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Happy New Year!



OCV Board Meeting Minutes 12/8/2020

The meeting was conducted remotely and it was called to order by Jon Whisler at 7.35pm. Attending Board members were Lloyd Bratton, Darryl Johnson, Elizabeth Davis, George Arreguin and (JB) Jim Bowers. Sharon Kuester was the only one absent.

The meeting of the November meeting were read and approved.

Recreation Report: Elizabeth has been busy getting our pool fixed and maintained. Her detailed report is in the newsletter kindly read it. The mortar was burned and she was able to secure a much less expensive mortar and get it fixed. But there are some issues which she is looking into. Her report was approved.

Security Report: So far everything is going well. Lloyd's report is in the newsletter.

Maintenance Report: Our Director is getting bids and also gathering information about different vendors etc., to get security cameras installed in and around our clubhouse and pool area. Nothing has been finalized.

Deed Restrictions: There was a lot covered and I would strongly urge the residents to read JB's report in the newsletter. His report was approved.

Treasury Report: It was read and approved. Please read it in the newsletter.

New Business:

Elizabeth made a motion to have the ceiling in the clubhouse patched, taped, floated and fixed and painted for \$1500 and also one of the broken windows to be replaced for \$715. The Board approved the expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 8.40pm.

The Board kindly requests the residents to reach out to them directly all their contact information is in the newsletter, and not air your concerns or grievances on Next Door, it is for all neighborhoods and not just for ours. Our Board is willing and able to hear your voices and due to this pandemic we are not able to hold our monthly meeting in person at the club house. We will let you all know when we can meet in person but in the mean time reach out to them directly if you have questions or concerns.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

Deed Restrictions Monthly Report / Topic for December 2020

The OCV Community Association, Inc. (the "Association") identifies and advises property owners and residents of Deed Restriction violations within the Oak Creek Village. When we see a violation we will be sending the property owner a letter. Please understand we do not know the circumstances or situation a property owner or tenant is dealing with we only know there is a violation. If you receive a letter and there is extenuating circumstances then please contact us and let us know. Do not stew on it, complain, or get stressed out as there is always ways to fix a violation **but if you do not contact us** then we do not know. In some cases we may be able to help out and get the violation resolved, but idea of a neighborhood is neighbor helping neighbor.

Deed restrictions Identified 33 Violations for months of October and November 2020. Out of the 33 violations 20 have been corrected, nine are still pending correction.

Two violations for storage of trailers in driveway were forwarded to the Attorney and demand letters were sent to the homeowner. The cost of the attorney's time was assessed against the homeowners maintenance account and now constitutes a statu-
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Emergency

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire.....	911
Ambulance.....	281 440-4300
Animal Control, 612 Canino Road.....	281 999-3191
Crimestoppers.....	713 222-8477
Crisis Hotline.....	713 527-9864
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 Department	
- (report neglected swimming pool).....	713 274-6300

Helpful Numbers

OCV Accountant, <i>TXMGMT</i>	832 910-7525
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Forms (713 221-6000)	
Post Office-Cornerstone.....	281 444-1355
Gas, Centerpoint.....	713 659-2111
Trash, Texas Pride Disposal.....	281 342-8178
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Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District.....	281 376-8802

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, January 12th 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.

To report a streetlight out go to Centerpoint (713 207-2222)
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Oak Creek Village Contract

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Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

Due to the Pandemic the Board is not able to meet at the clubhouse in person, in the meantime if residents have any concerns or questions kindly reach out to the appropriate Board member, their contact information is in the newsletter.

OCV Community Association

December 8, 2020

Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The October 31, 2020 balance sheet shows \$502,634 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For October 2020, revenue was above budget by \$710 primarily due to higher than budgeted Security Receipts income. Expenses were below budget by \$1,833 was mainly due to timing of legal expenses.

Transaction report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2021 Maintenance Fee of \$327 was approved at the last meeting and was mailed out last week and is due at the beginning of January 2021. If it is not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2021 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$30.50 was approved at the last meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the March 2021 bill as April is when the annual contract for Security renews and that bill is due by 20th of March..

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November 1-30, 2020

	Total	Malloy	Schnur	Segovia	Other
Total	272	76	127	46	23
ACCIDENT FSGI	1	0	0	0	1
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	0	0	1
ALARM LOCAL	5	0	2	0	3
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	1	0	1	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	186	37	107	40	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	1	0	0	0
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	1	0
DIST FAMILY	3	1	0	0	2
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	0	0	1	3
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	1	0	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	3	0	2	1	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	1	0	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	3	1	0	0	2
MEET THE CITIZEN	10	6	1	0	3
MENTAL HEALTH	1	0	1	0	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	21	21	0	0	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	1	0	0	0
PROPERTY FOUND LOST	1	0	0	0	1
RUNAWAY	3	0	0	2	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	6	3	3	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	7	0	7	0	0
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	2	0	1	0	1
VEHICLE ABANDONED	2	0	1	1	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	3	3	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	2	1	0	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	1	0	0	0	1



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Annette M.	16	B+H+P	281-455-7397
Keith	18	P	832-375-1613
Jason	15	P	832-375-1613

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Deed Restrictions from page 1

tory lean. If the deed restriction violations are not resolved any more attorney time and or court costs will also be assessed against the homeowners maintenance account.

The HOA exercised the self-help clause as allowed in Article 14 and corrected two property deed restriction violations that the homeowner's did not correct. The HOA hired a lawn service to clean up the front yard and driveway of excessive lawn overgrowth, leaves, and pine needles. The HOA hired a trash service to remove construction debris thrown on the front lawn of another property. The cost of hiring these services has been assessed against the homeowners maintenance account and now constitutes a statutory lean.

Most property owners have taken the time to clean up their property and the street curb in front of their property of leaves and pine needles, however if you have not taken the time to clean your property please do or expect a violation notice letter. This action on your part will help prevent the storm system from flooding and backing up and I am sure it will make your neighbors happy and make the development look nice. Deed restriction is also giving special emphasis to addressing trailers, inoperative vehicles, and operable vehicles that are being semi-permanently or permanently stored in the public street right-of-way or on driveways. Below are a copy of deed restriction article 9 requirements and also the definition of an operable vehicle * as provided by the HOA attorney.

9. STORAGE OF AUTOMOBILES, BOATS, TRAILERS AND OTHER VEHICLES; No boat trailers, boats, travel trailers, inoperative automobiles, campers, or vehicles of any kind are to be semi-permanently or permanently stored in the public street right-of-way or on driveways. Permanent and semi-permanent storage of such items and vehicles must be screened from public view, either within the garage or behind the fence which encloses the rear of the lot.

* The definition of an operational vehicle that is visible from the public right of way is it must be functional, licensed, inspected, insured, and drivable on the roads and highways of Texas. Also it must be driven off the premises occasionally as the deed restrictions do not allow for the temporary or permanent storage of vehicles on the driveway or roadway.

Oak Creek Village Recreation Report 12/08/2020

On 11/13 I was notified by Aquatic Management of Houston that our pool motor burned out. The proposal from Aquatic Management to replace the motor was \$2,093.00.

I contacted LoneStar CNC Repair owner Josh Tobias who is a Cuda Swim team parent and board member. He inspected the motor and confirmed it was burned out and could not be repaired. He was able to procure a motor from CA for \$617.18 (\$781.39 with shipping and tax) which is approximately half the price charged by the supplier in Houston. I authorized the purchase, and the motor was received and installed on 11/25. Josh has invoiced \$400 for his time and labor.

Due to the pandemic and current economic conditions, I was not able to provide a credit card for the purchase of the motor, nor was Mr. Tobias able to do so. Therefore, I requested permission from the OCV Cudas to use the swim teams credit card for the purchase and the request was approved. I will submit the invoice for the motor to TXMGMT for reimbursement to the Cudas and the invoice from Mr. Tobias to be reimbursed to LoneStar CNC Repair.

On 11/27, Aquatic Management of Houston notified me that they have not been able to keep the water at the correct level which is causing the motor to run dry and could damage the new motor. I have authorized Mr. Clark at Aquatic Manage-



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ment to schedule an inspection of the pool to determine if there is a leak. We suspect the crack that formed this year in the deep end may have worsened and is causing water to leak from the pool. The Leak Detective is scheduled to come in early January.

OCV Care and Prepare Group

Have you ever wished you could be better prepared to handle the difficult circumstances in life? Job loss, family illness, natural disasters and the day to day struggles we all experience can leave us wanting to know more, have more, or do more. OCV Care and Prepare is a group of people just like you who gather to help each other do just that. **KNOW-HAVE-DO.** Join us for coffee and donuts at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the OCV Clubhouse to organize, set goals and take action for a better, easier life for ourselves and our neighbors. For more info contact Elizabeth at davisejb@gmail.com or Melinda at mloustalot1@gmail.com.



A letter in support of extending the “Hold Harmless Funding” policy for local ISDs.

HOUSTON—The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has approved a letter to Commissioner Mike Morath of the Texas Education Agency expressing our contin-

ued support of the “Hold Harmless Funding” policy for our local ISDs. Set to expire soon, the program has provided essential funding in helping our local school districts continue to adapt their educational delivery methods to accommodate quarantine and “stay in place” orders.

The Chamber was compelled to send this letter after multiple superintendents from local school districts asked that we support them in this issue. “While our school districts have done an amazing job accommodating the different situations of families and creating flexibility within its educational services,” said President & CEO, Bobby Lieb, “the conditions created by this pandemic have made it difficult for everyone, with our school districts not excluded.”

The “Hold Harmless Funding” policy gives protection for districts that would lose funding due to unforeseen drops in enrollment. According to a December 11th news report by ABC13, Houston ISD alone has lost nearly 12,000 students this semester. The same report states that in both Aldine and Pearland ISD, the number of students having at least one “F” has doubled compared to this time last year. Losing this critical funding could cause even more children’s grades to drop or lose them from the education system entirely.

“COVID has affected every aspect of our life,” said Tom Petrick, Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors. “We cannot forget the education of the next generation of leaders for our country.

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Doing everything possible to insure that "Hold Harmless Funding" is continued should be a top priority for the Texas Education Agency."

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce has also provided digital and physical copies of the letter to Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Representative Dan Huberty, Representative Sam Harless, Representative Valoree Swanson, Representative Senfronia Thompson, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, Superintendent Jenny McGown and Superintendent Dr. Rodney Watson.



The Great Fisherman, By Cheryl Conley

When one mentions raptors, there are a few species that people are very familiar with like owls, eagles and hawks. The osprey, however, isn't a familiar species to most people even though it is one of the most widespread raptors in the world. They are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Like all raptors, the osprey is a large bird with a hooked beak and sharp talons, both of which are used to catch their prey and tear it apart to eat.

About 99% of the osprey's diet is made up of fish so it only makes sense that they nest near water along the coasts and large lakes. Occasionally they can be seen along rivers. They build their nests at the tops of dead trees, buoys, chimneys, and even atop power poles. Like the bald eagle, they use the same nest year after year but can be seen making minor repairs each spring.

They are amazing to watch as they glide over water looking for a fish. Sometimes they plunge so forcefully into the water that they are totally submerged. After catching a fish, they arrange the fish so it faces upright with the head forward.

The osprey is a great fisherman, successfully catching a fish one out of 4 tries. They have a much higher success rate than it's relatives like the eagle. Sometimes eagles watch and when an osprey catches a fish, the eagle will attack the osprey causing it to drop the fish. Easy meal for the eagle! Benjamin Franklin said in 1784 that "bald eagles are too lazy to fish for himself.....and does not get his living honestly." True then, true today.

Ospreys generally mate for life but they will find a new partner should their partner die or disappear during spring migration.

If you'd like to watch an osprey nest, there are many online. The Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey has an osprey

cam that you can watch here: <http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/ospreycam/>. In the New Jersey area, nest building begins in early April and eggs are laid from mid-April to early May. You can watch the eggs hatch and observe Mom and Dad caring for the babies. It's interesting and educational.

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The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

SAFD is excited to announce our January 2021, virtual, Facebook presentation. We are proud to showcase Alan Masters, one of our most beloved and extremely talented presenters. Alan's program is "Under construction: An architectural approach to Tabletop centerpieces".

Alan will demonstrate how to get started, how to pick a theme, colors to use, height and dimensions for your centerpiece. Please tune into Facebook Live, on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 P.M., at Society for the Advancement of Floral Designs. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts Names New Director

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is pleased to announce the appointment of Courtney Gardner as the new Museum Director.

Gardner is from Newport News, Virginia where she has served as Executive Director of the Peninsula Fine Arts Center since 2011. She is highly respected for her leadership skills in increasing organizational visibility, fund raising and financial management, and overseeing exhibitions, educational activities, and programs that offer broad appeal to the community.

Gardner completed her undergraduate degrees at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She has received numerous awards, including "Top Forty Under Forty" from Inside Business Hampton Roads, the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Club of Newport News, and the YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

Gardner will begin her role at the Pearl in January, 2021.

About the Pearl

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts exists to provide direct, first-hand access to original works of art, and to offer outstanding educational and public programming. As the only Fine Arts museum in Harris County outside the city center of Houston, the Pearl operates completely through the generous donations of individuals, businesses and foundations from the greater Houston community, and is free to all.



Courtney Gardner

For more information, please visit www.pearlmfa.org or call (281) 376-6322.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center January 2021 Calendar

Conservation Connections, Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 8:30 a.m. - Volunteers are invited to join staff and assist with a variety of conservation projects, such as maintaining the pollinator gardens, plant propagation, and habitat restoration. Wear closed-toed shoes. Bring garden gloves and a water bottle. Long pants and a hat are recommended. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tai Chi, Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 9 a.m. - Interested in trying a new healthy outdoor activity? Tai Chi is a centuries-old activity shown to reduce osteoarthritis pain and improve quality of life, reasoning ability, balance, and stability. John Spencer, a volunteer Tai Chi instructor, leads this class based on the 24-step Yang form of Tai Chi. The one-hour class includes low-impact stretching, breathing, and range of motion exercises held in the outdoor classroom near the Nature Center.

Tadpoles Club, Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. - This interactive program introduces preschool-aged children to nature with animals, puppets, walks, crafts, and stories. Ages 3 and 4 only. No younger or older siblings. Parent or guardian must accompany child. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2.

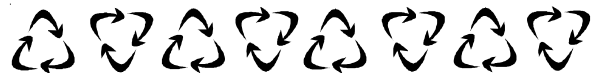
Second Saturday Settlers: Blacksmithing, Saturday, Jan. 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Visitors will have the opportunity to watch blacksmiths transform raw metals into useful items and learn about Texas settler daily chores at the Redbud Hill Homestead. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Come out and celebrate Arbor Day at Jones Park. Visitors will learn about tree care

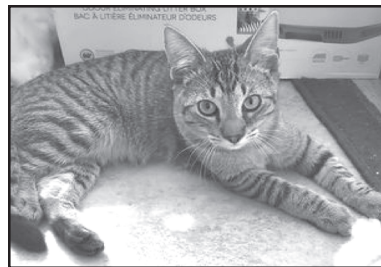
and tree planting tips from park staff and members of the Texas A&M Forest Service. Free saplings are available for all attendees while supplies last. Saturday also includes a tree planting party at 10 a.m. Reservations required for the party beginning Wednesday, Jan. 6

Salamanders - Saturday, Jan. 23, at 10 a.m. - Though reptiles and amphibians are rarely seen this time of year, late winter is a great time to look for salamanders. Join naturalist John Carey for an indoor program to learn about our local salamanders and then explore the park in search of these elusive amphibians. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13.

**Jesse Jones Park Volunteers Monthly Meeting
Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m.**



Pet Adoption - Tigger is approximately 8 months old and is a super sweet and loving kitty. He is good with other cats and



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