



Yard of the Month-April

Congratulations to **“Wanda & Rick Scanlin”**, for being our April 2020 Yard of the Month Winner.



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**ATTN: The meeting which was scheduled for April 9th, has been postponed due to COVID-19.
** See website for updates****

Yard of the Month-March

Congratulations to **“Donna Maverick”**, for being our Mar 2020 Yard of the Month "Winner".



Yard of the Month-Feb

Congratulations to **“Ronda Sheperd”** for being our Feb 2020 Yard of the Month "Winner".



To Community Neighbors;

The **WHITE OAK SPRINGS** HOA is looking into entering a partnership with Flock Safety, an Atlanta, GA based company that specializes in neighborhood safety through the use of license plate reading cameras. The camera is entirely self-sufficient in that it is solar powered and sends its footage via mobile technology to a secure cloud-based storage that is maintained by Flock. The camera records footage but also has both day and night-time capability to read and record license plates that pass through the entrance. Several police departments across the country have started to add more license plate readers around their cities and encourage communities to do the same. In fact, any stolen or otherwise wanted vehicle that passes by a Flock camera has the ability to send an automatic alert to the local Police Department.

Privacy is also a top concern for Flock. Accordingly, the footage and data that is collected is automatically deleted after 30 days, is accessible only by limited members of the board and can be shared with other members of the community on an as-needed basis in the event of a crime. In the event of a crime, footage can be downloaded and stored by either the community or local authorities.

Many of our neighboring communities are using Flock and Wortham Grove, HOA President maintains that they are extremely pleased with the benefits and crime reduction that Flock has brought to their community over this past year. Further, Flock's data shows that communities with the Flock Program saw a 34% reduction in crime last year.

Despite this technology, it is just a camera. The #1 way to deter crime is a responsibility we each own individually; lock your doors and keep your valuables out of sight. But, having video camera/ surveillance has been shown to deter mischief activity and also provides a valuable resource to help solve any crimes that may take place. We are fortunate to live in a safe neighborhood, but we believe that this service will both further deter mischief crimes and provide a valuable resource to our residents.

WOS HOA board is currently reviewing the associated costs and looking into ways to add the Flock Safety Program with a minimal impact to the community's association dues. Once the HOA Board is comfortable with the associated costs, the full proposal will be presented to the community at the next quarterly meeting for a vote to either deny or approve the program.

Flock Camera



Image Capture example



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know how it spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Take steps to protect yourself

- Clean your hands often
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take steps to protect others

- Stay home if you're sick
 - Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
 - Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
 - Throw used tissues in the trash.
 - Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - man wearing a mask
 - Wear a facemask if you are sick
 - If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
 - If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.
 - Clean and disinfect
 - Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
 - If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
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HOMEMADE HAND SANITIZER

Yield 4 ounces

Ingredients

- 5-10 drops lavender essential oil
- 30 drops tea tree essential oil
- 3 ounces high-proof vodka (Everclear works well), or rubbing alcohol can be substituted
- 1 ounce pure aloe vera gel
- ¼ teaspoon [Vitamin E oil](#) (helps soften hands!)

Instructions

1. Add essential oils and Vitamin E oil to a small glass bowl or container and swirl to mix.
2. Add alcohol to the oils and swirl again.
3. Combine this mixture with the aloe vera gel and mix well.
4. Shake gently before each use. (*Sanitizer should last several months with the addition of Vitamin E and alcohol to help preserve.*)

Note: To make a hand sanitizer **spray**, simply use witch hazel instead of aloe vera gel in this recipe.



HOUSEHOLD DISINFECTANT

For disinfection, diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

Diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water or
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Add solution to a spray bottle and use to clean and disinfect surfaces.



Senior Hour Locations During COVID-19

Residents if you need resource information or have additional questions regarding COVID-19, please call a Resource Navigator at (832) 927- 4955.

The Food Town stores in the Houston Area are allowing seniors their own shopping hour. Seniors 65+ can shop from 7:00 am – 8:00 am in a less crowded environment. Access to the stores will require a government-issued ID or Texas driver's license.

Costco Special Operating Hours: Exclusively for members who are over 60 years of age or have physical disabilities. Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 9:00 am.

Luby's: Senior Hour 10:00 am – 11:00 am every day. Ages 55+. Luby's will open one hour earlier to invite seniors to either call ahead, order online, drive thru at select locations, or choose their meal in store for carryout. The Senior Luann will be available for purchase.

Walgreens: Senior day is every Tuesday for those 55+. Seniors can enjoy discounts up to 30% off in store or online. Seniors only time is on Tuesday from 8:00 am – 9:00 am.

H-E-B, in partnership with Favor Delivery, will launch a simple, low-cost solution that gives seniors access to their very own personal shopper by phone, allowing them to get essential food and supplies delivered to them, while remaining in the comfort and safety of their home. Beginning on Friday, March 20, seniors age 60 and older, will be able to place orders with Favor using a curated list of products available from H-E-B.

H-E-B and Favor will staff its Senior Support phone line with volunteers from both companies to accept and process orders over the phone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., seven days a week. To access the Senior Support Line, call 1-833-397-0080. Seniors can also place their orders on Favor's website, or by downloading the Favor app and searching for "H-E-B."

Dollar General will reserve its first hour each day for senior shoppers at its 16,000 stores.

Target has announced reduced store hours so they can keep items stocked. They are also devoting the first hour of every Wednesday to their most vulnerable shoppers. Details here.

Walmart: Every Tuesday, starting March 24 through April 28, Walmart will host an hour-long shopping event an hour from 6 am – 7 am dedicated solely for people age 60 and older. Store pharmacies and vision centers will be open during this time, too.

Whole Foods: Most stores open at 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. depending on location (check company website for hours). On Wednesday, Seniors 60 and older can shop an hour before the store is open to the public.

SHOULD I REPAIR OR REPLACE MY FENCE?

Questioning whether to repair or replace your fence? Many homeowners start out by weighing the costs.

Repainting or repairing a fence is cheaper and easier than an all-out replacement—at least in the short term.

Sometimes, replacing your fence is the better choice. Maybe your fence has worn out its welcome and will continue to need extensive repairs, or maybe you'd like to update the style or placement of your fence.

In this article, we'll discuss tips for evaluating your fence's true condition. You can then make an educated decision whether to repair your own fence, hire a professional to repair your fence, or choose a replacement fence.

FENCE PROBLEMS WITH EASY REPAIRS

Some fence problems can be fixed with simple repairs. Let's review common issues with wood fences that aren't signs you need to replace your fence.



Common wood fence problems

As a natural material, wood can be a little more damage-prone than synthetic materials. The elements can take their toll, and insects, moisture, and other environmental factors may affect your wood fence. Signs your fence need repair include discoloration, warping, or splintering. If you notice these things, you should carefully inspect your fence to determine the cause of damage and if you can mitigate

it with a solution like redirecting pooling water or exterminating wood destroying insects.

To repair your wood fence, you can patch small holes and cracks with wood filler or putty. For warping or more severe damage, it's best to replace the affected boards or rails.

The downside of both of these repairs is that they will be visible, at least for a while. Wood filler can be concealed if you paint your fence but will otherwise show forever. A new board will likely look different in color but may weather in time to a similar patina as your old fence. If your fence will be painted after repair, neither of these options have drawbacks!

WHEN IT'S BETTER TO REPLACE YOUR FENCE INSTEAD OF REPAIRING

If you find any of these repair options to be too daunting, you can always opt for a replacement. There are times when replacing a fence makes more sense because amounts of the time, money, and effort required to repair it are

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too great. If your fence needs a major overhaul, here's a good rule of thumb: if you have to replace more than 20% of the fence panels or pickets, it's time to replace the entire fence.

Keep in mind that replacing fence posts is also more difficult and expensive than replacing pickets or panels because the posts need to be dug out of the ground, and often, they're mounted in cement. If you have several fence posts in need of replacement, consider an entire fence overhaul. If your fence is very old, it may have simply worn out its lifespan, and replacement parts may no longer be available from the manufacturer. With proper maintenance, your fence should be expected to last anywhere between 20 to 50 years, depending on the material. If your fence is older than you are, it's probably time for a new one!

Damage isn't the only reason to replace your fence. If your fence doesn't provide enough privacy, isn't high enough to stop your dog from escaping, or otherwise falls short of a necessary function, it's time for a new one! Wanting to change the style of your fence is also a perfectly valid reason to get another. While replacing a fence is costlier than repairing or repainting, it's sometimes worth it to get the fence you really want.

MAINTAIN YOUR FENCE SO YOU DON'T NEED TO REPLACE IT!

You should always stick to the recommended maintenance for your fence to make sure it lasts as long as possible.

For wood fences, this often includes staining and sealing annually or every other year.

Maintaining your fence may also mean making careful choices about landscaping (growing vines on a fence may harm it) and checking your fence for damage regularly. By making small repairs when needed, you can extend the life of your fence so you don't need to replace it.

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Our Walking Trail is under construction and a **Grand Opening** will be coming soon!!!



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