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OCV HOA Board Meeting minutes held on October 13th 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by the President Sharon Kuester. It was conducted remotely over the phone and Board members present were Darrell Johnson, Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton, George Arreguin. Elizabeth Davis and new Board member Jim Bowers attended the meeting from the club house.

The minutes of the September meeting was read and Approved.

Darry Johnson gave a verbal report about a couple of approvals that has come through one for a roof and another for a circular drive.

The new Deed Restrictions Director is Jim Bowers and he can be reached at 281-781-7160 and email is jbowers58@yahoo.com

Elizabeth Davis's read her recreation report. Kindly read the report it goes in detail about a lot of important issues. The pool is now closed. The adult lap

swim is still meeting weekdays from 6-7.30pm and anyone interested should contact Elizabeth. She has requested the Maintenance Director to get a couple of quotes to do some maintenance work inside and around the clubhouse. Due to the pandemic a few of our normal activities have been cancelled, please read them in the newsletter. Her report was approved.

Please read the Treasurer's report in the newsletter. Jon's report was approved.
New Business:

The Board approved to close our checking and money market accounts from Trustmark and move the money to Veritex Bank, It will be a checking account, a Money Market and a 3 month CD whichever provides us a good interest rate. There will be 4 signers on the account, Sharon Kuester, Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton and Darryl Johnson. Elizabeth Galvan and Juan Galvan of TxMgmt will have the authority on our behalf to deal with the bank on everything except signing checks and withdrawing funds directly from the account in either wire, ACH, check or cash without proper or prior authorization from the OCV HOA Board.

As there was no other business the meeting adjourned at 8.35pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

Oak Creek Village Recreation Report 09/12/2020

The pool is now closed for the season.

Only adult lap swim will continue weekday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM until the water becomes too cold to continue. Residents interested in participating should contact Elizabeth Davis for more information.

Swim practice concluded on 10/10. NWAL has notified our team that they will proceed with planning 2021 summer swim league as normal.

I have had minor repairs done around the pool and am submitting an invoice in the amount of \$207.50. There are a few more repairs to be done and the work is ongoing. I am submitting a quote to have the cracks in the ceiling of the clubhouse repaired. If the board would like to pursue these repairs, I request our Maintenance Director obtain 2 additional quotes for consideration.

I have completed typing the Landscape Maintenance Contract that was given to me by Sharon Kuester. However, there is at least 1 page missing from the original, so I am not able to submit a completed document. Additionally, I feel some items should be added to the contract, such as weed control in the new playground area and a review of the
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*The deadline for the next issue of the
OCV Community News is November 15!*

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, November 10th 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.
Thank you.

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Oak Creek Village Contract

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OCV Community Association

October 13, 2020

Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The August 31, 2020 balance sheet shows \$546,694 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For August 2020, revenue was above budget by \$5,296 primarily due to higher than budgeted Collection reimbursement income. Expenses were below budget by \$4,853 was mainly due to lower pool expenses.

Transaction Report

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

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.

September 1-30, 20	Total	Malloy	Schnur	Segovia	Other
Total	261	79	116	46	20
ACCIDENT FSGI	2	0	1	0	1
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	0	0	1
ALARM LOCAL	2	0	2	0	0
ASSAULT FAMILY	1	0	1	0	0
BURG BUSINESS	1	1	0	0	0
CHECK SCHOOL	2	2	0	0	0
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	178	34	96	40	8
DIST FAMILY	2	1	0	1	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	5	0	3	1	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	3	0	0	0	3
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	0	1	0	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	7	6	0	0	1
MEET THE OFFICER	2	0	1	1	0
MENTAL HEALTH	1	0	0	1	0
MISSING PERSON	1	0	0	1	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	15	15	0	0	0
ROBBERY INDIVIDUAL	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	1	1	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	12	12	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	12	1	10	0	1
VEHICLE STICKERED	3	3	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	1	0	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	3	2	0	0	1



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Annette M.	16	B+H+P	281-455-7397
Keith	17	P	832-253-7816

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common area locations to be maintained.

We have been satisfied with our Landscape Maintenance company with no reason to make a change. However, I believe it has been many years since the contract was put to bid. I request the board seek alternative proposals from at least 2 other Landscape Maintenance companies prior to signing the current contract.

Due to the pandemic Fall Festival has been cancelled. I anticipate Breakfast with Santa will also be cancelled. If possible, we may have the Fires Station drive Santa around the neighborhood, but we will not gather at the clubhouse for breakfast and photos as we have in the past.

Mercer Botanic Gardens

Texas Arbor Day, Friday, Nov. 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. -

Celebrate Texas Arbor Day among the trees at Mercer's West Side Arboretum with a tree planting demonstration and receive a complimentary sapling while supplies last. Bring your tree questions and get expert advice from a certified arborist. Register online now at www.hcp4.net/legacytrees/ to Foster Your Own Legacy Tree and we'll have your tree ready to take home. Learn about the Legacy Tree Program, hike along the arboretum trails, and more. There's outdoor fun for the entire family. Registration is required, as space is limited. To register or for more information, call 713-274-4160.



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Piney Woods Wildlife Society



Feeder Watchers Needed Saturday, December 19, 2020

Bird feeder watchers from your neighborhood are needed on Saturday, December 19th, 2020, to help with the Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Each year between December 14th and January 5th, the Audubon Society involves people to help the birds by participating in a Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The Audubon Society's goal is to capture a snapshot of bird populations during the early winter, comparing this data with snapshots from scores of previous years to help understand fluctuations in bird populations that show which species are thriving and which are struggling.

One of these CBCs is the Spring Creek CBC on the north side of Houston and sponsored by volunteers from the Piney Woods Wildlife Society. This CBC is scheduled for the first Saturday of the CBC period – this year it falls on Saturday, December 19, 2020. It is centered roughly at I45 and Rayford / Sawdust and extends 7.5 miles in all directions. This 15 mile diameter circle makes up the "Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count". (You can see this and many more CBCs in Texas by visiting <https://houstonaudubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-counts/>.)

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If you live inside the Spring Creek CBC count circle, have bird feeders in your yard, and will be home part of the day on Saturday, December 19th, please contact the Spring Creek CBC compiler, Claire Moore, and volunteer to help by counting the birds that visit your feeders on that day. Claire will send you further information on how to count and report your sightings. Claire can be reached via email at cdmoore3i@gmail.com.

As mentioned above, volunteers from the Piney Woods Wildlife Society sponsor this CBC. PWWS is a local bird watching and nature club that has meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except summer months) at 6:30 p.m. The meetings normally include some snacks plus a presentation by a local person about their bird watching or nature experience — however, because of Covid, the meetings are currently being held virtually. The meetings are held at the new Big Stone Lodge at Dennis Johnston Park located at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road in Spring during non-Covid times. If you are interested in birds or nature, please feel free to attend the PWWS meetings. You can learn more about PWWS at <http://www.pineywoodswildlifesociety.org/>.

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New Tomball Residents By Cheryl Conley

A pair of beautiful bald eagles are now calling Tomball, Texas, home and they've become quite the attraction. People are coming from miles around just to get a glimpse of them and to snap a photo. Should you decide to come and take a look, remember to keep your distance and do not disturb the birds in any way.

Bald eagles are protected by multiple federal laws that include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Lacey Act as well as other state and municipal protections that may be in place. The Eagle Act was originally passed in 1940 and was amended in 1972, increasing civil penalties. The Act provides criminal penalties for persons who "take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald eagle ... [or any golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part*, nest, or egg thereof." The Act defines "take" as "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb."

"Disturb" means: "to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to

a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior."



Here are some interesting facts about Bald Eagles:

- They have been our national symbol since 1782.
- They are almost always found near water.
- They live to be between 20 and 30 years old. The oldest recorded bald eagle was 38.
- Their wingspan is between 6 feet and 7.5 feet.
- Females are larger than males.
- They can see 4 to 7 times better than humans.



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- They return to the same nest every year. They will make repairs and add additional twigs, grass, etc. each year. The nests average 2-4 feet deep and 4-5 feet wide. The largest nest on record weighed 2 tons!
- The female lays 1 to 3 eggs and both the male and female take turns sitting on the eggs. The first egg will hatch after 35 days of incubation. The next egg will hatch several days later.
- Sometimes the first eaglet to hatch will kill the younger one(s).
- By 3 weeks of age, the feet and beaks are nearly as large as an adult.

- Eaglets fledge between 8 and 14 weeks of age.
- It's not until 3 years of age that the head and tail begin to turn white. In the 4th year, the eagle gets its white head, tail and upper and undertail coverts.
- Eagles can swim—sort of. If they swoop down for a fish and it's too heavy, they will paddle to shore.

TWRC Wildlife Center asks that you respect all wildlife. With regard to the Tomball eagles, keep your distance, view with binoculars, keep the noise level down and report anyone harassing them or getting too close. They could be breaking a federal law.

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