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OCV Board Meeting Minutes 7/14/2021

The meeting was called to order at 7.43 pm. Board members present were Joshua Donaho, Jon Whisler, Elizabeth Davis and Lloyd Bratton joined us a little later. We had a very good turn out from the community. Residents present were, Gloria Marsh, Jack Tenkate, Bryan Pershall, James Armand, Melinda Loustelot, Nick Fava, Jan Kopfler, Katherine Brooks, Karen Fletcher, Marilyn Bogle and Bill Taylor. Gloria Marsh wanted the Board to approve her request to paint the exterior of her house, she provided the samples of the color both for the house and trim. Later in the meeting a motion was made and her request was approved.

Another resident brought attention to the Board of what some of the neighboring sub division board were doing in order to keep the neighborhood well maintained and also if they do not to enforce some sort of compliance before the ownership changes hands. She said she will give the Board of some samples of what other neighborhoods

are doing.

There were several residents who brought up the issue of street parking and also parking on cul-de-sacs. Our security officers are really vigilant about it and may flag if people park incorrectly.

A resident also brought up the issue of trash and what the deed restriction committee was doing about it. The committee is very committed that our neighborhood stays clean, secure and also looking nice. They are following all the protocol required in addressing those issues.

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

Security report: it was read and approved. Please read it in the newsletter. Once again the Security Director request the residents not to call the law enforcement officer if a situation rises at another location but you wait to report after you come back to your home. The officer has to report it that it happened at that location, that is your home and not where it actually happened. So please do not report it after you come home, but call in from the location the incident happened.

Treasurer Report: it was read and approved.

Deed Restriction report: kindly read the report, it gives the number of letters sent to residents to correct their violations of the deed restrictions. The report was read and approved.

We would like to see more residents take an interest in their neighborhood and also look after your fellow neighbors. It was really heartwarming to see so many residents at our meeting and we encourage more of you to join us and participate in making our neighborhood something we can all be proud of.

As there was no other new business, the meeting adjourned at 9.45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan - Secretary

OCV June Deed Restriction Report

The OCV deed restriction committee would like to remind the residents of 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 has to be scheduled for pick please do not leave things sitting on the curb. Recycle pickup has been a problem in the last few months, the OCV board members are aware of the situation and are working to get the problem resolved. OCV would also like to ask the residents of the community to also 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

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, August 10 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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<http://www.oakcreekvillage.org/trashservice.html>

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- **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 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)



Oak Creek Village Contract

HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez

www.sheriff.hctx.net

Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

OCV Community Association

July 14, 2021

Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The May 31, 2021 balance sheet shows \$608,528 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For May 2021, revenue was below budget by (\$507) primarily due to Transfer Fee income. Expenses were higher than budget by (\$18,709) was mainly due to final bill on replastering pool.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of May in addition to the plaster pool bill for \$22,603.

Additional Notes:

Our 2021 Maintenance Fee of \$327 was approved at the November 2020 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2021. If it has not been paid it was past due at January 31, 2021 and fees and interest will be added to the account until paid. You can call the accountant to find out how much you owe on your account at 832-910-7525.

Our 2021 Security Fee being collected on the water bill in the amount of \$30.50 was approved at the November 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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June 1-30, 2021

	Total	Franklin	Malloy	Other	Schnur
Total	273	61	31	72	109
ALARM LOCAL	3	0	0	2	1
ASSAULT AGG FAMILY	1	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	183	52	7	47	77
DIST FAMILY	1	0	0	1	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	3	0	0	3	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	1	0	0	1	0
DWI	1	0	0	1	0
FOLLOW UP	2	0	2	0	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	1	0	0	1	0
INFORMATION CALL	1	0	0	0	1
MEET THE CITIZEN	16	6	6	4	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	3	0	3	0	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	2	2	0	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	0	0	2	1
THEFT BICYCLE	1	0	0	0	1
THEFT OTHER	2	0	0	1	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	16	0	5	0	11
TRAFFIC STOP	23	0	3	5	15
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	1	0	0	1	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	5	0	5	0	0
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	0	1	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	0	0	0	1
VOTER/ELECTION FRAUD	1	1	0	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	1	0	0	1	0

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.

TEEN JOB SEEKERS

B=Babysitting, P=Pet sitting, Y=Yard Work,
H=House Sitting *CPR Certified

Michelle P.	14	B+P	715-821-2280
Annette M.	16	B+H+P	281-455-7397
Jason	15	P	832-375-1613

Please email your work information to 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.

Deed Restrictions from page 1

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 to not 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 have a trailer need to remember that the trailer must be stored out of sight or in a garage. Residents that have inoperative vehicles stored in the driveway need to be repaired or moved off property, this is a deed restriction violation that could end in letters and legal action and expenses that will charged to the owner.

Deed Restrictions sent out 9 Deed restriction violation letters for the month of June.

Oak Creek Village Recreation Report July 14, 2021

Our pool will be open **WEEKDAYS** until **AUGUST 15th**. Beginning August 16th, the pool will be open on **WEEKENDS ONLY** and will close for the season on September 26th.

The pool will be **OPEN** on **LABOR DAY**, Monday, September

6th from 11:00 am until 8:30 pm.

Adult lap swim will begin the week of 8/15, after 5:00 pm on weekdays. Dates and times TBD based on interest level.

I have issued all 500 pool wrist bands that I ordered for this year and have been using bands from a prior year as I am still receiving requests. I have issued approximately 515 bands to approximately 120 families to date.

I have been working on purchasing a diving board from Recreonics but have had problems getting our credit card approved. I am working with Elizabeth Galavan to get that resolved and hope to have a new diving board by the end of July. The cost for the 12' aluminum diving board is \$4,100 plus tax and shipping.

There are some fascia boards on the pool storage building that need to be painted soon. If they are not painted soon, the boards will begin to rot and will need to be replaced.

- Submitted by Elizabeth Davis

Parking Rules

No parking:

- In front of a public or private driveway
- within 15 feet of fire hydrant
- within 20 feet of a crosswalk
- within 30 feet of a flashing signal
- **within 20 feet of a driveway entrance**



Scouting in the Neighborhood

The boys of Scouts BSA Troop 1659 have been busy this summer, posting Flags Across the Community for the summer holidays, and participating in the inaugural season of summer camp at the all-new Camp Strake in Coldspring. Now that life is getting back to normal, they're planning many troop activities and campouts.



There's still time to order your Flags Across the Community for the rest of 2021. The Troop will be posting flags for Patriots' Day and Veterans' Day, so get your orders in now.

For more information about flags and our Troop, please visit ihtroop1659.org, email us at ironhorsetroop1659@gmail.com, or use the QR Code.



- within 50 feet of the nearest railroad crossing
- where an official sign prohibits parking

Section 545.303 provides very specific Texas parking laws:

- A car must be parked parallel to the curb and be parked within 18 inches of the curb

- Submitted by Elizabeth Davis



Houston Rose Society

**OH #!&* I DID IT TO MYSELF
(and how to fix it if you did)**



Every week I get asked, "What's wrong with my rose?" As more and more people garden during the pandemic, I am seeing an increase in reports of damage to roses that has been unintentionally caused by the gardener. While their hearts were in the right place, their approach was misguided and you will get to see the results.

Unfortunately, this type of damage is never discussed in resource books so gardeners are left scratching their heads until they find someone like me that has either done it to myself, or seen it done by someone else.

The August program will shine a light on gardener-caused rose maladies, as well as what to do to bring your plants back around to health.

"OH #!&* I DID IT TO MYSELF (and how to fix it if you did)"
Gaye Hammond, Thu Aug 12, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)
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6:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

Don't let the extreme summers of the Texas Gulf Coast limit your garden possibilities. Beat the summer heat with sun-loving, heat- and drought-tolerant plant choices. This online plant sale will feature cacti, succulents, and plenty of tough plants that thrive in the Houston area. An online preview of all available plants will begin the week prior to the sale.

Shop the online-only sale at: themercersociety.square.site.

All orders are pickup only; plants cannot be shipped. Plant pickup is offsite at The Mercer Society's Horticultural Propagation Center, approximately one mile from Mercer, at 3602 Hirschfield Road in Spring.

TMS members will have access to the online store on Friday, Aug. 13, at 4 p.m. Members will receive a discount code via email the week before the sale.

To become a TMS member or to renew your membership, visit <https://themercersociety.org/get-involved/membership>. For more information, call The Mercer Society at 713-274-4166.



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The Woodlands Farmer's Market



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In October, we will add back in the fourth hour to 1pm. The market typically closes only one Saturday during the year, the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day. If you drive to the market you will find the village center has plenty of parking. Located at 7 Switchbud, PI, The Woodlands, TX 77380

Texas Adopt -A-Beach Program

**Fall Cleanup Saturday,
September 18th**

Summer is almost over, so what better way to close it out than to help clean the beaches that bore the brunt of our summer vacations?

Mark your calendar for the 35th annual Fall Coastwide Beach Cleanup on Saturday, September 18th at 28 sites along the coast. Thousands of Texans from across the state will head to the beach to voluntarily pick up trash left behind on our beaches or washed ashore. Our Fall Cleanup coincides with the Interna-



tional Coastal Cleanup, so you'll be joining millions of people in clearing trash from beaches around the world!

Online registration is open! You can register and see the list of check-in locations under the Volunteer tab of our website at **TexasAdoptABeach.org**. Volunteers may also register the morning of the event at most check-in sites on September 18th between 8:30 am and 9:00 am, and we clean from 9 am until noon. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and sunscreen, bring water and wear a hat. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. A number of check-in sites provide cold drinks, hot food and fun activities for the whole family. Contact the site coordinator at the location you are interested in for more details.

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Even though I see it in my office everyday I still have to test it on my ownself every now and then. Here's how it goes... Friday, chips and tacos, Saturday, eggs and good toast, no lunch and some pizza, maybe a bit of ice cream at night and Sunday an apple fritter then back to eating healthy. Monday I'm dragging... and Friday looks so far away. I know exactly why too, my mind isn't thinking properly because I just assalted my body! Those weekends get farther and farther apart, my hard on Mondays just aren't as worth it as it was before. Why? Because I refused to give up! You shouldn't either, keep practicing each time you'll get better, your mind gets clearer and you get stronger. It takes time but it works! Promise! #wellness #health #mindset #weightloss www.texaslastdiet.com

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The Pretend "Rattler" By Cheryl Conley

Many people have a fear of snakes. Is it the way they look, the way they move or the fear that the snake is venomous? Snakes are not slimy and are actually cool and dry to the touch. The slithering movements are just the way they get around. Their scales drag against the ground and propel them forward. Yes, some of them are venomous but of the 115 species of snakes in Texas, only 4 are venomous—the cottonmouth, rattlesnakes, copperheads and coral snakes.

The most common snake in our area is the Texas rat snake which is a subspecies of the rat snake. They love living in the suburbs where they spend most of their time in oak trees. They are perfectly camouflaged so chances are you will not even notice them. They're great climbers and can scale a brick wall.

Rat snakes are beneficial as one of nature's best forms of pest control. Rats and mice don't stand a chance against rat snakes. They also dine on lizards, squirrels, frogs and birds.

The Texas rat snake is medium to large and can get up to 6 feet long. Depending on location, their coloration varies. Snakes in eastern Texas are greyer while those in central Texas are



yellowish. All of them have reddish-orange skin under their scales with white or grey bellies. Their heads are grey.

Sometimes the Texas rat snake is misidentified as a rattlesnake. As a defense mechanism, they will hiss and shake their tail to imitate a rattlesnake. There is nothing to make the rattling sound, however, so their ruse is quickly discovered. They are somewhat aggressive snakes and can bite but remember, they are non-venomous. Their bite is very weak and often leaves nothing more than a scratch.

Texas rat snakes can lay up to 20 eggs and they hatch in about 2 months. The female leaves the eggs unattended once she lays them.

You don't have to love snakes but we should learn to live in harmony with them. Negative biases towards snakes can lead to harmful actions like killing them unnecessarily. As with most wild animals, snakes are normally very wary of humans and biting is usually a last-ditch effort to protect themselves.



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