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Texas Master Chorale To Perform "Songs Of Faith & Inspiration" on October 18

Texas Master Chorale will perform their first concert of the 2025-26 season on Saturday, October 18, with "Songs of Faith and Inspiration."

The concert will feature a wide range of uplifting music, including "You Raise Me Up," by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland, "It is Well With My Soul," arranged by Rene



OCV HOA Meeting Minutes 9/18/2025

OCV HOA Board meeting minutes 9/18/25

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jon Whisler at 7.39 pm. Directors present were Darrel Johnson, Lloyd Bratton, Raquel Lona and at large Director Nick Fava. Committee member Ooma Lakshmanan was also present and our Security Officer Rudy Guillen.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

We did not have any written reports from our Architectural Control, Recreation or Deed Restriction Directors. They indicated that there have been no major requests or happenings.

Security report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

As there were no new or old business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8.07pm.

Submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan, Secretary

Clausen, "Hallelujah" by Beethoven, and "Gloria" by Vivaldi.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and will take place at John Wesley Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston. Complimentary valet parking is provided.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased exclusively at TexasMasterChorale.org this season. Students are free with school I.D.

The 2025-26 season will celebrate America's 250th birthday. In addition to the October concert, the season includes a Christmas concert on December 20, Mozart Requiem in March of 2026, and a patriotic finale in April.

Texas Master Chorale is generously sponsored by Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Texas Commission on the Arts. To learn more, visit TexasMasterChorale.org.

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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 Oct. 14th, 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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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.*

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Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)



Oak Creek Village Contract
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OCV Community Association
September 18, 2025
Treasurer Report

08-01 to 09-03, 2025

	Total	R. Guillen	J. Morrow	M. Ramirez	All Others
TOTAL	197	108	6	60	23
ALARM LOCAL	2	0	0	0	2
ALARMAUDSILHU	1	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	0	0	1
CHECK PARK	1	0	0	1	0
CONTRACT CHECK	125	88	5	32	0
DIST FAMILY	1	1	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	3	0	0	0	3
DISTURBANCE OTHER	1	0	0	0	1
DOMESTIC PREVENT	4	0	0	0	4
ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE	4	4	0	0	0
INFORMATION CALL	6	0	0	0	6
MEET THE CITIZEN	5	3	0	2	0
MUD BUILDING CHECK	11	6	0	5	0
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK	19	4	0	15	0
SOLICITORS	1	0	0	1	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5	0	0	2	3
TERRORISTIC THREAT	2	0	0	0	2
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	1	0	1	0	0
VACATION WATCH	3	1	0	2	0
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	1	0	0	0



**Notice to Walkers, Joggers, Bicyclists
and Scooter Riders!**

For you own safety please make yourself readily visible to vehicle traffic. Wear light colored or reflective clothing. Also, during the twilight hours, lighting is highly suggested. Use of the community walking and jogging trails rather than busy streets is also highly suggested. **The life you save may be your own.**



Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The July31, 2025, balance sheet shows \$384,724 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For July 2025, revenue was above budget by \$1,463 primarily due to higher-than-expected resale income. Expenses were above budget by (\$14,729), which was mainly due to being over budget on legal and pool expense.

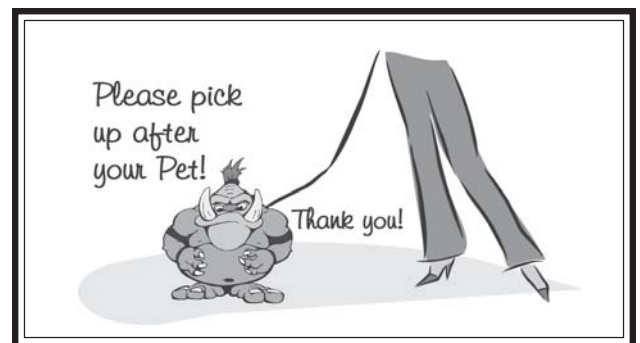
Transaction Report

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

Additional Notes:

Our 2025 Maintenance Fee of \$362 was approved at the November 2024 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and is due at the beginning of January 2025. If it was not paid by January 31st, 2025, there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2025 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$33.25 was approved at the November 2024 meeting and will be sent to Bammel UD for the March 2025 bill to help with the increases we received in the new contract in October 2024 for the new year.



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Dia de losMuertos and Artisan Market: November 1

The Pearl's fifth annual Día de losMuertos (Day of the Dead) celebration will take place on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum.

This family-friendly event will include a public ofrenda, a performance by Ballet Folklorico at 1 p.m., 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, including watercolor prints, jewelry, ceramics, floral arrangements and more.

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, visit pearlmfa.org.

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 in Harris



The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts will host their fifth annual Día de losMuertos (Day of the Dead) celebration on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025. **Admission is free.** For details visit pearlmfa.org.

County outside the city center of Houston, the Pearl operates completely through the generous donations of individuals, businesses and foundations from the greater Houston community, and is free to all.

Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Donations and membership support are appreciated and help continue the Pearl's mission of art, education, and community. For more information, please visit www.pearlmfa.org or call (281) 376-6322.

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold our second meeting of the 2025-26 Season on Tuesday November 18, 2025, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379. We will meet in Rooms A201, 203 & 205, located upstairs in the Main Office building. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm.

We are very excited to welcome back our presenter, Lisa Stroyne, owner and lead floral designer with Glass Slipper Designs. Lisa trained at Pittsburgh Floral Academy and has over 30 years of experience. She stays on top of trends and knows how to create colorful eye-popping designs. Lisa loves to provide a "personal" level of service to her clients, especially her brides, and her favorite moment is watching her bride cry with joy when she sees her bouquet. Lisa worked with Disney for many years and even had the pleasure of decorating Cinderella's magical coach. Lisa is just in time to get us ready for the upcoming season, as she'll be sharing new ideas while designing all "holiday arrangements".

This is going to be an exciting evening, and we encourage anyone interested in flowers and the art of designing to join us. We have members ranging from novice designers to floral shop owners and Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and socialize together!

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For further information, please contact Christine Givens at 281-387-6626 or email givens3@sbcglobal.net.

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Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center
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This 312-acre park has several miles of short trails covering several different ecosystems, including the swampy Cypress Boardwalk trail and a hardwood and pine forested floodplain of the Magnolia Trail. A short 0.3-mile walk from the nature center parking lot will take visitors to the Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village, a replica of a pioneer farm and Native American plot. Jesse H. Jones Park is also situated near the beginning of the Spring Creek Greenway with 16 miles of paved trail system along, you guessed it, Spring Creek, drawing many cyclists, so keep those eyes peeled if you choose to hike this path.

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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an outdoor flag and pole, installing a flat device in your yard that will not interfere with lawn maintenance.

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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!



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Love is in the Air

By Cheryl Conley

Lake Creek Greenway Board of Directors

Every fall, in the Houston area, love is in the air but I'm not talking about romantic strolls on the beach or candlelit dinners. I'm talking about the small black insects that fly around glued to their partner. Everyone refers to them as lovebugs, the scientific name being *Pecia nearctica*.

Lovebugs, also known as honeymoon flies, are small black flies with distinctive red-orange thoraxes and smoky-colored wings. You can expect to see them twice a year, in the spring and in the fall although I have to say I rarely see any in the spring. In the fall you will start seeing them in August or September. Expect to continue seeing them for 4 or 5 weeks after the first sighting.

The lovebug undergoes four stages in its life cycle. The process begins when females lay their eggs in decaying vegetation, with a single female capable of depositing up to 600 eggs. These eggs hatch into larvae, which are small, worm-like creatures. This is the longest stage of development, lasting several months, during which the larvae feed on decomposing plant material. This feeding helps recycle organic matter, making it ecologically beneficial.

The larvae eventually enter the pupal stage, which lasts for about a week. Afterward, they emerge as adults, prepared to

reproduce. Once the male transfers sperm to the female, he soon dies. The pair may separate, or the female may remain briefly attached to his body before laying her eggs and dying as well—thus continuing the cycle. During their time together, adult lovebugs feed on nectar and pollen. Their adult phase is short, lasting only a few days, but in death, their decomposing bodies enrich the soil and return vital nutrients to the ecosystem.



Lovebugs may not bite, sting, or spread disease, but they can still cause plenty of trouble—especially for drivers. Drawn to heat and the chemicals in car exhaust, they often swarm near highways and end up splattering across windshields. Not only does this reduce visibility, but their acidic body fluids can damage paint if left uncleaned. In large numbers, lovebugs can even clog radiator fins, which may cause the engine to overheat. Harmless to people but tough on cars, these pesky insects are more nuisance than threat.

While lovebugs can be a real nuisance—splattering on windshields, clustering around doorways, and landing on you at the worst times—they also play a role in keeping ecosystems healthy. Their life cycle returns nutrients to the soil, and their short-lived swarms are part of nature's rhythm. Annoying as they may be, at least they don't bite, sting, or stick around all year. Compared to mosquitoes or fire ants, a few weeks of lovebugs is just a temporary inconvenience we can all survive.

Help Me #EndCancer

Hello neighbors, my name is Leigh Ann Rucker, and I live right here in Spring. In 2020, I was diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer. There is no cure for Stage IV, and the 5-year survival rate is only 22%.

I'm determined to change that as July was my 5-year mark. I'm raising money to support Stage IV breast cancer research at the Advanced Breast Cancer Program of MD Anderson Cancer Center—a program leading the way in cutting-edge treatments and giving patients like me more time. All funds raised through our team, STOMP OUT STAGE IV BREAST CANCER, go directly to this research and donations are tax-deductible.

One fun way I'm fundraising is through disc golf! Every Thursday in October after 4:30 p.m. at Spring Country Club (25110 Gosling Rd.), you can play disc golf while supporting Stage IV breast cancer research. Entry is only \$5 (plus course fees) with weekly closest-to-pin prizes, and we'll wrap up the month with a big raffle on the last Thursday of October.

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