

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

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Meet The Cicada Killer

By Cheryl Conley,
Lake Creek Nature Preserve

Most people consider cicadas loud, and more than a little creepy. They spend years underground, emerge looking like something from a science fiction movie, and then scream from the treetops as if they have been personally wronged. Fortunately for those who are not cicada fans, one impressive backyard predator is happy to do something about them: the eastern cicada killer wasp, also known as the cicada hawk.

Of course, the name "cicada killer wasp" does little to improve its image. Any insect with both "killer" and "wasp" in its name sounds like something best avoided at all costs. Despite its intimidating name and impressive size, the cicada killer is far more interested in hunting cicadas than people. They rarely attack people and their sting is considered to be very mild.

Cicada killer wasps are one of the largest species of wasp, ranging from .06 inches to 2 inches in length. Their wings

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Board President Jon Whisler. Directors present were Darrel Johnson, Josh Donoho, Raquel Lona. At large member Nick Fava joined us later. Our Security Personnel were present. A few residents were also present.

The minutes of the July meeting was read and approved without any changes.

The Deed restriction Director and the Maintenance Director and The Architectural Director gave a verbal report.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Security Director was out of town but the report was submitted to the newsletter.

The Security officers indicated it was a quiet month.

As there was no new business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 8.12pm.

Submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

are brownish amber in color, and they have yellow markings on several segments of their abdomen.

Unlike social wasps that build paper nests, cicada killers are solitary wasps that nest underground, usually in sunny areas with dry, loose, sandy soil. In late June males emerge from underground and wait nearby for the females, usually a week or two later. Once mated, a female chooses a nesting site and digs a burrow about half an inch wide and roughly 10 inches deep, with several small chambers branching off the main tunnel.

Peak hunting takes place in July and August. Only females hunt because the males don't have stingers. She captures a cicada, stings it, and injects venom that leaves it alive but completely paralyzed. Because the cicada may weigh far more than the wasp, carrying it back to the burrow is a truly Herculean feat. She drags or flies with her oversized prey, places it inside one of the underground chambers, and lays an egg on it. A chamber may contain as many as three cicadas before the female seals it.

The egg hatches within two or three days, and this is where the story becomes a little gruesome. The developing larva feeds on the still-living but paralyzed cicada



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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

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder September 8th, 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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Recycling Tuesday is your only recycling day!



PLEASE NO – Styrofoam, Windows, Ceramics,
Mirrors, Soiled Pizza Boxes, Coat Hangers, Light Bulbs, Paper
Towels, Soiled Paper, Soiled Facial Tissue.

For a complete list of acceptable recycle items please visit
<http://www.oakcreekvillage.org/trashservice.html>

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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 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

07-01 to 07-31, 2026

	Total	R. Guillen	All Others
TOTAL	165	136	29
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	1
ACCIDENTAL INJURY	1	0	1
ALARM LOCAL	1	0	1
ANIMAL AGGRESSIVE	1	0	1
ANIMAL HUMANE	1	1	0
ASSAULT	1	0	1
ASSAULT SEXUAL	1	1	0
BURG MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY DISP	1	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	83	83	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	1
DIST JUVENILE	1	0	1
DISTURBANCE FIREWORKS	1	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	0	4
FOLLOW UP	1	1	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	2	2	0
INDECENCY WITH A CHILD	1	0	1
INFORMATION CALL	3	0	3
MEET THE CITIZEN	21	18	3
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	1	0	1
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	15	15	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	1	0
RUNAWAY	1	0	1
SOLICITORS	2	2	0
STATIONARY VISIBILITY PATROL	8	8	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	0	1
THEFT OTHER	1	0	1
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	2	0	2
VACATION WATCH	2	2	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	2	2	0
WARRANT SERVICE	1	0	1
WELFARE CHECK	1	0	1

Galveston Island Shrimp Festival

Sep. 25 - 26. Celebrate coastal flavor and community spirit at the Galveston Island Shrimp Festival, a two-day tradition filled with food and fun.

Every September, Historic Downtown Galveston transforms into a shrimp-lover's paradise. Enjoy gumbo tastings, live music, a festive 5K, the Lil' Shrimps Parade, and a lively walk-about with Strand merchants. With family-friendly activities and Gulf Coast energy, this weekend has something for everyone. Bring your appetite and your dancing shoes!



Klein United Women in Faith

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Together we believe love in action can change the world.

It's 2026! Time to celebrate accomplishments from last year and plan for the new year. This is a GREAT time to join United Women in Faith. Come be part of a dynamic group of women of all ages who work to follow Jesus and put love into action.

Place: Klein United Methodist Church, Library
 Time: January 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Contact stephaniepounds@yahoo.com for more information.



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!**



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for the next two or three weeks, gradually consuming it. Once fully grown, the larva spins a silk-like cocoon and enters a dormant stage called diapause, remaining underground through the winter. It emerges as an adult the following summer, while the previous generation of adult cicada killers dies off by early fall.

Despite being creepy-looking and having a scary name, cicada killer wasps are beneficial to our environment. Both males and females feed on flower nectar and help pollinate plants. By hunting cicadas, females help maintain a natural balance in the ecosystem. Their underground burrows can loosen and aerate the soil.

Cicada killers may never win a backyard popularity contest, but they deserve more respect than fear. Their size, name, and hunting habits make them easy to misunderstand, yet they are simply doing what nature designed them to do. So, the next time one cruises past you carrying a cicada nearly as large as itself, take a moment to appreciate the effort— and be grateful you are not on the menu.

Scouts BSA Flags Across the Community



For over 20 years, the young men of Scouts BSA have been placing flags in yards around Oak Creek Village in recognition of our patriotic holidays. For \$35, Troop 272 will place a U.S. Flag in your yard for Presidents' Day (February), Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July) and Veterans' Day (November). Our scouts provide you with an outdoor flag and pole, installing a flat device in your yard that will not interfere with lawn maintenance.

We are pleased to also offer military branch flags. Choose from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or Space Force. Military flags are \$10 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

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

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Jameson	16	B+P	360-935-2682
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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.**

This fundraiser allows our youth to provide a service to the community, learn patriotism, and work to accomplish various outdoor and high adventure type activities. It teaches them the importance of "earning their own way" in scouting. Your support of our boys is invaluable!

Please visit <https://flags.troop272.com/> to place your secure order online. If you have questions, email flags@troop272.com, use the "Contact Organizer" link on the website, or you can call us at 281-606-5640.



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Oak Creek Village Garden Club

You're invited to join us as we meet each month for a variety of outings in and around Houston, always combined with lunch at a local restaurant. If you're interested in learning more about this group, please contact Jane Flores at 615.423.5410 (call or text), or email to jane.b.flores@gmail.com.

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10/3/2026**



EVENT HOURS:

**10:00 AM –
5:00 PM**



SETUP TIME:

**STARTS AT
8:00 AM**



LOCATION:

Oak Creek Village
Clubhouse
3906 Gladeridge Dr
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WHAT TO EXPECT

- ♥ Unique handmade & crafted items
- ♥ Local artists, crafters & designers
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- ♥ No mass-produced items
- ♥ No food or drinks

VENDOR RULES

- ♥ All items can be handmade, crafted, created or designed by the vendor.
- ♥ No resale or mass-produced items allowed.
- ♥ Booth space is 10x10. Please bring your own tables, chairs & tent if needed.
- ♥ Setup begins at 8:00 AM. Vehicles can be moved after unloading.
- ♥ Vendors are responsible for their own sales, taxes, and change.
- ♥ Keep your area clean & tidy.
- ♥ No early breakdown before 5:00 PM, unless sold-out.
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