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President Comments

July 2018 - I don't know what to expect Recently, I have heard the weather forecasters mention we might be in the beginning of a drought event. Someone at the last board meeting said they were calling for severe rain on Father's Day weekend. The weekend came and went with only slight rain. Then a friend from Katy called and said rain was falling horizontally. As I sit down to pen this month's comments, the weather forecasters are dropping Harvey hints. I don't know what to wish for, drought or flood. It's always extremes in weather conditions. This I do know: my utility bill will not be low.

This leads me to my first point of concern. I have recently found out that marketers from the East Coast and West Coast have targeted our area for marketing. What are they pushing is solar panels. Solar panels, at no cost to you, they say, will reduce monthly electric bills. This sounds great. What's the catch" Well, they want to lease your roof. They will install all panels at no cost to you, but you have to buy your power from them. They in turn will pay Center Point with the hope that they will be able to sell



Leaving kids & pets in car. Hot car. Not cool.

excess power back to Center Point. The, they, in turn, will charge you a discounted price when you buy the power from them.

If they don't think they can generate enough power to sell to Center Point they will not bother to install solar power panels. The more power panels they install the more money goes into their coffers. I asked if I buy a battery to store excess power so when the power goes out I don't have to use my generator. I was reminded that they own the solar panels. Consequently, I can't store the power in my battery. (Remember, they lease your roof,) It's not mine to sell.

I have done considerable research with companies and our wholesale distributer. Important considerations are north/south orientation vs. east/west orientation. East/west orientation is best for collecting sunlight. The Board is all for going green. We just ask that that panels be located on the back roof of the house, not the front. If you contract with these people, you will also be asked to sign a contract for a certain number of years. That means that you may have to get a third party approval before you sell the house. Think second mortgage or lien, and the buyers must buy their power from the owner of the solar panels.

Is this a good deal? Yes and no. Every resident's situation is different. I researched it in detail and since I don't plan to move in the near future I gave it a shot with the stipulation that no panels be on the front of the house. Unfortunately with a north/south orientation, south being in front, and with the number of mature trees around my house, I didn't qualify. I would save money, but the firm would not make as much money or enough to cover their costs, so I didn't qualify.

However, if you think this the plan for you, remember that you require H.O.A. approval and review. Contrary to what some people may have been told, there is a form specifically for this type of project. It is on our website. Please review the contract carefully before you sign anything. You want the system to meet your needs, not to make the maximum dollars for the firm.

I was shown one house containing 3200 sq. ft. for which the sales firm designed a system for 12,000 sq. ft. home. The sales people get paid by the number of panels installed and the firm gets paid by the power it sells back to the wholesale distributor. Make sure you don't get the short end of the stick. I hope this has been helpful.

Deed Restriction Reminders

Residents: Please Remember To Remove All Trash Cans, Toys, Appliances, Debris From Driveways.

Any resident who has a pool in his back yard please treat and keep clean. cont. on page 3

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder

Tuesday, July 10 - 7:30pm

Residents are reminded that the Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. 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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- Call 811 before you dig.
- Give two working days' notice before digging. (48 hours)
- Utility companies will mark the location of underground utility lines.

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 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 Security Stats

Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol 05/01/18 through 05/31/18

	J.Castenada	J.Dean	M.Malloy	Other	Total
Alarm Local	1	0	0	1	2
911 Hang Up	0	0	0	1	1
Burg/Business	0	0	0	1	1
Burglary/Hab	1	0	0	0	1
Burglary/Motveh	0	1	0	3	4
Check Park	0	1	1	0	2
Contract Check	67	56	21	0	144
CreditCard Abuse	0	0	0	1	1
Crim Mischief	0	0	1	0	1
Dist/Other	1	0	0	2	3
Domestic/Prevent	0	0	1	0	1
Drug/OD/Poss	0	0	0	1	1
Follow Up	2	1	0	0	3
In Pmgress	0	0	1	0	1
Meet the Citizen	15	0	4	2	21
Parking Lot Chk	0	0	4	0	4
Prop Found/Lost	0	0	0	1	1
Susp Person	1	0	1	0	2
Traf Initiative	23	0	34	0	57
Traffic Hazard	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Stop	2	0	6	0	8
Veh Stickered	0	0	2	0	2
Veh Suspicious	1	1	5	3	10
Welfare Check	0	1	0	0	1

Deed Restrictions from page 1

Mosquitoes are awful and even worse when a pool is not taken care of. We have a resident who became quite ill from the mosquito population from a pool next door to his home that has not been taken care of. He was hospitalized. Please be a good neighbor and take care of your pool. The West Nile Virus has been spotted in the Woodlands and

could migrate into our area. Another thing to remember is not to leave standing water such as dog bowls, planters, buckets of water, etc. that will also breed mosquitoes around your home..

Please remove any dead plants or bushes from the front of your home. We had a rough winter and many residents have lost some or all of their plants and bushes and we would appreciate them being removed.

If any resident knows of an abandoned home in the subdivision, please let me know. We will ascertain who the owner or bank that has the mortgage is and try to get the property taken care of. This could take a while, but we would appreciate being made aware of such a situation.

According to the Deed Restrictions, residents are allowed only two (2) garage sales per year. We do canvass the neighborhood and keep track of the garage sales.

If any homeowner is anticipating having solar panels installed at their home, please contact A. J. Salinas, our President and Architectural Director, before having them installed. As a reminder once again, any outside improvements to your home must be approved by the Director of Deed Restrictions, Lou Bernard and/or the Director of Architectural Control, A.J. Salinas. Other Board members have different responsibilities. Thank you.

If any resident plans to widen his driveway, please make certain that you do not encroach on your neighbors' property. The courteous thing to do is to let your neighbor know of your plans and between you and your neighbor make sure the property line is understood.

Also, if you happen to have any trees that drape over your neighbor's pool causing debris to fall in the pool, please consider having that tree or trees trimmed.

Thanks to all of our considerate and kind residents for being good neighbors.

Lou Bernard, Deed Restriction Director







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OCV Board of Directors Meeting May 2, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 by President Anthony J. Salinas. Board members present were A J, Elizabeth Davis, Lloyd Bratton, Jon Whisler, Lou Bernard, and Sharon Kuester. Residents present were George Arrequin, Mary Malone, Virginia Cox, Mike Hays, Kim Whitfield, and Dorothy Marsh.

The first item of discussion was a resident's request to install solar panels on the roof of his home. After some discussion, it was decided to ask him if he could confine them to the rear portion of the house roof and/or garage roof. Next Mike Hays wanted to know why the dirt on the greenbelt near the water towers was being re-leveled so as to make it drain toward his yard. Jon, acting as liaison for the water board, explained that this was just the first step in correcting the drainage of the entire green belt, and that when the project was completed, all the storm water would drain toward the north end of the greenbelt as it was designed to do.

The next discussion began with the Security report at which time Lloyd had the deputies explain what they could and couldn't do about all the cars at the end of the cul-de-sac on Midforest. The discussion progressed to a general discussion of the activities of that residence. It was decided that the Board would present the problem to our lawyer, Mr. Gainer, who was expected to be arriving shortly. The Security report was approved.

At this point, the residents at 15115 Gladebrook asked what could be done about mosquitoes, cars parked in the area at night, and school kids trespassing on their way home from school. They were advised that mosquitoes were sprayed twice a week, and that their problem might be due to them being adjacent to the school dumpster. A couple of suggestions were offered by Board members. They were advised to contact the sheriff to report parked cars, and to put up no trespassing signs to give the school kids a further reading lesson.

Miguel Sada then addressed the Board to inform us that a new



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sports complex would be opening on Stuebner-Airline, just north of our entrance, at Strack Rd. He mentioned soccer, passed out business cards, and invited us to visit.

Next, Mr. Michael Gainer, Oak Creek Village attorney, and his assistant, Melanie Gainer, arrived. Discussions of the issues of the solar panels, the nuisance on Midforest, the abandoned house on Sunstone, and the possibility of our attaining taxexempt status were all discussed at length. We thanked him for his advice, and continued with the directors' reports.

Elizabeth discussed the problems she has been having with the plumbing, and that she had to call a plumbing company in order to get everything operational for the swim team practice and meets. She also explained that the problem with the pump was caused by a partial power outage that no one noticed, and that Aqua-Rec was less than helpful in getting the pool back in usable condition. She proposes to fire Aqua-Rec. She also asked us to approved gift cards for the two couples who have helped so much at community events. The Board approved the report, the gift cards, and the dismissal.

Jon gave the Treasurer's report, which was approved, and updated us briefly on the activities of the water board. Lou Bernard hit the highlights of the Deed Restriction report, and the meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Kuester, Secretary



OCV Community Association June 12, 2018 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The April 30, 2018 balance sheet shows \$702,362 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For April 2018, revenue was above budget by \$1,145 primarily due to higher than planned Security Revenue. Expenses were below budget by \$8,969 was mainly due to timing legal, audit and major repair expense lines.

Transaction report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2018 Maintenance Fee of \$306 was approved at the November 2017 meeting and statements were mailed out the beginning of the second week of December 2017 and were due by the end of January 2018 to avoid penalties and interest being added to your account. You can call the accountant to find out how much you owe on your account at 832-910-7525.

Northwest Houston To Have Local Community App For Residents And Visitors

Northwest Houston, Spring, Klein, Cypress Creek Community— The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with zCivic, a division of Bar-Z Mobile, is launching a mobile application and web solution for the Northwest Houston area: "Discover NW Houston". The new mobile solution will provide a wealth of information about the Northwest Houston area to be utilized by residents, businesses and visitors. This app and responsive website will engage users with multimedia business listings, coupons/deals, social media integration, news, events and interactive features. This will be a community app, not a Chamber app.

Why is the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce moving forward with this mobile app partnership? The average adult picks up their mobile phone, for various uses, over 150 times a day. People spend over 5 hours a day using their phones and nearly 90% of locals and travelers alike own and use a smartphone device. Mobile is the perfect way to connect with the public.

"Our goal," says Barbara Thomason, President of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, "is to make this THE APP for the Northwest Houston area and for it to serve as the central source of information. We realized in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey that there were many good sources for information, but there were a number of different places one had to go to access it. It is our goal to be able to push out emergency communications as well as valuable community news spe-



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NW Houston APP from page 5 cific to the Northwest Houston region."

Discover NW Houston will formally launch in late July and serve four purposes: 1) Promotion of businesses with featured articles, images/videos, GPS navigation, shop local programs, and digital loyalty cards. 2) Promotion of the benefits of working, living and visiting our community. 3) Creating unity and definition of our Northwest Houston community. 4) Proactively informing people of upcoming events, local news and announcements.

zCivic has begun visiting with Northwest Houston business and organizations to help onboard this mobile solution. All businesses and residents may be listed within the app at no cost. Businesses interested in using the app as a marketing tool may call Peter Coulter at (281) 782-5262 to set up an appointment. For more information, email: peter.coulter@bar-z.com.

About Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is a 44-year old association serving the interests of business and the community of northwest Harris County. For more information about the Chamber, call (281) 440-4160 or visit:

www.HoustonNWChamber.org. To learn more about the Chamber's "Grow Northwest" Community and Economic Development Initiative, visit: www.GrowHoustonNW.com.





If you are ready to beat the heat and have a healthy meal you should consider visiting Fish & Camaron. They are a very clean, casual restaurant with the freshest and tastiest fish in town.

Served are all your fish and shrimp Mexican favorites. Our top choices include fried fish tacos which can be ordered broiled as well, ahi tuna salad and the ceviche cocktail. Help yourself at the salsa bar where better than a half dozen yummy salsas are available. The menu includes caldo de camaron (spicy fish and shrimp soup), chipotle fish fillets, fish/shrimp wraps, gringas (double seafood quesadillas), Puerto Nuevo tacos, salads, shrimp acuachille tostadas, street tacos and much more!

The portions are not large but the quality is hard to beat. All the dishes are perfectly seasoned and cooked to order. While the restaurant is small they do have both indoor and outdoor tables available.

Fish & Camaron is located at 25219 Kuykendahl Road, north of West Rayford/Tomball side. For more information visit them at www.fishandcamarontomball.com or call (281) 547-8080. Some bottled beers and wine by the glass are available. Moderately priced/family friendly/catering. 1. Cooter®



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Casino Night On July 14 Will Benefit The Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts

After a long, arduous "Harvey" year, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is in the final countdown to reopening in August. To help complete funding of the restoration and other expenses, a Casino Night will be held Saturday, July 14 at the Bavarian Tap Room at Houston Distributing Company.

This fun-filled summer event will include beer on tap, wine, a light Bavarian summer supper, casino games, and entertainment. The evening begins at 7 p.m Saturday, July 14 at Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive at Cutten Road in northwest Houston. Tickets are \$100 per person and should be reserved by Saturday, July 7, at www.pearlmfaorg.

Proceeds from the event will help the Pearl complete the final funding of their restoration expenses, pay for off-site education programming, and meet the increased operating expenses that summer months always bring.

Commemorative granite bricks, which will line the ArtWalk on the north side of the museum, will be for sale as well as a special, limited edition lithograph. Sara's Lilies, by artist M. Booth Cabot, was published by Norman Rockwell's renowned lithographer, Atelier Ettinger of New York. The lithographs have been generously donated by long-time museum supporters Joyce and Art Elder to celebrate the relaunching of the Pearl's

exhibitions and programming. They will be unveiled and available for purchase at the event on July 14. The Pearl is especially grateful to their loyal patrons as well as Harris County Precinct 4 and several local and national philanthropic organizations, for their generous and compassionate support since the hurricane.

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 outside the city center of Houston, the Pearl operates completely through the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations, and is free to all.

The Pearl is currently closed for renovations following Hurricane Harvey. Patrons and staff are eagerly looking forward to a grand re-opening in August. For more information, please visit www.pearlmfa.org or call (281) 376-6322.

The Houston Rose Society

The Houston Rose Society will hold its annual Ice Cream Social and Summer Celebration on Thursday, July 12, 2018, from 7 to 9 PM. Come join the fun! There will be vendors, door prizes and make-your-own ice cream sundaes with lots of toppings to choose from. Admission is free. Just bring your favorite ice cream topping or finger food. This event will be held at the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston 77004. Free parking is in Lot C, located at Hermann Drive and Crawford Street. Details are available at www.houstonrose.org.



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