

# The Oak Creek Village

Community News

The Official Neighborhood Publication for June, 2020 - [www.oakcreekvillage.org](http://www.oakcreekvillage.org)

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- Mercer Father's Day Specialty Plant Sale
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## POOL HOURS

**Tues. - Fri. 1:30-8:30**  
**Sat. & Sun. 11:00-8:30**

## Recreation Report

Playground installation will begin Wednesday, 5/13 and will take about a week. Gates into pool all need to be self-closing. I have had 2 people try to fix them, but they have not been able to make the necessary adjustment. I will continue looking for someone who can fix them.

Sweetwater Pools sent an email stating they will not be able to provide lifeguards due to the Red Cross suspending all training. They can advise on how to open the pool for Swim at Your Own Risk (SAYOR) and provide gate attendants only. I would

like the board to consider hiring our Red Crossed Certified guards directly.

Pool pass requests should be emailed to [ocvrecreation@yahoo.com](mailto:ocvrecreation@yahoo.com)

**Subject Line:** 2020 Pool Passes

**Include the following information:** Name, address, phone number and number of people residing in the home. When the passes are ready for pick-up, residents will receive an email with instructions and important pool information. Keys for the tennis courts can also be requested by sending an email request. Tennis keys cost \$8 and payment can be made when keys are picked-up.

## Letter from the Board

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I was going to write about mowing lawns and not driving fast. Then I realized what our Recreation Director, Elizabeth Davis, has done. Her report elsewhere in this newsletter only gives a hint. I don't believe there is another neighborhood pool that is open full-time WITH lifeguards in the area. In addition, in case you haven't looked, we have beautiful, new, top-of-the-line playground equipment to go with our pool and our recently-refurbished and improved park and parking area, courtesy of Nick Fava and our own Bammel Utility District. I thank her and I hope lots of you will also. Nextdoor, OCV only, might be a good place to do that. Let's try to have a good summer and pray this virus stuff goes away.

P.S. The city of Houston did NOT pay for our playground equipment. We are not part of the city of Houston.

## OCV HOA BOD Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:45 by President Sharon Kuester. Members present were Sharon Kuester, Jon Whisler, Elizabeth Davis, Lloyd Bratton and George Arreguin. Residents present were Lisa and Thomas Stauber. Since there had been no April meeting due to the virus, the minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The Staubers were informed that their deed restriction request would be taken up in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting. Elizabeth reported for Recreation that we were having many problems trying to open the pool due to the virus and the county inspector. She also stated that the new playground equipment would be installed starting the next day, Wednesday, May 13. The thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of Oak Creek Village.

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## OCV Executive Board

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## Emergency

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire.....	911
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Animal Control, 612 Canino Road.....	281 999-3191
Crimestoppers.....	713 222-8477
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, TXMGMT.....	832 910-7525
Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex.....	281 376-2997
Forms (713 221-6000)	
Post Office -Cornerstone.....	281 444-1355
Gas, Centerpoint.....	713 659-2111
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Telephone, AT&T.....	800 246-8464
Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District.....	281 376-8802

## OCV Garden Club Board

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

## OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder

**Tuesday, June 9th 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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## Recycling

**Tuesday is your only recycling day!**



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- **Call 811 before you dig.**
- **Give two working days' notice before digging. (48 hours)**
- **Utility companies will mark the location of underground utility lines.**

Remember, you are responsible for marking your private lines such as invisible pet fences, sprinkler systems, yard lights and gas grill lines.

**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.*

To report a streetlight out go to Centerpoint (713 207-2222)  
**Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)**



**Oak Creek Village Contract**  
**HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez**  
**www.sheriff.hctx.net**  
**Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol**

**OCV Community Association**  
**May 12, 2020**  
**Treasurer Report**

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The March 31, 2020 balance sheet shows \$591,354 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For March 2020, revenue was above budget by \$1,843 primarily due to higher than budgeted Security receipts income. Expenses were above budget by (\$71,907) was mainly due to higher than budgeted major repairs expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of March along with the initial payment on the playground project and replacement.

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 were 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 November 2019 meeting and was sent to Bammel UD to be applied to the March 2020 bill and future bills going forward.

**HAPPY  
FATHERS DAY!**

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April 1-31

	Total	Malloy	Schnur	Segovia	Other
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	1	0	1	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	192	41	56	47	48
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	1	0	0
DISTURBANCE FAMILY	3	0	0	1	2
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	8	1	0	2	5
DISTURBANCE OTHER	3	1	1	0	1
DOA	1	0	0	1	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	1	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	2	1	1	0	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	9	7	0	0	2
MUD BUILDING CHECK	29	29	0	0	0
STRANDED MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4	4	0	0	0
TELEPHONE HARRASSMENT	1	0	0	0	1
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	10	10	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	5	0	5	0	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	1	1	0	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	2	2	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	0	1	0	0

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Next, Lloyd presented the Security report and stated that our biggest problem is loud parties late at night at residents' homes. The Board approved his report and then heard the Treasurer's report from Jon Whisler and approved that. There was some discussion of what we should do about several seemingly abandoned properties, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9: 00.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sharon Kuester, acting secretary.



**TEEN JOB SEEKERS**

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B=Babysitting, P=Pet sitting, Y=Yard Work,  
 H=House Sitting S=Pool Help

Name	Age	Jobs	Phone
Dominique B.*	18	B+H+P	281-455-7397
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](mailto: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.**



## Keep YOUR Yard from being a Mosquito Breeding Ground?

Mosquitoes irritate, annoy, and can be harmful to your health. They also transmit heartworm in dogs. To control mosquitoes effectively around the home, it helps to know their life cycle.

Mosquito **eggs** may be laid individually or in clusters on the surface of water or individually in dry locations that are subject to periodic flooding. Some mosquito eggs can remain dormant in dry conditions for many months.

Mosquito **larvae** (often called wigglers) live in the water. Most of them feed on microscopic plants, animals and organic debris suspended in the water.

Mosquito **pupae** do not feed. They spend most of their time at the water surface and tend to move only when disturbed.

**Adult** mosquitoes live on land and are winged. Both males and females feed on nectar, plant juices and other sources of liquid carbohydrates. Females of most species require a blood meal before they produce eggs. Adult mosquitoes typically live for about a week to a month, but can vary, depending on environmental factors. Some spend the winter as mated females that may live up to 6 months or more.



Some seldom travel more than 200 yards from the breeding sites; others can travel for more than a mile. This travel ability can create problems in management. If the source of the mosquito problem is far from your home, you may not be able to control them without cooperation from other individuals or group.

Let's **ALL** cooperate as a neighborhood to help control these little beasts.

Here is a helpful checklist as you survey your yard:

- Pick up, empty, and haul away all trash or unused items in the yard.
- Avoid having open water areas or containers around the house such as buckets; cans and bottles that collect and hold rain-water; puddles; open water tanks; rain barrels; damaged water pipes; tires; urns; flower pot saucers; yard toys; sandbox; wagons; forts; swing set seats, etc. that might breed mosquitoes. Drill holes in the bottom of tire swings.
- Fill tree holes or depressions with sand or mortar.
- Empty or change water in pet dishes, bird baths, horse troughs, etc. every couple of days.
- Keep roof gutters and downspouts clean and clear. For underground drains that may hold water, pour some vegetable oil to coat the top of the water in the drain to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs and to smother any larvae in the pipe.
- Address unused swimming pools, pool covers, water gardens, ornamental fountains and yard art items.

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- Empty your plastic wading pool weekly and store it indoors when not in use.
- Trim vegetation away from the house, mow high lawns, rake excess grass clippings and piles of leaves that will stay moist, hold water, and provide resting sites.
- Avoid accumulation of decaying material in and around the yard.
- Sweep and remove accumulated debris at the storm drains near your home. Please, ONLY water goes down the storm drains.
- Fix or fill any low spots in the yard that retain water.
- Repair leaking pipes, faucets, and leaking irrigation systems.
- Drain and dry out tarps, patio covers, patio cushions.



### Fun Flower Fact, from Mercer

The Juliet rose is the most expensive rose ever created. Famed rose breeder David Austin spent about \$5 million and 15 years perfecting this rose before introducing it in 2006 at the Chelsea Flower Show. Although it doesn't cost millions to own, the

flowers of this apricot beauty still command a high price in wedding bouquets or cut flower arrangements.

**The Mercer Society offers a variety of David Austin roses. Look for them at the next plant sale on June 13.**

### Mercer Botanic Gardens June 2020 Calendar

*Father's Day Plant Sale, Summer Camp,  
Family Nights, and More!*

**Lunch Bunch: Local Impacts of Climate Change, Wednesday, June 10, at noon** - Climate change is an important topic for gardeners of all interests, whether you enjoy tending a bountiful vegetable garden, a wildlife-friendly native garden, or an inviting shade garden. Join Hans VanBrackle, a volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby and a liaison for Texas' 2nd Congressional District, as he discusses the impacts, challenges, and causes of climate change. CCL is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy organization focusing on national policies to address climate change. Lunch Bunch is a free program offered at Mercer's East Side Gardens and is recommended for those 12 and older. Participants should bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Space is limited, and registration is required. To register, call 713-274-4160.

**The Mercer Society Father's Day Specialty Plant Sale, Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until sold out)**  
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## A Bird That Says Its Name By Cheryl Conley

A few years ago, when I took my dog out for her last potty of the night, I heard the most beautiful bird singing. Just a few seconds later, another bird responded with the same beautiful song. I had no idea what species it was but after some research I learned it was a whippoorwill. The whippoorwill actually got its name because of its song—three syllables with emphasis on the first and last syllables.

Whippoorwills are nocturnal. They feed exclusively on insects and start foraging 30 minutes after sunset and continue until it's too dark to see. They continue their foraging at first light and stop just before sunrise. If the moon is bright, they may hunt all night. They have large mouths and can swallow insects up to 2 inches long.

The most interesting fact about the whippoorwill is that they don't build a nest. The female will lay her eggs on the ground and cover with dead leaves or debris. Often times she'll find a spot on the north or northeast side of a shrub or plant so she's shaded during the heat of the day. Mom is responsible for incubating the eggs during the day and both Mom and Dad

share the duty at night. Amazingly, whippoorwills time their breeding patterns to coincide with the lunar cycles so that the eggs hatch when there is at least a half moon. It is believed that the extra light helps in caring for her young. Within 24 hours of hatching, the baby birds instinctively move apart.

The parents will also push the babies to keep them apart. It is thought that this is done to make it harder for predators to see them. The male stands guard over the nest and will hiss and spread his wings if he thinks there is a predator nearby. Another tactic used to protect the young is he will fake an injury away from the babies to draw attention away from them. While he draws the predator away from the young, the babies scatter and freeze.

At about 8 days, the down-covered babies molt and the female leaves them in the care of the male. If conditions are right, the female will often find a spot nearby and lay 2 more eggs.

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