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### The Elusive Feline *By Cheryl Conley*

Because I live in the suburbs just north of Houston, I feel fortunate to be able to observe many native species of wildlife. One of my favorites is the bobcat. I've only seen one and it took me a minute to realize exactly what was running across my backyard. When I finally realized what it was, he was long gone. Bobcats are elusive and nocturnal so I was lucky to see one.

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### OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Whisler at 8:02pm. Board members present were Joshua Donaho, Darrel Johnson and Llyod Bratton. Board member absent was George Arreguin.

The minutes of the January meeting was read and approved.

One little change that needs to be noted, it was mentioned in the newsletter that the MUD Board was audited, that was incorrect it was the OCV HOA AUDIT. It was all ok.

Architectural Report: No written report

Maintenance Report: No written report

Recreation Report: No written report

Deed Restriction report: No written report

Security Report: Report submitted and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted and it was approved.

The Board also approved to move \$75,000 from Veritex Bank to Wood Forest Bank and create a \$25,000 Money Market account and \$50,000 into a 6 month CD. Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton and Darrel Johnson will be the signers.

The 2022 Budget was submitted and the Board approved it.

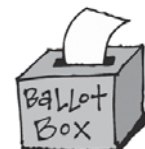
We are still looking for volunteers to fill 2 Board positions.

Recreation Director and also Director for Treasury.

We do need at least 80 residents to vote, so please turn in your ballots, it was in the February Newsletter and will be in March Newsletter. A huge thank you to a few residents who mailed in their ballots and one resident for personally dropping it off. I will leave basket on my front porch and please leave the ballot there. My address is **15311 Ripplestresam Drive.**

As there was no other new business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9.04 pm.

Ooma Lakshmanan - Secretary



## 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  
 Treasurer, *Kathy Colbert*.....281 583-0652  
 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 March 15!**

## OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, March 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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Remember, you are responsible for marking your private lines such as invisible pet fences, sprinkler systems, yard lights and gas grill lines.

**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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[www.sheriff.hctx.net](http://www.sheriff.hctx.net)  
**Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol**

**OCV Community Association**  
**February 8, 2022, Treasurer Report**

**Financial Report –**

**January 1-31, 2022**

	Total	Malloy	Schnur	Small	Others
TOTAL	309	76	118	95	20
ALARM LOCAL	5	2	1	0	2
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	1	0	0	0	1
BURG MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	0	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	2	1	1	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	191	40	91	59	1
CREDIT CARD ABUSE	1	0	0	1	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	1	0	0
DIST FAMILY	2	1	0	1	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	0	0	3	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	1	0	0
DOA	1	0	0	0	1
DOMESTIC PREVENT	2	0	1	0	1
FOLLOW UP	1	0	0	1	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	9	1	0	8	0
IN PROGRESS LIFE IN DANGER	1	0	0	0	1
INFORMATION CALL	3	0	1	1	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	23	3	2	18	0
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	1	0	1	0	0
MISSING PERSON	2	1	0	0	1
MUD BUILDING CHECK	1	1	0	0	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	1	0	0	1	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	2	2	0	0	0
PROPERTY FOUND LOST	1	0	0	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5	1	1	0	3
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	21	12	9	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	9	3	6	0	0
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	1	0	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	1	0	1	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	8	8	0	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	4	0	0	2	2
WELFARE CHECK	3	0	0	0	3

*Balance Sheet*

The December 31, 2021 balance sheet shows \$642,227 in the bank.

*Statement of Revenue & Expense*

For December 2021, revenue was over budget by \$3,087 primarily due to higher than budgeted resale income. Expenses were below budget by \$9,799 was mainly due to timing of security expenses.

*Transaction report*

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

*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.

**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.***



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## 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 15311 Ripplestream Drive, Houston, TX 77068**

Your name and the property address must appear on the return address portion of the ballot,  
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**Please be sure to include your name and property address below.**

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evenings and is good with the Resident Dogs and Cats. Sonny would love to have an older female kitty friend, one who loves to "mother" other Kitties. For information on how you can adopt Sonny, email: eRescueCats@gmail.com



### 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>

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### Houston Rose Society Art of Fertilization-Right Product, Right Time, Right Reason

Understanding and applying the right products in your garden at the right time of year will make all the difference in growing beautiful roses. Gaye Hammond, Master Rosarian and Past-President of the Houston Rose Society, is passionate about teaching others how to grow roses. She has presented at local rose societies across the United States and written over 300 articles that have been published in local, state, national and international magazines, newspapers, and books.

Gaye will discuss the history of fertilizers; and describe the three types of fertilizer-granular, water soluble, and slow/timed release fertilizers. The difference in organic and synthetic fertilizers will be explained along with the pros and cons of each type of product. Gaye will share tips on when to use these products and will also let us know which products are used in her garden.

Join us on Thursday, March 10th at 7 pm virtually or in-person. The virtual meeting link will be available on The Houston Rose Society website at <http://www.houstonrose.org/>. The in-person meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., Houston TX 77008

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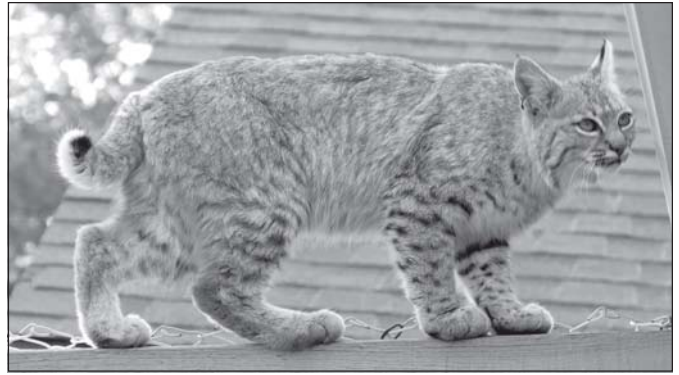
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### *Bobcats from page 1*

Bobcats are North America's most common wildcat. There are actually two subspecies of bobcats in Texas. The desert bobcat is found in the west and northwest part of Texas and the Texas bobcat is found in the rest of the state. They're almost identical and the general public would never be able to tell the difference. Both are about twice the size of a housecat and measure twenty-five to thirty inches long and stand fifteen to twenty inches tall at the shoulder. Females generally weigh around twenty pounds and males weigh about twenty-six pounds.

Bobcats are named for their short stubby tails and are part of the lynx family. They have black stripes on their forelegs, back legs and on their "bobbed" tails. They are solitary animals and territorial although some male territories will overlap. Female territories are exclusive. Breeding season in Texas begins in February and this is the only time males and females are together. Litters range from two to seven but two is the most common. The babies are walking at about a month old and they are weaned at about two months old. They stay with Mom until fall and then they're on their own.

Bobcats have excellent eyesight. In bright sunlight, the pupils close and become thin vertical slits which keeps out the light. At night, the pupils open wide which allows the maximum amount of light to enter. The eyes are protected vertically with an eyelid and horizontally with a covering called a nictitating membrane. It is connected to the corner of the eye and sits below the eyelid. It moves from side to side.



Bobcats are carnivores and prefer to eat rodents and rabbits but have been known to eat mice, squirrels and even deer.

If you've ever seen a domestic cat before it "attacks" a toy, you've seen it stop, crouch down and remain perfectly still. Sometimes it will creep slowly towards the target and then pounce. Bobcats do the same. Bobcats are so quiet they often catch their prey offguard and can jump up to ten feet.

In the wild, bobcats live about seven to twelve years but in captivity they live between twenty and twenty-five years.

When seen in the wild, bobcats are sometimes mistaken for domestic cats. As a matter of fact, when working at a wildlife center, we had someone bring us a bobcat thinking it was an orphaned domestic cat. Thankfully, we were able to take care of the baby until it could be released back to the wild.


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**Texas A&M Singing Cadets To Perform  
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The performance is part of the congregation's Abendmusik concert series, which offers a variety of musical events throughout the year for all to enjoy. The concert will take place at the

church, 12100 Champion Forest Drive in Houston, and is open to the public.

Tickets will be available online beginning February 27 at [kinsmenlutheran.org/abendmusik](http://kinsmenlutheran.org/abendmusik). Seating is limited.

Internationally known as the "Voice of Aggieland," the Singing Cadets is Texas A&M University's premier men's chorus. Now in their 119<sup>th</sup> touring season, they will be performing more than 60 concerts this year throughout Texas, the United States, and the world.

**Society for the  
Advancement of Floral Design**

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its next general meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Christ the Good Shepherd Church located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. This meeting will feature Contemporary Floral Designer, Che-Hwa Wang with the Ikebana International Houston Chapter 12. Refreshments will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting starting promptly at 7pm.

If you have an interest in flowers and the art of designing, you will enjoy this meeting and presentation. 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 Denise Severa at 281-615-4440 or email at [denisev.severa@gmail.com](mailto:denisev.severa@gmail.com)



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