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### OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler at 7.41 pm.

Board members present were Lloyd Bratton, Joshua Donoho, Elizabeth Davis, George Arreguin. Residents present were Melinda Loustelot, Jan Dunn and Rober Van Eschan.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Architectural Report: No written report.

Maintenance Report: No written report but there is some general maintenance being done around the club house and the Director is getting bids to get the tennis courts refurbished.

Recreation Report: Report submitted and was approved. Please read the report in the newsletter

as there is more information about what is going on with pool maintenance and activities.

Security Report: Report submitted and it was approved. Our Security officer was present and explained about the activity in our neighborhood. Please residents get involved and attend our meeting so that you can appreciate all the work the Board and the Security officers do to keep our neighborhood safe.

In the last meeting our Resident Melinda Loustelot was asked to submit a proposal to the Board about the rental and maintenance of the clubhouse. She submitted that the Board told her they would get back to her after a discussion.

There are 2 positions of the Board that are coming up for re election:  
Position: Security Director – Lloyd Bratton  
Position: Deed Restrictions Director – Joshua Donoho

We also need to fill 2 vacancies:  
Treasurer  
Recreation

If any resident is interested in filling any of the positions please call one of the Board Members and give them your name so that we can place it on the ballot. Election will be in April.

As there was no other new business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9.09pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

### Oak Creek Village Recreation Report - 01/12/2022

I have signed the 2022 pool maintenance contract with Aquatic Management of Houston.

Aquatic Management of Houston reports they are controlling the black algae in our pool and it appears to be under control at this time. I spoke with James Shultz, owner of Princess Pools and Diana Fraser, owner of A-Beautiful Pools about black algae and received information and advice on ways to solve the problem.

I have asked Aquatic Management to have their electrician finish the necessary work in the pump room as soon as possible. I will pass the relevant information to our Maintenance Director or the next Recreation Director so they can follow up on the work being done.

Northland Christian Schools Cougar Camp has contacted me regarding use of the pool this summer. New pool passes will need to be ordered for this season.

This will be my last meeting as Recreation Director. Thank you all, it has been a true pleasure serving our community with you!



## OCV Executive Board

President, *Jon Whisler*.....832 249-1342  
 Architectural Control, *Darrel Johnson*.....317 250-1920  
 Recreation, *Elizabeth Davis*.....832 410-5733  
 OCVRecreation@yahoo.com  
 Secretary, *Ooma Lakshmanan*.....281 444-5687  
 Security, *Lloyd Bratton*.....832 469-5144  
 Maintenance, *George Arreguin*..... Unlisted  
 marielaareguin@yahoo.com  
 Deed Restrictions, *Josh Donaho*.....832 666-8121  
 jdonaho76@gmail.com

## Committee Numbers

Clubhouse Rental, *Sam Elliott*.....281 236-7979  
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 Publish1@copperheadfarms.net

## 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, *TXMGMT*.....832 910-7525  
 Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex.....281 376-2997  
 Forms (713 221-6000)  
 Post Office-Cornerstone.....281 444-1355  
 Gas, Centerpoint.....713 659-2111  
 Trash, Texas Pride Disposal.....281 342-8178  
 Telephone, AT&T.....800 246-8464  
 Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District...281 376-8802

## OCV Garden Club Board

President, *Anita Cook*.....281 440-1093  
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 Directory, *Carol Barziza*.....832 298-8351  
 Telephone Comm. *Mary Quinn*.....662 312-8150  
 Telephone Comm. *Georgette Popeney*.....281 444-3497

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

## OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, February 8, 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)  
**Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)**



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**www.sheriff.hctx.net**  
**Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol**

**OCV Community Association**  
**January 12, 2021**  
**Treasurer Report**

**Financial Report –**

*Balance Sheet*

The November 30, 2021 balance sheet shows \$595,299 in the bank.

*Statement of Revenue & Expense*

For November 2021, revenue was over budget by \$1,264 primarily due to higher than budgeted recreation income. Expenses were below budget by \$16,902 was mainly due to timing of security expenses.

*Transaction report*

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

*Additional Notes:*

Our 2022 Maintenance Fee of \$335 was approved at the last meeting and was mailed out December 3rd and is due at the beginning of January 2022. If it is not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2022 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$31.25 was approved at the last meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the March 2022 bill as April is when the annual contract for Security renews and that bill is due by 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

**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.**

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December 1-30, 2021	Total	Malloy	Schnur	Small	Others
TOTAL	317	80	102	87	48
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	1	0	0	0
ALARM LOCAL	4	1	1	0	2
ANIMAL LIVESTOCK	1	0	0	0	1
BURG HABITATION	1	0	0	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	227	39	93	68	27
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE FIREWORKS	4	0	0	0	4
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	5	0	0	1	4
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	0	1	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	6	0	0	5	1
INFORMATION CALL	2	0	0	1	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	19	7	1	8	3
MUD BUILDING CHECK	4	4	0	0	0
PROPERTY FOUND LOST	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	0	0	1	0
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	0	0	1	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	14	13	1	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	11	7	3	1	0
VACATION WATCH	2	2	0	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	5	5	0	0	0
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	0	0	1
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	0	1	0	0
WARRANT SERVICE	1	0	1	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	3	1	1	0	1



## TEEN JOB SEEKERS

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Keith	18	P	832-375-1613
Mia	14	P+H	346-390-3069
Jack	15	P+Y	715-821-2280
Krissa**	14	B+P+H+Y	360-935-2682

Please email your work information to [publish1@copperheadfarms.net](mailto:publish1@copperheadfarms.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 services listed.**

## Oak Creek Village HOA Monthly Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler at 7:45 PM.

Directors in Attendance: Jon Whisler, Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Elizabeth Davis, Joshua Donaho and Jim Bowers

Absent: George Arreguin, Ooma Lakshmanan

Residents in attendance: Melinda Loustalot, Neil Jennings

Minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

Architectural Control – No written report

Recreation – No written report

Deed Restrictions – Written report submitted and approved

Security – No written report

Treasury Report submitted and approved

John Whisler reported that the 2 year audit of Bammel Utility District has been completed and they are now compliant through 2020. The formal report from the audit will be available in time for the January meeting.

Resident Melinda Loustalot expressed interest managing the rental and maintenance of the clubhouse, a position she has held in the past. The board requested she submit a proposal outlining the responsibilities she would assume and her compensation.

Resident Neil Jennings expressed concerns regarding loud vehicles and speeding in the neighborhood as well as cars permanently parked and not moved.

A new format for the neighborhood directory was discussed. A proposal was made to create a new directory to include important HOA and MUD information such as Deed Restrictions, Architectural Control, Security, trash collection information, board member information, web sites, etc., rather than a list of residents as it has been in the past. This would be a more informative tool for new residents moving to our community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

**Only Rain in the Storm Drain** - You may think that it's ok for little things here and there to be put down the storm drain. It's easy to forget that your one little thing and my one little thing eventually add up to create a monster problem. Our storm drains don't filter what we put into them. They run directly into the bay. To help keep them clean, properly dispose of your motor oil, pick up after your pet, take your car to a car wash, follow the directions when you spray and fertilize your yard and **please don't rake your leaves into the storm drain!**



## Monthly Report December, 2021

The OCV deed restriction committee would like to remind the residents in the community that trash cans need to only be visible on the day of pick up. All other day's trash cans need to be stored out of sight from the general public, also any bulk trash that has to be scheduled for pick please is not to be left sitting on the curb. OCV would also like to ask the residents of the community to take the time to do general yard maintenance and cleaning outside their homes as well. If properties are in need of general clean up or maintenance, please take the time to do so. Residents that do not take care of their property will receive letters of deed restriction violations that can end with the HOA taking action and hiring a lawn service to clean the property. Any fees acquired will be charged back to the owner. Oak Creek Village would like to ask the residents not to blow or rake leaves or pine needles into the storm drains, this can cause problems to the drainage system. Thank you for your help and if you have any questions or concern's please let the board of OCV know.

The HOA would like to remind the residents that trailers can not be stored in the driveway or on the street, if any residents that have a trailer need to remember that the trailer must be stored out of sight, in a garage or off property in a storage facility. Residents that have inoperative vehicles stored in the driveway need to have them repaired or moved off property, this is a deed restriction violation that could end in letters and legal action and expenses that will be charged to the owner.

The HOA would like to welcome any new residents to the community and ask that they go to the website to learn about our community and read the deed restrictions. The website gives information about our community and the contact information for the different HOA directors, there is also a form that can be printed out if home owners want or need to do any work to the outside of their property.

For the month of December there were 9 deed restriction violation letters sent out to residents for deed restriction violations.



### What it Takes to be an Entrepreneur and Author

Kathryn Casey, best-selling Houston author of *In Plain Sight* and *Shattered*, will give a presentation on "What it Takes to be an Entrepreneur and Author" to the NHC AAUW (North Harris County Branch of American Association of University Women) on Thursday, March 17, 2022. This exciting meeting will begin with a social gathering at 6:00 pm followed by the program at 6:30 pm. at the Greenwood Forest Residents Club located at 12700 Champions Forest Dr. For membership information please refer to <https://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net>



## OAK CREEK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. 2022 ELECTION BALLOT

I or WE as record (owners) of property or properties in Oak Creek Village hereby cast our written mail-in ballot for the purpose of the Election of Directors to be held at the Annual meeting of the Members to be held on the 21 day of April 2022, and any continuation or adjournment thereof. I or We have placed an X in the spaces before the names of the four (4) persons for which my vote or votes are cast. Vote For 4.

**Vote   Name of Announced Candidate**

\_\_\_\_\_ Joshua Donoho, Deed Restrictions Director      \_\_\_\_\_ Lloyd Bratton, Security Director

**Vote   Open Positions (Nominate)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director of Treasury

I or WE wish to vote for a candidate who is not on the Ballot. I or WE have placed an X in the space before the names of the following persons for which my or our vote(s) are cast for the following write-in candidate(s):

**Vote   Name of Write-in Candidate(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Typed or printed name of write-in candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Typed or printed name of write-in candidate.

Instructions: The mail in ballot must be returned by First Class U.S. Mail or hand delivered and must be addressed as follows:

**Ooma Lakshmanan 5311 Ripplestream drive, Houston, TX 77068**

Your name and the property address must appear on the return address portion of the ballot,  
Mail-in ballots received after the date of the Annual Meeting will not be counted.

**Please be sure to include your name and property address below.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Houston Rose Society February Pruning Party

Join us this month for our Pruning Party to learn from Consulting Rosarians how to correctly prune bushes that will be given away as door prizes! It is great time to ask questions and leave the meeting with new information along with a new rose bush!

As in the past, the HRS accepts donation of healthy rose bushes to be used in the pruning demonstration. Members are encouraged to bring any healthy bushes from their yard to donate to a new home. Just dig up the bush with all the roots within a day or two of the meeting and bring it in a plastic bag.

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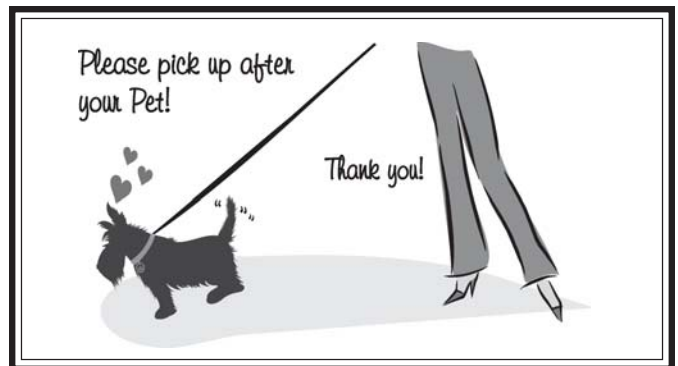
**[springbaptist.org](http://springbaptist.org)**



Rose growers who have experienced an episode of rose rosette disease in their garden within the last three years should treat their plants as if they are in quarantine and not donate bushes at this time.

This meeting will be a "hybrid" meeting so if you do not feel comfortable joining us in person on Thursday, February 10th at 7 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston; you can join us virtually using GoTo Meeting.

The meeting link will be available on The Houston Rose Society website at <http://www.houstonrose.org/>



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## The Amazing Caracara

By Cheryl Conley

This is a bird I've never had the good fortune to see even though their range is limited to Texas, Arizona and Florida. I'm talking about the crested caracara. They are beautiful birds, quite large and belong to the falcon family but they are not typical in many respects to "true" falcons. They are about 22" in length and can have a wing span of up to 4'. They have four areas of white: white in the tail, white on each wing and on their necks. They have a large blue-grey bill with red a cere (a waxy fleshy covering at the base of the upper beak) and colorful facial skin. Amazingly, they have a patch of skin around their eyes and they can actually change the color of the skin from pink to red-orange, and then to yellow if excited. Their orange legs are long and thin with flat talons. They feed on insects, reptiles, large rodents, mammals, birds and carrion. They've even been spotted chasing vultures away from roadkill but they have to wait until the vulture has opened it up the carrion since they are unable to do it. They prefer to reside in open prairies and rangeland which is perfect for searching for prey and nesting. They spend more time on the ground than they do flying.

There's a little courtship routine they go through. The male and potential female mate toss their heads back and let out a guttural call. Once a mate is found, they stay together for life. Pairs and family groups will preen each other. They nest between 8 and 50 feet above ground at the top of a shrub, tree or even cacti in Arizona and usually return to it year after year.

Their nest is made up of sticks, weeds, vines and debris and sometimes they'll build it on top of an old nest of another species of bird. If this is the case, they have to do a little housekeeping and add some materials to the nest. If they start from scratch, it can take 2 to 4 weeks to build the nest and both males and females work on it.

If you live in the Houston area, the best places to find this beauty are in the Katy area north of I-10 and east to Highway 290, Galveston Island, the Bolivar Peninsula, the Brazos Bend area and south of Houston anywhere you see grasslands and open fields.



*This beautiful photo was taken by Robert Thompson in Montgomery County on Jan.3, 2022.*

The US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have listed the crested caracara as threatened due to population declines. This is mainly due to the loss of dry prairie habitat. Remember, it's illegal to harass, harm, capture, or kill this bird.



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