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Pearl Fincher | **Museum of Fine Arts**

Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts Fall Activities & Celebrations

This fall, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is delighted to present "**Roots & Reverence**," an exhibition of Native American art. To learn more visit pearlmfa.org.

*Raven Protects the
Children, Preston
Singletary, Tlingit,
2023. Courtesy of
Bill & Susie Pitlick.*



2024 Fall Exhibition: Roots & Reverence: Exploring Indig- enous Perspectives on Art, Culture, and Identity

Discover the vibrant tapestry of Native American cultures through this immersive exhibition, which showcases the artistic legacy and profound narratives of tribes across North America. Visitors will experience living traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation, such as the intri-

OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 9/12/24

The meeting was called to order by our President Jon Whisler at 7:55pm. Board members present were Raquel Lona, Lloyd Bratton and Darrel Johnson. Committee members present were Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan. One of our Security Officers was also present.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

We did not have any written reports from our Architectural Control Directors, Recreation Director, Maintenance Director or Deed Restriction Director.

Security report was read and approved. It will be in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Please read it in the newsletter.

The Board approved to get 6 signs to be placed in and around our neighborhood strategically to monitor traffic going in and out of Oak Creek Village. We informed earlier in our newsletter that we have installed cameras at different points to monitor our traffic.

Special thanks to our Deed Restriction Director for keeping in top with our Precinct Commissioner in getting all our debris removed in a timely manner from our streets and homes after hurricane Beryl. People have started to repair and restore their homes, roofs and yards.

The repairs to our Clubhouse due to the hurricane has almost been completed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

cate craftsmanship of basketry, the symbolic power of pottery, and the timeless beauty of beadwork.

Roots & Reverence is on exhibition through January 4, 2025. Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, TX, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, visit pearlmfa.org.

Dia de los Muertos and Artisan Market: November 2

The Pearl's fourth annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration will take place on Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum. Admission is free.

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Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency).....281 376-8802
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Forms (713 221-6000)
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*The deadline for the next issue of the
OCV Community News is October 15th!*

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder October 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>

**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 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
September 12, 2024
Treasurer Report

August 1-31, 2024

	Total	R. Guillen	J. Morrow	All Others
TOTAL	344	250	76	18
ACCIDENT MINOR	1	1	0	0
ACCIDENTAL INJURY	1	0	0	1
ALARM LOCAL	4	0	1	3
BURG MOTOR VEHICLE	1	1	0	0
COMPLIANCE CHECK	2	1	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	209	161	48	0
DISCHARGE FIREARMS	1	0	0	1
DIST FAMILY	3	0	0	3
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	1	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	0	1
INFORMATION CALL	1	1	0	0
MEET THE CITIZEN	11	8	1	2
MEET THE OFFICER	1	1	0	0
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	1	0	0	1
MUD BUILDING CHECK	4	4	0	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	59	59	0	0
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	1	0	0
ROBBERY INDIVIDUAL	1	0	0	1
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	1	0	1	0
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1	0	0	1
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	27	7	20	0
TRAFFIC STOP	7	2	5	0
VEHICLE ABANDONED	1	1	0	0
VEHICLE STICKERED	1	1	0	0
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	0	1
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	1	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	1	0	0	1

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The July31, 2024 balance sheet shows \$491,338 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For July 2024, revenue was over budget by \$16,739 primarily due to being above budget on interest income. Expenses were above budget by (\$12,670) was mainly due to higher interest reserve expense.

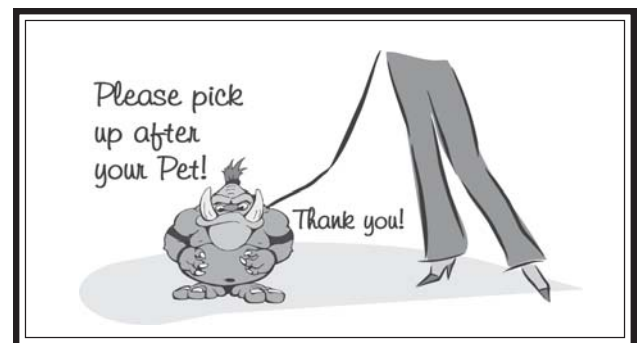
Transaction report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2024 Maintenance Fee of \$352 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2024. If it was not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2024 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$32.50 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was sent to Bammel UD for the February 2024 bill to help with the increases we received in the new contract in November 2023 for the new year.



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This family-friendly event will include a public ofrenda, a performance by Ballet Folklórico, face painting and more. Art stations will allow guests to create traditional art such as paper sugar skull masks, tissue paper Marigold sculptures, and monarch butterfly rings. As part of the event, an outdoor Art Market will offer items for sale by local artists.



Guests are encouraged to dress in traditional costumes and bring art, photos, or other items of loved ones to add to the public ofrenda. For a complete schedule of the day's events please visit pearlmfa.org.

Creating Together: A Program for People with Alzheimer's

"Creating Together" is a free program tailored to people living with dementia and early onset Alzheimer's, to discuss and create art.

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts and the Houston Alzheimer's Association invite those with dementia and their care partners for a tour of the Pearl's current exhibition, fol-

lowed by a craft.

"Creating Together" is held on the third Monday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon, with the next session taking place **Monday, October 21.**



Registration is required by emailing Adrienne McGee at the Houston Alzheimer's Association, ammcgee@alz.org. For more information you may also visit pearlmfa.org or call the museum at (281) 376-6322.

Indigenous Peoples' Day: A Celebration of All Nations October 14, 5 - 8:30pm The Water Works Events At Buffalo Bayou Park, Festival - Free

Xochipilli Collective presents Indigenous Peoples Day: A Celebration of All Nations, an event dedicated to honoring the rich histories, cultures, and enduring presence of Indigenous peoples. Saying proudly, "we have always existed, we have always been here, we were not discovered." This invites people of all backgrounds to recognize the sovereignty and resilience of Indigenous nations, featuring cultural performances, vendors, foods, and music. It is a day to reflect on the contributions of Indigenous peoples and to acknowledge their rightful place in the world's history and future.

Festival Schedule:

- 5:00-7:00pm, DJ Delsur
- 5:00-8:30pm, Vendor market
- 7:15pm, Performance with Danza Azteca Taxcayotl and CancegaXicasUnidas
- 7:30pm, Film: Reflections of Coatlicue – Reflections of our Mother the Creator and Destroyer. Presented in conjunction with DiverseWorks Overlapping Territories exhibition.

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. We look forward to meeting you!

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The Woodlands Farmers Market is home to vendors offering locally grown produce, grass fed beef, Texas handmade artisan cheeses, goat cheese, sustainably cultivated coffee, local honey, breads & pastries, no sugar-added baked goods, prepared tamales, Indian cuisine & Mediterranean food, gluten-free options, and seasonal products. Saturdays, rain or shine!

- 9:00am – 1:00pm (October – June)
- 9:00am – noon (July – September)

The market typically closes only one Saturday during the year, the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day. **Address:** Grogan's Mill Shopping Center, 7 Switchbud, Pl, The Woodlands, TX 77380

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Embrace your Saturdays with a burst of local goodness! From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Saturday, dive into the vibrant atmosphere of the Tomball Farmers Market. Come rain or shine, this year-round haven for local businesses is your chance to savor the flavors of this Texas Department of Agriculture certi-

fied farmers market.

Join us in celebrating community, fresh produce, and unique finds every week! 205 W. Main St. in Historic Old Town Tomball-
Closed on December 14, 2024

**Annual Scarecrow Festival
Saturday, October 12th, 9:00am - 6:00pm
Chappell Hill Historical Society**

The festival boasts more than 250 juried exhibitors (home, decor, gardening, artists, craftsmen, jewelry, clothing, etc.) delicious country-style food, live entertainment and music, and tours of the historic community.



The festival is hosted by the Chappell Hill Historical Society, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of the community's history and historical buildings. The Society's goal is to stage a high-quality, fun show in the downtown National Historic District. Our town is located among some of the most scenic areas of Washington County and boasts friendly people and a casual lifestyle. The festival area consists of Main Street, Poplar Street, and the property behind the Visitor's Center.

Main Street, Poplar Street and Providence Street, Chappell Hill, TX, United States, Texas. For more information call (979) 203-1242. chappellhillfestivals@gmail.com

Spring Interfaith Council
invites you to
"ONE COMMUNITY, MANY HEARTS"
an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 21st at 6:30pm
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SAVE THE DATE!
"Come One and Come All"
to the Knights of Columbus Council
12th Annual Chili Cook-off
benefiting
The American Wheelchair Mission

Come join the Knights of Columbus Council 14512 (St Edward Catholic Church) 12th Annual Chili Cook-off benefiting The American Wheelchair Mission. The event will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, on the grounds of St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 26777 Glen Loch Dr., Spring, TX 77381. 10AM to 4PM, final judging begins at about 2:30PM.

Enjoy family entertainment, DJ music, games, drinks, home-made desserts, hamburgers, hot dogs and day long raffles of products, services, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. A 5-sample pack/1 drink admission is only \$5.00, which also includes you in day long door prize of about \$10 to \$15. Other raffles from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for much larger prizes will also be conducted during the day, along with a 50/50. All proceeds go toward purchasing wheelchairs for people in need through The American Wheelchair Mission.

If interested in entering a cooking team in the competition contact John Edwards at 832-871-6625 or johnewards7662@sbcglobal.net. Entry fee is \$150, deadline for entry is 10/31/2024.

Tickets On Sale For Texas Master Chorale's
40th Anniversary Concert Season!

Tickets are on sale now for the 40th Anniversary concert season of Texas Master Chorale, celebrating four decades of music making!

The first concert of the season will be Music of Faith and Inspiration, presented Saturday, October 19 at John Wesley Church. This concert will feature sacred, spiritual, and gospel music such as "Amazing Grace," "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," and "I Will Rise."

Additional concerts during this special anniversary season include A Feast of Carols on December 14, 2024; and 40th Anniversary Celebration Concert, the premiere of a commissioned work by Taylor Scott Davis, on May 3, 2025. All concerts take place at John Wesley Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston, 77069.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at TexasMasterChorale.org, through the box office at (281) 440-4850, or at the door. Season tickets purchased online before September 30 are \$75.

Texas Master Chorale is generously sponsored by Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Texas Commission on the Arts.

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Northwest Forest Republican Women's Club



NWFRW gives an "election integrity" welcome to The Honorable Stan Stanart as speaker for October 14th! He is currently serving as Vice Chair of the Harris County Republican Party for Election Integrity and is Chairman of the Ballot Security Committee.

Having been elected Harris County Clerk 2010 - 2018 when unfortunately; due to \$15 million being spent by the Beto campaign in Harris County, he and every countrywide Republican were defeated. Vice Chair Stanart has a BS in Electronic Engineering from Oklahoma State University and was hired by Texas State Senator Paul Bettencourt, SD 7, as Associate Director of Hardware Technology for the Harris County Tax Office, where he was responsible for over 600 computers and dozens of servers. He has used his technical skills and knowledge to bring significant innovations and many new efficiencies to the County Clerk's Office still used to this day. Be sure to come to the October 14th meeting to hear about election integrity and the importance of securing the voting process.

VOTING is your Super Power -your vote is your voice! Not voting is NOT A PROTEST, it is electing the opposition. See you on October 14th! VOTE!



North Harris County Regional Water Board Votes To Reduce Water Rates Further

At its September 16, 2024 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) voted 3-2 to reduce wholesale water rates charged to customers by an historic \$1.00 per thousand gallons for both treated Lake Houston water and water pumped from aquifers by MUDs (i.e. well water). These rate cuts, complementing the first two cuts of \$0.50 each in 2023, will go into effect October 1st. All three combined total to \$2.00 per thousand gallons—more than 40% rate reduction since the three new board members were elected in 2022.


The two remaining members from the prior board voted against this cut and against the second one.

These fees generally show up on MUD district water bills as simply "NHCRWA", "NHCRWA fees", or something similar.

Director Mark Ramsey, a long time resident of Northampton, Klein High graduate, and an advocate for lower rates who has an opponent in his re-election bidsaid after the rate cut,"I am grateful for the hard work of the board and the staff in identifying ways to reduce water rates. We continue to provide abundant high-quality surface water complementing the even more abundant high-quality groundwater beneath our feet. I and the other new board members continue to work toward other long-term solutions for North Harris County residents and businesses."

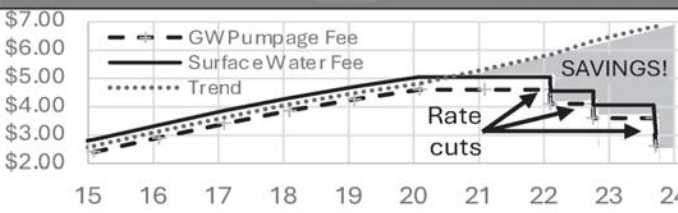
Mark's opponent is the same person who was previously on the board for 23 years and raised water rates a whopping 2000% over that time. Voters elected Mark Ramsey and threw his opponent out of office in a 75% to 25% landslide in 2022. Now the opponent wants his seat back, presumably to increase rates again. The prior board had NEVER decreased water rates in the history of the NHCRWA.

Mark Ramsey also received the unanimous endorsement of the Harris County Republican Party. Other very notable endorsements, both by local and statewide leaders, may be found on his website, RamseyforTexas.com.



RAMSEY
Re-elect for NHCRWA No.4



Re-elect MARK RAMSEY to keep lowering water rates!



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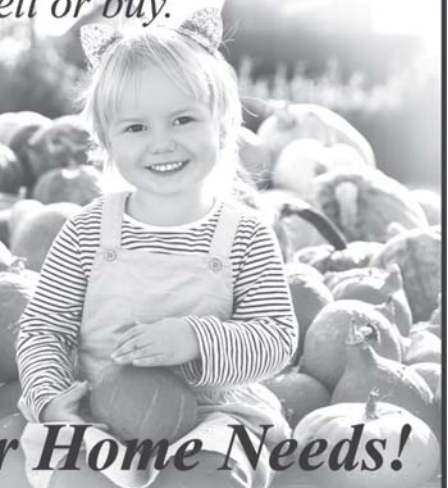
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