



# White Oak Springs

Hello Neighbors, hello fall!

Here comes shorter days, cooler weather  
and Pumpkin Spice!

White Oak Springs – HOA Board Members 2022



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**Quarterly Meetings**  
**Sign in at 6:30 pm**  
**Meetings start at 7:00**

**October 20**

**Location:**  
**Cypress VFW Post 8905**  
**21902 NW Freeway**

**2023 meetings TBD.**

*The above dates are subject to change depending on weather events or other unknown conditions that may cause the meeting to be rescheduled.*

Non-Emergency Sheriff Phone:  
**713-221-6000, option #6**  
Please phone the non-emergency number for legal complaints such as parking issues, vandalism, suspicious characters.

## Important reminders:

The 2022 WOS assessment fee notice will come out in November.

There will be 2 board positions open for election at the next community meeting on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. This gives any resident an opportunity to have a say in the management of our community!

## Upcoming Holidays:

Halloween: Oct 31<sup>st</sup>  
Veterans Day: Nov 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving: Nov 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas: Dec 25<sup>th</sup>




## White Oak Springs News:



**Christmas Decorating Contest:** Pull out those lights and get ready for the neighborhood Christmas decorating contest! Judging will be done just before Christmas. If you would like to be a judge, please contact your board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com.

**Front Entrance Decorating:** The front entrance will be decorated for Christmas again this year. If you would like to donate your time to help, please contact your board. We are also looking a donation of 3 outdoor timers to help keep our electric cost down.

**Trash pickup for the Holidays:** There should NOT be an interruption of trash service this year. Texas Pride holidays do not fall on a Wednesday or Saturday. Holiday information can be found on their website: <https://www.texaspridedisposal.com/residential.html>.

  
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CYPRESS  
ASSISTED LIVING

**Volunteer's Needed**  
**Reading, Crafts, Spending Time**  
**Everyone is Welcome**

**Please call Desire Dominguez Resident Services Coordinator 346-273-9844 Or Cynthia Purswell Resident Services Director 281-659-3594.**

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### *Six Little Stories With Lots Of Meanings – Author Unknown*

- (1) *Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **faith**.*
- (2) *When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **trust**.*
- (3) *Every night when we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarm to wake up. That is **hope**.*
- (4) *We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is **confidence**.*
- (5) *We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That is **love**.*
- (6) *On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet sixteen with 64 years of experience." That is **attitude**.*

*Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!*

## !!!! ATTENTION !!!!

The White Oak Springs HOA Board continues to receive complaints about Commercial Vehicles in our development parked on streets, sometimes on sidewalks, blocking driveways and blocking the view right-of-way of other vehicles. To be clear, below is section 2.02 of our CCR's (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions). Harris County has also installed signs at both front and back entrances into White Oak Springs. These are being enforced by the County and Deputies are ticketing violators.

**Section 2.02 - Vehicular Parking and Access.** No vehicle shall be parked on any part of the Land, except on paved streets and paved driveways. No vehicles may park on paved streets overnight. **No commercial vehicles, except those present on business to serve a Unit may be in the Development.** No motorcycles, bicycles or tricycles may be parked in the Development unless parked inside garages and concealed from public view. Motorized recreational vehicles cannot be parked in the Development for more than five (5) consecutive days, unless parked inside garages and concealed from public view.



## Special Thank You!

Harris County Fresh Water  
Supply District #61

Operator of Harris  
County MUD #248

We would like to send out a special thank you to **Harris County Fresh Water Supply District # 61** who operates for MUD#248 and continuously provides an excellent level of service to White Oak Springs and provides safe clean drinking water, accurate utility billing, high quality of work, honesty and dependability. This June, they had an underground water valve leak going to the small strip mail next to the gas station that they needed to repair and we had an underground leak in our sprinkler system that routed under the gas station driveway to the front marquee. The District # 61 crews provided the backhoe that dug up the ground to safely help us to locate our sprinkler line and allowed our landscaper to make the necessary repairs and installation of new PVC pipes to the sprinkler system at no cost to White Oak Springs.

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Thank you to **Natasha Fuller** for being the “bridge of communications” between White Oak Springs and Cyfair ISD. She was involved the School Bus routes going in and out of White Oak Springs and how it was going to be affected by the Hemwick Place subdivision’s asphalt resurfacing construction project (this will continue thru the 2022-2023 school year).

Natasha is a “can do” person in our community, and with her volunteer time and effort on this matter, Natasha shows she cares for safety and well-being of our children having to take the school buses to school and ensures that they safely get home during this construction period.



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### **"WHITE OAK SPRINGS IS A DEED RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED COMMUNITY ACC Applications Must Be Approved Before Any Improvements"**

White Oak Springs community's covenants, conditions and restrictions (OCRs) require owners to obtain prior written approval for changes or improvements to the exterior of their property. This includes but is not limited to paint of a different color, installing a fence or basketball goal, removing one or more trees (whether alive, dead or diseased), adding a planting bed or making other significant landscape changes. The application process will be smoother if your change is consistent with White Oak Spring's CCR's (Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) and Architectural and Landscape Guidelines.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 9-20	Professional Days
Aug. 23	First Day of School
Sept. 6	Student/Staff Holiday
Sept. 24	Teacher Work Day/School Closure Make-up Day (Student Holiday)
Oct. 22	Teacher Work Day/School Closure Make-up Day (Student Holiday)
Nov. 1-2	Professional Days
Nov. 22-26	Student/Staff Holiday
Dec. 20-31	Student/Staff Holiday
Jan. 3	Professional Day
Jan. 14	Teacher Work Day/School Closure Make-up Day (Student Holiday)
Jan. 17	Student/Staff Holiday
Feb. 11	Teacher Work Day/School Closure Make-up Day (Student Holiday)
Feb. 14	Professional Day/Inclement Weather Day
March 14-18	Student/Staff Holiday
April 15	Student/Staff Holiday
April 18	Teacher Work Day/School Closure Make-up Day (Student Holiday)
May 26	Last Day of School
May 27	Professional Day/Inclement Weather Day

### GRADING PERIODS

#### Elementary

Aug. 23 – Oct. 21  
 Oct. 25 – Jan. 13  
 Jan. 18 – March 25  
 March 28 – May 26

#### Secondary

Aug. 23 – Oct. 8  
 Oct. 11 – Dec. 17  
 Jan. 4 – March 11  
 March 21 – May 26

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### LEGEND

- Student/Staff Holiday
- Professional Day (Student Holiday)
- First and Last Days of School
- Inclement Weather Day
- ★ Teacher Work Day/School Closure Make-up Day (Student Holiday)

## Halloween Safety

Halloween is fast approaching, and you and your kids may be celebrating it a bit differently this year. Whatever form your celebration takes, make sure it includes safe hygiene practices such as covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering or mask when around others, maintaining social distance and frequent hand washing. The Centers for Disease Control also have tips for protecting yourself and others.

Whether you're a ghost or zombie, vampire or witch, poor costume choices—including decorative (colored) contact lenses and flammable costumes—and face paint allergies can cause injuries that haunt you long after Halloween.

Enjoy a safe and happy Halloween by following these guidelines from FDA, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Wear costumes that say “flame resistant” on the label. If you make your costume, use flame-resistant fabrics such as polyester or nylon.
- Wear bright, reflective costumes or add strips of reflective tape so you'll be more visible; make sure the costumes aren't so long that you're in danger of tripping.
- Wear makeup and hats rather than costume masks that can obscure your vision.
- Test the makeup you plan to use in advance. Put a small amount on the arm of the person who will be wearing it. If a rash, redness, swelling, or other signs of irritation develop where the makeup was applied, that's a sign of a possible allergy.
- Vibrantly colored makeup is popular at Halloween. Check the FDA's list of color additives to see if the colors are FDA approved. If they aren't approved for their intended use, don't use them. This is especially important for colored makeup around the eyes.
- Don't wear decorative (colored) contact lenses that appear to change how your eyes look due to the risk of eye injury, unless you have seen an eye care professional for a proper fitting and been given instructions for how to use the lenses.



This article and more information on Halloween Safety can be found at:  
<https://www.fda.gov/>

**Congratulations to the  
YARD OF THE MONTH winners!**



**July  
Teresita and  
Nelson Martinez**



**August  
Denise and Luis  
Lopez**



**September  
Mai and Jeff  
Nguyen**

# Winter

## Home Maintenance Schedule

The changing seasons bring excitement and important seasonal maintenance tasks that can get forgotten. When there's a chill in the air, keep these home maintenance tasks top of mind:

### Winter

- Clean faucet aerators.
- Inspect caulking and grout in kitchens and bathrooms.
- Clean dryer vent and other exhaust vents.
- Vacuum refrigerator coils.
- Descale showerheads.
- Check all locks, deadbolts, and latches for proper operation.
- Clean and inspect basement.
- Have the carpets professionally steam cleaned.

### Quarterly

- Check fire extinguisher expiration dates.
- Test garage door auto-reverse feature.
- Check water softener (if applicable).
- Check GFCI outlets.
- Service generator (if applicable).
- Inspect and change furnace filters.
- Inspect exterior accent lighting.

### Biannually (twice a year)

- Flush hot water heater and remove sediment.
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Operate the water heater relief valve and ensure water flows from overflow valve.
- Test sump pump for proper operation.



Use this checklist to get in a seasonal home maintenance routine that keeps your home in great shape. Just remember to do what works best for you. If you need a helping hand, contact any of the Neighborly home service brands for results you can trust.



# Speaking of Home Maintenance:

A White Oak Springs resident has purchased a generator and had a power inlet box installed on the breaker box to allow the house electric to be run by the generator with just a flip of a switch. Information below along with recommendation for generators and electrician to install the switch (always hire a licensed electrician to do any electrical work around your house).



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## BEING UNSTOPPABLE

*“It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.” – Leonardo da Vinci*

Have you noticed that some people disappear after achieving some level of success? Some people can't handle being successful. For some, success is destructive and for others, it leads to laziness. Some find that success makes them fearful that they will never again achieve the same level of performance.

In the article “10 Things Unstoppable People Do That Average People Don't”, author Benjamin Hardy suggests 10 strategies to keep success from derailing your future:

1. **Don't get crushed by success** – achieving success is not a destination, it is a journey forward
2. **Completely own it when you screw up** – as some say “when you mess up, ‘fess up”
3. **Let your work speak for itself** – ensure your work is rare, high value and non-replicable
4. **Always work on your mental strength** – remain focused under pressure
5. **Confidence is your greatest asset** – your confidence determines the size of challenges and goals you undertake, how likely you will achieve those goals and how well you bounce back from failures
6. **Surround yourself with people who remind you of the future, not the past** – define yourself by the future you are creating
7. **Let things go, but never forget** – don't carry unnecessary mental or emotional baggage
8. **Have clear goals** – clearly defined and time-bound
9. **Respond immediately, rather than analyzing or stalling** – things are hypothetical until you take action; once you act it becomes practical
10. **Think and act 10X** – radically stretch your thinking and belief system



## THE WISDOM OF DR. SEUSS

Theodor Seuss Geisel (1904-1991) was a writer and cartoonist better known to most of us as Dr. Seuss. He wrote more than 60 books and is best known for his children's books. Interestingly, he never had children of his own and is quoted as saying, *"I don't write for children. I write for people. Once a writer starts talking down to kids, he's lost. Kids can pick up on that kind of thing"*.

During his lifetime he received many rewards and much recognition for his writing and illustration, overcoming the fact that his first book – *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* – was rejected 27 times before it was finally published.

In 1954, LIFE magazine published an article criticizing children's reading levels. In response to that, Houghton Mifflin and Random House asked Dr. Seuss to write a children's book using a list of 250 words considered important for a first grader to know. The resulting book – *The Cat in the Hat* – is considered one of his finest works. (I don't know about you, but every time I hear someone say "two things", I automatically think "Thing One and Thing Two".)

The simple language and wisdom of Dr. Seuss is timeless. Below are a few of my favorite quotes:

*"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."*

*"A person's a person, no matter how small."*

*"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"*

*"You have to be odd to be number one."*

*"Only you can control your future."*

*"I'm afraid that sometimes you'll play lonely games too. Games you can't win 'cause you'll play against you."*

*"When something bad happens, you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you."*

*"Be awesome! Be a book nut!"*

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

*"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."*

*"Life's just one great journey. It's a road we travel as we go from point A to point B. What makes that journey worthwhile is the people we choose to travel with, the people we hold close as we take steps into the darkness and blindly make our way through life. They're the people who matter."*

*"Sometimes you will never know the value of something until it becomes a memory."*

*Note: biographical details sourced from biography.com*



# Fall

## Word Search Puzzle

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