



1st Annual OAK CREEK VILLAGE

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 29th

Let's celebrate the start of fall and hopefully cooler weather on the way! Join your neighbors for food, activities, games for the kids, prizes and a swim in the pool on this, the last weekend before it's closed for the season. We'll kick off the fun with the first ever Oak Creek Village Fun Run (walk or ride)! Meet us at the park at 9:30 AM for a little exercise and fun for the whole family. If you'd like to pass on the run, meet us at the park from 10:00AM to 2:00PM to join the fun. Hope to see you there!!



Tuesday, October 2nd - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

<http://www.natw.org/nno/> and [facebook.com/nationalnightout](https://www.facebook.com/nationalnightout)

Neighborhoods throughout Texas are joining forces for the "29th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event to strengthen neighborhood spirit and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. From 7PM to 10 PM on October 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Houston and across Texas, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Get together with your neighbors for a block party, cookout or flashlight walk.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity" and "On NNO, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in *Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party*."

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Emergency (Police, Medical, Fire).....	911
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
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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



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Oak Creek Village

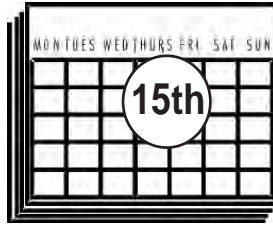
Newsletter



The deadline for the October issue is September 15th, 2012

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.



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www.OakCreekVillage.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
Kaitlyn Linehan	14	B+H+P	281/836-5028
Crescendo Robinson	13	B+H+P	281/706-6009

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

Are you a teen who 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:

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Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors

Meeting Reminder:

October 9th, 2012 ~ 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,

When you read this, we will have once again made it through August. Personally, I think August is the best month to go on vacation - away from Houston, but this year was better: more rain, less heat.

The largest on-going issue in the village currently is the appearance of some of our residences. AJ works diligently, with help from the rest of us, but we have two major problems. A few years ago, homes were sold to people who really did not qualify, and now is when they are giving up and abandoning their houses. We are left looking at very unkempt lots, while foreclosure and reselling procedures wend their very slow and bureaucratic way through the system. We contact the banks, and do what we can, but it is a slow process. We have a street or two that were particularly depressing a couple of years ago that are now looking like old times, so this, too, shall pass away, but it takes time. The other problem, and maybe part of the first one, is that some people just do not seem to see that their property does not look like their neighbors. Here is where a little peer pressure maybe could be used. I know it takes diplomacy, but it's better than doing nothing except gnashing your teeth (which is bad for your dental health). I see where home prices and demand have been rising nicely lately, and this may help because some people who have been renting out their houses because they could not sell them, may be able to and we may start getting buyers who will take care of their property.

The other issue is trash cans. This is one we can all do something about. Did you know that your trash cans are to be stored *out of public view*? This means you cannot line them up neatly along the side of your house. Put them around the corner, inside the fence, if you must. On trash day, put them outside the fence and move them back at the end of the day. Also, please don't take them to the curb. We have back door pick-up, so that the village does not look tacky, and so that we don't have cans rolling into the street, impeding traffic. If you have trash issues, call me.

Watch for a couple of interesting things coming up. One is a meeting for residents about our water district. This will be held at the clubhouse in mid-September. The other is a community-wide celebration of National Night Out --- Texas version, in the park, the first weekend in October. Check the Newsletter for details, and I'll

See you around the neighborhood,

Sharon Kuester, prez



Do YOU Support OUR Community?

Do you patronize all of our local restaurants? Spend money in the area so new businesses are motivated to move here. A few examples of locally owned restaurants: Our new **Perfect Café** (Perfect Cup) on Cutten Rd., **Victor's Deli**, **Campioni's**, **Clementines**, **Raoul's**, and must stop in at **Treat** for those incredible cupcakes! There are lots of good restaurants, retail stores, service companies and various professional services. Supporting them is how we build our community.



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OAK CREEK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB TRIP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2012

On Tuesday morning, September 25th, The Oak Creek Village Garden Club members and guests will meet at the OCV clubhouse to board the Precinct 4 bus for a ride to the famous Port of Houston. There they will board the Motor Vessel (MV) Sam Houston for a 90 minute boat ride touring the port. The precinct 4 bus will leave Oak Creek Village at 8:30 a.m., so please be at the clubhouse by 8:15 a.m.! There will be a security check before boarding the MV Sam Houston. All passengers will be required to show their photo ID's for entry into the Port of Houston and before boarding the boat. Please do NOT carry any oversized handbags or backpacks or have any food or drinks with you. You will be served one drink on board the MV Sam Houston.

After our tour, we will travel a short distance to the well-known restaurant 'Brady's Landing' which features a view of the port, great menu and a "Fabulous Lunch Buffet" for just \$15.50.

Don't miss this chance to see Houston's spectacular port "up close"!

For more information please contact:

Valerie Hill 281-880-4848 or

Meri Lou Fry 281-440-8915



RESIDENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT of OAK CREEK VILLAGE (RFI)

RFI'S FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We want to take this time to say Thank You to all our fellow RFI members and our fellow Villagers for all that you have done this past year. It is hard to believe that this time last year a small group of concerned residents gathered at the OCV clubhouse and began their quest to make a difference in our neighborhood through hard work and dedication.

Our fellow RFI members knocked on doors of some of our residences offering to assist them in improving the appearances of their yards. Our members put their boots on, loaded up the garden tools, used their own money to purchase items used to help those in need. You all were instrumental in bringing more awareness to the OCV Board of the urgency to encourage all residents to comply with the deed restrictions, even encouraging the Board to approve the removal of dead trees on one resident's home, which was eventually accomplished.

You brought Crime Stoppers into the neighborhood (even paying out of your own pockets and donations from your earnings from the 1st Annual OCV garage sale). After due diligence on the part of members of RFI you were able to negotiate with the Board to purchase and hang signs for Neighborhood Watch program, with the assistance of group members voluntarily patrolling the neighborhood. Beautifying the front entrances (again with your own money) was also an accomplishment by our members.

There is no question that there is a visible difference in our subdivision since the RFI group started, and they have just begun. They continue along with other fellow Villagers to work with the Board as an independent group to assist them in as many ways as possible. Everyone, keep up the good work and enthusiasm. A great big THANK YOU to all that have supported this group, and we couldn't have done it without All of you. We also would invite other residents to join us in our efforts. Our next RFI meeting will be **Sunday, September 16th @ 3:00 p.m.** at the OCV clubhouse.



Do Panhandlers Bother You?

If panhandlers bother you, you can call the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000 when you see one in the County. When the Harris County recording starts, hit #1 and you will be taken to a dispatcher. Tell them that there is a solicitor (panhandler)

at the corner of this and that. They will ask you some basic description question and your name and address. There has never been follow up, so don't be uncomfortable giving this out. MANY of these people are NOT "nice" homeless people. The police tell us that MANY are criminals with records in YOUR community.



Bammel Utility District Meeting in OCV

On Tuesday September 18, 2012 the Board of Directors will host a Town Hall meeting for the residents of Bammel Utility District. The meeting will be held at the Oak Creek Village clubhouse located at 3904 Gladeridge Drive, Houston, Texas and will begin at 7pm.

The topics to be covered include surface water, water rates, reading and understanding your water bill and improvements being made to the district's infrastructure.

Questions can be directed to Alan Kaniss, Board Secretary by phone at 281-537-8113 or by email to akaniss@polyspec.com.



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

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FURNITURE FOR SALE:

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CAREGIVER WANTED:

Part-time caregiver for 85 year old man. Nursing background preferred, 3-4 hours a day.

Call 281/723-9998



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.



Security News[®]

from Lt. R. Glaze

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Oak Creek Village

Security Stats

~ JULY 2012

Harris County

Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau

I'll start by taking a moment to thank all of you that used the vacation watch program offered by the Precinct 4 Constable's office. As this summer comes to a close we have seen the largest number of users ever for the North Central district. If any of you are still unfamiliar with this program here's a brief explanation of the program...

If you're leaving home for a day or more you can visit our website at www.cd4.hctx.net and fill out a Vacation Watch under our Online Forms section. After we receive the watch request deputies will begin making security checks on your home throughout the 24 hour period for each day you're away. Deputies will check doors, windows and other areas to make sure everything is secure along with looking for any other issues. We had a deputy recently performing a check when they noticed water coming from a back door of the home. We made a call to the emergency contact person (neighbor), listed on the online form. Turned out a pipe had sprung a leak and was slowly beginning to flood the home. With the help of the neighbor we were able to cut the water and prevent any further damage.

Another area that has seen an upswing in usage is the Extra Patrol section under Online Forms. It works much the same as the Watch program, and has been very useful in allowing the public to pass on information to the Constable's office so that we can investigate the issue. Head to our website and under Online Forms fill out an Extra Patrol request. It allows you to sit down at your convenience and pass on non-emergency issues such as suspicious or unusual activity.

By the time you read this another school year should be underway. Where did summer go? Be sure to pay attention to the school zones in your area and keep a close eye out for the kids making their way to school. We will also have new drivers on the roads heading to and from school, so take your time and stay safe. While looking over the enrollment numbers for several of our schools, I see that the numbers have risen since last year meaning we'll see more kids than ever. Some of us are fortunate enough to have a school close enough to allow our kids to walk to school. For younger kids, I suggest that you reaffirm the rules for not talking to strangers. Make sure that they know to tell an adult if they see any out of the ordinary activity. If you walk your kids to school and see any such activity, call law enforcement immediately to report it. I hope everyone has a great school year.

As our kids go back to school some of us will also be headed back to work after taking the summer off. Many of us may have gotten a little lax with our security precautions around the house, so make sure and get back into the habit of properly securing the home and cars if you're headed back to work. Lock doors and set alarms if you leave. Tuesday, October 2nd is National Night Out, so make it a point to step outside and meet your neighbors!

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	D. Harden	M. Malloy	Others	Monthly Total
911 Hang Up	0	0	1	1
Alarm Local	0	3	1	4
Burglary/Habitation	1	0	0	1
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	1
Check Park	24	5	0	29
Contract Check	199	43	1	243
Burglary/Habitation	0	1	0	1
Disturbance - Family	0	1	2	3
Dist. - Loud Noise	0	0	2	2
Disturbance - Other	0	0	1	1
DOA	1	0	0	1
Follow Up	4	1	0	5
Information Call	47	0	1	48
Meet the Citizen	10	1	3	14
Meet the Officer	2	0	0	2
Neighborhood Check	1	0	0	1
Open Door/Window	1	1	0	2
Robbery/Aggravated	0	0	1	1
Robbery/Individual	0	0	1	1
Suspicious Person	2	5	0	7
Traffic Initiative	8	10	0	18
Traffic Hazard	1	0	0	1
Vehicle Abandoned	0	0	1	1
Vehicle Suspicious	1	0	2	3
Welfare Check	1	0	0	1
Total	304	70	17	391

Vacation Watch

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Reaching For The Stars

The Spring ISD Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) program offers numerous opportunities for volunteers who wish to help out in the district's schools. Volunteers participating in Spring ISD schools make a significant contribution to the education of children. Opportunities include tutoring, reading, lunch visits, career presentations, hall monitoring and administrative tasks. This year a special focus is being placed on group mentoring in addition to individual mentoring throughout the district and elementary and secondary campuses. Individuals or organizations interested in volunteering may contact the Community Relations Department at 281-891-6012 or register online at www.springisd.org.



Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for a Volunteer event! We will be assisting with preparations for CreekFest: Festival of the Arts and Adventure Race. We will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges.

For more information, please contact Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com



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- When outdoors, use an insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to reduce exposure to mosquito bites. Always apply as directed on the label. Do not allow young children to apply repellent to themselves; have an adult do it for them.
- If possible, wear long-sleeved clothing and long pants when outdoors at dawn and dusk which are peak mosquito biting times.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- Don't feed the storm drains. Sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs from sidewalks and driveways.
- Remove/empty containers that can hold water such as flowerpots, buckets, tires, toys and plastic swimming pools. Birdbaths and pet water bowls should be changed at least twice a week.
- Cover your boat or store in a covered place. Drain any standing water and make sure the bilge pump is working. Turn over canoes, kayaks and small boats to store upside down.
- Keep rain gutters clean and draining and repair any outdoor household leaks.
- When watering the lawn, be aware of any excess water that may accumulate. Fill in low areas around the yard.
- When mosquitoes are noticed in your yard, spray with an outdoor mosquito spray. Be sure to use according to directions on the label. To control mosquitoes in your house, use a "flying insect spray". Be sure to use according to directions on the label.
- Household pets can be exposed to West Nile Virus (WNV). Contact your veterinarian for more information.

Resources

**Harris County
Public Health &
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Services**

Mosquito Control
713.440.4800
www.hcphe.org

**Texas Department of
State Health Services**
www.dshs.state.tx.us

**Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention**
www.cdc.gov

**United States
Geological Survey**
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Oak Creek Village

Yard of the Month for Sep. 2012



Welcome to the yard of **Keith and Patty Pampell** at **3907 Gladebrook Court**.

Patty is the resident gardener who prides herself on a bright, warm yard with a lush, green lawn. She is especially proud of the colorful flower bed that graces one side. ***Don't miss it!***

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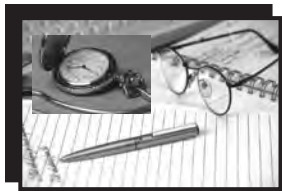
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OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Sharon Kuester. Members present were Sharon, Malcolm Stonehouse, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis, Tim Cooley, A. J. Salinas and Jon Whisler. Residents attending were Bob Von Eschen, Marilyn Bogle and Lou Bernard.

The minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

REPORTS

Maintenance – Written report read and approved.

Security – Sheriff's report accepted. Extra security for "Senior Lighting Night" on August 24th and 25th was approved.

Architectural Control – No activity in July. The board approved rehiring our website provider. Tim also reported attending a meeting on what to do if you happen to be involved in an 'active shooter' situation. If you are interested in learning more about this subject, contact Tim at tim.j.cooley@gmail.com.

Recreation – Oral report accepted...written report to follow. Elizabeth is researching a better way to handle pool passes. The board approved funding for a Fall Festival and planning for National Night Out early in October is also in the works.

Deed Restrictions – Oral report accepted. A. J. is continuing his efforts to clear dead trees from resident's lots as well as the ongoing problems with tall grass, weeds and trash.

Treasury – Written reports read and approved.

Welcome to new resident, Mr. Zuleta, and his daughter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Meri Lou Fry, Secretary

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OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE REPORT



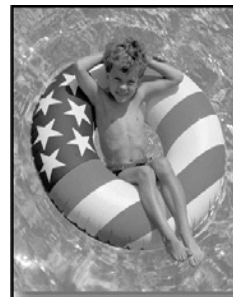
AUGUST 14, 2012

- 1) Received an E-mail regarding a tree that a resident wanted to donate for planting in the park. Still waiting to hear how big it is and if I needed to collect with my truck.
- 2) This month (July) with my son visiting from overseas, I took a bit of a sabbatical and went on vacation.
- 3) Luckily, so did the scouts who had indicated that they were interested in undertaking some Eagle Scout badge projects as I wouldn't have been here to assist them.
- 4) The painting of the parking stripes (materials and scope has been well documented) and the repairing of the bench outside the tennis courts will be carried out when the scout returns from overseas!! This should be completed late August.
- 5) A second project has been proposed by another scout who has a project to erect a shaded structure inside the pool area. For anyone who has been at the pool this could be a welcome relief. More information to follow at the August board meeting.
- 6) The clean up of the wood pile on the greenbelt south of Gladeridge Drive, although indications were the gas pipeline company was going to carry this out, has not materialized. It will cost OCV \$450.00 to have this done. With complaints of rats in the neighborhood this needs to happen sooner rather than later.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Thousands of gallons of water are wasted by running the hot faucet down the drain until the water is hot. There is a convenient device that fits under the sink which has a pump and diverts the cold water into the cold water system (no water wasted). Once the water is hot a valve closes and the hot water flows. This costs around \$190.00 with shipping (I'll have details placed on the OCV web site) and if the Bammel Water Board thinks this a good idea they may want to contribute to the cost (the next drought is just around the corner!!).

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OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

August 14, 2012

Balance Sheet

The June 30th, 2012 balance sheet shows \$251,732 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For June 2012, revenue was below budget by (\$345) primarily due to lower misc. revenue. Expenses were under budget by \$1,038 with the savings mainly being in the electric expense line.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of June along with the final payment of \$2500.00 for the clean-up of the green belt area of debris.

Additional Notes:

Have confirmed total receipts of \$5,008.83 received from 6 of the 14 sub-division accounts that were most delinquent which had been sent to the lawyer back in January 2012. We are working on updating account balances and looking to send follow-up letters. Also working with Accountant to look at next 10 most delinquent accounts to send to lawyer for first demand letter.

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The water we conserve today can serve us tomorrow.

OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

JUNE 2012

Revenue	Month			YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Maint Fees - Current Year	\$ 14,272	\$ 14,272	\$ -	\$ 85,632	\$ 85,632	\$ -
Clubhouse Rentals	200	50	150	550	300	250
Interest Income	56	120	(64)	359	700	(341)
Pool & Tennis Receipts	-	100	(100)	30	350	(320)
Security Receipts	10,833	10,834	(1)	65,000	65,000	(0)
Transfer Fees	350	300	50	2,325	1,300	1,025
Miscellaneous Income	420	800	(380)	3,625	4,200	(575)
Total Revenue	26,131	26,476	(345)	157,521	157,482	39
Expenses						
Clubhouse Contract	600	485	(115)	3,000	2,860	(140)
Grounds Contract	938	975	37	6,092	6,400	308
Pool Contract	7,857	7,760	(97)	13,023	12,818	(205)
Security Contract	10,659	10,800	141	63,954	64,800	846
Clubhouse / Grounds Repair	2,532	500	(2,032)	11,292	2,300	(8,992)
Exterminating - Mosquitos	375	300	(75)	1,200	1,250	50
Pool Repairs & Supplies	-	1,000	1,000	1,529	3,100	1,571
Tennis Court Repairs	-	150	150	1,809	500	(1,309)
Accounting Fees	1,050	1,050	-	6,570	6,300	(270)
Auditing Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	21	5	(16)	21	30	9
Legal Fees	-	600	600	2,941	3,600	659
Insurance	2,509	2,500	(9)	2,509	2,500	(9)
Street Lighting	2,882	3,200	318	17,264	18,200	936
Other Electric	1,013	1,250	237	5,245	6,100	855
Gas	16	40	24	154	260	106
Water & Sewer	664	250	(414)	2,532	1,500	(1,032)
Telephone	42	40	(2)	255	240	(15)
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newsletter	-	900	900	971	900	(71)
Office & Miscellaneous	58	450	392	1,153	1,250	97
Major Repairs	1,042	1,041	(1)	6,250	6,250	0
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	32,258	33,296	1,038	147,763	141,158	(6,605)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (6,127)	\$ (6,820)	\$ 693	\$ 9,758	\$ 16,324	\$ (6,566)

OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2012

ASSETS		
Trustmark - Checking	\$	23,426
Trustmark - Money Market		228,306
Certificates of Deposit		-
Receivables - Current Year		18,922
Receivables - Prior Years		77,902
Security Receipts Receivable		20,689
Other Receivables		33
Allowance for Bad Debts		(52,639)
Total Current Assets		316,639
Land		34,365
Improvements & Equipment		388,564
Accumulated Depreciation		(250,019)
Total PP&E		172,910
Total Assets		\$ 489,549
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES		
Accounts Payable	\$	938
Prepaid Maint. Fees		222
Deferred Revenue		85,632
Total Liabilities		86,793
Fixed Asset Fund - Net		172,910
Maintenance Fund		103,769
Major Repair Fund		116,319
Current YTD Net Income		9,758
Total Fund Balances		402,757
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances		\$ 489,549

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NW Houston BPW is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on October 18, 2012, at a luncheon held at Northgate Country Club located at 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77068. Networking will begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. NWBPW is a member organization of The Federation of Houston Professional Women, which affords members additional opportunities to network in the Greater Houston Area. Guests are welcome and should visit the group's website at www.nwhoustonbpw.com to register for the luncheon.

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Houston Northwest Chamber Announces CreekFest Race Series A Local run through our magnificent Outdoor Hike & Bike Trails and Marketplace

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce CreekFest Houston 2012 on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 10 am– 5 pm. This celebration of the Arts and Outdoors in Northwest Houston will be held along the parkway between Collins Park and Meyer Park along Cypresswood Drive, rain or shine. This year CreekFest will include an Adventure Race Series. The race series is organized by Wade Woehrmann a representative of the Texas Adventure Racing Club. The race series is intended to show the community the 46 miles of hike & bike trails available for everyday use through an Adventure Race, Duathlon, 5k/10k Run. Registration is available on Active.com.

Members of the Texas Adventure Racing Club set out to the trails on Saturday, August 18th to test the waters. Members involved were Wade Woehrmann (Race Coordinator), Vanessa Rowden, Mike Bateman and Kelley Simmons. Rosemary Hickman, Education Director for the Pearl Fincher Museum and CreekFest Committee Chair got on the trail for a dry run. The Adventure Race will take place in and around Collins Park and on Cypress Creek. Racers can expect the race legs to include - 4K to 6K trail run, 2k to 4k paddle along Cypress Creek, 8k to 10k mountain bike section, 3k to 5k urban scavenger hunt. The Duathlon will consist of a 5k run and a 3k paddle down Cypress Creek and a 1k run to the finish. There will also be family races for those who want to just get outside including a 5k/10k run. Team Registration is available. Sign up online at www.CreekFestHouston.com.

After the races, enjoy the many activities CreekFest has planned for you! This FREE family event is designed to: Celebrate the wonderful outdoor amenities that make Northwest Houston a great place to live, work and play; Promote area visual and performing arts and artists; Create awareness and encourage usage of Precinct 4 Collins Park and the Hike and Bike Trails along Cypress Creek; Raise money for the economic development initiatives of the Chamber and local charity; and help build a new perspective and community pride for the Cypress Creek Cultural District and Northwest Houston's Town Center. Proceeds from the CreekFest art auction will directly benefit the economic viability of Northwest Houston. For information about this event call the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce at 281-440-4160, or visit the website at www.CreekFestHouston.com.

The following is a general schedule of events for the festival:

8 am - CreekFest Adventure Race, Duathlon, 5k/10k Run (Registration 6:30 - 7:30am or online at www.CreekFestHouston.com.)

10 am - 5 pm CREEKFEST

- Cypress Creek FACE Free Children's Series Concert 10 am at Soul Street Dance Co. The Centrum
 - CreekFest Marketplace (Merchants and Visual Artists) at Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Gym and Festival Grounds
 - Book Walk 11 am - 1 pm & Art Hunt 2 - 3pm at Barbara Bush Library
 - Face Painting & Children's Activities at Cypress Creek Christian Community Center
 - Chalk Artists at various locations throughout the festival
 - Museum Family Day at Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts
- Food Vendors and Local Entertainment available throughout the day



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SEPT. 15-16:

- Huntsville Antique Show: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Walker County Fair Grounds. Sponsored by Memory Merchant. Admission is \$5 per person, children under 12 admitted free.

www.huntsvilleantiqueshow.com

- Metro Cooking Houston: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Reliant Center. A cooking and entertainment show. General admission is \$24.50, packages are available.

www.metrocookinghouston.com

- Houston Hot Sauce Festival: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road. A fiery foods festival sponsored by HotStuff Inc. Admission is \$8 for adults, children ages 12 and under admitted free.

www.houstonhotsauce.com

SEPT. 15:

- Historic Montgomery Wine & Music Fest: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in historic downtown Montgomery. Discover Texas wines and music hosted by Historic Montgomery Business Association. Admission is free. Wine-tasting package is \$20 purchased online in advance, \$25 at the gate. Children's area is \$5.

www.experiencemontgomery.com

SEPT. 21-23:

- Greater Houston Stamp Show: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Humble Civic Center. Sponsored by the Houston Philatelic Society. Admission is free.

www.houstonstampclub.org

- Humble Trade Days: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Humble Civic Arena/Expo. Antiques, crafts and collectibles. Admission is free.

www.humblecc.com

SEPT. 22 - NOV. 25:

- Lone Star Maize and Festival (weekends only): 4-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at 9963 Pooles Road in Montgomery. Sponsored by P-6 Farms. Admission is \$10.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children ages 4-11 and \$8.50 for seniors ages 64 and over.

www.p-6farms.com

SEPT. 22-23:

- Garden Faire: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble. A fall festival sponsored by The Mercer Society. Admission is free.

<http://th Mercer Society.org>

- Gulf Coast Classic: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Sam Houston Race Park. A car show, tattoo expo, concert, bike rally and pin-ups sponsored by Gulf Coast Events. Admission is \$15-20, children ages 11 and under admitted free.

www.gcclassic.com

SEPT. 22:

Touch A Truck: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Cuthbert Episcopal Preschool, 17020 West Road @ Queenston, Houston, 77095. There is a \$2 admission fee for children and adults are free.

www.stcuthbert.org

- Oktoberfest: 4-11 p.m. at 5100 Ella Blvd. Sponsored by Houston Liederkrantz & Houston Saengerbund. Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members.

houstonliederkrantz.com

- Just Shop for a Just Cause: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The MET, Truth Student Building, 12903 Jones Road. A craft market sponsored by Metropolitan Baptist Church. Admission is free.

themetonline.org/justshop

SEPT. 23:

- Family and Friends Day Picnic: 1-5 p.m. at First Metropolitan Church. Admission is free.

www.firstmet.org

SEPT. 28-30:

- Happy Home Conference: Friday evening through Sunday morning at all 5 Second Baptist Church campus locations. A marriage and parenting conference sponsored by Second Baptist Church Houston. Registration is \$37.50 per person.

www.second.org

SEPT. 28-29:

- St. Mary's Fall Gift Market: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 15415 N. Eldridge Parkway, at the corner of Eldridge Parkway and Louetta in Cypress. Kick off your holiday shopping and decorating at this event featur-

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www.ci.tomball.tx.us

- The Salvation Army Houston Northwest Women's Ministry 3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Show: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12507 Windfern Road. Just in time for holiday shopping. Something for everyone, from the ordinary to the unusual. Join us and shop until you drop. Crafter and vendor spaces are still available for rent. Sponsored by the The Salvation Army Houston NW Corp Women's Ministry. Admission is free.

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NAM's Fifty Plus Senior Center offers a comprehensive array of services to seniors in the northwest Houston area. From an exciting calendar filled with social gatherings, creative activities, physical fitness, entertainment, and trips into the city and surrounding area, it is easy to see seniors at the NAM Fifty Plus Senior Center are anything but retiring! You can read more about Fifty Plus activities in the program newsletter, the Joy Journal, online at www.namonline.org.

Retirees come to NAM with a wide range of expertise, including computer technologies, decorating, catering and party planning. NAM gives them an opportunity to continue to use that experience and talent in volunteer positions as diverse as their background experiences. Fifty Plus offers activities such as exercise, line and ballroom dance classes, day trips, monthly bus trips, bridge and other card games, puzzles, bingo craft groups. The Center serves an average of 325 seniors each month. Fifty Plus is a fun place for folks age 50 and older to socialize and keep physically fit and mentally active.

Opportunities to serve as goodwill ambassadors for NAM make the seniors one of NAM's most valuable assets. In the last fiscal year, Fifty Plus served seniors who made an average of 550 visits each month from more than 35 zip codes.

Senior Wheels is a National Organization that provides volunteer services to people age 50 and older or who are disabled and need transportation to medical appointments, grocery and drug stores, and shopping in Northwest Houston. All services are free of charge. Senior Wheels services 11 zip codes which include: 77014, 77066, 77067, 77068, 77069, 77070, 77086, 77090, 77379, 77388 and 77389. Please call 281 885-4678 to schedule a ride.

Through the Fifty Plus program, 1,647 seniors participated 7,226 times in activities designed to enhance socialization, physical fitness, and mental capacities. In addition, through Senior Wheels and NAM transport, volunteers provided 1,167 rides to seniors.

