

# White Oak Springs

Hello Neighbors!

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Happy New Year from all of us on the board!

## White Oak Springs – HOA Board Members 2022



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In following the new Legislative Law for “Architectural Review Authority and Hearing Procedures” under § 209.00505, Texas Property Code, White Oak Springs HOA Board is pleased to announce our 5th member of our Architectural Control Committee.

**Welcome Mr. Bob (Robert) Napieralski as our fifth member of the Arch Control Committee!**

WOS Arch Control Committee:

Marie Godard, Samuel (Eugene) Watkins, Erika Pena-Valdez, Aldo Garcia, Robert (Bob) Napieralski

## Important reminders:

**Assessment fees are due Jan 31, 2022.** You should have received a notice in the mail by now with all the information. Please go to the website and click on “Pay Fees Online” at top for information for paying fees online or contact APM for setting up a payment plan. Fees and interest will be charged after Jan 31, 2022.

### Annual WOS Easter Egg hunt:

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 pm (rainout April 10<sup>th</sup>)

Location will be on the walking trail entrance near the mail boxes.



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

### February 10

Location:  
Action Property Management  
11118 Cypress North Houston  
Rd, Houston, TX 77065

### April 5

Location:  
Cypress VFW Post 8905  
21902 NW Freeway

### July 28

Location:  
Cypress VFW Post 8905  
21902 NW Freeway

### October 20

Location:  
Cypress VFW Post 8905  
21902 NW Freeway

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

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**Looking for volunteers for a gardening committee to manage the front flower beds! Contact the WOS board if you would like to volunteer.**

## White Oak Springs News:



### Vandalism, November 21, 2021:

Reported by our neighbors on Sunday, Nov 21, 2021, our front marquee was vandalized and our two spotlights were completely torn out of the electrical receptacles and taken. Our power to both the front marquee and the flag pole was completely out.

The HOA has hired an electrician to come out and check out the status of the front power and to CAP/Secure the front marquee spotlights at this time.

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. The HOA Board will report this to the non-emergency Sheriff's number so that there is a police report on record of the vandalism/theft **(713-221-6000, option #6)**.

If anyone has any information on this vandalism/theft or any questions regarding this, please email the HOA Board at [WOSHOABoard@gmail.com](mailto:WOSHOABoard@gmail.com) and we will response within 48 hours.

**Remember, if you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

### Construction at the end of White Oak Falls Ct update:

The new fence was provided by Adkisson Development to replace the wire fence that was initially put up. Special thank you to board member Erika Pena-Valdez for working with the business on this.

**Protected Yield study:** The board requested a study of the intersection of White Oak Springs and Huffmeister by the Harris county engineering department. No crashes were reported at this intersection for the last 5 years and no observed vehicular turning conflicts or delays were seen so there will not be a protected yield light put in at this time.



There is however a left turn yield sign on both sides. Please be very cautious when leaving our neighborhood whether you are going straight or making turns. The best assumption is to assume the law will not be followed and be prepared to wait for those who decide to disregard the yield. And as always watch for pedestrians crossing. Stay safe out there!

**Newsletter publishing:** This news letter will now be published and delivered every 4months instead of every 3 months.

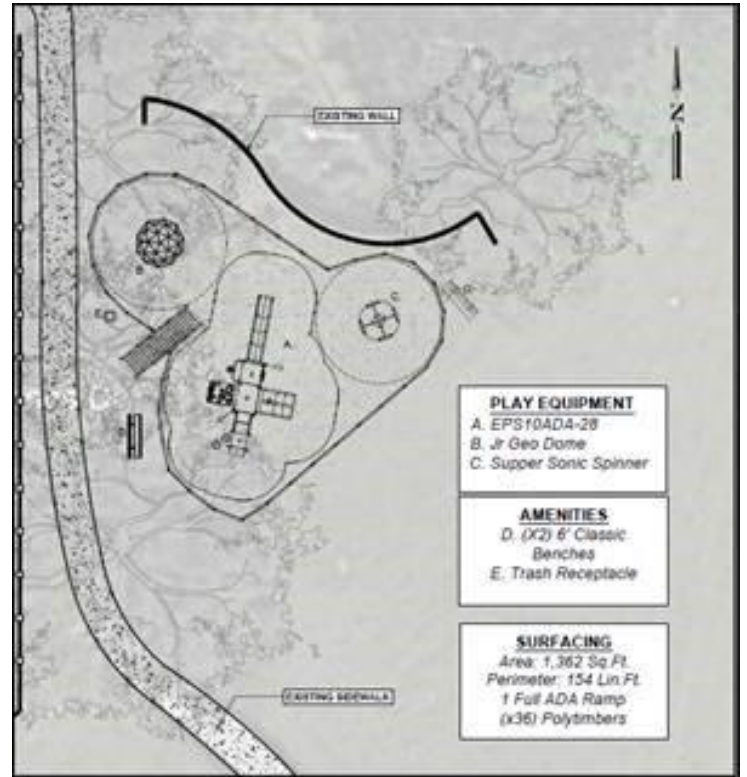
**Updated website:** Check out our beautiful updated website!

[www.whiteoakspringshoa.com](http://www.whiteoakspringshoa.com)

## Playground update

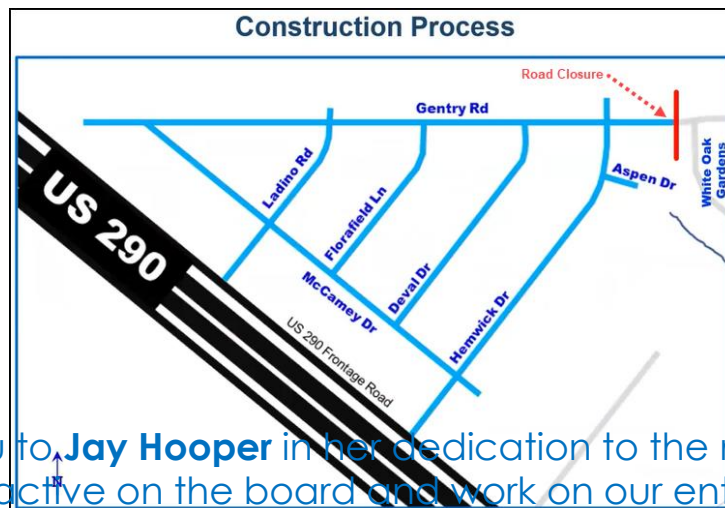
Our HOA president has been working HARD to get a playground put in for our little ones. After two years of working with the City of Houston Platting department, Surveying companies, Engineering firms, and the local MUD#248 district, the first WOS playground is coming soon!! (You may have noticed that trees have been removed and area is being prepared).

Thank you, Marie for working so hard to get this paid for and put in. **Please attend the next Community meeting for more details. This is one Community Meeting you'll want to attend!**



**Construction at Hemwick and Gentry Road:** This project is scheduled to begin in Dec 2021 and end in Dec 2022 which will include a road closure at the end of our subdivision at on Gentry Rd just passed White Oak Gardens Dr and going into Hemwick Place.

This Precinct Commissioner's Office project updates are located at <https://www.pct3.com/Road-Projects/hemwick-place>



Special thank you to **Jay Hooper** in her dedication to the neighborhood! Jay continued to be active on the board and work on our entrance flower beds even though she had moved out of the neighborhood.



Marie wishes to personally thank Jay for being her “partner-in-crime” since Feb 2018 on the HOA Board, both attending MUD district board meetings to present the request for the walking trails, and her partnership in working towards getting our community back-on-track. This was definitely a huge challenge and what a difference it is making today.



Another Special thank you to the Christmas Decorating Committee for collecting donations, purchasing and hanging the decorations at the entrance! Our neighborhood looked so beautiful for the holidays!

**Frazier Hardy, Jerry Caliendo, Jane Shumbera, Aldo Garcia, Ronda Shepherd, Eugene Watkins, Mel Johnson, Bob Naperalski, Rafael Melgoza**  
**And of course, all the wonderful neighbors who donated!**



### **Winter is coming! Don't forget to prepare.**

We are all super busy during the holidays and in Houston, the holidays rarely mean snow. But we all need to try and make time to prepare our homes for cold weather. Especially after experiencing the freeze in February, now would be a great time to reflect on that and be prepared for this year.

1. Inspect your home's heating and air conditioning system: Regularly servicing your furnace helps you catch problems before expensive breakdowns, prolong the furnace's life, and keep it running more efficiently.
2. Flush & insulate your hot water heater: These should be flushed twice a year and preferably before winter begins.
3. Check the seal on exterior wood: Scrape away the bad paint and old caulk, apply new caulk and a fresh coat of paint
4. Do a quick energy audit and check for air leaks: Hold a candle in front of possible drafts. If the flame wavers, you have an air leak.
5. Insulate hot water pipes: Insulate the hot water pipes in your attic or garage by snapping foam sleeves on them.
6. Make sure your safety detectors are working: Test all of your smoke detectors to make sure they are working and that they have good batteries. If your home does not have carbon monoxide detectors, consider getting some.
7. Clean your chimney: Get your fireplace cleaned and inspected before you start building those cozy fires. A chimney sweep company will make sure the fireplace is safe to use, and it can also identify maintenance problems. (Little side note here, I had my own fireplace inspected last fall and there was a crack up the back that I couldn't see myself. This was fixed but could have started a fire when I used it during the snowstorm)
8. Clean out your gutters: If channels are blocked and the weather gets freezing, water will turn into ice and add weight to the gutters, which could cause them to tear away from the house.
9. Prepare your outdoor pipes: Make sure your sprinkler system is properly shut down for the season. Cover any outside water pipes with foam sleeves and outside water spigots with covers. If you can't find covers, wrap them in dishtowels and string (Another side note, I learned this last year when I missed the rush to buy covers and they were all gone).
10. Clear dead trees and branches: If there are branches up against your house, it's a good idea to trim them away before winter, so you don't have ice-coated branches against your or your neighbors siding or windows.

In case of a power outage:

Consider investing an alternate heat source as a backup before an outage occurs: There are some very good propane type heaters on the market that are specifically made to use indoors. It's very important to make sure they are made for indoor use to reduce carbon monoxide poisoning.

Purchase a small tent or tarps: Keeping a small area warmer is easier than a big room. A tent can be set up in the living room and in case of a power outage, everyone can pile into the tent and keep warm. Tarps can also be hung in larger rooms and over windows to reduce the size and keep cool air out.

\*This list was sourced from chariot energy. For more information, please visit:

<https://chariotenergy.com/blog/winter-prep-tips/>



# Halloween 2021 in WOS!



**\*MORE PHOTOS ON THE WOS WEBSITE**





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



**October  
Sandra Williams**



**November  
Stephanie and Steven  
Nguyen**



**December  
Daniel & Kristina Hassol**





# Congratulations to the Christmas Decoration Winners!!

We had so many beautiful houses, it was so hard to pick.

Please see all the honorable mentions on our website.



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**  
**10703 White Oak Park Ct**  
**Erlinda Ofina**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**We have a tie (told you it was hard to pick!)**



**14123 White Oak Gardens**  
**Michael and Laurie Worley**



**10826 White Oak Trace Ct**  
**Steve Nguyen**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**  
**10815 White Oak Creek Ct**  
**Jaime and Julia Lynn**

