

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

The Official Neighborhood Publication for October, 2020 - www.oakcreekvillage.org

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President's Letter

Dear friends and neighbors,

Would you believe 5 times in 3 months? That's how many times I've been in the hospital this past summer. So....., I haven't been around to answer my phone or your questions. Also, I was changing out my phone system right in the middle of all this so that's not working either. Ggggrrrrrr!!!!!! If you have a money question, call our accountant. The number is on our website, and in the newsletter, or pick a Director. I'll be home soon.

I'm sorry to cause you trouble, but we need more help. I'm going to be calling some people so, (fair warning) don't answer your phone. Actually, please do, and what are we doing about Halloween.

Sincerely,
Sharon Kuester

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

Halloween Dessert Nachos

Ingredients

- 1 cup tiny marshmallows
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 Granny Smith, Gala and/or Fuji apples, cored and sliced
- 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup strawberry or seedless raspberry jam
- 1 cup Halloween candy, chopped, such as M&Ms, candy corn, peanut butter cups, snickers, etc.
- 1 0.88-ounce package candy eyes

Directions

Step 1 - In a microwave safe bowl combine marshmallows and butter. Micro-cook on 100% power (high) for 1 minute or until marshmallows are puffy and butter is melted. Stir to combine/

Step 2 - In separate small microwave-safe bowls, microwave peanut butter and jam on 100% power (high) for 30 to 60 seconds or until warm.

Step 3 - Arrange apples on a large platter. Spoon warmed marshmallow mixture, peanut butter, and jam over apples. Top with candy and candy eyes. Serve immediately.

Tips - Graham crackers, cinnamon-sugar pita chips, or vanilla wafer cookies can be used in place of apples.



Mercer Botanic Gardens - October Calendar

Texas Pollinator BioBlitz, Friday, Oct. 2 to Sunday, Oct. 18 - The Texas Pollinator BioBlitz is an annual, statewide effort to increase awareness of Texas pollinators including many species of butterflies, moths, bees, and more. Texans of all ages are encouraged to venture outdoors at Mercer Botanic Gardens and participate in the Texas Pollinator BioBlitz Friday, Oct. 2, to Sunday, Oct. 18, to find pollinators and nectar-producing plants, and then share observations by posting photos or videos to Facebook, Instagram, or iNaturalist using #TXpollinators and #MercerBotanicGardens. Be sure to stop by the porch of the Visitor Center to pick up a copy of the *Bountiful Butterflies*, which highlights 12 butterflies in adult and larval stages, and numerous host/nectar plants perfect for a butterfly garden. BioBlitz participants can visit Mercer's FB page at www.facebook.com/pg/MercerBotanicGardens/events/ for pollinator observation challenges.

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Fabulous Figs! Wednesday, Oct. 14, at noon - Celebrate regional fig culture with Brazoria County AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff. During this virtual presentation, Stephen will speak on the local and

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, October 13th 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 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.
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OCV Community Association

September 8, 2020

Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The July 31, 2020 balance sheet shows \$531,874 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For July 2020, revenue was above budget by \$350 primarily due to higher than budgeted Security receipts income. Expenses were above budget by (\$3,046) was mainly due to security patrol expense.

Transaction report

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

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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Total	279	89	18	130	2
ACCIDENT FSGI	1	0	0	1	0
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	1	0	0	0
ALARM LOCAL	2	1	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	194	42	7	106	39
DIST FAMILY	2	0	1	1	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	0	1	1	2
DISTURBANCE OTHER	2	0	1	1	0
DOA	1	0	1	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	2	0	1	0	1
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	1	0
INFORMATION CALL	2	1	0	1	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	14	9	0	5	0
MEET THE OFFICER	2	0	1	1	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	22	22	0	0	0
OPEN DOOR WINDOW	1	0	1	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4	0	2	2	0
TERRORISTIC THREAT	1	0	0	1	0
THEFT OTHER	1	0	1	0	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	7	7	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	6	1	0	5	0
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	0	1	0
VACATION WATCH	4	3	0	1	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	2	2	0	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	2	0	1	1	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

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Annual YMCA Run Thru the Woods Will be a Virtual Run/Walk/ Team Challenge in 2020 Keeping the Holiday Tradition Alive

Out of an abundance of caution, this year's annual event "YMCA Run Thru the Woods" has been transitioned into a **Virtual Event** for 2020. Celebrating 31 years Running for a CAUSE, Run Thru the Woods is an annual Thanksgiving tradition in South Montgomery County. Although we cannot all gather together and celebrate in person, the tradition will continue.



YMCA Run Thru the Woods Virtual Run/Walk/Team Challenge: www.runthruthewoods.org



The Houston Rose Society

Fabulous Fragrant Shrub Roses of David Austin

As one of the most famous rose breeders, David Austin introduced over 190 rose cultivars during his life time. Many of them not only send out beautiful blooms but also have wonderful fragrance. On the HRS monthly meeting in April, Gaye Hammond will introduce the fragrant shrub roses of David Austin. Gaye is the past president of Houston Rose society. She is also a life member of American Rose Society. As an avid writer, she published more than 300 articles and also has been a special section editor to the *American Rose* magazine. She's also a great speaker giving talks across United States.



This meeting is going to be a virtual meeting held at GoToMeeting on October 8th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM (CDT).

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Kinsmen Lutheran Church Hosts Free Online Workshop:

How To Navigate Your College Search During A Pandemic

Kinsmen Lutheran Church invites local high school students and their parents to a free, online workshop, "How to Navigate Your College Search During a Pandemic." The workshop will take place Wednesday, October 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The workshop will be presented by Virginia L. Blackwell, an independent educational consultant with more than 30 years of experience in the field of college admissions, and her associate, Bethany Scott, who is a former University of Texas admissions officer.

"Thinking about life after high school can be overwhelming, especially right now when so many things are uncertain," says Virginia. "With the multitude of choices and such a large financial commitment, it makes sense to consider your options carefully, ensuring the best choice for the student as well as the entire family."

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ACT and SAT testing updates, how to continue the college search through virtual opportunities, and how to build on experiences like volunteer opportunities, extracurricular activities, leadership and other interests.

The workshop is open to the community and will take place on Zoom. Registration is required at <http://bit.ly/collegesearch20>. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link. For more information please contact Mark England, Pastor, Youth, Family and Groups, at (281) 444-3127, ext. 124 or mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org.

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global history of figs, provide tips for tree management, and recommend varieties for home production. This month's Lunch Bunch is a recorded, online presentation. A link for Fabulous Figs will be posted on Mercer's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pg/MercerBotanicGardens/events/ on the day of the event. No registration required. For more information, call 713-274-4160.

Celebrate Bats!, Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Kick-off Bat Week with a family-friendly celebration of bats at Mercer Botanic Gardens. Explore a replica of the oldest known bat fossil in the world, marvel at the intricacies of a real bat skeleton, listen to chirping bat echoes, take home bat-themed kids' crafts, and more. Complete your morning with a walk through the gardens to find plants that are visited by bats in their native habitats.



Registration is required, as space is limited. To register or for more information, call 713-274-4160.

Ongoing Events - Mercer Botanic Gardens Bird Survey, Fourth Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m. - Mercer's gardens and miles of winding riparian forest trails along the Cypress Creek are an ideal place to birdwatch. Led by longtime birder Paul Gregg and Mercer staff member Christy Jones, this monthly bird survey is suited for birders of all levels and experience. Wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, as Mercer's 1.7-mile survey loop is primarily crushed asphalt trails. Participants must be 12 or older. Meet in front of the Visitor Center at Mercer's East Side Main Gardens. Bring binoculars, a bird identification guide, water, and insect repellent. Registration is required, as space is limited. Call 713-274-4160.

With leadership from Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, Mercer Botanic Gardens is a Harris County Precinct 4 Parks facility one mile north of FM 1960 at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, 77338. To register, seek additional information or request special assistance in any of the following programs, contact Mercer at 713-274-4160 or mercerbogardens@hcp4.net. Visit Mercer online at www.hcp4.net/parks/mercer. All Precinct 4 events and programming are subject to change or cancellation because of COVID-19.



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TWRC Wildlife Center

The Mourning Dove By Cheryl Conley

The mourning dove is native to Texas and gets its name from the soft, sad-sounding coo that usually only the male makes. What you may not know is that the mourning dove also has a non-verbal whistling sound it makes when it takes off and lands. This sound is an alarm signal and is also associated with courtship. They are one of the most abundant birds of all North American birds.

Doves are highly-developed and range in size from a sparrow to a chicken. Mourning doves are one of seven species of doves in our area. The others are the white-winged dove, the white-tipped dove, the erasian collared, the rock dove (pigeon), the band-tailed pigeon, the inca dove and the common ground dove. Some of them, like the mourning dove, are monogamous. That means they'll stay with their mate for life unless something happens to the mate. If that happens, the mourning dove will find a replacement.

Mourning doves are recognizable by black spots on brown wings, a black beak, black eyes and a long, pointed tail. They look somewhat plump with a small head that looks a little too small



for the size of the body.

You might catch a glimpse of a mourning dove on the ground or on a limb, leaning over and stretching one wing. The bird is either sunbathing or rainbathing. It can hold this position for up to twenty minutes. They also like to dustbathe.

Their diet consists mostly of seeds. They have a preference for rapeseed, corn, millet, safflower, and sunflower seeds. They eat until their crops are full and then fly away to digest the food. They'll often swallow sand or fine gravel to aid in digestion.

Doves are the number one game bird in the country and Texas leads the nation in hunter and harvest humbers. Every year from June to August, Texas Parks and Wildlife place leg bands on thousands of mourning and white-winged doves. The primary reason for banding is to track the harvest. This is done in order to monitor the factors that influence the populations. Hunters report banded birds and the information gathered provides estimates of harvest and survival rates. The data is used in

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Here are a few very interesting facts about this very common bird.

- They have a very short life span. They usually only live about 1.5 years. The oldest recorded age of a mourning dove is 31.
- They are one of only a few birds that can actually sip water like humans. Most birds gulp water and then rotate their heads until the water goes down their throats.
- Many of them lay eggs several times a year.
- Mourning doves can fly up to 55mph. Compare that to a Northern Flicker that weighs about the same but can only fly 23 mph.
- Another name used for mourning doves is turtle doves.

TWRC admits hundreds of injured, orphaned and displaced doves every year. Some have dog and cat wounds, some have had collisions with windows, or have fallen out of a nest. Whatever the reason for their admission, we care for them until they are able to be returned to the wild. If you'd like more information about what we do, check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.



Jessie H. Jones Park & Nature Center 20634 Kenswick Drive, Humble (281) 446-8588

Yarn Dolls, Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. - Learn the art of creating a yarn doll for yourself or young ones. Materials are provided. Reservations are required beginning Wed., Sept. 30.

Second Saturday Settlers: Woodworking, Saturday, Oct. 10, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Visit Redbud Hill Homestead and watch woodworkers turn raw materials into useful items. Join staff and volunteers as they demonstrate other everyday chores from the 19th century. Reservations required beginning Wed., Sept. 30.

Tricks & Treats Among the Trees, Saturday, Oct. 24, activities throughout the day. - Visitors are invited to visit Jones Park for a variety of programs to learn about some of the different animals associated with Halloween. Programs will include Creepy Crawly Critters programs and evening Nature Hikes. Goodie bags will be provided for registered children. Call for times and more information. Online reservations required beginning Wed., Sept. 30.

Tree T's, Saturday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m. - Use fallen leaves and fabric paints to make an artistic autumn T-shirt. Participants bring a plain white T-shirt. Reservations required beginning Wed., Oct. 21.

For more information about the park or any of the activities and programs offered, please call 281-446-8588 or visit us at

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