



# Oak Creek Village Yard of the Month for July 2013



***Congratulations!***

Our July Yard of the Month belongs to Kimberly and Charles Ashby who live at 3723 Pineleaf Drive.  
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**Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.**



# Oak Creek Village

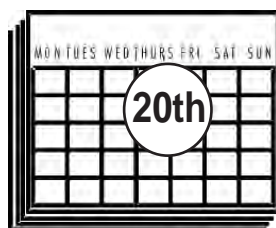
## Newsletter



**The deadline for the August issue is July 20th, 2013**

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Crescendo Robinson	13	B+H+P	281/706-6009
Cameron Smith	17	B+H+P	281/898-0014

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## Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors

**Meeting Reminder:**

**August 13th, 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.

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# OCV PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, we stalled as long as we could, but we finally had to accept Malcolm's resignation. We understand perfectly. He and his wife, Glenys, would like to have a life. He has certainly given to Oak Creek above and beyond. We've never had a maintenance director who has done so much, so promptly, and so well. As the village gets older, more things require maintaining. Our new maintenance director, Ron Halk, has some big shoes to fill, but we are sure he will also go above and beyond. He has already started, being charged with repairing the Falling Creek entrance, which was trashed for the second time in 6 months. This trasher didn't even stop to apologize. Thank you, thank you to both of you.

Another thank you goes to Bammel Utility District, represented by our own Nick Fava. While repairing a leak that was making a small pond near the playground, they also replaced all the ropes on the climbing equipment.

A third thank you goes to the resident (who shall remain nameless although some of you know) who finally, after 44 years, replaced his roof! We ought to have a party.

Speaking of parties, I hope you enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration at the clubhouse. If you were there and took photos, please send them to the editor so we can include them in the next newsletter.

The only nag this month is please try to water your trees. We already know what happens when they don't get enough water. Let's not lose any more. Happy Fourth, and I'll

See you around the neighborhood,

*Sharon Kuester, prez*



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MONDAY – CLOSED  
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WEDNESDAY: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
THURSDAY: 11:00 AM – 8:00 AM  
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SATURDAY: 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 12:00 – 6:00 PM

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This is just more equipment than I need. It has had minimal usage. Make a reasonable offer. Call 281/355-1495 Emily.



# SPLISH, SPLASH!!

## TIME TO JUMP BACK IN THE POOL!

### Water Exercise begins again.



It's that time...swim meets are ending...the 4th of July is past... put on your new swimsuit and jump in! Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, July 9th. Your instructor is Meri Lou Fry. Come to the pool in your swimsuit. We workout for an hour...only as strenuously as you wish. If you are nervous in deep water, stay where you can stand up. You don't even have to get your hair wet. Gentlemen are welcome, too. Please...no small children. There is no charge. Park at the side of the Clubhouse toward the rear. The 1st gate at poolside will be unlocked.

If you need more information, call Meri Lou at 281-440-8915. WELCOME BACK!



# LOST

## BLACK, SHORT HAIRE SWEET MALE CAT "OLLIE"

# \$\$REWARD\$\$

### CALL DONNA AT 713-569-8773 PLEASE COME HOME!



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# Oak Creek Village Security Stats ~ MAY 2013 Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau

School is out and as usual ATV activity has increased significantly. The really troublesome part is the number of these vehicles that are utilizing private property as well as main roadways to get around. We are receiving numerous calls regarding this issue and many of those involve several children riding on a single ATV at the same time.

One incident that stands out is when we saw two children standing on the front of a moving cart making it difficult for the driver (a minor) to navigate safely. When I contacted the parents they couldn't understand why their kids were stopped and no matter how hard I tried to explain it, they just couldn't understand my concern. Understand that just because the vehicle is off the street doesn't mean that it's any safer, not to mention that it was on private property which is a whole other story.

Private property is just what it says, private property. Don't assume that you can take an ATV or motorcycle, or any vehicle for that matter on a piece of property that doesn't belong to you and ride. The land belongs to someone and if you don't have authorization to ride on it, it can be considered trespassing.

ATV's and go-carts are not street legal; they cannot be operated on a public street. In the case of golf carts, there are specific laws that refer to them which you can view in the Texas Transportation Code. An Internet search for the code is available if you would like to view it.

We continue to receive many complaints from citizens and land owners stating that these type vehicles are being operated on public streets, Mud District and Harris County Flood Control property as well as private property. Without proper authorization, this is considered criminal trespassing.

There are also safety issues. Smaller vehicles are harder to see by other motorists. In most cases the operator of the ATV or go-cart is a younger, less experienced person. In a panic situation, this young rider's lack of experience can prove costly, especially when up against a larger vehicle. I have seen children as young as 7 years old driving ATVs, go-carts and golf carts with no parental supervision in sight. This is an accident waiting to happen.

Riding in prohibited areas such as Flood Control and MUD District facilities creates a whole new set of issues. You can be fined (or worse) for riding in these prohibited areas. New growth in the Spring area has limited places to ride safely and legally. However this does not mean to ride on the street. Check the internet for ATV parks and/or a land owner that will allow you access to their land for riding.

For more information pertaining to the laws related to the operation of these vehicles feel free to call or email our office at 281-376-3472 or [Ronnie.Glaze@cd4.hctx.net](mailto:Ronnie.Glaze@cd4.hctx.net).

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	D. Harden	M. Malloy	Others	Monthly Total
Accident/Minor	0	0	2	2
Alarm Local	2	1	4	7
Asslt/Agg-Family	0	1	0	1
Animal/Humane	0	1	0	1
Burglary/Motveh	0	1	0	1
Check Business	3	0	0	3
Check Park	13	5	7	25
Check School	1	0	0	1
Contract Check	136	32	39	207
Disch. Firearm	0	0	2	2
Disturbance/Family	0	0	1	1
Dist/Loud Noise	0	0	1	1
Disturbance/Other	0	1	3	4
Follow Up	1	2	0	3
Information Call	9	0	1	10
Meet the Citizen	12	0	3	15
Meet the Officer	1	0	0	1
Missing Person	0	0	1	1
Neighborhood Check	0	0	3	3
Nuisance Abatement	0	1	0	1
Open Door/Window	0	1	0	1
Solicitors	0	1	0	1
Suspicious Person	0	4	3	7
Telephone Harras	1	0	0	1
Theft/Other	2	0	0	2
Traffic Initiative	0	29	0	29
Traffic Hazard	1	0	0	1
Traffic Stop	0	5	0	5
Veh Suspicious	0	4	3	7
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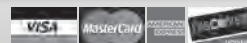
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## OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**JUNE 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Sharon Kuester. Members present were Sharon, AJ Salinas, Jon Whisler and Malcolm Stonehouse.

Residents attending were Ron Halk, Marilyn Bogle, Bill Taylor, Dan Linehan, Jenni and Jon Olson and new resident, Keren Zhu.

The minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

### REPORTS

**Treasury** – Written reports read and approved. A brief discussion of delinquent accounts was held.

**Security** – Sharon read the Sheriff's Report in Lloyd's absence. It was approved.

Our residents attending were concerned about speeders on Falling Creek and Gladebrook. Dan Linehan's sign is up and hopefully will inform our residents of activities in our village. It is very visible from Reynolds Elementary all the way to Parkville. Also, our deputies are working to deter speeders and see that drivers abide by all traffic signs.

**Deed Restrictions** – AJ continues to work with attorneys and all legal procedures at his disposal to keep Oak Creek Village a clean, attractive and safe place to live. Please abide by our Deed Restrictions...they are there for a reason.

**Maintenance** – Written report read and approved. Our long-time maintenance director, Malcolm Stonehouse, is retiring. He is turning over his duties to Ron Halk who has assisted him in many ways for a while. We are pleased and fortunate to have Ron as our new Maintenance Director. Thank you, Malcolm, for all your good work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meri Lou Fry, Secretary

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## OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE REPORT



**JUNE 2013**

- 1) After 7 years with Klein VFD and 4 years as your maintenance director, I tender my resignation so that the overwhelming "maintenance" on my home can be caught up. Also it will be my 50th wedding anniversary and we should be traveling a lot more. During this time on the board I have come to appreciate how much hard work is done on our behalf and I thank y'all for putting up with me!! Fortunately, as you have probably seen, Ron Halk has been my go to helper and he has kindly agreed to step into my shoes so we won't be without a Maintenance Director subject to the board's approval.
- 2) There are a few outstanding maintenance issues that I'll lend a hand with such as the new wind screen and concrete work for the tennis courts.
- 3) The new lock has been placed on the court near the clubhouse and all existing keys will unlock it. Security chains have been fitted and chained to the fence poles so that it will be difficult to remove them.
- 4) We have a "fairy godmother" looking after us in the shape of the Bammel Utility Water Board who, whilst repairing a leaky pipe in the park, saw the condition of the climbing ropes on the playground equipment and had them all professionally replaced. Many, many thanks.

### TIP OF THE MONTH

I hope you have found these helpful as useful information and as a reminder of carrying out maintenance of your own. **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR GENERATORS AND STORED FUEL - HURRICANE SEASON IS BACK AGAIN.**

Signing off for the last time

**MALCOLM STONEHOUSE  
OCV MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR**



*Oak Creek Village  
Garden Club*

**We will return with our annual Kick-off Coffee in August (on the 4th Tuesday, as usual).** Watch for our announcement in the August newsletter. Would you like to join us? We welcome new members...with questions and ideas. Look up our officers in the newsletter and ask us.



# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

June 11, 2013

## Balance Sheet

The April 30th, 2013 balance sheet shows \$302,136 in the bank.

## Statement of Revenue & Expense

For April 2013, revenue was above budget by \$717 primarily due to higher Transfer Fee & Misc Income. Expenses were below budget by \$1,208 with the savings mainly being across most expense lines.

## Transaction report

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

## Additional Notes:

Relating to the top 14 delinquent accounts, we have collected over \$2,000 now which is more than double the fee paid to the lawyer to send out the updated demand letters. Our Accountant is in the process of gathering the data on the next 10 delinquent accounts to send to the lawyer so he can send out the first demand letter for payment.

# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RECREATION REPORT

May 15, 2013 through June 11, 2013  
Submitted by Elizabeth Davis

I have issued pool passes to approximately 55 families.

There have been no issues with the pool and no repairs need.

The swim team has purchased some new white plastic chairs to replace those that were worn and broken. They have asked if OCV would be willing to share in the cost as residents also use the chairs when the pool is open. They purchased 7 new chairs for a total cost of \$71.38.

The water leak in the park appears to be fixed and we have a new rope ladder. THANK YOU!

Planning for the July 4th parade has begun and volunteers will meet on Sunday, 06/23 and 06/29 at 3:00 PM to plan a parade to remember!

# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

APRIL 30, 2013

ASSETS		
Trustmark - Checking		\$ 76,958
Trustmark - Money Market		225,178
Certificates of Deposit		-
Prepaid Expenses		-
Receivables - Current Year		23,062
Receivables - Prior Years		89,880
Security Receipts Receivable		17,759
Other Receivables		33
Allowance for Bad Debts		(59,947)
Total Current Assets		372,923
Land		34,365
Improvements & Equipment		391,064
Accumulated Depreciation		(257,598)
Total PP&E		167,831
Total Assets		\$ 540,754
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES		
Accounts Payable		\$ 938
Prepaid Maint. Fees		413
Deferred Revenue		117,744
Total Liabilities		119,096
Fixed Asset Fund - Net		167,831
Maintenance Fund		109,031
Major Repair Fund		123,449
Current YTD Net Income		21,347
Total Fund Balances		421,658
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances		\$ 540,754

# OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

APRIL, 2013

Revenue	Month			YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Maint Fees - Current Year	\$ 14,718	\$ 14,718	\$ -	\$ 58,872	\$ 58,872	\$ -
Clubhouse Rentals	-	50	(50)	200	250	(50)
Interest Income	46	60	(14)	185	240	(56)
Pool & Tennis Receipts	-	100	(100)	-	100	(100)
Security Receipts	10,833	10,833	0	43,333	43,333	0
Transfer Fees	575	300	275	1,900	700	1,100
Miscellaneous Income	1,106	500	606	2,738	2,100	638
Total Revenue	27,278	26,561	717	107,128	105,595	1,533
Expenses	Month			YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Clubhouse Contract	500	500	-	2,000	2,000	-
Grounds Contract	938	1,250	312	3,770	4,175	405
Pool Contract	983	1,000	17	3,219	3,280	61
Security Contract	10,559	10,600	141	42,636	43,200	564
Clubhouse / Grounds Repair	-	600	600	125	1,600	1,475
Exterminating - Mosquitos	300	400	100	300	500	200
Pool Repairs & Supplies	441	800	359	441	1,100	659
Tennis Court Repairs	12	125	113	12	350	338
Accounting Fees	1,085	1,085	-	4,580	4,920	340
Auditing Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	5	5	18	20	2
Legal Fees	1,704	666	(1,038)	5,727	2,666	(3,061)
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Street Lighting	2,866	3,000	134	11,463	12,000	537
Other Electric	734	950	216	2,888	3,650	762
Gas	39	35	(4)	137	140	3
Water & Sewer	142	300	158	622	1,300	678
Telephone	36	42	6	145	168	23
Taxes	-	-	-	2	-	(2)
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newsletter	-	-	-	968	1,000	32
Office & Miscellaneous	110	200	90	2,114	1,100	(1,014)
Major Repairs	1,158	1,158	(0)	4,633	4,633	(0)
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	21,708	22,916	1,208	85,781	87,892	2,021
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,570	\$ 3,645	\$ 1,925	\$ 21,347	\$ 17,793	\$ 3,554



## Kids' Cross-Country Team's Season Starts September 10th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and an orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 10,

2013, at 6:00 p.m. (location to be announced). The first practice will be held at the Cypress Creek YMCA on Thursday, September 12.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 26th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome.

Contact **Coach Eric Wentworth** at [emw1105@gmail.com](mailto:emw1105@gmail.com), 281-961-6603, or **Coach Donnell Carter** at 281-467-4727, [dcarterpfs@msn.com](mailto:dcarterpfs@msn.com), for more information.

Visit [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org) to get updates and learn more about the team.

## Food Addicts Anonymous

This month, NAM will launch a new support group for those who struggle with food.

Founded in 1987, Food Addicts Anonymous treats sugar, flour and wheat as substances that can be abused like alcohol and drugs. Meetings use the 12-step recovery program to change the way participants act, think and feel about food.

Potential members include people who struggle to stay on a diet, find themselves craving sugar or high-carb foods, or who get shaky, angry or moody when they skip meals. Meetings will be held at 7am every Tuesday morning beginning July 16 at NAM's main building, 15555 Kuykendahl. **Membership is open to anyone and there are no dues or fees.**

For more info, please contact Maria Cortez at 281-880-2322 or at [mcortez@namonline.org](mailto:mcortez@namonline.org).

## Youth Scholarships Available

NAM is now accepting applications for its NAM Endowment Fund Youth Scholarship. Any college-bound student between the ages of 18-25 who has volunteered a minimum of 100 hours at NAM is eligible to apply. Applications must be received by July 31.

A maximum of two \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year, with a decision announced on August 15. For more info or for an application, contact Linda Fullerton at 281-885-4609 or [lfullerton@namonline.org](mailto:lfullerton@namonline.org).



## Making Room For More Treasures

If you love finding unexpected treasures at bargain prices, we've got great news for you! Later this summer, NAM will begin expanding its boutique Treasures of the

Heart store in our main building at 15555 Kuykendahl. Construction is set to be completed this fall, and will nearly triple the size of this upscale store.

NAM's three Treasures of the Heart resale stores bring in much-needed revenue for our programs and services by providing quality, gently used merchandise at bargain prices. Shoppers at the expanded Kuykendahl location will discover a wide variety of items including clothing, housewares and furniture.

NAM operates two other resale shops, at 3645 FM 1960 West and at 10505 Jones Road. Donations of gently used items are always welcome. For more info, visit [www.namtreasures.org](http://www.namtreasures.org) or call 281-880-9000.



## Learning Center Classes

To register or for more information, please call (281) 885-4616. The Learning Center is located within NAM's main building at 15555 Kuykendahl Road, Houston, 77090. Please note that childcare is not provided, and children are not permitted in the Learning Center.

### Adult Basic Education (GED Prep)

Classes are available to provide instruction and practice in all areas of the GED test. Tickets are required in order to be assessed and to register for this class, which is offered at no cost through Lone Star College. Please call Lone Star at 281-260-3576 for details.

### ESL (English as a Second Language)

ESL classes are for immigrant adults who do not speak or read English as their native language. Tickets are required in order to be assessed and to register for this class, which is offered at no cost through Lone Star College. Please call Lone Star at 281-260-3576 for details.

### Individual Financial Coaching

Individual financial coaching will be offered Thursday, July 18. Please call for an appointment.

**Northwest Assistance Ministries is a non-profit, community-based social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. NAM provides assistance in areas such as food, shelter, health, education, safety, and financial education.**



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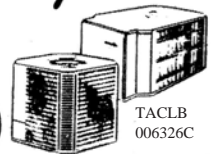
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## *Message from Carole*



Time is a funny thing. When you're a kid, summer goes by in the blink of an eye. But as a parent, sometimes it can't go by fast enough!

Here at NAM, we are busy preparing to make sure local students are fully equipped and ready for the 2013 school year. Our Back to School drive is still accepting donations, allowing us to provide school supplies for an estimated 2,300 students in local school districts. You can learn more or make a gift here: [http://www.namonline.org/site/c.ktJYJ7MNIuE/b.2768741/k.758C/Virtual\\_BacktoSchool\\_Drive.htm](http://www.namonline.org/site/c.ktJYJ7MNIuE/b.2768741/k.758C/Virtual_BacktoSchool_Drive.htm).

Back to school also means making sure kids are healthy and have the required immunizations. Thanks to a long-standing partnership with the Cypress Woodlands Junior Forum, our Annual Shot Blitz will take place again in August. School-age children who do not have health insurance can receive all of their necessary shots at a cost of just \$10 per child.

Crayons, pencils, folders, shots... they seem like such simple things. But for a child in need they can be the difference between feeling unprepared, or ready and eager to learn. Thanks for helping our kids. Your support is putting them on the path to a bright future...and investing in the future of our community.

President & CEO

