WOS HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Nov 2020 – Oct 2021)

> Vacancy, President > Eugene Watkins, Vice-President

➤ Marie Godard, Treasurer ➤ Jay Hooper, Secretary

> Erika Valdez, Director

White Oak Springs Assessment Fees during COVID-19 Payment Options

2021 assessment dues were mailed in November 2020. Many homeowners are able to pay their dues right away. Options are (1) Check by mail, (2) Drop-off check at APM in person, (3) Go to our Website and pay online by e-check "free" or credit card "convenience fee". During these Covid-19 challenging times, we are fortunate to have payment plans available with our management company - Action Property Management. See the Website under [Documents] and scroll down to "White Oak Springs Payment Plan" or contact Action Property at 713-686-4692 for options and details for payment plans.

Website documents URL:

https://www.whiteoakspringshoa.com/documents

Reserved these dates:

Community Quarterly Meetings - (Pending Covid-19 status) January is Postponed

March (TBD) - Sign-in at 6:30pm, starts at 7pm April 8th - Sign-in at 6:30pm, starts at 7pm July 15th - Sign-in at 6:30pm, starts at 7pm October 21st - Sign-in at 6:30pm, starts at 7pm (Annual Elections)

HOA - Board Monthly Meetings - Place TBD Scheduled 3rd Sunday at 9am on each month

These will be posted on the Website:

https://www.whiteoakspringshoa.com/documents

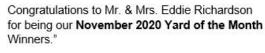


Sheriff's Non-Emergency Number (713) 221-6000 Option 6

New Year's resolutions:

- 1) lose weight 2) exercise
- 3) drink more water
- 4) earlier to bed
- 5) find new job
- 6) more family time
- 7)) learn something new
- 8) save money
- 9) take trip
- 10) help others

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Errol Wilson for being our December 2020 Yard of the Month "Winners"









Congratulations to Ronda Shepherd for being our October 2020 Yard of the Month "Winner".

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Westpark Center - 5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057

Reuse Warehouse - 9003 N. Main, Houston, TX 77022

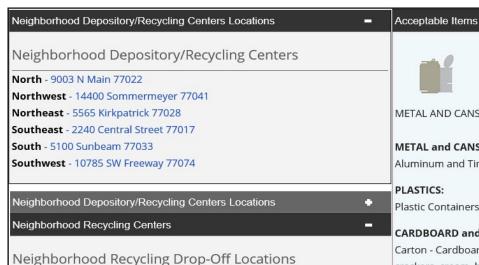
Clear Lake/Ellington Airport - Highway 3 @ Brantly Ave., Houston, TX 77034

Kingwood - 3210 West Lake Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77339

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METAL AND CANS

PLASTICS #1-5 & #7

CARDBOARD & CARTONS

PAPER & NEWSPAPER

METAL and CANS:

Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed drained)

Plastic Containers #1 - 5 and 7 (rinsed drained)

CARDBOARD and CARTONS:

Carton - Cardboard boxes and cartons from items such as milk, juice, soup, crackers, cream, beans, water, broth, wine, etc.

PAPER:

Paper. Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines and Phone Books



GLASS:

Effective immediately, glass is accepted in the green curbside recycling bin.

"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 (CCRs) require owners to obtain prior written approval for changes or improvements to the exterior of their property. As a few examples, this includes painting 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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HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Have any wedding, birthday, graduation or other special day announcements?

Want to thank someone for doing something great for you?

Email

woshoaboard@gmail.com

with the subject "Newsletter

Announcement" and we will post it
right here in our newsletter!

Say What?

Living in a pandemic has been full of new experiences and practices. We are washing and sanitizing our hands like never before, socially distancing and avoiding crowds and sporting our newest accessory – the face mask. On the plus side, masks have sparked new creativity in addition to their role as a protective device. Seamstresses everywhere are making new and unique versions. On the down side, however, they can contribute to communication challenges.

We take for granted how much of our communication is visual. Facial expressions often speak without words. They can also add meaning or emphasis to the spoken word. For example, if someone is genuinely happy to see you, you can see it in the twinkle of their eyes and the authenticity of their smile. Conversely, if they are not so happy to see you, their eyes may be duller (or rolling back in their head) and the smile a bit fake. In either case, the words they say might be "I am so happy to see you".

The mask also presents a challenge for those of us with hearing issues. (I have tinnitus – constant ringing in my ear, for which I am told there is no cure). Masks can muffle your speech and make it difficult for others to hear and understand you. And many hearing-challenged people rely on some level of lip reading to aid in communication. This can be particularly important in safety-sensitive situations where clear communication is vital to a successful

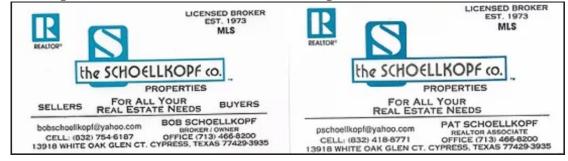
procedure.

Here are some things to keep in mind to ensure communication is clear:

- Pay attention to what you can see; eyes and eyebrows can project a message
- Be sure to face the person you are talking to, if possible
- Speak louder, slower and focus on enunciating clearly
- Be aware of your other means of communicating, like hand gestures, body position, nodding your head, etc.
- Make sure you have the person's attention before you speak
- Make sure your tone matches the message
- Make good use of appropriate follow up tools, e.g., send an e-mail outlining your understanding of the conversation and next steps or repeat your understanding back to the person you are speaking to

Remember, we strive to listen, understand and be understood. Taking extra care in communication can help you achieve that goal!

"The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said." - Peter Drucker



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Trash Container Etiquette

Items that cannot be placed in the trash container include:

- Paint and paint by-products
- Large Appliances, furniture, water heaters/softeners
- Hot ashes
- Construction debris or roof shingles
- Large tree limbs
- Dirt. rock and concrete materials
- Tires
- Batteries
- Fuel tanks or fuel cans
- Hazardous, Industrial, Medical or Radioactive Wastes
- Chemical by-products
- Used Oil
- Liquids
- Untreated sewage
- Any item that may become lodged inside of the container
 - Any item that may be too heavy/bulky for the trash folks to pick up



Seen in White Oak Springs on Trash Day:





How can I assist the White Oak Springs Trash Company Sanitation crew?

A. You can assist our crews by complying with by the following rules and guidelines:

- Do not stack garbage on top of or on the side of your container. Overloaded containers or trash placed around your container will not be picked up.
- Please bag and securely tie all garbage before placing it into the trash can. Only household trash should be placed inside of your container.
- Make sure that you have your container at the curb before 7am on your normally scheduled pickup days.
- The area around your container must be free of obstacles. Obstructed containers will not be picked up until the next scheduled collection day.
- The lid of your container should be kept closed at all times so that flies, mosquitoes, other insects, critters, and vultures are not attracted to the contents of your container.
- 6. Your trash container is intended for household rubbish only. Bulky items may become lodged inside of your trash can and they may prevent your container from being emptied completely or cause trash to fall onto the ground during pickup. If this occurs, it is your responsibility to dislodge anything wedged inside of your container and to pick up any trash that may have fallen onto the ground.
- 7. Bulky items, metals and other heavy objects inside of your trashcan are not permitted as our equipment is unable to pick up excessively overweight containers and items of this nature will cause unnecessary damage to your container. Damage to our equipment or to your container due to overweight items will be the homeowner's and/or tenant's expense and responsibility.

Please, actively work on taking care of your trash properly. Avoid getting fines and prevent unhappy neighbors by using the recommendations above. You must be current on your HOA dues to have trash pickup services.

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Etiquette for dog owners

Dog owners have a responsibility to manage their pets' behavior and follow certain rules of etiquette.

There have been several neighbor complaints in White Oak Springs about attack dogs not on a leash on the walking trails and dogs running loose on the streets not on leashes. The walking trails are not a dog park or off-leash area. The problem with all of this is that not only is it quite rude, it can be dangerous, not only for your pet, but also for other people and their pets.

Follow these guidelines to ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

- Always leash your dog on walks
- Don't play while on a leash
- Be aware of other people's feelings
- Scoop your poop
- Prevent Barking
- Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask



While these etiquette rules are as much guides as they are a way to safely and respectfully walk your dog, everyone should be paying attention to them. Not only is this about safety, it is also about being fair to other people and pets. And if you already do these things...thank you for being considerate of others.

After all, we all want to enjoy taking our dogs out for a walk.

Harris County Harris County Animal Control clearly states that "all dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas." In other words: dogs aren't permitted to run around at large; and. they always must be kept under direct physical control (on a leash no longer than six feet in length) of their owner. Report animals in violation of the leash law to our shelter by calling 281.999.3191





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The Veteran's Creed

- 1. I am an American Veteran
- 2. I proudly served my country
- 3. I live the values I learned in the military
- 4. I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans
- 5. I maintain my physical and mental discipline
- 6. I continue to lead and improve
- 7. I make a difference
- 8. I honor and remember my fallen comrades

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his county's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause." – Abraham Lincoln

filock safety Initiative Updates:

- Cameras coming soon!
- Temporary Electrical being scheduled with CenterPoint
- Followed by camera installations by Flock Safety with proper signage
- Followed by activation of cameras
- Once completed WOS has security Cameras!!



Vehicle License Plates

 Read vehicle license plates up to 75 MPH, day & night, up to 75 ft. away.



Fast & Easy Footage Access

 APM will have access to WOS private footage quickly and easily on the cloud via desktop or mobile.



Crime-Solving Cameras

 Work with the only crime-solving camera system with privacy protection measures built in.



Avoid Penalties and Interest Your White Oak Springs Homeowners Assessment Fees are due!

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN WHITE OAK SPRINGS – See Website for more photos of our neighbors beautiful decorations.















Let's all send Thank-you cards for the Walking Trails to:



Attention: Scott Smith, MUD # 248 Board Members

Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham. LLP 2727 Allen Parkway, Suite 1100 Houston, Texas 77019



Thank-you to former board members

- Angela King
- Natasha Fuller
- o Rick Scanlin

for all their hard work and time as White Oak Springs HOA Board Members.



It takes time, dedication and commitment to keep our community going.

Angela came on board with a goal for safety and security, and played a large part in the Flock Safety camera initiative. She has a talent for designing, and our Newsletter took on an awesome look once she took on the printing of the newsletter.

Natasha was always available to help in the many tasks and assignments that were always coming on. Lots of spunk and lots of energy, she can always be counted on. Thank-you for getting the front mulch and flowers done this summer.

Rick kept the rest of the board on their toes, and had a keen eye for our yard of the month selections. Many thanks Rick for being very generous in helping funding many initiatives such as yard of month gift cards.

