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OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 11/09/2021

Board members present were Jon Whisler, Lloyd Bratton, George Arreguin, Elizabeth Davis, Josh Donoho and Jim Bowers. The meeting was called to order at 7:57 pm. The minutes of the previous month's meeting were read and approved.

A resident voiced concern about loud music in the night. Our security cannot enforce rules as it is really not against any violation of deed restrictions, but we can ask them to be mindful of time and neighbors. Security Report was read and approved, please read the report in the newsletter.

Recreation Report:

I have received the proposed 2022 pool maintenance contract from Aquatic Management of Houston. The cost for 2022 will be \$43,770.00, up from \$39,700.00 in 2021. Aquatic Management cites increased cost of chlorine and higher wages as the primary reasons for the increase.

The Board approved the proposal. The report was approved.

Treasure's report was read and approved.

Jon was making a motion to accept a 2.45% increase to the annual Maintenance Fee bringing the amount to \$335 for 2022. Motion was seconded and approved at the meeting. Jon also made a motion to accept a 2.46% increase to the security fee in 2021 that is being charged by Bammel UD on our behalf which will increase the fee from \$30.50 to \$31.25 (2.46% increase). This change will start in March 2022 to coincide with our annual contract renewal. Motion was seconded and approved at the meeting.

Our 2020 Maintenance Fee will be mailed out at the beginning of December and will be due in the amount of \$335 by the first business day in January which is January 3rd this year. If it is not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

A motion was made to increase the HOA fees and security. The motion was approved by the Board. The security fees increase will go into effect in March of 2022. As there was no other new business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan - Secretary

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Aquatic Management of Houston reports finding black algae spores in our pool. Apparently, this is a difficult type of algae to eliminate if not treated early. Aquatic Management has submitted a proposal to drain the pool and wash the surface for \$3,400. I do not feel knowledgeable enough at this time to recommend this service and will do more research to present at our December meeting.

Please accept my notification of intent to resign my board position effective 12/31/2021. It has been a pleasure serving with my fellow board members and helping my community since 2012. I have met many amazing neighbors and built wonderful friendships during my 9 years on the board. I would like to thank everyone who has served on the board with me for all your hard work, support, and friendship. You have made Oak Creek Village a wonderful place for my family to call home.

I look forward to seeing who will step into the role of Recreation Director and continue to make this a friendly, safe, connected, FUN place to live

Sincerely, Elizabeth Davis

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Harris County Public Health	713 439-6000
Poison Control, poisoncenter.org	800 222-2222
Sheriff, Harris County	713 221-6000
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Harris County Environmental Public De	partment
- (report neglected swimming pool)	713 274-6300

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

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder Tuesday, December 14 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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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

October 1-31, 2021	Total	Malloy	Other	Schur	
Total	480	72	323	85	
ALARM LOCAL	8	2	6	0	
ASSAULT AGG	1	0	0	1	
CONTRACT CHECK	407	38	295	74	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	1	
DISTFAMILY	2	0	2	0	
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	4	0	4	0	
DISTURBANCE OTHER	3	0	3	0	
DOA	1	0	0	1	
FOLLOW UP	1	1	0	0	
INFORMATION CALL	4	0	4	0	
MEET THE CITIZEN	12	7	2	3	
MUD BUILDING CHECK	10	10	0	0	
NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1	1	0	0	
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	0	1	0	
TRAFFIC INITIATIVE	11	7	0	4	
TRAFFIC STOP	3	1	1	1	
VEHICLE STICKERED	5	5	0	0	
VEHICLE STOLEN	1	0	1	0	
VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	0	1	0	
WEFARE CHECK	3	0	3	0	



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.

TEEN JOB SEEKERS

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



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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 November 9, 2021 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The September 30, 2021 balance sheet shows \$582,811 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For September 2021, revenue was below budget by (\$679) primarily due to timing of the resale fee income. Expenses were below budget by \$23,952 was mainly due to timing of security patrol expense.

Transaction report

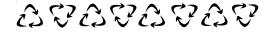
We had our normal operating expenses in the month of September.

Additional Notes:

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Jackie Bachmeier, owner of Evolution Fitness and Wellness, author, speaker and active ageing expert will speak to the NHC AAUW (American Association of University Women) on "How to live Stronger, Longer." Join us on January 20, 2022 with social time at 6:00 pm and program starting at 6:30 at the Greenwood Forest Residents Club located at 12700 Champion Forest Dr. For membership information please refer to our website – https://nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net

Pet Adoption - Ariel- 5/6 mos old. Super sweet and mellow. Will fit in to any home. Loves to cuddle. Can be a Single Kitten or will be fine w/ other Cats. Probably fine with dogs as long as there are slow introductions made. Spayed, vaccinated, chipped and fiv/



felv negative. Adoption fee is 65.00. For application, email: eRescueCats@gmail.com

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 mon-



ster 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!



Reminder to Walkers, Joggers and Bicyclists

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.**

New Texas License Plate Benefiting Bird Conservation



Houston Audubon announces Texas license plate benefiting bird conservation Houston Audubon recently announced the launch its new conservation license plate which will raise money to protect birds and their habitat. The license plate, featuring an Eastern Meadowlark, is sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and is available for purchase through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. \$22 of each \$30 plate fee collected will support Houston Audubon's mission of bird conservation. Visit houstonaudubon.org/licenseplate for more information and to order.



Tickets on Sale for the Texas Master Chorale Christmas Concert, Tidings Of Joy!



Fill your heart with the Christmas spirit as Texas Master Chorale presents *Tidings of Joy* on Saturday, December 18. The concert will feature "Magnificat" by Taylor Scott Davis, as well as traditional Christmas favorites.

Taylor Scott Davis serves as the Director of Music and Worship Arts at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. His music, described as "lush and artful," has been performed throughout the United States, Europe, South America and South Africa. "Magnificat" was commissioned by St. John's United Methodist Church and premiered in Albuquerque in 2016.

Tidings of Joy will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 18, at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Drive in Houston, 77069. Tickets are \$20; students are free with school I.D.

Tickets may be purchased online at <u>TexasMasterChorale.org</u>, through the box office at (281) 440-4850, or at the door.

About Texas Master Chorale

Founded in 1986, Texas Master Chorale is a mixed choral ensemble of 100 auditioned singers who perform a variety of choral masterworks including classical, contemporary, sacred and secular.

The chorale is led by Brad Bouley, founder and artistic director. Bouley served as the Director of Choirs for Tomball High School for 20 years and was the Director of Fine Arts for Tomball ISD for 15 years until his retirement in 2015. He was one of four people to receive the 2018 Texas Choral Excellence Award, presented by the Texas Choral Directors Association.

To learn more, please visit texasmasterchorale.org.

Houston Rose Society

Mike & Angelina Chute à La Carte Travel: An International Virtual Garden Tour



Join Mike and Angelina Chute as they travel to five exceptional international rose gardens. This PowerPoint journey begins at the David Austin Rose Nursery in Albrighton, England which features hundreds of Austin's famous English Roses exhibited

in seven gorgeous garden rooms during peak bloom in early June. Next stop is Rome to visit Il Roseto, a hillside rose garden with a view of the ancient Circus Maximus with hundreds of roses uniquely planted on a grassy slope. From there you'll go to Florence's Giardino Delle Rose, a quiet rose garden hideaway with whimsical sculptures, overlooking the iconic Florentine skyline. On to the classic French garden, Roseraie de L'Hay, located just outside of Paris featuring obelisks, festoons, amazing trellises and, of course, great roses. Last on the tour is La Roseraie in the Montréal Botanical Garden. This large impressive rose garden has been described as "the best public rose garden in Canada" and features more than 10,000 modern, old garden and species roses. Five extraordinary rose gardens – each a stunning display of rose horticulture.

Mike and Angelina Chute co-own RoseSolutions, a landscape consulting company that specializes in roses. They are both certified American Rose Society Master Rosarians and Mike is an accredited ARS horticultural rose judge. They also serve as consultants for municipal and private rose gardens. Accomplished garden writers, the Chutes' second book, Rose Gardening Season by Season: A Journal for Passionate Gardeners joins Roses for New England: A Guide to Sustainable Rose Gardening. In addition to their books, the Chute's are contributing editors to the American Rose magazine, have written numerous garden articles and authored the chapter "Roses" in the University of Rhode Island Sustainable Gardening Manual. They maintain a web site (www.rosesolutions.net), a blog (www.therosejournal.wordpress.com) and publish a quarterly e-newsletter. The Northeast Rose Gardener. They were also co-founders and past presidents of the Rhode Island Rose Society.

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Mike and Angelina maintain an active schedule of lectures and workshops throughout the New England area, including the Boston Flower & Garden Show, the Southeastern Connecticut Home & Garden Show, the Connecticut Flower & Garden Show, the Newport Flower Show, the Maine Flower Show, the Rhode Island Home, Flower & Garden Show, landscape and gardening conventions and numerous garden clubs and other horticultural organizations.

Mike & Angelina Chute " à La Carte Travel : An International Virtual Garden Tour" Thu, Dec 9, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CST). The meeting link will be available on The Houston Rose Society website at http://www.houstonrose.org/



Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS, Saturday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m. -6 p.m. Experience the traditions of earlier times as the homestead comes to life with 19th-century holiday customs. Enjoy music, a holiday craft, tree lighting, snacks, and an early visit from Saint Nicholas. Tree lighting and caroling will be at dusk. All ages. For more information about the park or any of the activities and programs offered, please call 281-446-8588 or visit www.hcp4.net/jones.



Bird Feeder Watchers Needed Saturday, December 18

Bird feeder watchers from your neighborhood are needed on Saturday, December 18th, 2021, to help with the Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Each year between December 14th and January 5th, the Audubon Society involves people to help



the birds by participating in a Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The Audubon Society's goal is to capture a snapshot of bird populations during the early winter, comparing this data with snapshots from scores of previous years to help understand fluctuations in bird populations that show which species are thriving and which are struggling.

One of these CBCs is the Spring Creek CBC on the north side of Houston and sponsored by volunteers from the Piney Woods Wildlife Society. This CBC is scheduled for the first Saturday of the CBC period – this year it falls on Saturday, December 18, 2021. It is centered roughly at I45 and Rayford / Sawdust and extends 7.5 miles in all directions. This 15 mile diamete circle makes up the "Spring Creek Christmas Bird Count". (You can see this and many more CBCs in Texas by visiting https://houstonaudubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-counts/.)

There are two ways to count birds for a CBC. The first consists of teams of bird watchers that go outside and count all the birds that they find in the count circle. The second consists of people watching their backyard feeders and counting those birds. All this information is turned into the CBC compiler and reported to the National Audubon Society.

If you live inside the Spring Creek CBC count circle, have bird feeders in your yard, and will be home part of the day on Saturday, December 18th, please contact the Spring Creek CBC compiler, Claire Moore, and volunteer to help by counting the birds that visit your feeders on that day Claire will send you further information on how to count and report your sightings. Claire can be reached via email at cdmoore3i@gmail.com.

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As mentioned above, volunteers from the Piney Woods Wild-life Society sponsor this CBC. PWWS is a local bird watching and nature club that has meetings on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of each month (except summer months) at 6:30 p.m. The meetings normally include some snacks plus a presentation by a local person about their bird watching or nature experience. The meetings are held at the new Big Stone Lodge at Dennis Johnston Park located at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road in Spring. If you are interested in birds or nature, please feel free to attend the PWWS meetings. You can learn more about PWWS at http://www.pineywoodswildlifesociety.org



The Story of Charles Goodnight At The Pearl Fincher Museum Of Fine Arts

On loan from The Bryan Museum in Galveston, Texas is *The Story of Charles Goodnight*, through January 8 at the Pearl. This collection of stunning oil paintings by Lee Cable details the life of famous cowman Charles Goodnight and demonstrates the historical wonder of the cattle drive. Also included is a Cowboy Touch Cart of saddles, spurs, and other western artifacts, which is sure to delight children and the young at heart.

FACT OR FICTION? By Cheryl Conley

Sometimes we hear things and we just assume they're correct. When we hear them as children we can go through our entire lives believing them. We even pass that information on to our own children. Let's dispel some of those old wives' tales or myths that we've heard about animals.



- The #1 myth I hear is that you should never touch a baby bird because you'll leave your scent on them, and mama bird will reject them. NOT TRUE. It's never good to touch baby birds at any time unless you are rescuing the bird. If this is the case, the baby should be taken to a wildlife organization.
- You can get warts if you touch a toad. NOT TRUE. Toads don't have warts so passing them to a human would be impossible. Toads have little glands that cover their bodies that look like warts. They secrete a foul tasting, toxic, antibiotic fluid that protects them from predators and illnesses.
- Have you ever seen a picture of an opossum hanging upside down by the tail? In real life, this is NOT TRUE. Their tails are very important and aid in balance and holding on to things but they do not hang by them.
- Touching a butterfly's wings will cause it to die. NOT TRUE. Butterflies look delicate but they're actually tough little creatures. Their wings have thousands of scales on them and losing a few here and there may slow them down and make it a little harder to fly but it doesn't kill them. Afterall, they do have to withstand wind, storms, brushing up against plants and bushes and spider webs. Please don't touch them, though. If they lose too many scales, they can die.
- Animals have thicker coats in the fall if a severe winter is expected. NOT TRUE. The rate of hair growth and thickness has nothing to do with weather.
- Ostriches bury their heads in the sand because they believe if they can't see you, you can't see them. People say it's a defense mechanism. NOT TRUE. Ostriches don't stick their heads in the sand. How would they breathe?

- Use tomato juice if you get sprayed by a skunk. It will remove the odor. NOT TRUE. Anyone who has ever tried this found out very quickly that it doesn't work. There are options available that will work but tomato juice isn't one of them.
- You can only be stung by a bee once and then it dies. NOT TRUE.
 Let me clarify. This is true for honey



bees but honey bees make up a very small percentage of all bee species. All other bee species can sting you over and over. Ouch!

- Rabbits LOVE carrots. NOT TRUE. Sure, they'll eat them but if given a choice, rabbits prefer leafy vegies. Sure, Bugs Bunny is always seen eating a carrot and perhaps that is how this myth got started but in reality, carrots are not a favorite.
- The age of a ladybug can be determined by counting the black spots on the wings. Others think the number of black spots indicate how many months will pass before meeting their true love. NOT TRUE. Entomologists believe the black spots are a warning to other creatures that the ladybug tastes bad. Don't eat me or you'll be sorry!
- Bats are blind. Have you ever heard or used the phrase, "blind as a bat"? NOT TRUE. Bats are not blind. 'Nuf said.

Next time you hear something about animals that seems a little far-fetched, it's probably inaccurate. Research it. Learn about the animals we share our world with.



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