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President's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm going to keep this short this month because it's February—but don't forget it's a leap year, so not too short. Nobody broke my door down volunteering to pick a yard of the month, so I'm going to try something a little different. I'm going to compliment those homes I see from time to time and admire. The first one is 15115 Parkville. They are my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Rey Loreda. That house had been an eyesore for a long time until they moved in. He put on a front porch, and a beeeootiful fence. I never see them because I live on their blank side, but I'm very happy they fixed up the house so nice.

My serious thing this month is Security. I'm sure you know that Oak Creek is regarded by law enforcement as the safest neighborhood from I-45 to 249. That isn't by chance. Our Security director, Lloyd Bratton, and our chief deputy, Mike Malloy, work very hard to achieve this. There is a whole lot happening that we ordinary folk never see, and that's why it's so safe. Still, I would watch my rear view mirror when leaving Walmart for home, and maybe not go out the side exit. Recently, a friend said she thought we were paying too much for Security. I have to say it's worth every penny to be safe and not to have to move north "to be nearer the kids." I like it here. I hope you do, too.

- Sharon Kuester

OCV HOA BOD Meeting Minutes January 14th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Kuester at 7.42pm. Board members present were Jon Whisler, Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis, and Christie Gutierrez. Homeowners present were Lynn Giles and Ian Bailey. Officer Mike Malloy was also present and was later joined by Officer Nunez.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The security report was approved. Officer Malloy commented on a few incidents around the neighborhood, nothing major. Officer Nunez, our new afternoon deputy, introduced himself to the Board and residents.

There was no written recreational report but Elizabeth said she will have a lot to say and report on at the next meeting. Elizabeth mentioned that there were a few things that need to be addressed before opening of the pool and we will have to get a final inspection done, once the minor repairs are finished. Her verbal report was approved.

There was no maintenance report to be read but Darrel said he will look into the area on the green belt where there is standing water and along the fence in the pool area where dirt has to be filled in.

Christie has been very busy with writing almost 139 non-compliance deed restriction notices. Six residents have responded. She said that this has given her an opportunity to meet some neighbors who said they were very happy with the job she is doing, but had not so friendly visits with a few. Neighbors all said she is doing well to keep the neighborhood looking nice so that we all can show the pride of ownership in our homes and community. If we all work together we can keep this neighborhood an area we can be proud of. Her written report was approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

New Business

There was just one item about a lost receipt for \$50 of Sharon's to which Jon gave a suggestion which Sharon said will do it and will get reimbursed for it.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned around 9.25pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Ooma Lakshmanan
Secretary

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Crisis Hotline.....	713 527-9864
Harris County Public Health.....	713 439-6000
Poison Control, poisoncenter.org.....	800 222-2222
Sheriff, Harris County.....	713 221-6000
Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency).....	281 376-8802
Harris County Environmental Public Department	
- (report neglected swimming pool).....	713 274-6300

Helpful Numbers

OCV Accountant, <i>TXMGMT</i>	832 910-7525
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Forms (713 221-6000)	
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Gas, Centerpoint.....	713 659-2111
Trash, Texas Pride Disposal.....	281 342-8178
Telephone, AT&T.....	800 246-8464
Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District.....	281 376-8802

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The deadline for the next issue of the OCV Community News is February 15!

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, February 11th at 8:00pm



Residents are reminded that the Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors normally meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. As always, all residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to present ideas to the Board should call a Board member prior to the meeting so we may allot time for you on the agenda.

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Attention OCV Residents. Non-commercial advertisements, classified ads and notices can be placed free of charge. Club information, birthdays and other important non-profit events are also welcomed! Letters to the editor are also accepted and published with your name.
Thank you.

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Calls for Service
December 1-31-19

	Total	Malloy	Nunez	Segovia	Other
Total	220	71	2	47	100
ACCIDENT FSGI	2	0	1	0	1
ALARM LOCAL	1	0	0	0	1
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	2	0	1	0	1
CHECK PARK	5	0	0	5	0
CHECK SCHOOL	1	1	0	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	138	15	0	42	81
DIST FAMILY	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	2	0	0	0	2
DOMESTIC PREVENT	3	2	0	0	1
FOLLOW UP	2	2	0	0	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	8	6	0	0	2
MUD BUILDING CHECK	16	13	0	0	3
PROPERTY FOUND LOST	1	0	0	0	1
RUN AWAY	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	1	0	0	1
THEFT OFFENSE REPORT	1	1	0	0	0
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	18	18	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	8	6	0	0	2
VEHICLE STICKERED	5	5	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	1	0	0	0



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Michelle P.	14	B+P	715-821-2280
Annette M.	16	B+H+P	281-455-7397
Keith	17	P	832-253-7816

Please email your work information to publish1@copperheadfarms.net. Include your name, address, age, phone number, choice of work along with any special training, CPR etc. OCV residents only, 18 and under! **Parents: It is up to you to verify credentials for any services listed.**

OCV Community Association
January 14, 2020
Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The November 30, 2019 balance sheet shows \$625,296 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For November 2019, revenue was below budget by (\$278) primarily due to timing of the collection income. Expenses were below budget by \$3,530 was mainly due to timing of pool repair and legal expenses.

Transaction report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2020 Maintenance Fee of \$320 was approved at the November 2019 meeting and statements were mailed out the beginning of December 2019 and are due by the end of January 2020 to avoid penalties and interest being added to your account. You can call the accountant to find out how much more you owe on your account at 832-910-7525.

Our 2020 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$30.00 was approved at the last meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the March 2020 bill as April is when the annual contract for Security renews and that bill is due by 20th of March..

Deed Restrictions

As of today, January 14, 2020, 139 non-compliance notices have been issued to residents in OCV, only covering 3/4 of the neighborhood in a 16 hour time frame. I still have the *next page*

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front side on Gladebrook to cover. I have received approximately six responses in regards to those 139 non-compliance notices.

We do have some other issues outstanding with residents that we are looking into and trying to resolve.

While being out in the neighborhood patrolling for compliance I did have the opportunity to meet quite a number of residents which was a very wonderful experience. I wish we could see them at the HOA meetings.

We have two residents who are requesting solar panels. One of them would be visible from the street for sure. The Board has decided to seek clarification from our lawyer on this issue so that we have a uniform policy in place.

I also have a resident requesting driveway expansion due to the short driveway which is located on the Stillview side of their home, Driveway is approved and will be signed this evening as discussed with the homeowner.

Restr. 2-20

Respectfully Submitted

Christi Gutierrez

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November 11, 2020

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Troop 1659, 714 Oak West Dr., Houston TX 77073.

Orders due by February 9, 2020.

If you have any questions, please email Peter Hernandez
hernandezpl@msn.com.

If you would like to pay by credit card (\$1 fee), please contact
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If we missed you or did not pick up our flag, please contact Stacey at the above number, and we will get someone out to take care of you!

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The menu has breakfast crepes as well as sweet and savory crepes throughout the day. They are large, full and artfully plated. The apple cinnamon crème brulee is torched vanilla cream and caramelized apples, dulce de leche, & cinnamon. Add some vanilla bean ice-cream and you'll happily call it meal. Sweet Paris crepes include everything from dulce de leche and smores to truffled caprese and ham and gruyere. We haven't met one we didn't like.

Waffles, eggs, a couple of very good salads and panini's are also on the menu. The jambon fromagge with black forest ham, gruyere cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, & chipotle béchamel spread Panini is my favorite. Enjoy your meal with an espresso, latte, bottle of beer or glass of wine. Sweet Paris is always relaxed and a fun place to meet friends. We look forward to another visit.

Sweet Paris is located in the Woodlands 9595 Six Pines Dr

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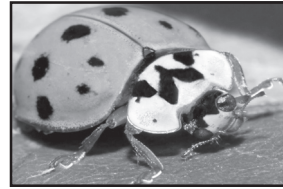
LITTLE LADIES

By Cheryl Conley

As a child, I enjoyed having Ladybugs crawl on my hand. I'd try to count the black spots. Women in the Victorian era believed that if a ladybug landed on them, they would get something new. If it landed on their head, they thought they would receive a new hat. On the hand, it would be new gloves. Today some believe that if a Ladybug lands on you, your wishes will come true.

In North America we call them Ladybugs. In Britain and other English-speaking countries, they are called Ladybirds. Ladybugs aren't really even bugs. Bugs belong to the order Hemiptera. Ladybugs are part of Coleoptera, the Beetle order. These little beetles have an insatiable appetite. That's a good thing for those of you who garden because they eat the insects that invade your plants like aphids, whiteflies and other destructive bugs.

Most of us are probably used to seeing the orange Ladybug with black spots but they come in a wide range of other colors as well—gray, tan, metallic blue. The number of spots can vary, too, and some have no spots at all.



Asian Lady bug



American Ladybug

Even though they are small, they still have a defense mechanism to protect themselves from predators. When the insects are disturbed, they emit an odorous, noxious yellow fluid that seeps out of their joints.

Did you know, though, that there are "bad" Ladybugs? Asian Lady Beetles were first discovered in the United States in 1988 and are known as the Ladybugs' evil twin. They, too, devour aphids so in that regard, they are beneficial. Their hefty appetites can extend to non-pest insects as well like monarch butterfly eggs and larvae and that's not good.

Asian Lady Beetles can bite. The bites are not poisonous or extremely painful but in some cases can cause "pink-eye." In the fall or winter, if you notice large numbers of what you believe are ladybugs congregating around your home, they're probably Asian Lady Beetles. When it begins to get cold, they will attempt to enter your home and can stain walls, furniture and fabrics with the stinky yellow fluid they secrete.

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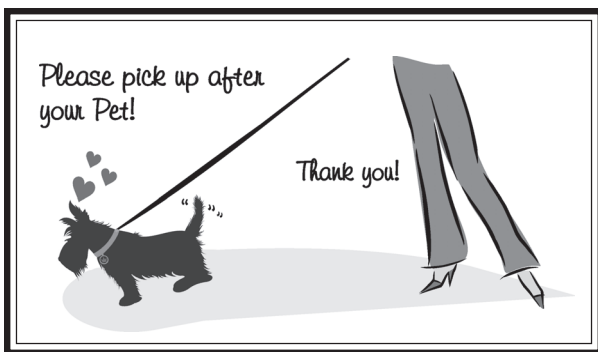
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Asian Lady Beetles can be harmful to dogs. When a dog in Kansas started sleeping all the time, refused to eat and was foaming at the mouth, the veterinarian discovered over 30 Asian Lady Beetles had attached themselves to the roof of the mouth.

So how do you tell the difference between the good Ladybug and the evil twin, the Asian Lady Beetle? Look at the markings on their head. From above, Asian lady beetles have a white "M"-shaped spot where their head meets the body.

As part of our mission, we strive to educate you about environmental issues that may affect your lives.

The Ladybug acts as a natural pesticide in nature and they can be easily purchased online. Utilizing this unique feature of the Ladybug can discourage the use of dangerous pesticides that are harmful to all living things. Check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org for more helpful information.



Sat., March 7, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Jesse H. Jones Park

NatureFest is held the first Saturday in March. Naturefest started in 2005 as an opportunity for visitors to learn about nature and outdoor recreational opportunities in the Houston area. What began with a few exhibitors and speakers has grown into an all-day event featuring educational booths, a variety of guided hikes, outdoor workshops, pontoon boat tours, and presentations from local experts on nature-related topics. This is the perfect event for anyone interested in learning more about outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the Houston area.

NatureFest is dedicated to educating and introducing visitors to nature and outdoor recreation around the Houston area. This event includes exhibitors with information on local plant and animal life as well as recreational opportunities and educational materials. Presentations by noted speakers, guided hikes, pontoon boat tours, and workshops are also offered each year. This is a great opportunity for visitors of all ages to learn about and experience nature firsthand.

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