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POOL HOURS

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

### June Recreation Report

Thank you all for the sign in front of the clubhouse! That was quite a surprise and very thoughtful and kind.

Playground equipment installation is complete. A proposal for a shade structure has been received and competitive proposals are being solicited.

Aquatic Management of Houston has taken over the maintenance of our pool and will provide lifeguards for the summer. The pool opened Memorial Day weekend with a 25% capacity limit. We are now open at 50% capacity. I have set the limit at 50 persons in the pool area at any time. If we allow more than that, we will need an additional lifeguard. Our pool is seeing greatly increased usage so far this year, likely due to the cancellation of other activities.

Aquatic Management will re-install a tank that was part of our old pump system and use it for liquid chlorine and cyanuric acid. This will allow for automatic adjustment of the chlorine and cyanuric acid

levels in our pool. We have been using chlorine tablets and it is difficult to adjust the chlorine and cyanuric acid levels in the pool when necessary. There will be no additional charge for them to re-install this tank.

Aquatic Management submitted a list of equipment/supplies needed to keep us compliant with the County Health Department. I approved the list and instructed them to submit an invoice.

Morning swim practice for kids age 4-18 began last week and will run through June and July, Mondays – Thursdays from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Practice is being led by Coach Leane Marrs, Head Coach at Westfield HS, Head Coach for the OCV Cudas and AAU Coach for Spring Swim Team. Our practice is organized under AAU, which provides Sports Accident and General Liability Insurance for registered members. All swimmers participating in practice are required to be registered with AAU.

Adult lap swim began today at 6:45am and 5 residents participated. Adult lap swim will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45am to 7:25am and will be "swim at your own risk". No lifeguards will be present.

Pool passes are REQUIRED to enter the pool area. Pool pass requests should be emailed to <a href="mailto:ocvrecreation@yahoo.com">ocvrecreation@yahoo.com</a>

Subject Line: 2020 Pool Passes

<u>Include the following information:</u> 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.

#### OCV Board Meeting Meeting Minutes, June 9th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Kuester. Board members present were Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Jon Whisler and George Arreguin. Residents present were Melinda Loustelot, Ann Macaluso, Risa Stavridis, Lisa and Thomas Stauber.

Sharon read the minutes of the May meeting, no corrections were made and they were approved. Maintenance report was read and approved. Darrel said the AC in the clubhouse was fixed today.

Our Security Director Lloyd Bratton introduced our new deputy Officer James Schnur. Noise disturbance was reported on Woodbriar. Resident also raised an issue regarding party on Parkville. The residents are reminded to call the non emergency number when there is a problem in our neighborhood. That number is 713-221-6000. The security report was read and approved

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## **OCV** Executive Board

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Crisis Hotline	
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 Dep	
- (report neglected swimming pool)	713 274-6300

## Helpful Numbers

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Forms (713 221-6000)		
Post Office -Cornerstone	281	444-1355
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Trash, Texas Pride Disposal	.281	342-8178
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 July 15!

# OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, July 14h 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 an 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 advertisments, 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

May 1-31	Total	Malloy	Other	Schur	Segovia
Total	284	93	28	109	54
ANIMALAGGRESSIVE	1	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	198	53	8	90	47
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	0	0	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE FAMILY	4	1	3	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	5	0	2	0	3
DISTURBANCE OTHER	6	0	4	0	2
DOA	0	0	0	0	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	1	0
INFORMATION CALL	0	0	0	0	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	11	7	1	3	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	26	24	2	0	0
STRANDED MOTOR VEHICLE	•	0	0	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	0	2	0	0
TELEPHONE HARRASSMENT		0	0	0	1
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	1	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	4	4	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	8	1	0	7	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	1	1	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	0	0	2	0

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## **TEEN JOB SEEKERS**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	Jobs	Phone
Dominique E	3.* 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	Р	832-253-7816

Please email your work information to publish1@copperhead farms.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.

#### Minutes from page 1

Darryl Johnson is Vice President and in charge of Architectural Control. George Arreguin will be our new Maintenance Director.

Elizabeth read her report on Recreation and it was approved. Kindly read her report in the newsletter. Everyone commended her on getting new playground equipment for the park and she is working on getting bids for a cover over the play equipment, as there is no shade. Her report in our next newsletter gives us a lot of details about pool passes and also about new adult lap swim for residents who are interested, please read the newsletter.

Jon read the treasurer's report and it was approved.

The residents raised some concerns about street parking and also residents having many cars parked causing inconvenience to neighbors. The residents also talked about our trash pick up and recycling services. Elizabeth was kind enough to tell them that she will post the schedule on our OCV Facebook page, which she has already done.

Regarding new business. Jon requested the Board to approve a request to TXMGMT to send out a demand letter to 63 residents who have not paid the yearly HOA dues. If they do not get a response as stated in the demand letter, they will then turn it over to our attorney. The initial cost would be \$31.50, but the cost will eventually be passed on to the delinquent residents, \$50 per resident.

As there was no other new business the meeting adjourned around 9.20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary







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# OCV Community Association June 9, 2020 - Treasurer Report

Financial Report-

Balance Sheet

The April 30, 2020 balance sheet shows \$609,705 in the bank.

#### Statement of Revenue & Expense

For April2020, revenue was below budget by (\$400) primarily due to lower than budgeted Security receipts income. Expenses were below budget by \$27,387 was mainly due to the timing major repairs expense.

#### Transaction Report

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

#### 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.

# Plants That Grow In Hot Weather What about My Grass and Ground Cover?

St. Augustine grass is the most common choice for



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Call Today For All of Your Air Conditioning Service, Repair, Air Quality and Replacement Needs homeowners. It is the most popular grass for lawns and has the appearance of a lush, green carpet in front of your home. There are some drawbacks to it, including being one of the more high-maintenance grasses in Texas. It needs more water than most grasses, which means your beautiful lawn of May will be brown and lifeless by the middle of August.

Zoysia grass is a great alternative to St. Augustine. It has the same lush appearance but is hardier and more wear-resistant than St. Augustine. Because it grows slowly, it needs less mowing, which is a big plus. As beautiful and hardy as it is, however, it does need to be fertilized as much as once a month and is a bit difficult to maintain, since it does not recover well from damage. It's best to consult with your lawn care professional to determine if Zoysia grass would work well for your lawn.

The best alternative to St. Augustine and Zoysia grass is Buffalo grass. It's more rugged than the other grasses, mostly because it is native to Texas and is found throughout the most arid regions of the state. It needs less watering and grows no more than five or six inches, so you can go a few weeks without mowing. It may not win any beauty contests, but it would win "Miss Congeniality;" you'll need to put less work into it to make it look acceptable.

The other two types of grass you'll see most often in Texas are Bermuda grass and Rye grass. They're both heat-resistant grasses, much like Buffalo grass. Because of their hardiness,



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they are often over-sown into lawns with less hardy grasses to make sure the lawns are green throughout the year, regardless of the weather.

Ground cover are plants that grow close to the ground and are excellent for growing under shrubs and bushes, around trees and in the place of grass. Ground cover can be all green or include low-growing flowering plants, depending on how it fits into the rest of your garden plan.

If you're using ground cover in shady areas, remember most heat-tolerant plants need some shade. Periwinkle, sweet woodruff, hosta and creeping thyme are perfect ground cover for your shaded areas, especially if there's some morning sun or dappled sun throughout the day. For the sunny areas of your yard, plants like phlox are perfect ground cover, as they are particularly heat-resistant and work well just about anywhere in your garden.

#### Mercer Botanic Gardens July 2020 Calendar

Outdoor Adventures Summer Camp – Birds of a Feather Tuesday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Ready for a day of feathered fun? Venture on a bird hike, identify birds by how they look and sound, and share your findings on a citizen science program. Campers will observe natural habitats of birds, search for evidence of birds, investigate owl pellets, and more. Summer camp is for children ages 6 - 11. Registration is required. Space is limited. Volunteer opportunities are available!

Outdoor Adventures Family Nights – Critter Curiosities Wednesday, July 15, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - From insects and reptiles to birds and mammals, discover the animals that call Mercer home. Use hand lenses, bug observation boxes, and microscopes to explore small garden animals. Find evidence of animals in the gardens, preserved insect and arachnid specimens, and more. Then transfer your observations as Join a plant committee and grow plants year-round for events and sales or help with various projects from propagation to irrigation. Contact Mercer's volunteer coordinator at 713-274-4160 for more information

Gardening in the Tropical Garden, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Join a Mercer horticulturist in the Tropical Garden to work with palms, plumerias, bamboo, and special collections. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and water. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers must be 16 or older. Those 12 to 15 may volunteer with a parent or guardian.

Gardening in the Native Garden, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Join a Mercer horticulturalist for planting, grooming, pruning, weeding, and mulching in the Native Garden and the Shakespeare Garden. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a widebrimmed hat, sunscreen, and water. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers must be 16 or older. Those 12 to 15 may volunteer with a parent or guardian. Contact Mercer's volunteer coordinator at 713-274-4160 to schedule a visit.



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# Grackles - They'll Eat Anything By Cheryl Conley

We've all been in parking lots where we feel we're being stalked by big black birds just waiting for us to drop a morsel of food. What are they? Ravens, Crows, Grackles? If you said Grackles, you'd be correct.

So how do you tell the difference? Ravens are very large and have a long wedge-shaped tail. They have a thick bill. Their throat looks a little shaggy if you're ever able to get close to one. Their call is deep. Crows are about the size of a chicken. They have smaller beaks and shorter tails that are squared off at the ends. They have a higher-pitched call than Ravens. Grackles are about the size of Robins. They are easily identifiable by their iridescent feathers mostly seen on their heads. They have golden eyes and their call has been compared to the sound of a rusty gate.

There are actually three types of Grackles—Great-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle and the Boat-tailed Grackle. The Common Grackle is found throughout North America, the Boat-tailed Grackle can be found in the southeastern states and the Great-tailed bird is found along the Texas border and into Mexico. What you are seeing in parking lots are mainly Common Grackles.

Grackles are not picky eaters. They'll eat bugs, berries, seeds and just about anything else they can find. They'll wade in water in search of small fish and will even eat leeches off of the legs of turtles. They steal worms from robins, raid the nests of other birds and will even kill and eat other birds. Of course, we all know that they love French fries, cookies and anything else that is dropped in a parking lot or in a trash bin.

Grackles practice a strange behavior known as anting. This involves rubbing ants on their bodies. No one knows exactly why they do this but some scientists believe the ants secrete an acid that kills feather mites. Others believe it has some-

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Just like their eating habits, grackles are not very particular when it comes to where they build their nests. Some live and nest in colonies



as large as 200 breeding pairs. A female can lay from 4 to 7 eggs in a single season.

Right now, we're in baby bird season. Some birds that are brought to us for care should have been left where they were. If you find a baby bird, please give us a call and let us help you determine if the bird needs help or not. Our website also has some great information on a number of topics. Visit us at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

# In Person Or At Home, Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts Continues To Bring Art To The Heart Of Northwest Houston

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is preparing to re-open its doors to the community on June 16, and will also continue to offer at-home experiences, including an exciting virtual gala event—*Art Heals!*—on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Pearl has extended its spring exhibitions through the summer, giving everyone an opportunity to experience these beautiful works in person. The museum has put into place special safety precautions for the security and protection of all visitors. Additionally, art lovers can enjoy current exhibitions online, as well as numerous other at-home opportunities launched by the creative Pearl staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Current exhibitions include:**

Stitched: Contemporary Quilt Art from the International Quilt Festival Collection. This collection of 25 contemporary quilts from the Texas Quilt Museum includes famous and emerging



quilt artists alike, with themes including narration, color abstraction, landscapes, and homage to antique quilts.

Lesley Humphrey: Saved by a Horse features awe-inspiring viewsof horse racing. Equestrian artist Lesley Humphrey, who lives in Tomball, has been painting or drawing the horse since childhood. Her unique artistic process led to

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a career that has included serving as official artist of the Kentucky Derby as well as having works in prominent collections throughout Britain and the United States.

Both exhibitions can be experienced in person at the Pearl after re-opening, or as virtual tours on the museum's website. For details and museum hours, visit <a href="https://www.pearlmfa.org">www.pearlmfa.org</a>.

**Pearls of Art Gala** - The Pearls of Art Gala 2020 is going virtual! Bring light and joy to your summertime with a virtual event on August 8, centered around a theme of *Art Heals!* Our community, our country and our entire planet Earth is on a shared road to recovery. Join us as we come together to celebrate the heroes among us as only Art can express.

The professionally produced virtual event blends the beauty of a party in Monet's garden with a celebration of the healing power of art. Guests who had previously purchased tickets for the gala will be able to pick up a gourmet dinner basket at the museum on the day of the event, or may choose to have the special meal delivered directly to their homes. Additional guests may register for all other aspects of the virtual experience, including stories from the museum, bidding on silent auction items, and time-lapse viewing of celebrated urban artist Anat Ronen creating a very special mural honoring frontline workers.

The Pearls of Art Gala is the Pearl's largest development event each year, raising approximately half of the museum's operating funds. The community's support is deeply appreciated, especially at this time. For details or to register for the Pearls of Art 2020 Virtual Gala, please visit <a href="www.pearlmfa.org">www.pearlmfa.org</a> or call (281) 376-6322.

**Summer Camps & Online Programming -** The exciting new online programming created by the Pearl over the last few months will continue to be available for all to enjoy. Experience it for yourself from the comfort of your home, then share it with friends and family across the country or around the world!

New posts are added Monday through Friday and can be found at <u>pearlmfa.org</u>, as well as um's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

There is something for everyone, including:

- Pearl At Home art activities for the whole family with easily-accessible materials from home
- Pearl Home Art Challenge fine art prompts for all ages and skill levels
- Highlights from Our Current Exhibitions offering insights into a particular piece, as if you were taking a guided tour
- Virtual Tour Videos video tours of the museum's current exhibitions

In addition, the Pearl has a rich tradition of offering summer camps for young artists ages 8 to 18. As plans continue to evolve for this year's camps, please check <u>pearlmfa.org</u> for the latest information and to register.



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