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#### OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 9/14/2021

Board Member Attendees: Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton, Darrel Johnson, Joshua Donaho, Elizabeth Davis

Residents Attending: Jan Dunn, Lynn Giles, Ira Early

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A resident spoke to the board about a home in the 3800 block of Fernglade that has had trash and old fence pieces in the driveway for more than a month.

The Recreation Report was read and approved.

Jon Whisler made a motion to have the Recreation Director research and gather quotes to add Pickle Ball lines to the tennis court closest to the road and purchase new wind screens and nets for the courts. The motion was approved.

Jon Whisler made a motion to establish an Architectural Control Committee. Members of the committee will be Ooma Lakshmanan and Jim Bowers. The motion was approved.

The Security Report was read and ap-

proved. There have been no burglaries and no arrests. Deputies have been stopping speeders and addressing parking violations.

No written report for Deed Restrictions was presented.

No written report for Architectural Control was presented. The Financial Report was read and approved.

Jon Whisler made a motion to approve the changes to the HOA policies and guidelines, as prepared by Michael Gainer, to be compliant with the laws governing HOA's that took effect on September 1, 2021. The motion was approved.

An open discussion of trash service, trash being put out to the curb by residents, backdoor service, and our trash contract followed.

#### New business:

Bammel UD announced the 2022 tax rate will remain the same for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The MUD will be able to manage the recently annexed neighborhoods without raising taxes and will be able to replace aging infrastructure without a tax increase due to the bond offering that will go into effect in November 2021.

A resident requested that neighbors please contact Centerpoint to trim tree branches and other vegetation if they see it growing around the powerlines near their property in order to reduce the occurrence of power outages in the neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

# Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31st 5 = 6:30pm 1659 Annex, next to the tennis courts



Perfect stop for non-scary Halloween fun for your little ones! Happy Halloween!

### **OCV** Executive Board

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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 De	partment
- (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
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Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District.	281	376-8802

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

# OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, October 12 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 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 - Be Safe. It's free. It's the law.

- 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.* 

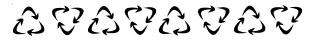
To report a streetlight out go to Centerpoint (713 207-2222) Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)



#### Oak Creek Village Contract HCSO - SHERIFF Ed Gonzalez

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

August 1-31, 2021	Total	Franklin	Malloy	Other	Schnur
Total	412	201	97	24	90
ACCIDENT FSGI	1	0	0	0	1
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	0	0	1	0
ALARM LOCAL	2	0	0	1	1
ALARM REP SITE	2	0	0	0	2
CHECK BUSINESS	1	1	0	0	0
CHECK PARK	3	3	0	0	0
CONTRACT CHECK	288	182	31	2	73
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	1	0
DIST FAMILY	1	0	0	1	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	1	0	3	0
DOMESTIC PREVENT	3	1	0	2	0
EVADING	1	0	0	1	0
FOLLOW UP	8	0	8	0	0
FRAUDULENT USE ID	2	0	0	2	0
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	1	0	0	1	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	11	2	3	5	1
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	1	0	0	1	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	11	0	11	0	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	1	1	0	0	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	0	1	0	0
PARKING LOT CHECK	2	2	0	0	0
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	0	0	1	0
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	14	0	8	0	6
TRAFFIC STOP	14	5	3	0	6
UNK MEDICAL EMERGENCY	2	0	0	2	0
VACATION WATCH	1	0	1	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	29	0	29	0	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	4	3	1	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	1	0	1	0	0



### **TEEN JOB SEEKERS**

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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.

#### OCV Community Association September 15, 2021 Treasurer Report

#### Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The July 31, 2021 balance sheet shows \$581,098 in the bank.

#### Statement of Revenue & Expense

For July 2021, revenue was below budget by (\$562) primarily due to Transfer Fee income being lower than budget. Expenses were lower than budget by \$4,357 was mainly due to timing of insurance and website maintenance payments.

#### Transaction report

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

#### 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 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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## Oak Creek Village Recreation Report 09/15/2021

Due to a broken pipe in the pool pump room, we had to close the pool early on 7/23 and all day 7/24. We have been refunded \$550.37 for the guard hours and billed \$507 for the repair.

The new diving board was delivered and installed on 08/05.

Pool hours were adjusted from 12:00 - 8:30 PM to 12:00 - 6:00 PM on 9/4, 9/5 and 9/6 due to the lifeguard shortage. We were unable to open the pool on 8/22, 9/11 & 9/12 due to a lack of lifeguards.

I do not know if we will be able to open the pool the last 2 weekends of this month as stipulated in our pool maintenance contract. I will request a refund for all unfulfilled lifeguard hours that have already been invoiced and paid.

Adult lap swim will continue weekday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM until the water becomes too cold to continue. Residents interested in participating should contact Elizabeth Davis for more information.

A resident has offered to help install new nets and windscreens for the tennis courts if the board will acquire the nets and screens.



#### **Houston Rose Society**

## Keep The Rose Disease Burglar Away!



David Zlesak, Ph.D., Professor of Horticulture of University of Wisconsin-River Falls, has an exemplary history of supporting and promoting rose horticulture in the U.S. and



abroad. His work with roses began when he was a mere 13 years old and he is recognized around the world as one of the top experts of roses.

Not only is David a member of the Houston Rose Society, he is a fabulous rose hybridizer creating notable roses such as Gaye Hammond, Oso Happy™ Smoothie Rose, Oso Happy™ Petit Pink Rose, Oso Happy™ Candy Oh! Rose, Above & Beyond™, Pretty Polly® Pink, Pretty Polly® White and Pretty Polly® Lavender. In addition to teaching students, David has given scientific presentations in France, Germany and the U.S. The focus of his work to create roses that are hardy, disease resistant and easy for anyone to grow.

In addition to teaching, David serves on the Earth-Kind® Rose Research team and is also a director of the American Rose Trials for Sustainability®. Both of these rose trialing programs are designed to identify the hardiest easy-to-grow roses for gardens around the country.

Join us on Thursday, October 14, 2021 for David's entertaining and informative program on the interaction between our roses and the fungus that causes black spot and how breeders are using that information to create extremely disease resistant and beautiful new rose cultivars for us to enjoy.

"KEEP THE ROSE DISEASE BURGLAR AWAY!" David Zlesak Thu, Oct 14, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT) - The meeting link will be available on The Houston Rose Society website at http://www.houstonrose.org/

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!

#### Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival At The Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts on October 30



The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is excited to present its first-ever Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festival on Saturday, October 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Day of the Dead originated in Mexico and is a celebration of life and death. Traditionally, festivities unfold over two days in an explosion of color and joy, to demonstrate love and respect for deceased family members.

The Pearl's celebration, held outdoors on the grounds of the museum, will include music, food, scavenger hunts, hands-on art projects, and gallery tours. You can even learn how to build an ofrenda to honor your loved ones. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume and dress the part. The community is warmly invited to attend, and admission is free.

Following the festival, a concert will be held at 4:30 p.m. October 30 in the Main Gallery of the museum. Guests will enjoy vocal and cello selections for the Day of the Dead, All Saints Day, and Halloween. Concert tickets are \$35 for museum members and \$45 for non-members.

For the latest details or to purchase concert tickets, visit pearlmfa.org.

#### 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual YMCA Run Thru the Woods

Presented by Gullo Dealerships **Thanksgiving morning, November 25, 2021** 7:30am - All ages

Start/Finish Line and Post Race Party at Cynthia Woods
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#### Zomball in Tomball - Saturday, Oct. 9, 4-7

**PM -** Zomball is Tomball's annual Halloween-themed festival for kids. The giant trunk-or-treat draws thou-





sands of costumed "Boils and Ghouls" to the downtown Depot Museum. Entertainment, activities and more make this a great "gotcha" event for families.

#### Tomball Bluegrass Festival - Sat. Oct. 16, 11am-

**5pm** - The old railroad Depot in Tomball will ring with music from the mountains as Bluegrass Tomball returns for the 9<sup>th</sup> year. Local and regional acts perform from the main stage while amateur pickers gather to play tunes at the nearby Shade Tree Jam at Granny's Korner. There'll be food, vendors, a kids zone and more on this day of old time fun.

**Depot Day - A National Model Railroad Month Event, Sat. Nov. 13, 10am - 4pm-** Depot Day is an event filled with history, education and detailed model railroad displays in three scales. From the tiny Z-Scale inside the Depot Museum freight room and the Lionel O-Scale filling the classic caboose, to the 1,200 square foot G-Gauge layout outside the historic building, Depot Day is a train fan's dream. Talk with costumed volunteers about the golden age of railroading and listen to old-style tunes from our performers. Tomball Railroad Plaza on South Elm.





## Time to Head South By Cheryl Conley

With temperatures still soaring in our area, it's hard to think about fall but birds know it's time for their fall migration. So, exactly how do they know? There are a number of factors. One way is the angle of the sun. Days are growing shorter and we have fewer hours of daylight. Summer crops are becoming scarce and less food is available. In the fall, baby birds are now mature enough to be on their own so Mom no longer has to tend to the youngsters. The location of the birds is important as well. Arctic birds may begin migrating as early as July while those closer to the equator start migrating in late September.

Although rare in the Greater Houston area, it is not unheard of to see a Broad-winged hawk (Buteo platypterus) in the Houston area. These raptors have chunky bodies and a small reddish-brown head. Their tales are black and white striped similar to a raccoon's tail. The undersides of the wings are bordered in dark brown. These hawks live in forests and spend the majority of their time under the canopy of the trees. Here they look for small animals to hunt.

The female typically lays 2 or 3 eggs and the incubation is almost exclusively taken care of by Mom. The male will bring food to her while she's tending to the eggs. Mom takes care of the young for the first 1 to 2 weeks after hatching and the male continues to deliver food for her and the young. Mom gets a break once the babies are a little older when Dad pitches in. At 5 to 6 weeks, the young are able to fly.

Almost all Broad-winged hawks migrate in the fall to Central and South America. A great place to see these raptors as they make their way south is at Smith Point on Galveston Bay's eastern shore. Smith Point features a land form that funnels the birds into a migration corridor. At peak migration periods, thousands of birds can be seen in one day. Broad-winged hawks make up approximately 70% of the birds traveling this route.

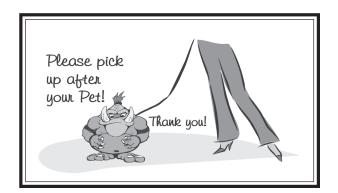
Beginning on August 15<sup>th</sup> and running through November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory keeps a daily raptor count at Smith Point called the Smith Point Hawk Watch. A watch tower has been constructed for this purpose and is open to the public from 8am to 4pm. Staff and volunteers are at the watch tower to talk with visitors and answer questions. There are scopes and



binoculars so visitors can get a better view of the birds. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the raptor counting and a celebration is planned for October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 1pm. For more information, you can



visit the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory website or call 979-480-0999 for more information.



#### **Mark Your Calendars**

"COME ONE AND COME ALL" to the Knights of Columbus Council 14512 (St Edward Catho-

lic Church) 9th Annual Chili Cook-off benefiting The American Wheelchair Mission. The event will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 on the grounds of St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 26777 Glen Loch Dr., Spring, TX 77381. General public gates open at 10AM, final judging begins at about 2:30PM.

Come sample some of the best chili in Texas! Enjoy family entertainment, DJ music, car show, games, drinks, homemade desserts, hamburgers, hot dogs and raffles of products and services during the event. A 5-sample pack/1 drink admission is only \$5.00, which also includes you in 20-25 door prize raffles of about \$10 to \$15. Other raffles from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for much larger prizes will also be conducted during the day. All proceeds go toward purchasing wheelchairs for people in need through The American Wheelchair Mission.

There are openings for Cooking Teams as well. If interested in joining the competition, entry forms are available online at https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=14512. Contact Errol Barrois at epbarrois@att.net with any questions. Registration fees for a cooking team are \$150 (1 wheelchair) and spots are assigned on a first come basis, deadline 10/31/21.

Also looking for car show entries. If you own a classic/muscle car please join us in helping making this event successful. There are no fees and 1st, 2nd and 3rd "People's Choice" awards will be presented. We'll provide you with a \$5.00 sample/entry ticket for your participation. Bring the family & enjoy the day!

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#### **Galveston 39th Island Oktoberfest**

October 22, 23, 24 - Downtown Galveston

This fun, family weekend will feature: continuous live entertainment on two stages, an expanded menu of authentic German food and libations, the ever-popular Cake Wheel, shopping for fine arts, crafts and gifts in the historic 1860 Lyceum, a lively auction, and new and exciting fun, family children's activities, and much more. Visit Galveston Octoberfest online for more event information.



#### **Galveston ArtWalk Dates**

October 9, November 27

Connecting Galveston Artists and Art Lovers since 1986! Since 1986, the Galveston Arts Center has been the proud organizer of ArtWalk. Held eight times a year on Saturday evenings in Galveston's historic district, ArtWalk is a self-guided walking tour of galleries, artist studios, and exhibition spaces, both commercial and non-profit, along with alternative art venues such as cafes and shops. Many participating locations also offer live music, refreshments, and opportunities for artists and collectors to meet. ArtWalk supports the island's vibrant artistic culture and connects visitors to a diverse network of places where to see, learn about, or purchase original art. •For information about becoming an ArtWalk Location or Sponsor, visit galvestonartscenter.org/artwalk/registration

## Get involved with Mercer Botanic Gardens Programs

Garden Cruisin': Tour de 4, Fridays, Oct. 15 and 29, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - Board the Mercer Cart at the Visitor Center for a leisurely one-hour tour through the gardens, where you'll experience the beauty and tranquility that thousands of plants, flowers, and trees can provide. Travel through the Creekside Ramble and Storey Lake area, then cruise past the color border and herb garden before crossing over to the Arboreturn with its Cypress Swamp and Hickory Bog. We'll conclude the tour at the Visitor Center or drive you right up to your car. This tour is for visitors 60 or older, or those 12 or older with transportation needs. The Tour de 4 uses an open-air cart, so participants should dress for the weather. A maximum of four passengers per tour. Registration is required at https:// www.hcp4.net/mercer/events/ Online registration begins Wednesdays, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29, at 9 a.m. For more information, call 713-274-4160.



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