



# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Klein Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a blood drive at Station 2 located at the Gladebrook entrance of Oak Creek Village.

Donate! It is a bloody good job.

Whether you can donate or not, stop by and meet your local firefighters.

Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Date: March 16th ~ Time: 9 AM - 1 PM Location: 14640 Gladebrook Dr. • Houston, TX 77068



Every drop counts. See you there!

## Attention Oak Creek Village Residents!

If you have been the victim of a company offering home improvement, renovation and/or general handyman services, and have not received the services you paid for, please contact: Kathleen Backman at the Harris County District Attorney's Office, Consumer Protection Section. The phone number is 713-755-5836.

Please don't forget to ask for references from all potential contractors, and follow up by calling them! The Better Business Bureau is also a quick and easy way to check out any company you are thinking of doing business with.

My apologies to our residents for an error on one of our Christmas yards. The one on the top right of the front page should be credited to 3715 Woodbriar. This is the home of Marie Robinson who also informed me that all that decorating outdoors was the hard work of Chris McMillan. I promise to be more careful next year.

We will not have a Yard of the Month for a couple of months. Hopefully, by then, our yards will have begun to perk up for spring.

Meri Lou Fry, editor

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## How To Reach Us...

Oak Creek Village Community Association, Inc. P.O. Box 1052

Cypress, Texas 77410-1052

## **OCV** EXECUTIVE BOARD

| President, Sharon Kuester         | 281/444-1532      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
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## COMMITTEE NUMBERS

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|---|---------------|
|   |               |
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## **EMERGENCY**

| Ambulance       281/440-4300         Animal Control (612 Canino Rd.)       281/999-3191         Crimestoppers       713/222-8477         Crisis Hotline       713/527-9864         Fire       281/251-0101         Interfaith       281/367-1230         Hospital       281/440-1000         Poison Control (poisoncenter.org)       800/222-1222         Sheriff (Harris Co.)       713/221-6000 | Emergency (Police, Medical, Fire)   | 911          |
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| Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency)281/376-8802  | Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency)  | 281/376-8802 |
| United Way (Information & Referral)281/292-4155   | United Way (Information & Referral) | 281/292-4155 |

## Helpful Numbers

Vacation Watch - Cypresswood Annex 281/376-2997 (Forms 713/221-6000)

Street Light Out ~ Centerpoint 713/207-2222 (Be sure to have the six-digit ID# off the pole.)

### UTILITIES

| Post Office - Cornerstone                     | 281/444-1355 |
|---|--------------|
| Electricity - Reliant Energy                  | 713/207-7777 |
| Gas - Centerpoint Energy                      | 713/659-2111 |
| Trash - J&S Trash Services (pick-up schedule) | 713/635-2500 |

OCV has a heavy trash pick up day EVERY Friday. On Fridays, J&S does not have as much trash to pick up as on Tuesdays so that is when they will pick up "one" heavy trash type item like bundled up tree branches, refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, dishwashers, etc. If a homeowner has multiple heavy trash type items, the homeowner will need to spread them out over multiple Fridays or a special fee can be paid to have multiple heavy items all picked up on a single Friday.

If you need to dispose of any hazardous material please visit the website below for dates and locations:

## Hazardous Waste Disposal www.CleanWaterClearChoice.org

| Telephone - AT&T                |            | 800/246-8464 |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Water & Sewage - Bammel Utility | / District | 281/376-8802 |



### Recycling

Friday is your only recycle day. Paper, magazines, books, boxes (no debris inside), plastic containers and aluminum containers will be picked up, NO GLASS PLEASE.

## OCV GARDEN CLUB BOARD



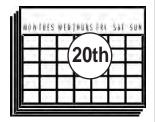
| President, <i>Valerie Hill</i> 281/880-4848 |                |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Program                                     |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Vice President Advisor, Mary Ramsey.    | 281/440-6074   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program Committee,                          |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gladys LaRochelle                           | 281/444-7579   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Kathy Colbert                               | 281/583-0652   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yearbook                                    |                |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Secretary, Meri Lou Fry                     | 281/440-8915   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Treasurer, Kathy Colbert                    |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of  | of each month. |  |  |  |  |  |



# The deadline for the March issue is February 20th, 2013

You can deliver your typed articles, classified ads\* or other submissions to:

Meri Lou Fry via email at MeriLouLy@sbcglobal.net or 3903 Midforest Drive, (box on doorstep) prior to the deadline each month.



\*Classified advertisements are only available to residents at no cost, and are not intended for business purposes.

If you would like to advertise in this publication, please contact:

Diana Baskett

281.755.1959

Di@DianaBaskett.com

## Did You Know???

The Oak Creek Village Newsletter is published and delivered to all of the residents in Oak Creek Village every month. That's 659 homes! This is only possible through the support of our advertisers, so please show them our appreciation.



# Visit Us On The WWWeb...

Have you seen the website yet? You can access a wealth of

information as well as email your Board of Directors.

We are continually updating it to keep our residents informed, so check it out today!

www.0akCreekVillage.org

## TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS

If you're looking for a responsible teen to watch your child, house, pet, or to do some yard work or power washing, look no further! These teens live in your neighborhood and have references from your neighbors!

|                    | _   | •          |              |
|--------------------|-----|------------|--------------|
| NAME               | AGE | SERVICE(S) | PHONE        |
| Dominique Boulay   | 14  | B+H+P      | 281/455-7397 |
| Paula Lamas        | 17  | B+H+P      | 832/878-1098 |
| Kaitlyn Linehan    | 15  | B+H+P      | 281/836-5028 |
| Crescendo Robinson | 13  | B+H+P      | 281/706-6009 |
| Cameron Smith      | 17  | B+H+P      | 281/898-0014 |

B-Baby Sitting H-House Sitting P-Pet Sitting PW-Power Washing Y-Yard Work

\* CPR Certified

## Are you a teen that is interested in earning some extra \$\$\$?

If you would like to be added to this list, please send your name, address, date of birth, phone number and service(s) you can provide to:

Diana Baskett
6211 Hickorycrest Drive • Spring, TX 77389
email ~ Di@DianaBaskett.com

## Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors

## Meeting Reminder: March 12th, 2013 ~ 7:00 PM

Residents are reminded that the Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. 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.



- New and Old Wiring
- Residential and Commercial

18810 Tomato St. Spring, TX 77379

WESLEY SALYERS 281-370-6347 FAX: 281-257-2414

## **OCV PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

If it's February already, spring can't be far behind, I hope. There's a bunch of unrelated things I'd like to discuss this month, so here goes. First of all, we didn't publish the details of our court case last month, but now I think you should know, because from time to time, some people have opined that we don't enforce deed restrictions. This resident ignored 3 letters from AJ and 3 letters from our lawyer telling him/her to stop violating the restriction. We then filed suit, and he/she had to get a lawyer, and pay us \$2,545 to reimburse us for our lawyer's and the court's fees, and he/she had to pay his/her lawyer on top of that. It would have been a lot easier and cheaper just to comply

The other things are shorter. Would you ask whoever mows your yard not to forget the gutter? The village really looks a lot better when the gutters are not full of leaves, and that will also help to keep leaves from clogging the sewers.

One resident suggested that if we all turned on our porch lights every night, it might further discourage petty thieves. I think that's a good idea. I even put a light up in my back yard, and it really costs very little if you use the new LED lights. Speaking of lights, if you notice a street light out, you can call Centerpoint at 713-207-2222, and give them the pole number, which is painted on the pole, and they will come and fix it.

Last, go by the park and see if you can find the new tree

Mr. Miller planted, and...

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

## Sharon Kuester, prez



### OAK CREEK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB MEETING Tuesday, February 26th, 2013

It's a January tradition in February this year. Our friends, John and Gloria Jones, will return on Tuesday, February 26th, for a visit to Panama via their wonderful photography. Our meeting will begin at the OCV clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. with the Joneses program starting at 10:30 a.m. Please be on time. As always, our refreshments will be homemade soups, salads and desserts provided by our members. Try to be there at 10:00 a.m. so everything will be ready when the program is planned to begin.

This program is looked forward to each year by our members and friends. Please help it run smoothly. We'll see you on the

Need more information?

Valerie Hill 281-880-4848 or Meri Lou Fry 281-440-8915



## **Volunteers Needed** at NAM's Resale Shops

Northwest Assistance Ministries has an urgent need for volunteers to help sort, price, and display donated merchandise at NAM's Treasures of the Heart Community Stores.

"Currently we have a large amount of merchandise which needs to be processed before it can be placed on the sales floor," said Carole Little, President and CEO of NAM. "We are so grateful to everyone who has remembered NAM when donating these items. Now we could really use some extra help to turn those blessings into dollars, in order to help our Neighbors in Need."

Volunteers can serve individually or in groups, on a regular basis or as a one-time effort. Opportunities are available Monday through Saturday, so it's a great way for businesses, service clubs, congregations and families to give back to the community. Anyone age 16 and older is welcome, and most opportunities take place at the main store, located at 3645 FM 1960 (at Walters Road) in Houston. Children under age 16 may volunteer with a parent or guardian.

NAM operates three Treasures of the Heart Community Stores which offer a wide variety of gently used items. Area residents donate clothing, household items, furniture and much more, which is then sold to generate income for NAM's services to the community.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Linda Fullerton, Community Relations Manager, at (281) 885-4609 or lfullerton@namonline.org To learn more about NAM, visit www.namonline.org.

Mailing Address: Northwest Assistance Ministries 15555 Kuykendahl Road Houston, TX 77090







If you have personal items for sale, please submit your classified ad to Diana Baskett via email to Di@DianaBaskett.com, or deliver them to 6211 Hickorycrest Drive, Spring, Texas 77389.

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Restrictions do apply, call 281/755-1959 for details.

### SOLID MAHOGANY BOOKCASE FOR SALE

5 Foot high, 4 Drawer. Retails for over \$1500, asking \$700. Great Condition. Perfect for professional office. Call for photos or to come see Jason M. Bean 832-212-2861.

### 2003 PONTIAC MONTANA MINIVAN FOR SALE

240,000 miles (mostly interstate). Needs work. Asking \$600 Call for photos or to come see Jason M. Bean 832-212-2861.

### QUEEN SIZE MAPLE BEDFRAME FOR SALE

Great Condition, \$100.

Call for photos or to come see Jason M. Bean 832-212-2861.

### **COMPUTER DESK FOR SALE**

Solid cherry wood in good condition. \$850.00 new, will sell for \$250.

### LOVE SEAT HIDE-A-BED FOR SALE

Single size, forest green, good condition, \$250. Call Dick Guthrie 417-230-6393.

### LEATHER SOFA AND LOVESEAT FOR SALE

With four reclining seats in addition to a microfiber rocking recliner. The loveseat and sofa were purchased from Bassett (the John Elway line) aproximately 8 years ogo. The recliner is also close to 8 years old. We are asking \$525 for the entire set. Please call 281-288-5382 to arrange an appointment to see.







### MAKETHE NEWSLETTER YOUR OWN

The newsletter is your paper and we want to hear from you!

OCV neighborhood news for the newsletter
Write an interesting or funny article
Tell about a great place to visit

Share your good news
Family Birthdays
New Baby
Kid's Accomplishments
Groups
Service
Holiday Wishes



Let's personalize our newsletter by adding things your family enjoys!

Have a great photo you might like to share? Send it in, share it, and see it on the front cover of the paper for all to enjoy. Perhaps it's funny, pretty, artistically interesting, or just something you want to share.

If you have an interesting idea for the newsletter please let me know, email me at <u>MeriLouLy@sbcglobal.net</u>.

It's your paper – make it your own!



## CY-CREEK JOB FAIR

FILL YOUR STAFF NEEDS CONNECT WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

### MARCH 21, 2013 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Cypress Creek High School Commons Area 9815 Grant Road • Houston, TX 77070

### **EXHIBITORS RECEIVE:**

One 10x10 exhibit booth space Table, 2 chairs Booth number sign



### **BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY!**

Register Online:

http://schools.cfisd.net/cycreek/academy\_BF.html \$20 fee for 10x10 booth space & table \$20 additional fee for electricity (limited availability)

### EMAIL:

Carol.Gibson@cfisd.net • Vallorie.Mason@cfisd.net Julie.Larson@cfisd.net



# Security News® from Lt. R. Glaze

Harris County Constable's Office ~ Precinct 4, North Central Office 23008 Northcrest Drive Spring TX, 77388 281/379-6134 ronnie glaze@cd4.co.harris.tx.us

The ongoing debate on gun control and personal safety has everyone's attention, especially ours. Gun control is not a topic I want to approach with this column, but keeping you and your family as safe as possible is always a priority.

I've been doing this cop and robber thing for quite a few years and I can tell you there is no perfect security blanket. I could go on for days discussing every situation that you might find yourself in and how you should react but we don't have that kind of time.

What seems to escape most folks in emergency situations is common sense. It's my opinion that most of us have that "it will never happen to me" feeling, so therefore we never really think about it. Sure, I know it's the cop in me, but I find myself going over scenarios and then planning my reactions to each event. There is no reason that you can't do the same. There's an old saying that cops use, "train like you fight, fight like you train." You don't have to run out and get the latest Navy Seal training video, but you can spend just a little time thinking about how to prepare yourself in the event you encounter a situation. It's no different than preparing for a fire with escape plans, meeting locations, etc. which we've all (hopefully) done for years.

Remember, criminals use the element of surprise to take advantage of you, which brings me to my first suggestion. Be prepared. Preparedness is as simple as not putting yourself in situations where you could become a victim. When you leave an establishment do you stop for a second and look around just to see if anything looks suspicious? When stopping by the ATM do you check your surroundings before exiting your vehicle? When you see suspicious activity do you notify authorities? These are simple tasks, but every day I see folks come and go without any regard to their surroundings. I've said this before, but most of us lead such hectic lives and we just don't take that time to be cautious.

Think about what you are doing. Don't advertise your belongings while out and about. Some criminals frequent banks, stores and other businesses looking for opportunity crimes. If you openly advertise your purchases, or stop and count your withdrawals for everyone to see, you are asking for trouble. Be cognizant of the things going on around you, and if you see suspicious activity let someone know. Bringing attention to a criminal will send them away most of the time. If you are caught in a questionable situation try to remain as calm as possible. Try and make every attempt to mentally gather information such as clothing descriptions, approximate height and weights of suspects. If a vehicle is involved try to get a description of the vehicle, or better yet, a license plate number. Any of this information could help authorities locate and identify suspects much quicker.

Hopefully if you follow a few of these steps you will never have to experience being a victim.



# Oak Creek Village Security Stats ~ DECEMBER 2012

## Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau

| TYPE<br>OF<br>ACTIVITY | D. Harden | M. Malloy | Others | Monthly<br>Total |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|------------------|
| Accident/Minor         | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Alarm Local            | 1         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Assault                | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Burglary/Other         | 0         | 1         | 1      | 2                |
| Burglary/Habitat       | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                |
| Burglary/Motor Vehicle | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Check Business         | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                |
| Check Park             | 14        | 4         | 4      | 22               |
| Contract Check         | 146       | 41        | 1      | 188              |
| Criminal Mischief      | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                |
| Discharge Firearm      | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Disturbance/Family     | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Disturbance/Juvenile   | 1         | 0         | 1      | 2                |
| Dist./Loud Noise       | 0         | 0         | 2      | 2                |
| Follow Up              | 3         | 0         | 1      | 4                |
| Information Call       | 14        | 1         | 0      | 15               |
| Meet the Citizen       | 5         | 0         | 3      | 8                |
| Meet the Officer       | 4         | 0         | 0      | 4                |
| MUD Building Check     | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                |
| Neighborhood Check     | 1         | 0         | 15     | 16               |
| Runaway                | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                |
| Suspicious Person      | 0         | 3         | 1      | 4                |
| Terroristic Threat     | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                |
| Traffic Initiative     | 4         | 15        | 0      | 19               |
| Traffic Stop           | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                |
| Unk. Medical Emer.     | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                |
| Vehicle Suspicious     | 1         | 3         | 3      | 7                |
| Total                  | 199       | 70        | 42     | 311              |





December 12, 2012 through January 7, 2013 Submitted: January 8, 2013 by Elizabeth Davis

Our Breakfast with Santa was a great success! The club house looked fantastic, the food was delicious, Santa was jolly and everyone had a great time. We will have a special section in an upcoming newsletter expressing thanks to all the residents, friends and businesses who helped with the Fall Festival and BWS.

We have received the Aqua-Rec contract for this year. I'm working on getting the swim team schedule for the season so we can see if it's possible to have the pool open on a limited basis during the month of May. I have also received an email from Iron Kids Camp and they are looking forward to using our pool again this summer.

I have received an email from a resident interested in teaching a yoga class for residents in the club house and possibly some one-on-one sessions if any residents express interest.

A resident still has a tree they would like to donate, to be planted in the park. I told them I would try to organize something this month.

I am researching the possibility of adding vending machines to the pool area.

Check out more on the web at:

It's Hard To Stop A Trane.

## OakCreekVillage.org

Stay informed, stay connected.

### acation Vatch

To initiate a VACATION WATCH at any time, please call the Sheriff's Department at 713/221-6000. The clerk will complete the information and the data will be forwarded to officers that patrol.





# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### **JANUARY 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Sharon Kuester. Members present were Sharon, Malcolm Stonehouse, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis, AJ Salinas and Jon Whisler. Residents attending were Jon and Jenni Olson, Marilyn Bogle and Perry and Linda Graham. Also attending were Deputies Don Harden and Mike Malloy.

The minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

### **REPORTS**

SECURITY – Sheriff's report accepted. Lloyd announced that December was a quiet month. The meeting began with Security due to the presence of Officers Harden and Malloy. Resident, Jenni Olson, had reports on safety measures, some of which have already been implemented thanks to her efforts on behalf of traffic safety in Oak Creek Village (see our website). Officer Harden said our new stop sign lines show up better and "visibility counts." Jenni is continuing her program of better ways to slow speeders and ensure compliance with traffic signs.

**MAINTENANCE** – Written report read and approved. The board approved the expenditure of \$165 00 for the tennis court's damaged wind screen and authorized investigation of new holiday decorations for our entrances.

**RECREATION** – Written report read and approved.

**DEED RESTRICTIONS** – Oral report accepted.

**TREASURY** – Written reports read and approved. Jon will request an updated list of outstanding maintenance fees from accountant, Nelson Jones.

**OLD BUSINESS** – The board approved Christmas presents for our deputies and Laurie Elliott via e-mail vote.

**NEW BUSINESS** - The OCV board will renew its membership in the newly formed Greater Houston Neighborhood Associations

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Meri Lou Fry, Secretary

# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE REPORT

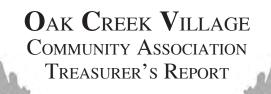
### **JANUARY 2013**

- 1) There were no E-mails in December not even a Christmas greeting!!
- 2) If you are wondering what all of the flags are for on the greenbelt, it's because an oil company is making a study to place a new 20 inch pipeline next to the existing 3 pipelines already there. Still in the early stages of the study, they have a number of hurdles to overcome before we would be contacted to discuss suitable arrangements that would require OCV's approval. Nothing to worry about at this stage.
- 3) Another associated activity is the cutting down of trees and overhanging limbs and bushes that the existing pipeline company is clearing out of the greenbelt. This is quite within their mandate and all clearing up is their responsibility. I'll keep a close watch on this aspect and if you have any complaints, please send me an E-mail. Already there have been some complaints about power, telephone and TV disruptions.
- 4) With the recent strong winds, the tennis court wind screens blew down and have been reattached. The screen nearest the club house was badly ripped and cost for a replacement is \$165.00 + tax.
- 5) After looking at the Christmas decorations, there is a need to have something more presentable at our entrances seeing we are on Cypress Creek Parkway (FM 1960). Any suggestions and sketch designs would be much appreciated. Send them to Tim Cooley or myself.
- 6) The tennis court near Gladeridge Drive still has depressions collecting water and they need to be filled and painted over. A request for an updated quote has been requested from the original company that resurfaced the courts a few years ago. Our recent drought caused the sub structure to shrink and cause these.

### TIP OF THE MONTH

Recently driving my 95 Chevy Truck at night, I noticed how dim the headlights were. Further investigation showed a dirty film over the plastic lenses. There are a number of kits available ranging from \$20 - \$100. This seemed quite expensive so I bought some Meguires clear plastic cleaner and it really brightened things up at a cost of only around \$10 (available at most Auto Spare Part outlets) and a bit of elbow grease. I used an old dish sponge with a worn abrasive side and finished it off with a buffing machine. The results were that good I have done the same to our later model automobile with similar pleasing results.

Malcolm Stonehouse - Oak Creek Maintenance







### **JANUARY 8, 2013**

### **Balance Sheet**

The November 30th, 2012 balance sheet shows \$197,719 in the bank.

### Statement of Revenue & Expense

For November 2012, revenue was below budget by (\$291) primarily due to lower Interest and Misc Income. Expenses were above budget by (\$1,925) with the overage mainly being in the Legal and Exterminating Mosquitoes expense lines.

### Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of November along with the higher payments for legal expenses and exterminating the mosquitoes.

### **Additional Notes:**

Our 2013 Maintenance Fee was mailed out at the end of last month and is due in the amount of \$264. If for some reason, you have not received your bill, checks should be made out to OCV Community Association, Inc or contact our accountant at 281-351-2010 to make payment arrangements. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1052, Cypress, TX 77410. This address is used for all formal correspondence and is checked by our accountant several times a week.



There is a leash law requiring all dogs be on a leash at all times. Homeowners are urged to keep dogs off of neighbor's lawns and clean up after their pets.



## NOVEMBER 30, 2012

|   | ASSETS  |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Trustmark - Checking  |   | S | 29,827   |
| Trustmark - Money Market  |   |   | 167,892  |
| Certificates of Deposit   |   |   |  |
| Receivables - Current Year  |   |   | 14,352   |
| Receivables - Prior Years   |   |   | 75.055   |
| Security Receipts Receivable  | e   |   | 20,486   |
| Other Receivables   |   |   | 33   |
| Allowance for Bad Debts   |   |   | (52,639)   |
|   | Total Current Assets                          |   | 255,006  |
| Land  |   |   | 34.365   |
| Improvements & Equipment  |   |   | 388,564  |
| Accumulated Depreciation  |   |   | (250,019)  |
| resorrancios poprecionor  | Total PP&E                                    |   | 172,910  |
|   | Total Assets                                  | S | 427,916  |
|   |   |   |  |
|   | IABILITIES & FUND BALANCES                    |   |  |
| Accounts Payable  | IABILITIES & FUND BALANCES                    | 5 | 938  |
| Accounts Payable<br>Prepaid Maint, Fees   | IABILITIES & FUND BALANCES                    | 5 | 11,472   |
| Accounts Payable  |   | s | 11,472<br>14,272                                 |
| Accounts Payable<br>Prepaid Maint, Fees   | IABILITIES & FUND BALANCES  Total Liabilities | 5 | 11,472   |
| Accounts Payable<br>Prepaid Maint, Fees   |   | s | 11,472<br>14,272                                 |
| Accounts Payable<br>Prepaid Maint. Fees<br>Deferred Revenue                                   |   | s | 11,472<br>14,272<br>26,682                       |
| Accounts Payable Prepaid Maint. Fees Deferred Revenue Fixed Asset Fund - Net                  |   | 5 | 11,472<br>14,272<br>26,682<br>172,910            |
| Accounts Payable Prepaid Maint. Fees Deferred Revenue Fixed Asset Fund - Net Maintenance Fund |   | 5 | 11,472<br>14,272<br>26,682<br>172,910<br>103,769 |

## OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

Total Liabilities & Fund Balances

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### NOVEMBER, 2012

|                            | Month |        |   |        |   | YTD     |   |         |   |         |   |          | YTD YTD | YTD YTD |   |         |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|---|--------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|---|----------|---------|---------|---|---------|
|                            |       | Actual |   | Budget | V | ariance |   | Actual  |   | Budget  | V | ariance  | -       | Actual  | 1 | Budget  |
| Revenue                    |       |        |   |        |   |         |   |         |   |         |   |          |         |         |   |         |
| Maint Fees - Current Year  | \$    | 14.272 | 3 | 14,272 | 5 |         | 5 | 156,992 | 5 | 156,992 | 5 |          | 5       | 142,720 | 5 | 142,720 |
| Clubhouse Rentals          |       | 100    |   | 100    |   | 12      |   | 975     |   | 550     |   | 325      |         | 875     |   | 550     |
| Interest Income            |       | 42     |   | 120    |   | (75)    |   | 604     |   | 1,300   |   | (696)    |         | 562     |   | 1,480   |
| Pool & Tennis Receipts     |       |        |   |        |   |         |   | 2,230   |   | 400     |   | 1,830    |         | 2,230   |   | 400     |
| Security Receipts          |       | 10,834 |   | 10,813 |   | 1       |   | 119,187 |   | 119 166 |   | 1        |         | 108,333 |   | 108,333 |
| Transfer Fees              |       | 225    |   | 300    |   | (75)    |   | 4,325   |   | 2,800   |   | 1.525    |         | 4.100   |   | 2,500   |
| Miscellaneous Income       |       | 93     |   | 232    |   | (139)   |   | 4,684   |   | 6.032   |   | (1,348)  |         | 4,591   |   | 5,800   |
| Total Revenue              |       | 25,566 |   | 25,857 |   | (291)   |   | 288,977 | 1 | 287,340 |   | 1,637    | 7       | 269 411 |   | 251,483 |
| Expenses                   |       |        |   |        |   |         |   |         |   |         |   |          |         |         |   |         |
| Clubhouse Contract         |       | 500    |   | 490    |   | (10)    |   | 5,500   |   | 5,310   |   | (190)    |         | 5.000   |   | 4.820   |
| Grounds Contract           |       | 1.046  |   | 975    |   | (71)    |   | 13.725  |   | 11.525  |   | (2.200)  |         | 12,679  |   | 10,550  |
| Pool Contract              |       | 729    |   | 726    |   | (3)     |   | 33 983  |   | 30 374  |   | (3.609)  |         | 33.254  |   | 29.648  |
| Security Contract          |       | 10.655 |   | 10.800 |   | 145     |   | 118.225 |   | 119.200 |   | 975      |         | 107.570 |   | 108,400 |
| Clubhouse / Grounds Repair |       | 417    |   | 500    |   | 63      |   | 12 885  |   | 4.800   |   | (8.005)  |         | 12 448  |   | 4,300   |
| Exterminating - Mosquitos  |       | 750.   |   | 250    |   | (500)   |   | 3,975   |   | 2.700   |   | (1,275)  |         | 3 225   |   | 2,450   |
| Pool Repairs & Supplies    |       | ,,,,,  |   | 300    |   | 300     |   | 2,016   |   | 6.200   |   | 4.154    |         | 2.016   |   | 5,900   |
| Tennis Court Repairs       |       | -9     |   | 100    |   | 100     |   | 1,809   |   | 1.000   |   | (809)    |         | 1,809   |   | 900     |
| Accounting Fees            |       | 1.050  |   | 1 050  |   | 100     |   | 12.015  |   | 11.550  |   | (465)    |         | 10.965  |   | 10.500  |
| Auditing Fees              |       | (,000  |   | 7,040  |   |         |   | 12,010  |   | 11,000  |   | (dec)    |         | 10.002  |   | 10,500  |
| Bank Fees                  |       | - 9    |   | 5      |   | 5       |   | 28      |   | 55      |   | 27       |         | 28      |   | -50     |
| Legal Fees                 |       | 2.853  |   | 600    |   | (2.253) |   | 9.481   |   | 6,600   |   | (2.851)  |         | 6 607   |   | 6 000   |
| Insurance                  |       | 2,000  |   | Unive  |   | (E.Em)  |   | 7,656   |   | 7.000   |   | (658)    |         | 7.658   |   | 7,000   |
| Street Lighting            |       | 2 872  |   | 3.000  |   | 128     |   | 32,517  |   | 33.500  |   | 983      |         | 29.744  |   | 30,600  |
| Other Electric             |       | 751    |   | 900    |   | 149     |   | 10.118  |   | 12 100  |   | 1,982    |         | 9.367   |   | 11,200  |
| Gas                        |       | 17     |   | 40     |   | 23      |   | 239     |   | 460     |   | 221      |         | 221     |   | 420     |
| Water & Sewar              |       | 258    |   | 300    |   | 42      |   | 3.960   |   | 3 300   |   | (660)    |         | 3.702   |   | 3,000   |
| Telephone                  |       | 36     |   | 40     |   | 4       |   | 464     |   | 440     |   | (24)     |         | 428     |   | 400     |
| Taxes                      |       | 12     |   | 30     |   | 18      |   | 12      |   | 30      |   | 18       |         | -       |   | -       |
| Bad Debts                  |       | 15     |   |        |   | 2.5     |   | 79      |   | -       |   | 19       |         |         |   |         |
| Newsletter                 |       | 14     |   | 3      |   |         |   | 2.084   |   | 900     |   | (1.164)  |         | 2 084   |   | 900     |
| Office & Miscelianeous     |       | 585    |   | 500    |   | (85)    |   | 3,740   |   | 3.150   |   | (590)    |         | 3,156   |   | 2.650   |
| Major Repairs              |       | 1.042  |   | 1.042  |   | 0       |   | 11.458  |   | 11,459  |   | .1       |         | 10.417  |   | 10.417  |
| Depreciation               |       | - 2    |   |        |   |         |   |         |   |         |   |          |         |         |   | -       |
| Total Expenses             |       | 23,573 |   | 21,648 |   | (1,925) |   | 285,950 | J | 271,753 |   | (14,197) |         | 262 377 |   | 250,105 |
| Net Income (Loss)          | 5     | 1,993  | 5 | 4.209  | 5 | (2.216) | s | 3,027   | 5 | 15.587  | 5 | (12,560) | 5       | 1.034   | 5 | 11,378  |





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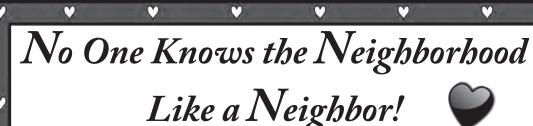
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SIGNS OF SPRING. Sat., Feb. 23, 10 a.m.

Join a staff naturalist for a walk along the park's trails to look for some of nature's signs that spring is on the way. All ages.

NATUREFEST. Sat., March 2, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a fun, educational day as noted speakers discuss topics such as birds, native plants, and nature photography. Guided nature walks, pontoon boat tours, live animals, and naturerelated educational booths will be available. All ages.

SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: CAST IRON COOKING. Sat., March 9, 1-3 p.m.

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# Local Nonprofit Emergency Ministries celebrated their first annual Gala and fundraising event while announcing plans for the second.

The night was kicked off with accolades and many words of thanks to the Emergency Ministries Chaplains who served first responders in their times of need. KSBJ Program Director and morning show personality Susan O'Donnell acted as emcee for the event, as well as doing some of her comedy routine. She also proved to be an a "fireball" of an auctioneer (no pun intended). Special guest speaker, Texas State Representative Debbie Riddle told her own stories of the deep affect Emergency Ministries has had in her life and the sell-out crowd also heard the testimonials of first responders who had been given hope through our service.



Rep. Debbie Riddle

"We would like to thank Emergency Ministries Board Member, Crystal Prachyl, volunteer Ro Taylor, Administrative Assistant Cindy Riggan and all the volunteers that made this event possible. It was a success because these ladies went above and beyond to make it happen. What should have taken a year came together in 3 months." said Jill Foxworth, the organizations' Executive Assistant.



Robert Harrington Bella Vista Productions

Emergency Ministries presented their four public safety videos produced and underwritten by Robert Harrington and his team at Bella Vista Productions, as well as unveiling their new promotional video "A Heroes Eyes" at the event. The video brought to life the reality of the duties and hardships faced everyday by our first responders. It was an eye-opening representation of a day in the life of our local heroes and the sacrifices they make to be on the job. That is why we are so focused on our motto said Chaplain Skip Straus, "In the most critical time of need, they help you. Then, we help them."

The mission of Emergency Ministries is "To come alongside first-responders who experience extraordinary human events daily and to offer them emotional and spiritual support services." Founded in December of 1998, Emergency

Ministries has served the firefighters, paramedics and public safety professionals from 44 states in the United States and 16 countries across the globe with its' internet reach. Today, we primarily focus on 26 agencies operating in 36 counties in Texas, as well as 2 agencies operating in 15 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. In total, these agencies are the headquarters for over 5,000 public safety and first-response personnel. We provide on-scene (and "behind scene") Crisis Chaplaincy for emergency workers (first-responders). Our emphasis is on Critical Incident Stress mitigation. Services are offered without regard to religious affiliation (or lack thereof). We offer direct guidance, spiritual support, relationship, substance abuse counseling, suicide prevention, group sessions, and anything else required of us.

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