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HELP!

HELP! Now that school has started and everyone is settled down for a long winter's nap, (huh?) I am bound and determined to publish a new directory for Oak Creek Village. However I need your help. I have the names and addresses for every residence in the village but it would be nice to put in a few phone numbers, too. I have a plan, but I need about 30 people to do a little work, or fifteen to do more work. I already have a few willing souls, but I need more, more! Please call or e-mail me.

By the way, in all my 47 years living here, no one has ever used the info in the directory to harass anyone and we used to put children's names, birthdays, and employment in the directory, too. Please help!

Sad News

Our friend and neighbor, A. J. Salinas, has passed away. A. J. has served on the OCV HOA Board for many years both

as Director of Deed Restrictions and most recently as Board President. He will be remembered for his leadership and generosity to our community. We will miss his humor and quick wit which could lighten the mood during tense discussions at HOA meetings. He gave of his time and personal resources by not only buying the hot dogs, but standing at the grill to cook them at numerous OCV celebrations at the park. He also played an integral part during Breakfast with Santa for several years.

A. J. was very proud of his long military career and he was laid to rest with full military honors in recognition of his service to our country.

He is survived by his four brothers and their families as well as his many friends in Oak Creek Village.

Oak Creek Village Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 by Vice President Sharon Kuester. Directors present were Sharon, Elizabeth Davis, Christiane Gutierrez, and Jon Whisler. Deputy Mike Malloy sat in for Lloyd Bratton, and residents present were Tiffany Perkins, Jeff and Lora Ewalt, Beverly and L.B. Bullard, Kathleen Phillips, Kara Randall, Thomas and Lisa Stauber, Velinda Pachelhofer, Nicholas Fava, and Barbara Frisbie. Sharon read the minutes of the July 9th meeting, which were approved, and Elizabeth presented her written report which detailed problems we are having with our pool maintenance company. Her report was approved, and then Deputy Malloy highlighted a few of the incidents which occurred in July and commented that our only real problem is a few speeders.

Next, Nick Fava, president of Bammel Utility District, announced that we finally are going to able to begin our park and drainage project, and explained why the sewer project went over budget. He also reminded us that September is the month in which meeting dates will need to be changed. Next, residents began to ask for clarification of deed restriction violation notices they had received, and much time was spent discussing these. The Board agreed that shrubbery can be taller than six feet, but should be kept trimmed. Nothing else was resolved.

Finally, Jon was able to present the treasurer's report, which was duly approved after some discussion about overly generous reserves. Also approved was the charge for the year for the webmaster, and the cost overrun for the sewer project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Kuester, secretary

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

Due to Labor Day:

OCV Community Association Board of Directors
Meeting Reminder
Wednesday, September 18 at 8:00pm



The Bammel Utility
District meeting will be on the 17th.



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. The September change is due to Labor Day. 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

Calls for Service July 2019	Castaneda	Malloy	Price	Other	Grand Tota
Total	88	67	129	20	304
911 HANG UP	0	0	0	1	1
ACCIDENT FSGI	0	0	0	1	1
ALARM LOCAL	1	1	0	1	3
ARSON FIRE	0	0	0	1	1
ASSAULT	1	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT FAMILY	0	0	0	1	1
CHECK PARK	0	1	0	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	0	0	0	1	1
CONTRACT CHECK	73	30	123	0	226
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	0	0	1	1	2
DIST FAMILY	3	0	2	1	6
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	0	0	0	2	2
DISTURBANCE OTHER	0	0	1	3	4
FOLLOW UP	2	0	0	0	2
IN PROGRESS LIFE IN DANGER	R 0	0	0	1	1
INFORMATION CALL	0	0	0	1	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	5	6	0	1	12
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	2	0	1	3
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	1	0	0	0	1
THEFT OTHER	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	0	16	0	0	16
TRAFFIC STOP	0	3	0	0	3
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	0	1	1
VACATION WATCH	1	4	1	0	6
VEHICLE RECOVERY	0	0	0	2	2
VEHICLE STICKERED	0	3	0	0	3
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	0	1	0	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	0	0	1	0	1



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OCV Community Association August 13, 2019 Treasurer Report

Financial Report:

Balance Sheet

The June 30, 2019 balance sheet shows \$742,208 in the bank

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For June 2019, revenue was below budget by (\$516) primarily due to lower than planned Transfer fee Revenue. Expenses were below budget by \$1,643 was mainly due to timing of insurance expenses.

Transaction Report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2019 Maintenance Fee of \$315 was approved at the November 2018 meeting and statements were mailed out the beginning of December 2018 and were due by the end of January 2019 to avoid penalties and interest being added to your account. It is now delinquent so please call the accountant to find out how much more you owe on your account at 832-910-7525 before sending your payment.



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Free Workshop At Kinsmen Lutheran Church Will Help Families **Prepare For The College Search**

Kinsmen Lutheran Church invites local high school students and their parents to a free workshop on Wednesday, September 18: "Surviving the College Search."

The workshop will be presented by Virginia L. Blackwell, founder and owner of College Direction Counseling Services, who has more than 30 years of experience in the field of college admissions. This informative seminar will help families prepare for college fairs, think through the college application process, and plan for standardized tests. Virginia will be joined by her associate, Bethany Scott, who is a former University of Texas admissions officer.

"Thinking about life after high school can be overwhelming," says Virginia. "With so many choices and such a large financial commitment, it makes sense to plan wisely and make the most of your college search, ensuring the best choice for the student as well as the entire family."

The workshop is open to the community and will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Drive in Houston. Admission is free, but registration is requested at www.kinsmenlutheran. org.



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The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its September meeting on September 17th at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd Spring, Texas 77379. Refreshments will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting to start promptly at 7pm. If you have an interest in flowers and the art of designing, then this is the meeting and presentation for you! We have members ranging from novice designers to floral shop owners and Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and socialize together.

For further information, please contact Deb Kahn at 713-582-8611 or email at safd.houston@yahoo.com.

The Houston Rose Society

The topic of the Houston Rose Society meeting Thursday, September 12, 2019, will be

"Blackspot, Bugs and Garden Safety." The program will be presented by Dr. Allen Owings. Dr. Owings is a retired profes-



sor Emeritus at LSU AgCenter. He is a Senior Horticulturist at Bracy's Nursery and an American Rose Society Regional Director. The meeting will be held at the Cherie Flores Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston 77004. Come at 7:00 PM for refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Free Admission, for more information visit www.houstonrose.org.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR 8th Annual Chili Cook-off benefiting The American Wheelchair Mission



"COME ONE AND COME ALL" to the Knights of Columbus Council 14512 (St Edward Catholic Church) 8th Annual Chili Cook-off benefiting The American Wheelchair Mission. The event will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 on the grounds of St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 26777 Glen Loch Dr., Spring, TX 77381. General public gates open at 10AM, final judging begins at about 2:30PM.

Come sample some of the best chili in Texas! Enjoy family entertainment, car show, games, drinks, homemade desserts, hamburgers, hot dogs and raffles of products and services during the event. A 5-sample pack/1 drink admission is only \$5.00, which also includes you in 20-25 door prize raffles of about \$10 to \$15. Other raffles from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for much larger prizes will also be conducted during the day. All proceeds go toward purchasing wheelchairs for people in need through The American Wheelchair Mission.

There are a few remaining openings for Cooking Teams as well. If interested in joining the competition, entry forms are available online at www.knights14512.org. Contact Jerry Stack at 832-282-1344 or JStack@integratedreg.com with any questions. Registration fees for a cooking team are \$150 and spots are assigned on a first come basis, deadline 10/31/19.





The Plastic Plight By Cheryl Conley

'm deviating from my usual articles about local wildlife and addressing an issue that should be important to all of us. It's the plastic pollution of our oceans. Why should we be concerned? Plastic is killing our wildlife. Fish, seabirds, seals, sea turtles and marine mammals ingest plastics causing suffocation, drowning or starvation or they become entangled in it.

Plastic was invented in 1907 and was considered a major break-through. Although not widely used in the beginning, now it's everywhere we look. After all, it's durable and lightweight, but it's deadly to marine animals. Are you old enough to remember when milk was delivered in glass bottles? Remember when sodas were only available in glass bottles? Remember paper straws? Today when you order a drink in a restaurant, you get a plastic straw. Do you remember the introduction of plastic bags in grocery stores? Groceries were once put in paper bags, then we were asked if we wanted paper or plastic and now it's plastic only. Grocery stores have row after row of products in plastic containers replacing what were once glass.



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TELC 18335 Master Electrician # 7966 It is estimated that 92,000 tons of plastic end up in our oceans every week. To help you understand how much that is, it's 184,000,000 pounds! But where does all that trash come from? One would think that it's coming from ships throwing their trash overboard. That accounts for only 20% of the problem. The other 80% comes from land-based activities. Ninety percent of all plastic trash that ends up in the oceans gets there by ten rivers that carry it there (none are in the United States). All of these rivers run through densely populated areas that don't have adequate waste collection or recycling programs. Additionally, there's very little public awareness that plastic is even a problem in these areas. Trash being blown away from land-fills is also a problem. Plastic is lightweight so it doesn't take much for the wind to blow it around.

The trash collects around storm drains and ends up in our oceans. And then there's the general public that still thinks it's okay to throw trash out of cars or wherever they feel like disposing of it.

There are several garbage patches floating in our oceans. Rotating ocean currents called "gyres" creates them and currently there are five of them in the ocean. One of them is called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and is located in the North Pacific Gyre between Hawaii and California. It is the world's largest collection of floating trash. The debris is spread across the surface of the water and goes all the way to the ocean floor. The latest estimate puts the size of this patch at twice the size of Texas! Eight percent of the debris is made up of plastic bags, bottles and other consumer products.

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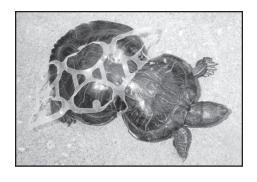
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So what can be done about the problem? Obviously, there are many situations that we have no control over but we can do our part. We can be responsible stewards of our environment and we

can teach others to be as well. Here's how you can help:

- Participate in Adopt-a-Beach programs through the General Land Office in Austin. For more information, go to www.glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach/.
- Use reusable bags when you grocery shop.
- Go straw-free. They are now even selling re-usable straws that you can carry with you. Some even fold up.
- Balloons are a big no-no. If you know someone planning an event with a balloon release, educate them on the dangers to our wildlife.
- Tell your dry cleaner that you don't need a plastic bag.
- Recycle.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 501(c)(3) organization in Houston. Since 1979, TWRC Wildlife Center has been committed to providing quality emergency care and rehabilitation for injured,

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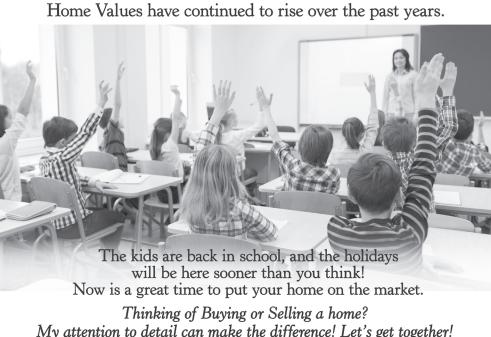






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