

The Official Newsletter of the Oak Creek Village Community Association, Inc.



BAMMEL UTILITY DISTRICT

If you have run into some problems with your water lately, please alert your Bammel Utility District president, Nick Fava, first! Call him at 281-440-8638. He may be able to save you time and trouble.

www.OakCreekVillage.org



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EMERGENCY

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
Sheriff (Harris Co.)	713/221-6000
Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency)	281/376-8802
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



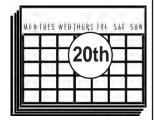
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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday or	f each month.



The deadline for the October issue is November 20th, 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.



*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

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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!

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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	16	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: December 11th, 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.



- 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,

This month I hope you were there. I'm talking about our Fall Festival, which happened on the 27th. Most people I spoke with estimated there were about 100 residents there, and we all had a good time. The weather turned out to be glorious, and we ran out of hot dogs. Does that indicate success or what? I got to chat with people I hadn't seen in a while and meet some new (to me) residents. We've been hoping for something community-oriented like this to happen for a long time (think years) but it took Elizabeth to get it done. She's a great organizer and she worked her tail off. That's why you'll notice she doesn't have one. However, she had many, many helpers and if I try to acknowledge them all, I'll miss someone. So thank you, thank you, to ALL of you who made our Fall Festival a success. I do want to mention that J&S Trash service supplied the trash boxes, delivered them, and hauled them away, free of charge, and even made a special effort to see that we got them when and where we needed them. Hats off to them, too!

I'm not even going to spend time on a nag this month. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and keep your eyes and ears open for community happenings for the Christmas season

See you around the neighborhood.

Sharon Kuester, prez

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SUPERFEAST

Help those that are homeless and less fortunate.

All clothing, jackets, hats, shoes, blankets, baby clothes, etc... Drop off IN BAGS OR BOXES at 723 Weeping Oaks in Spring from Monday, November 19th until Wendesday, Novmeber 21st.

All DONATIONS ARE GIVEN AWAY FREE AT THE FEAST.

Thank you for your kindness, Happy Thanksgiving!



Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our annual Christmas gathering and ornament exchange. We will meet on Tuesday, December 11th 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.



The OCV Garden Club does NOT have a meeting in November 2012.

The next meeting will be our annual Christmas party in December 2012.

PLEASE NOTE: The date for December has been changed. THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012. It will be at the home of Carol Barziza as it is listed in the 2012 - 2013 directory.

The Garden Club will be without one of its long standing members this Christmas. **Jean Seifert** recently died just after celebrating at her 90th birthday party. We will miss her and think of her every time we say grace.

For more information please contact:

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







Aggie Moms won't ask you to wear a funny hat, learn a secret handshake or give a speech. We simply help you help your student reach graduation day. Visit our website nwhcaggiemoms.org.

Open our General Meeting link to see the speakers we have lined up for this year. Come as a guest and leave as a member.

Aggie Moms, as an organization, encourages

parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year instead of waiting for graduation to visit, as is the custom on other university campuses. The path to graduation can be a challenging journey; don't go it alone. Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years, and we're committed to helping your student and you enjoy the TAMU experience.



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.

HEADBOARD FOR SALE:

King size brass headboard in excelent condition, \$35. Call 281-288-3821 for more information.

BOOTS FOR SALE:

Men's Justin boots size 10½, Registered No. 26190, in excellent condition, \$80.

Call 281-288-9529 for more information.

Check out more on the web at:

OakCreekVillage.org

Stay informed, stay connected.

Holiday Shopping in the neighborhood!

Come by the Oak Creek Village Clubhouse on **December 8**th from 10am to 3pm and pickup some great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers!

Enter a drawing for a chance to win some great prizes and enjoy some holiday cookies and cocoa.



Vendors include:

- Mary Kay
- · Premier Jewelry
- Pure Romance
- · Pampered Chef
- Thirty-One Gifts
- Scentsy
- NeriumAD
- · Bling Blings by Deb

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



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

Holiday Wishes

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 MeriLouLy@sbcglobal.net.

It's your paper – make it your own!

Be Water-Wise: Save Water - Save Money. Waste Water - Waste Money.

SOME REMINDERS: • Never dispose of cleansing tissues, cigarette butts or other trash in the toilet. This wastes water and places an unnecessary load on the sewer plant.

- Do not use hot water when cold will do. This will cut down on energy costs.
 When brushing teeth cut the faucet off until time to rinse.
- When shaving fill the basin with hot water rather than allowing the hot water to keep running. Keep the faucet turned off while washing and scrubbing hands. Turn the water on only for the rinse. None of these suggestions will work by themselves, but "waterwise" folks will keep them all in mind.



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 holidays should be in full swing by the time you read this. I have had quite a few requests to talk a little bit about keeping you and your belongings safe during the holiday season. The holidays are an active time of year for criminals. They know that the average resident will be busy making holiday plans, traveling and shopping, and will assume they won't be paying attention to what's going on around them. This will be when the criminals catch unsuspecting folks off guard and try to take advantage of them.

For most of us, the start of the holiday shopping season is the cue to pull out our credit cards (or even apply for new ones) and shop! Identity thieves also anticipate the holiday season. It provides them with a greater opportunity to defraud the rest of us by stealing and exploiting our credit card information. Understanding what these thieves are looking for will help you stay out of their clutches.

For starters, avoid giving your personal information to others unless you know who you are dealing with. Be cautious in giving out any personal information over the telephone. Credit card receipts and bills dropped on the sidewalk, left in empty shopping bags, or simply tossed in the trash are an extremely common way for identity thieves to obtain information. Receipts should be kept in a safe place or shredded.

While out at the local stores and malls, be sure to keep your previously purchased items out of plain view in your vehicle. If you shop during evening hours try to park your vehicle in well lit areas so that it is visible to store security. It only takes a second to break out a window or open an unlocked door, reach in and grab your gifts, so don't make it easy for them!

Group shopping deters crime, so make your trip safer by shopping with friends when possible. The single shopper, loaded down with presents and not paying attention to their surroundings, makes for an easy target. Most local malls have extra security during the holiday season and offer escorts to and from your car, so make use of these services when possible!

Just like keeping your vehicle safe, you need to take precautions with your home to keep it safe from criminals. Although the tree and presents look great in the front window and shows your Christmas spirit for all to see, you should be aware that criminals see it a little differently. They over look the festive decorations and only see thousands of dollars worth of presents that are there for the taking. Remember that it's not just the neighbors that drive around the neighborhood looking at lights. Leave the tree but store the presents in a safe location until Christmas. If you leave your home even for a short period make sure and lock your doors and set your alarm.

If you leave for the holidays, be sure and set up a vacation watch. Notify your neighbors so that they can help keep an eye on your property. Be diligent in protecting your property while out shopping and at home. If you see activity out of the ordinary call the authorities out to investigate.



Oak Creek Village Security Stats ~ OCTOBER 2012

Harris County
Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	D. Harden	M. Malloy	Others	Monthly Total
911 Hang Up	0	1	0	1
Alarm Local	2	1	1	4
Check Park	16	7	0	23
Contract Check	168	63	0	231
Dist/Loud Noise	0	0	1	1
Disturbance - Other	1	0	0	1
Drug/OD/Poss	1	1	1	3
Follow Up	5	1	0	6
Forgery	1	0	0	1
In Progress	0	0	2	2
Information Call	11	0	1	12
Meet the Citizen	6	0	3	9
Meet the Officer	1	0	0	1
Open Door/Window	0	0	1	1
Special Assignment	1	0	0	1
Suspicious Person	0	5	2	7
Terroristic Threat	1	0	0	1
Traffic Initiative	1	10	0	11
Traffic Stop	1	1	1	3
Unk Med Emergency	0	0	1	1
Vacation Watch	3	2	0	5
Vehicle Abandoned	0	1	0	1
Vehicle Suspicious	1	1	5	7
Vehicle Stolen	0	0	1	1
Welfare Check	1	0	0	1
Total	221	94	20	335

Vacation Watch

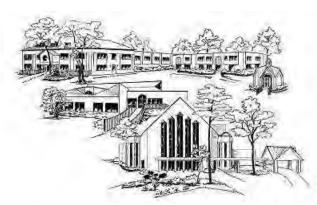
To initiate a VACATION WATCH at any time, please call the Sheriff's Department at 713/221-6000. The clerk will complete the information and the data will be forwarded to officers that patrol.



Need to sell your house QUICKLY and at a fair price? Ugly or Pretty Houses -Any Situation! Call Us!







Cypress Creek Christian Church

We invite you to join our church family this Sunday morning! Contemporary Worship at 9:10 AM in the Centrum uses a blend of music styles to glorify God. In a more casual setting you will hear a great mix of new and old.

Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM in the Centrum praises God with great church hymns of both past and present enhanced by choir and organ.

The focus of both of our worship services is to bring glory to God and to support and encourage every worshipper in their journey of faith.

Adult and Children's Sunday School at both 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

Rev. Bruce Frogge 6823 Cypresswood Drive., Spring, TX 77379 www.CypressCreek.cc





Is Your Best Friend a Loudmouth?

We're talking about your fourlegged friend, of course! Dogs bark, that's a given. But dogs that bark incessantly when left outside either during the day or when owners are away for vacation, often create more ill will between neigh-

bors than can possibly be imagined. The point of contention is not dogs that bark, but dogs that bark excessively and continually. In fact, according to the New York Times, barking dogs are the most common reason for discontent between neighbors.

Since most people are hesitant to discuss the issue face-to-face with their neighbors, they have the choice of either living with the barking, which results in built-up hostility and resentment towards their neighbor, or making a formal complaint. In an interview with the Justice of the Peace office, they said noise complaints with barking dogs are taken very seriously. There's no courtesy letter issued, no cease-and-desist request, but complaints filed with the Justice of the Peace office go straight to court in which both sides are allowed to present their case.

Before taking such a drastic step, neighbors are encouraged to reach out to the owners of the barking dogs in an attempt to reach a civil solution. If reluctant to discuss the issue directly with the neighbor of the noisy dog, before making a formal complaint, consider subscribing to the "Ann Landers method" of message delivery by sending them a copy of this article. The web is full of advice on addressing the issue of barking dogs. One man even created a website for advice on both sides of the controversy; http://barkingdogs.net.

If after reaching out to the dog's owners (informally either directly through a conversation or indirectly by mail, perhaps more than once), and the barking issue persists, the next step may be to seek redress through a formal complaint. To do so, using the home owner's name and address, file the complaint at the Harris County Courthouse/Cypresswood extension (6831 Cypresswood Drive) with the Justice of the Peace. To better present a concise and well-constructed case in court, be prepared with specific detail; specific days, times and durations. Taped recordings will also strengthen your case.

Dog owners should take their neighbor's comments seriously. In most cases, the comments won't come as a complete surprise. Dog owners tend to know their dog's habits, but many times are not aware of how they may affect those who live around them. Owners who suspect their dogs may be an offender might consider getting a forthright answer to their question by directly asking a neighbor who's home during the day or on weekends when they're gone.

Scientist John McCarthy said of dogs "Whenever I hear a dog continually barking, my reaction is one of relief ~ that it is not my dog making all that racket and inciting the neighbors to call the police." Be respectful of your neighbors in knowing that all dogs bark; it's part of their nature; but excessive and continual barking is destructive to the relationship with neighbors.



November 17, 2012 - January 21, 2013

Donoho's Jewellers Winter Wonderland, produced by The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau, surrounds The Woodlands Ice Rink.

Before or after your skate, enjoy a walk along the fantasyland of magical, lighted toy soliders, elves, doves, musical angels, and snowmen.

Donoho's Jewellers Winter Wonderland is open daily beginning Saturday, November 17, 2012 through Monday, January 21, 2013.

Visit <u>www.TheWoodlandsWinterWonderland.com</u> for more information.



November 17, 2012 - January 21, 2013

Join The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau for Holiday Fun as The Woodlands Ice Rink opens daily Saturday, November 17, 2012, and remains open until Monday, January 21, 2013.

The Woodlands Ice Rink is the largest outdoor Ice Skating Rink in the southwest United States.

Visit <u>www.TheWoodlandsIceRink.com</u> for daily promotions, coupons, group rentals, private parties and much more!



November 30, 2012 @ 7:00 PM The Woodlands Recreation Center

Come out and support local Montgomery County teen bands at Battle of The Bands! The show is free to spectators!

Total Of the Month for Mov. 2012



This colorful, cheerful yard is at 3842 Fairvalley.
It is the home of Roxana and Pedro Cortez
who designed and created it.
Visit it in November...it will make you happy!

OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RECREATION REPORT

August 15, 2012 through September 10, 2012Submitted: September 11, 2012 by Elizabeth Davis

The pool is open weekends through the end of September: Saturdays 12-8 and Sundays 12-6.

Final payment has been received from Iron Kids Camp for use of the pool this summer.

Plans for the Fall Festival are underway. The date has been changed from September 29th to October 27th. Plans include a costume contest for the kids, pumpkin decorating, games, crafts, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and more!

Two residents have contributed \$100 and \$50 to the Fall Festival to help cover the estimated cost of the event, which is approximately \$500 - \$600. A request was made for the board to match the funds donated by the residents, in addition to the \$200 the board budgeted for the event at the last meeting.

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OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET



Total Control of the		
ASSETS	-	20000
Trustmark - Checking	- 5	33,298
Trustmark - Money Market		187,756
Certificates of Deposit		2000
Receivables - Current Year		15,296
Receivables - Prior Years		75,644
Security Receipts Receivable		21,350
Other Receivables		33
Allowance for Bad Debts		(52,639)
Total Current Assets		280,738
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Land		34,365
Improvements & Equipment		388,564
Accumulated Depreciation	_	(250,019)
Total PP&E	_	172,910
Total Assets	_\$	453,648
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES		
Accounts Payable	\$	938
Prepaid Maint, Fees		252
Deferred Revenue		57,088
Total Liabilities	_	58,278
Fixed Asset Fund - Net		172,910
Maintenance Fund		103,769
Major Repair Fund		118,403
Current YTD Net Income		288
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Total Fund Balances	-	395,370
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$	453,648



OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Sharon Kuester. Members present were Sharon, Malcolm Stonehouse, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis and Jon Whisler. Residents attending were Neil Jennings and Nick Fava.

The minutes of the September 11, 2012 were approved as corrected. Under Recreation, a motion was approved to allocate funds for the Fall Festival. Under Deed restrictions, \$60.00 was approved for mowing and clearing Stillview lot.

The Greater Houston Neighborhood Association's meeting was their general election.

REPORTS

Maintenance – Written report read and approved. A total of \$259.00 will be needed to replace new swing seats for the park equipment.

Security – Sheriff's report discussed and accepted. Lloyd recommended extra patrols for the Halloween pranksters on October 30th and 31st which was approved. Elizabeth Davis reported some serious speeders on Gladebrook while she was walking with her daughter in a stroller.

Recreation – Written reports read and approved. Fall Festival preparations in full swing.

Treasury – Written reports read and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon Whisler and Sharon Kuester will attend the Greater Houston Neighborhood Associations' meeting on October 16, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Meri Lou Fry, Secretary

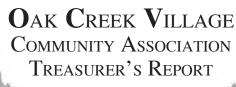
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Oak Creek Village Community Association Recreation Report

September 11, 2012 through October 8, 2012 Submitted: September 11, 2012 by Elizabeth Davis

Plans for the Fall Festival on Saturday, 10/27 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM are going very well. There will be a costume contest for the kids, pumpkin decorating, games, crafts, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and great raffle prizes from local businesses for the adults! Looking forward to getting great pictures for the web site and the December newsletter.

Plans are getting underway for Breakfast with Santa at the clubhouse in December. We will be selecting the date and time soon in order to have an announcement in the November newsletter.







Balance Sheet

The August 31st, 2012 balance sheet shows \$221,054 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For August 2012, revenue was below budget by (\$169) primarily due to lower Misc Revenue. Expenses were above budget by (\$1,066) with the overage mainly being in the newsletter expense line.

Transaction Report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of August along with the payment of \$968.40 for September to December postage for Newsletter mailings.

Additional Notes:

I have received the Draft 2013 budget and starting to review. We will be looking to finalize the 2013 Fee at the November meeting and the 2013 budget by the January 2013 meeting.

OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

AUGUST 2012

	Month					YTD						
		Actual		Budget		Variance		Actual		Budget	V	ariance
Revenue												
Maint Fees - Current Year	\$	14.272	5	14.272	s	100	5	114,176	5	114,176	5	-
Clubhouse Rentals		125		50		75		875		400		475
Interest Income		53		120		(67)		468		940		(472
Pool & Tennis Receipts								1,034		400		634
Security Receipts		10,833		10,833		D		86,667		86,666		-
Transfer Fees		450		300		150		3,225		1.900		1,325
Miscellaneous Income		73		400		(327)		4:301		5.000		(699)
Total Revenue		25,806		25,975		(169)		210.746		209,482		1.264
Expenses												
Clubhouse Contract		500		490		(10)		4,000		3.840		(160
Grounds Contract		1.123		975		(148)		8,153		8.350		197
Pool Contract		6.757		5,160		(597)		28,155		27.038		(1.117
Security Contract		11.149		10.800		(349)		85:762		86.600		838
Clubhouse / Grounds Repair		(2)		500		502		12,346		3,300		(9.046
Exterminating - Mosquitos		450		300		(150)		1.950		1,850		(100
Pool Repairs & Supplies		700		700		700		1,529		4,800		3.27
Tennis Court Repairs		- 2		100		100		1,809		700		(1.109
Accounting Fees		1.050		1,050		100		8,670		8.400		(270
Auditing Fees		Land		7,000				0,010		9,400		14/1
Bank Fees				5		5		21		40		15
Legal Fees				800		600		2,941		4,800		1.859
nsurance		5.149		4.500		(649)		7.658		7.000		(658
Street Lighting		3.199		3,200		(0-10)		23,683		24,600		937
Other Electric		962		1.250		268		7.238		8.750		1.512
Gas		33		40		7		187		340		153
Water & Sewer		258		400		142		2.987		2.500		(487
Telephone		42		400		(2)		339		320		(15
Taxes		76		40		Yel		500		SEU		1.65
Bad Debts				100								
Newsletter		968				(968)		1,940		900		(1.040
Office & Miscellaneous		1,617		1,100		(517)		2.777		2.450		(327
Major Repairs		1.042		1,042		(3(7)		8.333		B.334		(32)
Depreciation		1,042		1,042		· ·		0,000		D.504		
Total Expenses		34,318		33,252		(1,066)		210,458		204,912		(5,548
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(6.512)	5	(7,277)	5	(1,235)	3	288	5	4,570	5	(4.282

OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE REPORT

September 2012

- 1) A resident sent an E-mail regarding concerns about the CHLORAMINE content of our water supply and what it meant in the future for our plumbing and possible leaks in the pipes. They were referred to the monthly Water Board meetings held in the clubhouse for their comment. Attached to their E-mail were various articles covering this possible problem and it was suggested that they send them to Tim Cooley who would decide if they should be placed on the OCV web site.
- 2) The teeter totter has been replaced in the park and has already been vandalized. As one of the other ones has cracks in it, they both will have work carried out on them.
- 3) At the same time it was noticed that the mounts for the belt swings need replacing and new equipment purchased. The following costs will be discussed at the next board meeting:

1- Toddler Bucket \$99.00 2- Pair Ductile mounting Brackets for belt swings \$70.00 2- Belt swings \$90.00 TOTAL \$259.00

- 4) The pipeline company has cleared the green belt of tree debris at no cost to OCV.
- 5) Due to the pool only closing at the end of September the painting of the parking stripes and repair of the park table/ bench by the scouts has been postponed. Hopefully it will be completed before the Fall Festival.
- 6) In the September Newsletter, mention was made under TIP OF THE MONTH regarding a valve that could easily be placed in the kitchen to divert cold water from the hot faucet until it ran hot. A suggestion was made that, as this would save water, the WDM may wish to contribute to individual homes who installed this unit to offset the total cost. This was discussed by them and declined.

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you have CORIAN counter tops, you can polish out minor scratches with a DIY kit obtainable from most home improvement stores or - micro-surface.com. This contains very fine abrasive pads and under no circumstance should you use regular sandpaper. Sand along the scratch line and clean off any residue.

Malcolm Stonehouse - OCV Maintenance



Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center 20634 Kenswick Drive Humble, Texas 77338 (281) 446-8588 www.hcp4.net/jones

AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS. Sat., Dec. 1, 4-7 p.m. Experience traditions of earlier times as the homestead comes to life with 19th century holiday customs. Enjoy music, a holiday craft, tree lighting, wassail and cookies, and an early visit from Saint Nicholas. All ages. Reservations required beginning Wed., Nov. 14 for Harris County residents; Mon., Nov. 19 for non-Harris County residents.

SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS: CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Sat., Dec. 8, 1-3 p.m. Join park staff and volunteers for yuletide fun in the homestead. Enjoy a cup of wassail, sample old-fashioned treats, and have your picture taken with jolly old Saint Nicholas. All ages.

PONTOON BOAT TOURS. Sat., Dec. 15, Tours throughout the day. Take a leisurely tour along Spring Creek and learn about the area's natural history and wildlife. Ages 8+. Reservations required beginning Wed., Dec. 5.

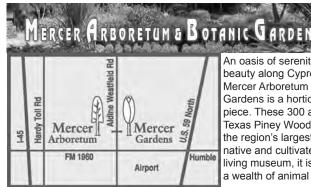
SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2-4 p.m. Visitors are welcome to bring an instrument to join in the fun, or enjoy the fall folk music from the audience. All ages.

JESSE JONES PARK VOLUNTEERS. Mondays, Nov. 26, and Dec. 17 (annual Christmas party), 7 p.m. The JJPV invites everyone to its monthly program and meeting. Ages 16+ or accompanied by an adult.

BICYCLING. Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon. All trails are open for bicycling Sunday mornings. The Jones-Bender, Judy Overby Bell and Spring Creek Greenway trails are open daily to cyclists. All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. Enjoy a look around the Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village. Self-guided interpretive brochures are available in the nature center. All ages.

All Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center programs requiring reservations are limited in size and open to one family per phone call. Group reservations are not allowed unless otherwise indicated. Preferential reservations are given to Harris County residents. Persons not residing in Harris County may attend a space-limited program if spaces are available. All programs and events are free of charge unless otherwise noted and open to the public regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, physical ability, national origin or religion. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in these programs should contact the nature center. Programs meet at the nature center unless otherwise noted. Solid shoes are recommended for all walks. Call 281-446-8588 for reservations or information.



An oasis of serenity and natural beauty along Cypress Creek, Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens is a horticultural masterpiece. These 300 acres of East Texas Piney Woods showcase the region's largest collection of native and cultivated plants. A living museum, it is also home to a wealth of animal life.

Lunch Bunch: Decorating for the Holidays

Wed., Dec. 12, noon-2 p.m. Mercer volunteer Sherry Cruse surprises and inspires participants with selections of plant materials and containers that bring color and style indoors during the winter months.

Christmas Bird Count Sat., Dec. 15, 8 a.m. - noon. Join avid birders and novices as you take part in this annual national event sanctioned by the Audubon Society. Houston is on a major flyway for migrating species and this is a great way to see some amazing birds as they head south, or spend their winters in our gardens. For more information, contact Al Barr at albbarr@comcast.net or call 281-443-8731 for more details.

Children's Story Time in the Garden

Third Monday of the month, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Children's Librarian at Baldwin Boettcher shares some of her favorite nature books with children and their parents in the garden. A craft project is included. Check in at the visitor's center for the specific location. Free.

Nov. 19: Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano Dec. 17: When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan

Chrysanthemum Society

Fourth Friday of most months from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. These monthly meetings include discussions about growing chrysanthemums and floral arranging. The Society also provides plants for Mercer's collection. Call 281-443-8731 for more information.

Cypress Creek Daylily Society

Fourth Sunday of most months from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. This group meets in the Mercer visitor center and presents various programs on gardening with daylilies.

NEW Master Gardeners 'Ask-A-Master Gardener' booth Second Wednesday and Fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Harris County Master Gardeners are on hand to answer gardening questions, identify plants and pests, and guide you to the best gardening solution.

T'ai Chi for Arthritis Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Classes taught by Certified Instructor John Spencer. This free beginners class helps relieve pain associated with arthritis and fibromyalgia, relieves stress and improves balance in the calming atmosphere of the garden. Most classes will meet outdoors under the Treehouse Portico. Check in at the visitor center or call 281-443-8731 for details.



Youth Indoor Track & Field Registration Open Come Run, Jump and Throw with us Indoors!

Texas Stallions Track Club is taking registration for its 2013 youth indoor track and field season. Like the standard outdoor track and field competitions, indoor track and field is a sport made up of various running, jumping and throwing events. However a fewer number of events are competed in an indoor stadium, typically equipped with a 200 meter oval track, 60m straightway, and space for the long, triple, and high jumps, pole vault and the shot put.

The program is open to boys and girls in grades sixth through twelfth. Athletes will compete in open events at collegiate meets. Competition begins in January 2013 and practices begin on Dec 8, 2012. All participants will receive a program T-shirt. Athletes will be required to wear competition shoes. Teams will be coached by volunteer coaches.

Cost to register is \$110 per youth and registration must be received by Dec 15, 2012. Late registrations are subject to availability and a \$10 late fee. Participants may register online at www.texasstallions.org.

For full details and registration information, please visit us online www.texasstallions.org or contact Paul Durisseau at 832-415-0568, ext. 102, email texas.stallions@yahoo.com.

About the Texas Stallions

The Texas Stallions Track Club is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit Corporation that is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Gulf Association and the USA Track and Field (USATF) Gulf Association youth track programs for boys and girls from ages 6 to 18 years old.



The 32nd Annual Home for the Holidays celebration begins Saturday, November 17th and runs through Sunday, December 23rd in Old Town Spring. Our opening weekend and tree lighting ceremony is Saturday, November 17th, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The fun kicks off with music by the Invincible Czars and the tree lighting is at dusk. Entertainment is scheduled for weekends but a drive through town after dark is amazing. Over 150 shops are draped with green garlands, red bows, colorful decorations and thousands of twinkling white lights.

The Be an Angel 40-foot long train departs from Gentry Square and makes a stop at the petting zoo and pony rides. All proceeds from the train ride benefit Be an Angel Foundation.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse are coming to Old Town Spring and will greet customers each Saturday from noon to 2:00 pm. No holiday shopping excursion with the kids is complete without a visit to Santa's house. Sit on the jolly gentlemen's lap and have your picture taken.

Looking for a way to save money? Visit the Money Machine booth and grab a variety of discount coupons from Old Town Spring shops. Our shops are open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sundays noon to 6:00 pm. Some shops have extended hours during the holiday season. There is something for everyone, so pack up the family and make a visit to Old Town Spring.



November 23rd - 25th, 2012

Moody Gardens Presents Home For The Holidays Gift Market:

2-8 p.m. Friday • 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

at Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston

A Christmas gift market with 175 booths. Admission is \$5, and parking is free. See website for coupons and contest. Like us on Facebook for more coupons or to win free tickets. Booth space is available. www.homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com

Northwest Assistance Minstries Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Holiday Cheer

Our holiday food and toy drive is officially underway! You can help make the holidays brighter for neighbors in need by donating non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys for children ages 12 and under. We are in special need of items for children age 6 to 12. With your help, our hope is to provide Thanksgiving or holiday meals to 2,200 families in northwest Houston, as well as toys for 2,300 children.

Donations may be brought to NAM's main office at 15555 Kuykendahl Road through December 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. For a list of suggested food items or to make a financial gift to the holiday food drive, please visit our website www.namonline.org. **Volunteers** are also needed to help sort and distribute the donations. To volunteer, or for more information about the holiday drive, please contact the Holiday Coordinator at (281) 885-4555, ext. 3914.





A Tradition of Giving

It started on a whim. A husband turned to his wife and said, "Why don't we buy as much food as we can, put it in the back of the truck, and donate it to NAM?" So they did. The next year they included their teenage son and daughter. The year after that friends joined in.

That was 18 years ago. The children are now grown and married, with children of their own. And every year the whole family - kids and grandkids, Grandma and Grandpa - pile into their vehicles, head to Sam's Club, and embark on a joy-filled shopping trip. They fill eight or nine shopping carts to the brim, and cause a bit of a stir while they're at it.

When other customers ask what they are doing, they simply say they are buying food for families served by Northwest Assistance Ministries. "God has blessed us, and we're just sharing our blessings," they say.

You can establish a tradition of giving in your life too.

Maybe you can't fill multiple shopping carts, but could you buy one bag of groceries? Or a toy for a child? Or, together as a family, could you make a financial gift to NAM? Whether you give a little or a lot, when everyone does their part

Whether you give a little or a lot, when everyone does their part it makes a huge difference. This holiday season NAM needs to raise \$100,000 to help Neighbors in Need, including holiday meals for 2,200 families and toys for 2,300 children.

\$20 will provide a holiday meal for a family of four

\$35 will provide toys for a child

\$100 will provide holiday meals for 5 families

\$175 will provide toys for 5 children

\$300 will provide turkey and all the trimmings for 15 families

Make a gift today—and start a tradition of your own!

To donate call 281-885-4605 or mail your donation to:
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Emergency Ministries Hosts First Annual Gala

With Speakers State Representative Debbie Riddle & KSBJ's Susan O'Donnell

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Local nonprofit Emergency Ministries announces Debbie Riddle, Texas House of Representatives, District 150 and Susan O'Donnell, KSBJ Program Director will be speaking at the first annual Gala to be hosted at America's on The Woodlands Waterway, on Thursday, November 29.

Events of the evening include a silent and live auction, testimonials from Riddle, a former volunteer firefighter and O'Donnell. Local pianist Daniel Blanchard will provide live music. Tickets for the Gala start at \$100 per guest and sponsorships are available ranging from \$500 to \$15,000.

Proceeds of the annual Emergency Ministries Gala will benefit the nonprofit group, who serve first responders with on-scene and behind-the-scene Crisis Chaplaincy through volunteer and paid chaplains. By increasing the level of donations received, Emergency Ministries will be able to increase their footprint and serve more first responders. "In the most critical time of need, they help you. Then, we help them."

Tickets to the Gala can be purchased online: http://www.emergencyministries.org/annual-gala/.

About Emergency Ministries

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 23 agencies operating in 28 counties in Texas**, as well as 2 agencies operating in 15 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. In total, these agencies are the head-quarters 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. Like the people we serve, we do whatever it takes to help.

Our founder served five weeks at "Ground Zero" in New York City after the attacks of 9-11-01 and worked directly with the paramedics and firefighters of the FDNY.