# NHITE OAK SPRING.

## January 2024

## Your new 2024 Board Members:

White Oak Springs – HOA Board Members 2023-2024









Aldo Garcia President

**Eugene Watkins Ronda Shepherd** Vice-President Secretary

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Treasurer

**Henry Hernandez** Director

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WOS Architectural Control Committee: Marie Godard, Erika Pena-Valdez, Aldo Garcia, Robert (Bob) Napieralski and Ronda Shepherd

**Important Contacts:** To contact the board: WOSHOABoard@gmail.com WWW.WHITEOAKSPRINGSHOA.COM



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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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Its January, time to think about staying healthy for your family and friends. It helps to think small and set a monthly goal.

And remember, we have a great walking trail! Get out and say Hi to your neighbors!



## **Important Reminders**

- The 2024 assessment letters were mailed in November. To avoid late charges and interest fees, the assessment amount of \$635.00 must be paid on or before January 31, 2024. Fees 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.
- The WOS sidewalk project with Harris County Precinct#3 is still on-track for the first quarter of 2024. This is a special project that Marie Godard has been working on to get repairs done to the buckling sidewalks.
- The streetlight conversion to LED is also on track for early 2024. This is a special project that Aldo Garcia has been working on.

## Community meeting dates for 2024

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

January 24<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup>



July 17th October 23rd Greetings fellow White Oak Springs neighbors! My name is Aldo Garcia and I am honored to be this terms Homeowners Association President. I look forward in helping the community grow and prosper, by listening to everyone's great ideas and concerns. I am lucky to pick up after our previous President, she did a fantastic job! I aim to keep the community going on the same direction.

Currently there are 140 members in the White Oak Springs Community, along with several business connected to the neighborhood. The HOA board is run by volunteers from our community. They are here to represent White Oak Springs as their Leaders. I continue to promote our motto: "Be Engaged, Be Informed. Be Heard."



Being engaged helps the HOA Board in making decisions regarding the financials of the community, the beautification of the community and the friendliness of the community. You can be engaged by sending any suggestions, questions, or concerns through our communications portal on our website, or by emailing directly to <u>WOSHOABOARD@gmail.com</u>

Being informed, lets you know what is going on around our community. What events we have planned and how we can help keep the walking trails and playground in top shape. Our website is full of information. Take some time and visit our site at: <a href="https://www.whiteoakspringshoa.com">www.whiteoakspringshoa.com</a>

Be heard, this is what makes the HOA Board what it is. We like to hear what our neighbors have to say. After all this is where we all live. Best way to communicate with the board is to attend our meetings. I invite you all to attend one our quarterly meetings held at the VFW. We discuss the status of the neighborhood. Come up with ideas that will help and improve all aspects. We also have our monthly meetings that you are welcome to attend.

I am an open book when it comes to the HOA Board, please feel free to reach out to me via our email. Along with the rest of the board I work together with our property management company, Action Property Management, Inc, in keeping up with all the legislative changes and laws regarding the HOAs. As the boards President, I also work close with the Architectural Control Committee in helping with all requests to have work done on your place of residence.

Hope to see you all out at our meetings!

Aldo Garcia WOS HOA Board - President woshoaboard@gmail.com

## We need your help!

We need your help with two things:

Our White Oak Springs newsletter has been distributed since early 2018 and continues to be one of our ways to communicate to our residents. We need volunteers to help with the following:

- Articles, Topics, stories for the Newsletter
- Picture taking
- Reviewing design before print
- Delivery or distributing door-to-door



The board would like to sponsor an Easter Activity for the community in the playground area but we need volunteers to help plan it!

Please let the board know if you are interested in either of these at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com to become a volunteer in White Oak Springs.





Special thank you to everyone below who was active in our neighborhood this quarter:

- Our Christmas decorating team for designing the new decorations at the front of the neighborhood: Frazier Hardy, Aldo Garcia and Ronda Shepherd! Also, big thank you to the lawn team led by Roberto Correa for helping with the install!
- Ezee fiber who helped to sponsor a local soccer team for residents and the Christmas Festival!
- The Christmas decoration judges for the tough job of picking the top three winners of the neighborhood decorations: Tasha and Samuel Johnson, Natasha Fuller, Erika Pena-Valdez, Jay and Tiffany Rene, and Aracely and Bob Napieralski and the HOA board members.

Reflecting and remembering those passed and Meant the World to Us. The poem below speaks to how we spend our time on Earth and reflections for making that time count:

## The Dash Poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted first came the date of the birth and spoke the following date with tears.

But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent life on Earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

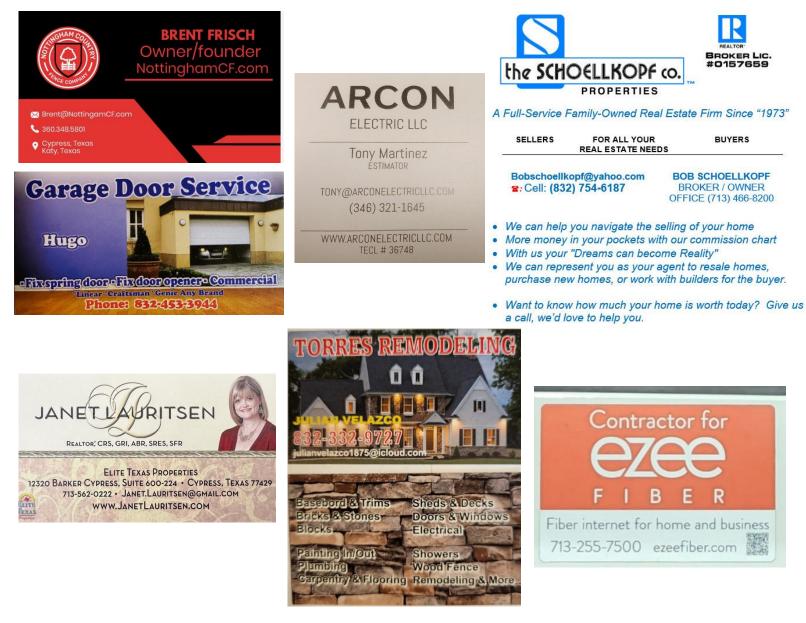
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

### Local Business Referrals



#### What is this?

#### ATTENTION:

There have been numerous complaints about the water quality in this area. Please remove the test strip and hold it under water for two seconds. Cour burne Galar burne Galar burne Cour Galar burne Cour Calar burne Cour Calar burne Cour Calar burne Calar bu

## If it changes color please text a picture of the entire.test strip to:

#### (713) 999-8654

Upon receipt, the results will be reviewed and you will be advised you if you require any additional testing by a water technician.

Note: This is a preliminary screening and <u>not</u> a replacement for comprehensive water tests. For more accurate or conclusive results further testing may be required. **Water Quality Flyer** – Reported by several homeowners that a water quality flyer was left posted on their door.

After some inquiring, this is what was discovered:

- Our water company (MUD#248) did not send this letter out
- Several residents complained to APM, HOA, and/or MUD248

Although, it's not illegal to distribute flyers to gain business, these were NOT distributed by our MUD248 water company. The likelihood is that these are from a water filtration company attempting to gain your business as a new customer. The choice is yours.

Please send these types of inquiries to either APM directly, or your HOA Board.

#### 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.



#### Nov 21, 2023

**Tent/Camp at far back of Walking Trails –** Reported by several residents in White Oak Springs. A homeless person setup a tent at the far end of our walking trails approx. 11/21/2023. Several homeowners are concerned about their safety even walking by the tent as you don't know who is on the inside or if they have weapons.

The Walking Trails are private property is MUD 248 (Municipal Utility District) and are for the walking enjoyment of the community and not for camping or storage of personal property such as bikes.



#### Dec 7, 2023

Reported to the HOA board on Dec 7 and Dec 21, our front marquee was vandalized, and our spotlights were completely torn out of the electrical receptacles and taken. We just recently replaced the spotlights from when they were vandalized back in 2021. As an HOA Community, when our subdivision is damaged or vandalized, all of us as homeowners pay for the repairs. Our insurance deductible is higher than the repairs themselves, so there is no benefit to opening a new claim for this, as it may cause our premiums to increase.



#### Sept 11, 2023

Construction Trailers Parked on Pipeline – As seen and reported by a resident driving by on White Oak Springs Dr who immediately took pictures and sent to the HOA. If you see any construction equipment or other heavy equipment parking on the pipelines in White Oak Springs, the Pipeline Company needs to be notified. There are laws regarding the safety of the rightof-way for the pipeline and the public that lives around these pipelines, so it is definitely in our best interest that these are reported as fast as possible so that there are no damages to pipelines causing leaks, etc. For awareness, the phone numbers to the pipelines are found on the markers that are along the pipelines. Kindermorgan crews immediately went out to investigate and take necessary action.

#### Dec 7, 2023

USPS Mailbox located on White Oak Springs Dr – Reported by homeowner on White Oak Trace Dr, that the United States Postal Service (USPS) mailbox was found opened. It was unknown if it was vandalized and broken into, or if it was accidentally improperly closed the last time mail was delivered/serviced. After some quick thinking on the homeowner's part, one side was closed, but the other side is not fully close because of a leaver that needed to be closed first and not secondly.

After discussing this situation with the postal delivery person, she let our homeowner know that all the mailboxes were broken into. The keys that we placed in individual mailboxes to open the bottom parcel boxes were still in the individual mailboxes, but the bottom parcel boxes were all emptied out.

After some investigation, one homeowner did capture the following on his camera from the White Oak Point Ct mailbox Oct 25, 2023 2:22am. White 4-door Sedan pulled up to the mailbox, one individual got out of the vehicle and broke into the right half on the mailboxes, then the left half of the mailboxes, closes the doors but they are both ajar and leaves for the next mailbox. The flock safety camera does capture a vehicle at 2:21 at the entrance camera, but unfortunately did not capture its license plate. It happened again on 12/07. All the pictures and videos are on the White Oak Springs website under Crime Awareness Corner

On 12/14 another incident was reported by a resident. Two people were seen breaking into the bottom boxes on Gentry road. The resident reported the full description of the people breaking in.

Please be vigilant and if you see something like this, it can be reported to the HOA Board and APM (Action Property) but will need to be reported to the USPS. If the mailbox is vandalized or in need of repair You can call (713) 226-3608 or email HoustonGrowthManagement@usps.gov.

If the crime is actively taking place, please immediately contact the following numbers to report this: If it's an emergency, call 9-1-1 Otherwise call the Sheriff's Department (713-221-6000, option #1



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 10802 White Oak Point Ct, Cypress, TX 77429, USA

 Device network
 White Oak Springs (TX)

## Christmas 2023

The White Oak Springs Christmas celebration at the VFW on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was a huge success! We want to give a special THANK YOU! to the below people for organizing and sponsoring the event:

> Elsa and Aldo Garcia Erika Pena-Valdez Julia Lynn **Ronda Shepherd**

**Ezee Fiber** 



The biggest stars were Santa's little helpers Miceala and Benicio Garcia who went door to door talking to residents and handing out the flyers!















First Place: Mary & Carrie Langham

## Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Christmas decorating Contest!







Second Place: Ibeth and Jose Quintana



Third Place: Jessica and Ed Garza



## Yard of the Month



## Amy and Henry Hernandez





## Donna and James Maverick



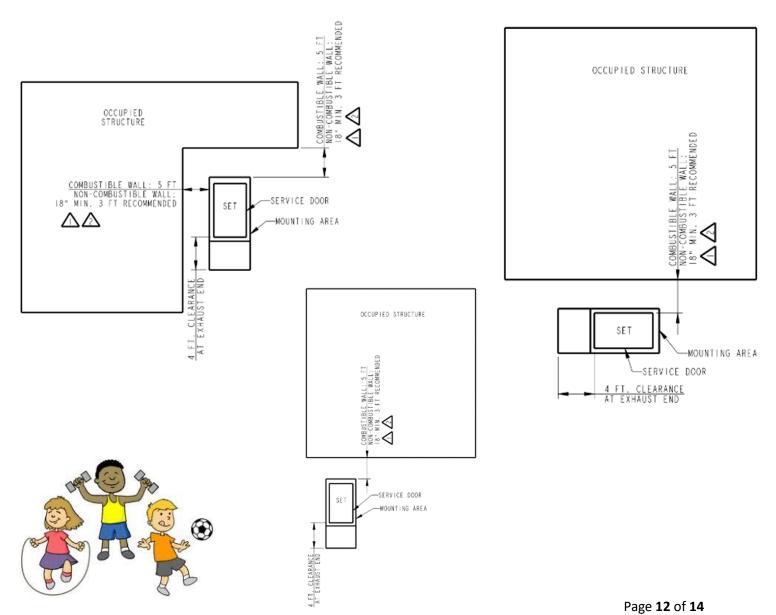


Edna Nares and Hugo Hernandez



## Whole Home Generator

Are you thinking about getting a full house generator to power up your home when the electricity goes out? Living in Houston these past few years, you may have noticed the weather has changed. More and more areas have been encountering power outages that last for days. As members of the White Oak Springs community, you can fill out the Architectural Control Committee request form and submit for approval. There are some policies that need to be met for approval. If it is being placed in the backyard, it is up to you and the installer to decide where, but the exhaust needs to be at least four feet away from flammable structures. If you decide to place it outside the fence, you will need to have it enclosed or screen as per our CCRs. Same guidelines will be applicable regarding the exhaust being four feet clearance. If you would like to talk to someone for more information, you may contact Tony Martinez, an Authorized Kohler Generator Dealer, at 713-913-9890 or email to: tony@arconelectricllc.com.



### 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?

Front of House

Roof

□ Back of House

Patio
 Other

Basketball Goal

Side of House

4. ITEM:

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

11	PE/COLOR	111	PE/COLOK
	Paint		Screen
	Stain		Cement
	Lumber		Fencing
	Brick		Other

### WHITE OAK SPRINGS <u>HOME IMPROVEMENT REQUEST</u>

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:

WHITE OAK SPRINGS 11118 Cypress N Houston Rd 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:
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