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Oak Creek Village Recreation Report 08/11/2020

Aquatic Management replaced a GFCI receptacle in the pump room. Invoice submitted for \$376. They will also be submitting an invoice for fixing one of the toilets and the lights in the women's bathroom.

Adult lap swim is continuing weekday mornings from 6:30 am – 7:30 am. The pool will close on weekdays as of 8/16 and be open to residents on weekends only until 9/27.

Cudas swim practice took a break for the month of July, but plan to resume practice on 8/17. Practice will be M-F from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM and Saturday morning from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM. If sufficient registration is received, we will continue practice through October 10th.

There are 2 cracks that have developed in the deep end of the swimming pool. Aquatic Management does not feel they are an immediate problem, but we will need to have the pool resurfaced sooner than I expected. We should plan to have it done this winter. I will begin collecting quotes for the work.

- Elizabeth Davis

OCV Board Meeting minutes for June, 6/9/2020.

The Board had a meeting via the telephone. The meeting was called to order by Sharon at 7.35pm. All Board members were on the call. Sharon Kuester, Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis, Darrel Johnson and George Arreguin.

The June meeting minutes were read and approved.

Elizabeth read the Recreation report and it was approved. Kindly read her report in the newsletter. The Cudas swim team took a break in July but will resume on 8/17. More details about that and also the pool will close as of 8/16 during weekdays and remain open for residents on weekends till 9/27.

Darryl Johnson is Vice President and also in charge of Architectural Control. If you have to paint, or do any additions or improvements to your home, kindly contact him. He had nothing to report at this time.

Our Security Director's report was read and approved. Tickets have been written for not following the speed limit and also we had 2 vehicles stolen. Lloyd will get us more details and keep us posted.

George Arreguin is now our Maintenance Director. His number is 832-660-5499. Jon read the treasurer's report and it was approved.

As there was no new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8.25pm.

Sincerely,

Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

What's New At The Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is delighted to announce its Fall 2020 exhibitions, which open September 19.

Idyllic Times: Selections from the Gary T. Leach Collection of American Art will be featured in the Main Gallery, along with Vistas and Voyages: The Photography of Don Pine in the Rebecca Cole Gallery.

Born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, Gary T. Leach says his passion for art collecting did not come naturally. Though he was never in want of anything, fine art was not an item in the budget for his humble, midwestern family. He graduated from Iowa State University and moved to Texas to begin a career in construction. Twenty years later he traveled to Europe for the first time and noticed the many oil paintings in the hotel club. One painting in particular caught his eye, and became his first purchase of an original oil. Idyllic Times features 30 pieces from his wonderful collection, which call to mind the simple moments that make life beautiful.

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30pm



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

July 1-31	Total	Malloy	Other	Schur	Segovia
Total	259	106	24	79	50
ALARM LOCAL	1	1	0	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	142	43	6	57	6
CREDIT CARD ABUSE	1	1	0	0	0
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	1	0	0
DIST FAMILY	5	0	4	1	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	2	0	2	0	0
DISTURBANCE OTHER	2	0	2	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	0	0	0	1
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	1	1	0	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	3	0	2	1	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	8	5	1	2	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	30	30	0	0	0
RUNAWAY	1	0	1	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	0	1	1	0
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	0	0	1	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	11	11	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	11	0	0	11	0
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	2	0	1	1	0
VACATION WATCH	29	12	0	4	3
VEHICLE ABANDONED	1	0	1	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	2	2	0	0	0
VEHICLE STOLEN	2	0	2	0	0

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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.

OCV Community Association August 11, 2020 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The June 30, 2020 balance sheet shows \$574,271 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For June 2020, revenue was below budget by (\$1,113) primarily due to lower than budgeted Security receipts income. Expenses were below budget by \$1,216 was mainly due to the timing of major repairs expense.

Transaction report

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

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.



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Landscape and nature photographer Don Pine is a native Texan who has been involved in photography all his life. His father was a WWII Marine Corps photographer, and under his tutelage Don first witnessed the magic of watching images emerge in a home darkroom. Boy Scout campouts, tours of duty with the Navy in Japan and the Far East, and a six-week trip across Europe after graduate school instilled a desire to experience beautiful places throughout the world, and Don has now traveled to all seven continents and 74 countries. Vistas and Voyages showcases Don's ability to create portraits that capture the personality of both animals and people, and grand land-scapes that cause us to marvel at the magnificence of God's creation.

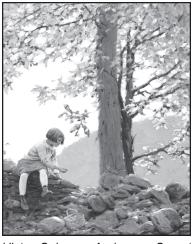
Both exhibitions open Saturday, September 19, 2020 and continue through January 9, 2021. Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated and help continue the Pearl's mission of art, education, and community.

School of Art: Launching This Fall -

In keeping with its mission of providing outstanding educational programming to the community, the Pearl Fincher Museum is launching a new School of Art.

The Pearl Fincher Museum School of Art will offer classes based on a fine art curriculum, taught by professional art edu-

cators. In an atmosphere designed to nurture talent and allow creativity to flourish, students will have the opportunity to experiment with different mediums, practice techniques and explore diverse styles, while also learning art history and being exposed to inspiring pieces in the Pearl's exhibitions. Initial classes will be offered for ages 8 to 12, with both inperson and virtual options. Classes will meet for 90 minutes once a week, with curriculum based on the



Victor Coleman Anderson, Secret Pals, 1924, oil on board, 19.5" x 15.5"

elements and principles of art and design.

For more information or to register visit pearlmfa.org or contact Karri Clark, School of Art Coordinator, at karripfmfa@gmail.com.

Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

Virtual Wreath Demonstration by Diana Hanley!" "Who's ready for a new adventure?" Not only is this our first meeting of the month, we are going virtual! This will be SAFD's first meeting of the year and Diana's first Facebook Live!





Wreath making has been booming in the last few years and deco mesh wreaths have taken on a new life. September 15, Diana is going to share different methods to create a deco mesh base, selecting ribbon, signs and embellishments. She will also share the supplies you will need to create your own wreath and where you can purchase these items. Please check out our Facebook page, Society for the Advancement of Floral Design, or our website SAFDHouston.org for upcoming announcements! Please put us on your calendar for September 15, 2020 at 7:00.

Jessie H. Jones Park & Nature Center 20634 Kenswick Drive, Humble

Tadpoles Club, Wed., Sept. 2, 9, 16, and 23, at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. - Introduce preschool-aged children to nature through stories, crafts, puppets, short walks, and animals with this interactive program led by a staff naturalist. The Tadpoles Club provides a great opportunity for children and parents (or grand-parents) to learn about and enjoy nature together. Reservations required and available beginning Wednesday, Aug. 5. Ages 3 to 4 only. No younger or older siblings permitted. Parent/guardian must accompany children.

Native American Heritage Day, Sat. Sept. 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Join staff, volunteers, and exhibitors for a celebration of tribal culture. Learn about the nomadic Akokisa-Ishak people and how they survived in Harris County long before European settlers. Gain an appreciation of native craftwork, weapons demonstrations, and observe traditional dance. Crafts, sto-

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ries, and games will be available for all to enjoy.

Invasives Beware, Sat., Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Help Jones Park staff and the Jesse Jones Park Eradicators remove invasive plant species, clear trails, and restore habitats throughout the park. Closed-toed shoes are required, and gloves and long pants are recommended. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monarchs and Milkweed, Pontoon Boat Tours, Sat., Sept. 26, throughout the day - Think you've seen all there is to see? Gain a new perspective and appreciation of Jones Park and its surrounding land by hopping aboard our pontoon boat for a leisurely cruise down Spring Creek. This staff-guided trip will provide you with a unique experience and information about local history, plants, and wildlife as well as great photography opportunities. For those 8 and older. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Jesse Jones Park Volunteers Monthly Meeting, Monday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. - Join us for the JJPV monthly program and meeting. A featured guest presents each month, and meetings include information about upcoming volunteer opportunities and projects at Jones Park. For those 16 and older or children accompanied by an adult.

Nature Photo Contest, Now is a great time to plan for the park's annual photo contest. Call for rules and information or visit www.hcp4.net/parks/jip/photocontest.





River Otters By Cheryl Conley

Most people assume that the animal they are seeing in area lakes and streams is a beaver but it could be a river otter. Most people don't realize that we have otters in our area.

River otters are fascinating little creatures. They are semi-aquatic spending about two-thirds of their time on land and the other third in the water. They live in dens called holts, near water, that have several tunnel openings with at least one leading them directly to a lake, stream, inland wetland or marsh. Their webbed feet and powerful tails make them strong swimmers. When they're in the water, their nostrils and ears close to keep water out. They have a third eyelid, or nictitating membrane, that acts like the goggles we wear when we swim. It protects the eyes and helps them to see underwater. They can dive up to 60 feet and can hold their breath for up to eight minutes.

The diet of the river otter is mainly made up of aquatic organisms including fish, turtles, frogs, crayfish, etc. but since they're semi-aquatic, they've also been known to eat small mammals like squirrels and mice.



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River otters are good communicators and have a variety of vocalizations. They yelp, whistle, growl and chirp and when threatened, they emit a scream that can be heard up to a mile and a half away!

Although they live alone or in pairs, river otters are very social and playful—guess you could call them party animals. The playful furballs roll down hills, juggle pebbles, wrestle, frolic in the water and even build themselves slides along the banks of rivers.

If you need assistance with an injured, orphaned or displaced animal, give us a call. In most cases, the animal doesn't need rescuing but we will help you make that determination. If the animal does need help, we will walk you through the process to keep both you and the animal safe. Our phone number is





713.468.TWRC. Our website has helpful information as well. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

Magnificent Milkweed of Mercer Botanic Gardens

Milkweeds are a genus of perennial,

flowering plants in the Asclepias family known for producing a milky substance that protects them from predators. Its Latin name, coined in 1753 by Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish botanist, zoologist, and physician, comes from Asclepius, the Greek god of healing.

Milkweeds are an essential source of nectar for pollinators, including bees, butterflies, wasps, and other nectar-seeking insects. They are also the larval food source for monarch butterflies and a variety of other insects, including some beetles and moths. More than 200 species of milkweed grow throughout Africa and the Americas.

Although tropical milkweed, also known as Mexican butterfly weed, is native to the tropics, it grows in parts of the southern United States. Unfortunately, when grown outside its native

range, the showy ornamental has been linked to Ophryocystis elektroscirrha (OE), a protozoan parasite that interferes with a monarch's ability to migrate, mate, and fly.

Unlike most milkweeds native to the United States, tropical milkweed does not die back in the winter, which allows the parasites to live on the plant indefinitely. Parasite populations are usually kept in check when the infected plant goes dormant in winter, killing the parasite. Thus, some experts suggest cutting back tropical milkweed each year to prevent the spread of OE. Despite the risks of OE, some gardeners leave tropical milkweed in place to feed non-migrating butterflies. As a safe alternative, gardeners can grow native shore or aquatic milkweed, which often stays green year-round.

The festival kicks off Saturday, Oct. 3. There will be a presale and discounts available for members of The Mercer Society, so join or renew your membership today.

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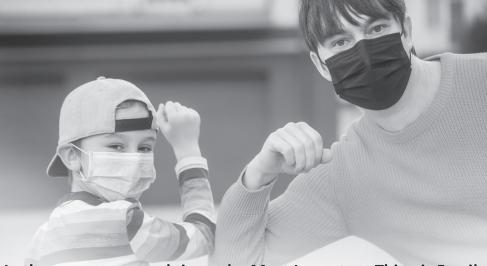




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