

WHITE OAK SPRINGS

April 2024

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White Oak Springs – HOA Board Members 2023-2024



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Non-Emergency Sherriff for legal complaints
such as parking issues, vandalism, suspicious
characters, excessive noise.

713-221-6000, Option #1
For emergencies dial 911.

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Check out the 52-week money
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Important Reminders

- The 2024 assessment letters were mailed in November 2023. The amount of \$635.00 should have been paid by January 31, 2024. If your account is not paid, late fees are now being applied. Please contact APM to verify the total amount due with fees. The amount may be paid by mailing or dropping a check off at APM or by visiting the White Oak Springs HOA website and paying online with credit card (fee applies), E-Check (no fee). A payment plan may be set up with Action Property Management by calling the office by the deadline.
- The White Oak Springs HOA website is available by PC or phone. The website is managed by a board member and there is so much information available for you including important phone numbers, crime awareness (current incidents within our neighborhood), past newsletters and a complete copy of all our governing documents (including restrictions). WWW.WHITEOAKSPRINGSHOA.COM
- Remember in order to make any architectural changes to your property, you must fill out an architecture request form and email it to APM and wait for approval. This includes things like replacing/repairing fencing, roofs, sprinkler systems, new landscaping, exterior painting and expansion of a driveway. These approvals help keep our neighborhood attractive and consistent. Please call APM if you are unsure. The form is attached at the end of this newsletter and a digital copy can be obtained from the website, now in both English and Spanish.
- The WOS sidewalk project with Harris County Precinct#3 has begun!
- The streetlight conversion to LED is also on track for early 2024. This is a special project that Aldo Garcia has been working on.
- Texas Pride trash collection fees are increasing this year in May 2024. More on the price increase will be communicated at the July quarterly community meeting.



Don't forget its Tax Time!
Here are some helpful tax tips:

- Take Advantage of New Online Tools
- Get Help in Person and by Phone
- Plan for an Extension Now if You Need One
- Check Tax Credits and Inflation Adjustments
- Report Electronic Payments from Form 1099-K
- Count Your Gig Work as Income.



Visit the IRS website for more tips:
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-tax-tips>

Community meeting dates for 2024

Please try to attend our community meetings and hear what is going on in our neighborhood!

April 17th

July 17th

October 23rd



Come early to sign up for our raffle!



As a reminder, there are no motorized vehicles permitted on or around the walking trails. This is clearly posted on the signs at the entrances. A lot of work has been done to maintain our ponds and the motor vehicles are tearing up the sod and dirt surrounding it along with leaving mud trails throughout the streets and sidewalks in our area.

Local Business Referrals

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Are you ready for the Eclipse?

(written by a resident)

In 2017, I had the opportunity to travel to Tennessee and hang out at the Army base with my nephew to witness the full eclipse. It was an amazing experience! The temperature dropped, flowers closed, and birds roosted. It was super quiet too. Even though I had to cut my trip short by hurrying back to Houston to face Harvey, it was still well worth the trip.

The next full eclipse is April 8th, 2024. There won't be another one until 2045! White Oak Springs will experience 95% coverage so even if you are staying home, you will witness something unusual. So, get your eclipse glasses ready and don't forget about filters for your phones and cameras as the sun can still damage the sensors on those.

If you plan on traveling to a full totality location, be aware, hotels have been sold out for months (I booked an RV site 9 months ago). Some of the counties are expecting huge crowds so leave early in the day and expect a lot of traffic and be patient and kind to the others as they want to enjoy the same experience you do.

Some Eclipse fun facts*:

- Fear led Chippewa people to shoot flaming arrows into the sky to try to rekindle the Sun. Tribes in Peru did the same for a different reason; they hoped to scare off a beast attacking the Sun.
- In German mythology, the hot female Sun and cold male Moon were married. The Sun ruled the day, and the sleepy Moon ruled the night. Seeking companionship, the Moon was drawn to his bride, and they came together—thus, a solar eclipse.
- The Japanese thought that poison would drop from the sky and covered their wells.
- Bohemia's miners believed that the event portended good luck in finding gold.
- Of course, now we understand the science of eclipses. We no longer tell stories to explain why the Moon, or the Sun went dark. Still, there's a certain magic to these stories, isn't there? Perhaps the romance comes from knowing that all is well with the Sun and the Moon.



*<https://www.almanac.com/solar-eclipse-folklore-myths-and-superstitions>

Crime Awareness Corner

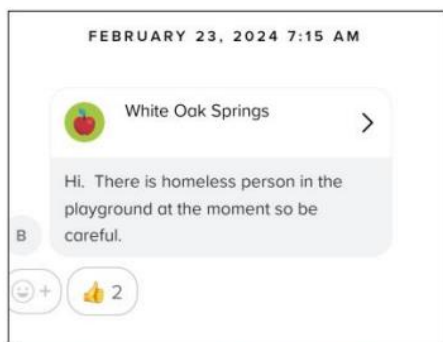
www.whiteoakspringshoa.com/crimeawarenesscorner

The HOA Board would like to keep residents in White Oak Springs aware of recent crimes by including this “Crime Awareness Corner” in our Newsletter and on our website. If you are a victim of a crime and would like it to be included in our next letter for awareness to other residents, please email the HOA Board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com.

For this last quarter the only crime that has been reported is in reference to the homeless population in the area. The board has been trying to keep a close eye on the White Oak Springs common area and the walking trails as well as the surrounding areas. Thanks to some very valuable tips from neighbors, we had 3 instances of homeless making camp in the playground.

This is UNSAFE for our kids playing in the playground and our trail walkers, so please take pictures if possible and email the HOA Board so we can add a crime awareness report. **THIS IS IMPORTANT**, don't just do nothing, if you see homeless persons settling down in our community, please contact the non-emergency Sherriff's number below and request that they be removed immediately. Homeless persons are constantly seen in our community, and we need to nip-it-in-the bud, for everyone's safety and for our own property values.

Sherriff's non-emergency number is 713-221-6000, option 1
APM at 713-686-4692
HOA Board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com.



Feb 23, 2024

Homeless in the playground—
Reported by one homeowner on 2.23.2024 via REMIND APP, and a 2nd homeowner on 2.23.2024 by “text message to a Board Member” that a homeless family is in our playground at the picnic table area. It appears that they are sleeping there overnight. Kids are scared to go into the playground with these uninvited persons(s) who climbed over the iron wrought fencing or broke thru the coded gate.

Feb 26, 2024



Homeless Just Outside Playground – Reported by one homeowner on the evening before 7pm on 2.26.2024 that two homeless people are pushing a red target shopping cart and are waiting outside the playground fence until it is dark so they can climb over the fence and camp in the playground. The photo of them going towards the gas station is of poor quality as the homeowner reporting this took the picture in the darkness, but did shine their vehicle high-beam lights towards the playground from the store’s parking lot to discourage them from going in. They remained waiting outside the playground by the gate for an unknown period of time and the homeowner did call the non-emergency Sherriff’s number waited as well in the safety of their vehicle for them to get there. Eventually the homeowner needed to leave so they don’t know if the Sherriff’s Deputy ever did show. No returned call was made to the homeowner as well. It was also reported that that the same red target shopping cart and people were also seen going back and forth in front of the gas station store. Some homeowners had said it appeared UNSAFE to walk by them into the store and so they drove away, so it’s also bad for our local businesses.

Feb 27, 2024



Homeless Overnight in Medical Center Trash Enclosure – Reported by one homeowner early morning on 2.27.2024 that the red target shopping cart was seen just outside the medical center’s trash enclosure. It is suspicious that the two homeless people are pushing a red target shopping cart the evening before slept inside the trash enclosure. An outreach taskforce number was called to either remove these individuals or relocate them to a shelter. If they did go out, their policy is that everything goes with the homeless people, including the shopping cart. It is unknown what occurred after this call was made, but several hours later the red target shopping cart is no longer seen in the area.

Am I Trespassing?

Soon you will see some new signs in and around the playground. These are not targeted at our residents; we love you using our playground! These are being placed due to the recent issues we have had with people jumping the fence and sleeping in the area. This will allow the Deputies being called to issue a criminal trespassing ticket and take trespassers to jail to prevent them from staying in the playground, littering, and possibly leaving behind drug paraphernalia. Please see the Crime awareness section for more information.



Playground lighting

New playground lighting has been installed also due to the recent issues we have had with people jumping the fence and sleeping in the area. The lights come on from dusk to dawn and light the whole area, discouraging sleeping. Special Thank You! goes to our board member Henry Hernandez for finding the electrician and having these installed. He also had the front outlets repaired and is working on the front marquee lighting ideas.



Special Thank You!

If you haven't noticed, there is some construction work going on in White Oak Springs. Tom Ramsey's office approved and began work on replacing some of the damaged sidewalks in our neighborhood. The work started the week of March 11th.

A special Thank You! goes out to Marie Godard for doing the leg work and getting the ball rolling on this project! Also, to Tom Ramsey's office for their help on this project to help keep our neighborhood safe!



To our residents in White Oak Springs, it was brought to the HOA Board's attention again that residents are still not complying to the parking regulations for "knuckles". To help residents understand the concept and prevent possibly receiving tickets from the sheriff office, the HOA Board is sharing with our residents to help clarify parking in White Oak Springs.

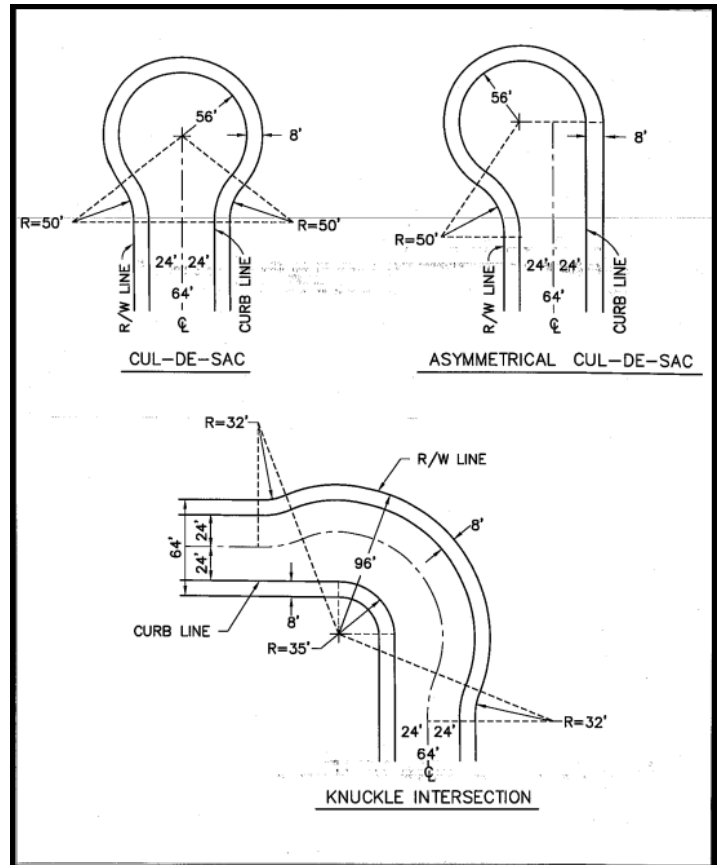
Below are a few Parking regulations from the Texas Transportation Code. For a full list of codes, go to <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/SOTWDocs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm#545.302>

White Oak Springs has the following roadways:

- Two-way roadways
- One dead-end street
- 5 Cul-De-Sacs
- 2 Knuckles (at White Oak Trace -> connecting to White Oak Gardens, and between 14119 – 14123 White Oak Gardens)

In all cases, the parking follows the two-way roadways regulation:

Sec. 545.303. ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS. (a) An operator who stops or parks on a two-way roadway shall do so with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.



Above explains why parking citations or warnings were given to some residents doing "angle parking". The HOA Board requested that Harris County install "No Angle Parking" signs on our Cul-de-sacs and Knuckles as a reminder, however, Harris County doesn't have "No Angle Parking" signs, only "Angle Parking" where it is required. Another option is "No Parking Anytime" signs, but this will conflict with the parking regulations permitting parking with the right-hand wheels within 18" of the right-hand curb.

Another note: in the past, our HOA President met with the Sheriff's Traffic Captain on this issue along with the crime issues and the Sheriff's department agreed to continue to patrol White Oak Springs to help. They informed the HOA Board that during traffic patrols, the traffic authority will determine whether or not to give a warning, or ticket.

Take the 52-Week Money Challenge



While we all recognize the importance of saving money, it can be hard to fit it in when your budget is already stretched thin. Consider trying the 52-Week Money Challenge. There are no complicated rules to remember. Week 1, you save \$1.00. Week 2 you save \$2.00, and it continues through the year, adding one more dollar to each week's savings goal. By Week 52, you'll set aside \$52.00, which will bring the year's total savings to \$1,378!

Week	Deposit	Balance	Week	Deposit	Balance	Week	Deposit	Balance
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	\$1	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	\$18	\$171	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	\$35	\$630
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	\$2	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	\$19	\$190	<input type="checkbox"/> 36	\$36	\$666
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	\$3	\$6	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	\$20	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/> 37	\$37	\$703
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	\$4	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	\$21	\$231	<input type="checkbox"/> 38	\$38	\$741
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	\$5	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	\$22	\$253	<input type="checkbox"/> 39	\$39	\$780
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<input type="checkbox"/> 17	\$17	\$153	<input type="checkbox"/> 34	\$34	\$595	<input type="checkbox"/> 51	\$51	\$1,326
			Success! ■ 52			\$52 \$1,378		

LGFCU offers free financial planning services to help you navigate your personal finances. For more information, email financialplanning@lgfcu.org or call 877.367.5428.



Community Questions

Q: When are the community meetings and what is talked about there?

A: Quarterly meeting dates and locations are listed on Page 3. These meetings are very important for our community. It's a forum to ask questions and have a say in what is being done in the neighborhood. Anyone can attend these meetings and ask questions.

Q: Can we reserve the playground for kids parties and how much would it cost?

A: Yes, the HOA Board will accept a donation to reserve the playground for a kids party. The donations collected will be used to sponsor Easter Egg hunts or other future events. Anyone reserving the playground is expecting to clean-up after the party, including replacing the receptacle trash bag with an empty one, removing their trash bag. Any damages caused by the party attendees would be the responsibility of the person reserving the playground. Any area outside of the playground fence is not White Oak Springs property and permission must be obtained to use this area from the MUD board.

Q: Can residents have access to the Flock Cameras?

A: Yes! Email the board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com and you will receive a reply with instructions.

Q: What is being done with the big sandhill in the Weisner Business Park?

A: Phase three of construction will start soon, buildings 5 and 6 will be located there:



WHITE OAK SPRINGS
HOME IMPROVEMENT REQUEST

In order to protect each individual homeowner's property value and privacy, it is required for any homeowner or group of homeowners planning improvements or changes to their deeded property (properties), including landscaping, to submit a home improvement request. This request is reviewed by the Architectural Control Committee to ensure compliance with deed restrictions, local statutes, and to protect neighboring homeowners. **If any change is made that has not been approved, the Committee has the right to ask the homeowner to remove the improvement and/or change from the property.** *Your sample, photos, brochures, or drawings must be submitted with this application. If not, this request may automatically be denied and this application will be returned to you.*

Please complete the entire form

Date: _____ Owner Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone Number (HM): _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTE: The Association will not be held responsible for ensuring compliance with restrictions, utility easements, building setbacks, building codes and other restrictions imposed by other local or state governing bodies or companies.

1. Describe in detail the change or improvement requested. (Attach a copy of the plot with any elevation changes.) _____

2. Who will perform the actual work? _____

3. The change or improvements will be located where?

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front of House | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Back of House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patio | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Goal | <input type="checkbox"/> Side of House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

4. ITEM:

Please attach a color sample from the color chart of a chip of the actual paint or stain. The request cannot be approved without them

TYPE/COLOR

- Paint _____
- Stain _____
- Lumber _____
- Brick _____

TYPE/COLOR

- Screen _____
- Cement _____
- Fencing _____
- Other _____

WHITE OAK SPRINGS
HOME IMPROVEMENT REQUEST

By signing below, I understand that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has up to thirty (30) days but will act upon this request as quickly as possible and contact me regarding their decision(s). I agree not to begin on the property changes or improvements until the ACC informs me of their approval.

I also understand that Action Property Management will respond within 48 business hours to confirm receipt of this form. If I do not receive confirmation, I understand that this Request for Home Improvement Application has not been received.

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Homeowner agrees to and will indemnify and hold harmless the Association, it's Officers, Directors, Members, Employees, Agents and Deputies, from and against any and all liability of every kind, including all expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees, for injury to or death of any person, or for damage to any property arising out of or in connection with the above referenced ACC request, including where such injuries, death, or damage are caused by the Association's sole negligence or the joint or concurrent negligence of the Association and any other person or entity.

Signature of Homeowner

Start Date: _____
Completion Date: _____

Please complete and return to:

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Houston, Texas 77065
Email: dr@actionproperty.net
Fax: 713-686-4694

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE USE ONLY

APPROVED with the following restrictions, if any:

DISAPPROVED for the following reasons:

ACC Signature:

Date: _____
Date: _____
Date: _____
Date: _____