentle leaf-eater preparing for its next act. The regal moth may be its final form, but it's the **hickory horned devil** that truly steals the show—proof that nature's most fearsome faces often hide the gentlest of stories.



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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