

The Oak Creek Village

Community News

The Official Neighborhood Publication for November, 2024 - www.oakcreekvillage.org

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Happy
Thanks Giving



Houston Rose Society English Cottage Gardens

Teresa Byington's Bloom Thyme Cottage Gardens weaves together her love of roses from heirlooms to the most modern shrubs and their garden companions. She has planted 120 roses alongside annuals, herbs, shrubs, trees, perennials and a few veggies. Teresa's garden was recently featured in Garden Gate Magazine's January 2022 edition, The American Rose Society Nov/Dec edition, and Midwest Living in June of 2023.

Teresa's program will include tips and tricks for creating a cottage garden or adding cottage garden elements to your garden and a tour of her garden. She will also make recommendations on plants that work well in a cottage garden setting. She is an active member of the American Rose Society and the Indianapolis Rose Society. She is a Consulting Rosarian, Master Gardener, Former President of the Indianapolis Rose Society and winner of the Bronze

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OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 10/08/24

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by Board President Jon Whisler. Directors present were Lloyd Bratton, Darrel Johnson, Raquel Lona, Shawn Lane and George Arreguin. Committee members present were Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan. Our 2 Security officers were also present.

We had a few of our residents also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

There were no written reports from the Architectural Director, Maintenance Director, Recreational Director or the Deed Restriction Directors. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Security report was read and approved.

Since there was no new business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm.

Submitted by
Ooma Lakshmanan - Secretary

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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

OCV Accountant, TXMGMT.....832 910-7525
Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex.....281 376-2997
Forms (713 221-6000)
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Gas, Centerpoint.....713 659-2111
Trash, Texas Pride Disposal.....281 342-8178
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Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District.....281 376-8802

OCV Garden Club Board

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder November 12th, 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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- **Give two working days' notice before digging. (48 hours)**
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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
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 Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

OCV Community Association
October 8, 2024
Treasurer Report

Financial Report –

Balance Sheet

The August 31, 2024, balance sheet shows \$472,839 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For August 2024, revenue was below budget by (\$886) primarily due to being below budget on security receipts and resale income. Expenses were above budget by (\$18,153) was mainly due to higher legal and extra landscape expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of August in addition to clean up from hurricane Beryl.

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.



**Reminder to Walkers,
Joggers, Bicyclists
and Scooters**

For your 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. **The life you save may be your own.**



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Medal. Teresa serves currently on the Board of the Indianapolis Rose Society as their Website and Social Media Chairman. Her blog, TheGardenDiary.com tells of her adventures in the garden and in life, as well as promotes roses as an integral part of her cottage garden. She is also the host of the Rose Chat podcast, dedicated to all aspects of growing roses and you can find her on the Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/@TeresaByington>.

Teresa is now the proud owner of the beautiful mini-shrub Petite Peach. A sport of Petite Pink was found in her garden in 2019. Since then, Petite Peach has been on a wild ride that

has resulted in a Patent (2023) and recipient of the 2024 ARS Award of Excellence in the no spray division.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting will receive one hour of continuing education credit. CRs will be required to sign a registration form at the meeting or email president@houstonrose.org prior to the meeting with their name, email address, and name of your rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.



This is one program that you will not want to miss. Please join us from the comfort of your home and office with Zoom by clicking on the link below:

[https://06web.zoom.us/j/84255031373?](https://06web.zoom.us/j/84255031373?pwd=gqIKcpXDP8nExRxCVM685cvWZlIhegt.1)
[pwd=gqIKcpXDP8nExRxCVM685cvWZlIhegt.1](https://06web.zoom.us/j/84255031373?pwd=gqIKcpXDP8nExRxCVM685cvWZlIhegt.1)

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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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Veterans Day

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November 11, 2024

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FALL EVENTS

Galveston ArtWalk, Saturday, November 30th. Presented every 6-8 weeks in partnership with downtown galleries, artist studios, nonprofits, and local businesses, ArtWalk takes place inside existing art spaces. This popular event is free and open to everyone. 2127 Strand, Downtown Galveston from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.



YMCA Run Thru The Woods Thanksgiving Day, November 28 The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion

Join The Woodlands Family YMCA on Thanksgiving morning as we Run/Walk for a Cause! A local Thanksgiving morning tradition, YMCA Run Thru the Woods has supported local non-profits with the goal of strengthening The Woodlands, Spring and Oak Ridge communities for 35 years. The event brings thousands of community members together for entertainment and run/walks designed for all ages. Over the years, more than \$3.5 million



dollars has been raised. First race is at 7:30am Register today!

For more information on Run Thru the Woods, please contact Blake Kelly, blake.kelly@ymcahouston.org or call 346-583-5920.

Depot Day Fall Fest

Nov. 16, 11:00am - 6:00pm,
Tomball Depot Plaza, 201 S.

Elm St, Tomball. This one-day event for the whole family features Lionel O-scale, Z-scale and G-scale model railroads mixed with classic fall fair attractions to the tunes of good old-fashioned country music and more. Enjoy carnival games, a pumpkin patch, festival foods, craft vendors, a kids' zone and lots of fall-themed activities. Free admission and parking.



ALL Local Farmers Market

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 certified 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



The Pavilion At Swedes Park 11/30/2024 • 10 AM - 5 PM, 1605 Hwy 87 - Crystal Beach TX 77650

Thanksgiving Weekend is a BIG kickoff for the holiday season. There's no better time to get out with family and friends and enjoy a holiday shopping experience in Crystal Beach, Texas. Load up the car, and enjoy a morning, afternoon, or all day at the Bolivar Christmas Market, on Saturday, November 30, 2024. A full-day event built around the Individual or a Family Owned Business selling, Arts/Crafts, Clothing, Jewelry, Lamps, Furniture, Bags, Christmas Decor, and more.

Gates swing open at 10:00 AM with Christmas Music playing throughout the day, and a Christmas tree decorated by area students. Santa comes in by Fire Truck at 1pm. As the day winds down at 5pm we light the official Bolivar Peninsula Christmas Tree that stays lit throughout the Holiday Season at 1605 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, Texas at The Pavilion entrance.

Covered Booth Spaces are 10' x 10' and start at \$90, you may reserve multiple spaces for a larger-than-life sales area. Shoppers from all across the US spend the 3-day Holiday on Bolivar Peninsula so the traffic is fabulous throughout the day. Reservations for booths must be made in advance.



The Bolivar Christmas Market is brought to you by Bolivar Peninsula Tourism and Visitors Center, Bolivar Live, and The Texas Crab Festival Charities. Proceeds raised go to the Texas Crab Festival Charities on Bolivar Peninsula.

Peninsula Sports Park will have Food and Refreshments for all to enjoy as a fundraiser during the full-day event, help support our little league Baseball, and Soccer for the kids on Bolivar Peninsula.

For more information on the Bolivar Christmas Market and Booth Space contact Cathie or Mitzi at 409-684-6231 or visit the Christmas Market webpage.

Want To Vend Joy This Holiday Season?

Join us at the Giving Machines Houston and be part of something amazing!

A Giving Machine is like a vending machine, but instead of buying a candy bar for yourself, you can purchase groceries for seniors, prenatal care for an expectant mother, shoes for a family in need, or another item to help make someone's life, and holidays, brighter! Each year, we partner with local and global organizations to give back to our communities and help those in need. Local charities this year include Interfaith of The Woodlands, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Sole Mission, Target Hunger, and Tomagwa HealthCare Ministries, as well as global charities Save the Children and Church World Service.

Machines will be in the following locations:

Nov 29 - Dec 3 at Gallery Furniture (6006 North Fwy, Houston, 77076)

Dec 5 - Dec 16 at Sugar Land Town Square (15958 City Walk, Sugar Land, 77479)

Dec 18 - Dec 29 at Hughes Landing in The Woodlands (1900 Hughes Landing Blvd, Suite 600, The Woodlands, 77380)

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors this Christmas season! Can't make it in person? Visit www.givingmachineshouston.org and give confidently, knowing 100% of your contribution directly supports the items, services, or organizations you choose. Let's vend joy to Houston, and the world! Contact Corinne Natali at (832) 534-0477 with questions.



SAVE THE DATE!
"Come One and Come All"
to the Knights of Columbus Council
12th Annual Chili Cook-off
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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 johndwards7662@sbcglobal.net. Entry fee is \$150, deadline for entry is 10/31/2024.

Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold our next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring. We will meet in rooms **B207, B209 & B211** which are located upstairs in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting/presentation beginning at 7:00pm.

We are pleased to welcome back, one of our most beloved and talented presenters, Alan Masters, AIFD, CFD, PFCI. Alan has been designing since the age of 16, beginning at a small hometown shop in Lufkin. Having won numerous industry awards, he is an avid competitor and loves finding new places to showcase his skills in competition settings. Alan is a former Houston Designer of the Year, Texas Designer of the Year and Louisiana Designer of the Year. He now has more than 35 years of experience in the industry and is a Jim Johnson Cup winner and a National Alliance of Floral Association's Designer of the Year. With a passion for education and a love for inspiring others, Alan currently teaches Floral Design at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School in Pasadena.

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 to Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and socialize together! For further information, contact Christine Givens at 281-387-6626 or email givens3@sbcglobal.net. Also, be sure to check out our website at www.safdhouston.org.

SMOOTH OPERATORS

By Cheryl Conley

Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

Both lizards and snakes freak me out. But what about a lizard that looks and acts like a snake? Wow! I didn't even know

there was such a thing. But, yes indeed, there is. It's called a skink.

Skinks are lizards that resemble snakes and there are 8 species that are native to Texas: the five-lined, the four-lined, the ground skink, the coal skink, broad-headed, many-lined, Great Plains skink, and southern prairie skink. The most common skink found in our area is the five-lined species. First, let me assure you that they are non-venomous and harmless. They can grow to about 8.5 inches and have a red head with a blue tail. Like the name implies, they have 5 white or yellowish stripes running along the body. As the skink ages, the stripes may fade away. They have tiny legs and very smooth, glass-like scales that make them look like snakes.

This species prefers to be near a permanent water source and enjoy basking in the sun.

The mating season begins in May and the female will lay between 15 and 18 eggs between mid-May and July. She seeks out a small cavity beneath rotting logs, stumps, boards, loose bark or even an empty rodent burrow. She prefers her nest to be in places where soil has a high moisture content. The eggs are very delicate and can be damaged very easily. It seems the Moms know this and demonstrate high levels of care. Brooding positions vary depending on the moisture content of the soil. She may lay beside, over, or in a coil over the eggs. Body contact with the eggs increases when moisture levels are low because the eggs need more protection then. If

the humidity is too low, the females may urinate in the nest to maintain the moisture level. Fluctuations in temperature determine the incubation period which ranges between 24 and 55 days. The hatchlings leave the nest after a day or two and Mom duties are over. The babies reach sexual maturity within 2 to 3 years and they can live up to 6 years.



Five-lined skinks have a unique way of protecting themselves from predators like moles, skunks, raccoons, snakes and opossums. They can disconnect their entire tail or a small segment of it. It is believed that the blue color of the tail and the fact that it continues to twitch after detaching attracts the predator while the skink runs for shelter. If the skink is grabbed by the body, it will bite.

Five-lined skinks eat mostly insects, including crickets, grasshoppers, beetles, caterpillars, spiders, earthworms, snails, slugs, isopods, amphibians, smaller lizards, and newborn mice.

Like my mom used to say, "You're never too old to learn." So true. Having never seen a skink or even heard of them, I learned something new. How about you?

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