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White Oak Springs – HOA Board Members 2022-2023







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Important Numbers:

Action Property Management, Inc 11118 Cypress North Houston Road Houston, TX 77065 Phone: 713.686.4692 Email: apm@actionproperty.net

Non-Emergency Sheriff Phone: 713-221-6000, Option #1 Please phone the non-emergency number for legal complaints such as parking issues, vandalism and suspicious characters.

Important Reminders:

- Maintenance was completed on the super spinner in the playground. Please report any issues to the playground to the board.
- We are still needing Christmas Decoration volunteers for the committee. Please reach out to the board if you are interested. Let's make our community shine this year!
- A board member has been working on a project to get the streetlights replaced with LED lights. Good news is the project is scheduled to be completed by the first quarter of 2024!
- We are working on the 2024 budget and seeing some potential increases in insurance, trash service and flock safety subscription. This may increase yearly assessments; we will communicate the increases as soon as we know what they will be.
- The marque spotlights have been replaced.
- A complaint was communicated to Texas Pride about placing trash cans in the street. This has been addressed.



Important Dates





October 9^{th:} Columbus Day October 26th: White Oak Springs Annual Meeting November 10^{th:} Veterans Day November 23rd : Thanksgiving Day December 25th : Christmas Day





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Optic installation contractors in WOS

Unfortunately, yet again, White Oak Springs is experiencing issues from contractors installing fiber lines in our neighborhood. Although this is not a HOA matter, we wanted to give you information that we have obtained. Last month there was a serious meeting between community leaders, including our water company, with the contract company. WOS is not the only place they have been causing issues in.

Some of the big problems here in WOS are broken water mains, unsafe work areas, fire hydrant water thefts, exposed wiring and illegal parking on the pipeline. This is all in addition to the mess they are making of our yards. Your HOA board has been sending the pictures to the community leaders to present to the contracting company.

Your HOA board lives in the neighborhood and it's affecting us too.

What can YOU do?

Call, Call, Call. Even though some of the trucks are unmarked, they are all part of the same company. Below is the phone number. Also, any safety issues, water theft or other illegal activities need to be called into the non-emergency sheriff line. Please send a picture to your HOA to forward to community leaders.





Contractor phone, Ezee Fiber: 713-255-7500 Ezeefiber.com Non-emergency Sherriff: 713-221-6000, Option #1 Email photos to: WOSHOABoard@gmail.com







Crime Awareness Corner

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.

Reported by our neighbors on August 11, 2023, at approximately 7:25am while walking on our walking trails, a homeless person was seen bouncing around and swinging a machete (big knife) and talking to the white brick wall that encloses the business trash container of the medical building at 10669 Huffmeister Rd, between the Starbucks and the Grease Monkey. He was reported appearing to be living inside the trash container's white brick enclosure and appeared to be on some sort of drugs. A resident took some pictures, taken within a safe distance from the individual and let the ladies walking on the trails know they should leave for now as it is not safe as there is no way of knowing the state of mind of this individual. Pictures were forwarded to the HOA Board, and the board contact the non-emergency Sheriff's office to have a Deputy come out and investigate. All within 20 minutes of first seeing the individual.

This is strange behavior on many levels and this individual has no business being there. This is definitely a safety concern for anyone walking on the walking trails.



There have been several instances of toys and clothes dumped in the playground area. These items had to be picked up by a board member. If you see any equipment or materials been dumped on or near our common areas, please take pictures as send via email to the HOA Board and report to APM.



Fire Hydrant Water Theft: No one is PERMITTED to take water from fire hydrants as they are "not metered" and unauthorized and cannot be billed back to the person(s) taking the water. Therefore, this needs to immediately be reported to the numbers below so they can come out and catch it happening in process.

Two cases have recently been reported. It is important that we take care of these types of incidents as soon as they are seen, otherwise it effects possible increases in our MUD248 annual taxes. Please immediately contact the following numbers: (MUD248 Operator) Water District # 61 281-469-9405

Non-Emergency Sheriff's at 713-221-6000, option #1 Email the HOA Board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com





Commercial Vehicle was parking overnight in the knuckle turn from White Oak Trace to White Oak Gardens. This is NOT ALLOWED in White Oak Springs per our CCR's. The homeowner and tenant are in the CCR Deed Restriction process and have already been sent letters to stop. Below is a reminder of these rules. Blocking our streets with Commercial Vehicles add risks for accidents and people or pets being hit. There are Harris County signs at both entrances. These are being enforced by the County Deputies and they are ticketing violators.

As a resident, and homeowner in White Oak Springs, if you see this happening, please report this to Action Property Management so they can start the Deed Restriction process as soon as possible.

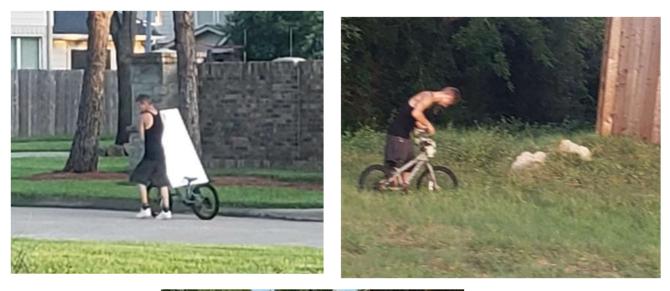




Reported by our neighbors on July 20, 2023, at approximately 7am while walking on our walking trails, a homeless person seen taking items from behind the Pawn Shop in the strip center across the playground. Although this appears to be a white board, the neighbor taking the picture insists this is a Plasma TV, and the sun and camera are making the TV front look white.

The individual took this TV on the black bike and wheeled it down White Oak Springs Dr, to the entrance of the walking trails across the mailbox and wheeled the TV to the end of this trail and "hid" the TV behind the fence that runs along the back of White Oak Gardens Dr. The individual was seen leaving the back of the fence on the black bike.

Following the Sheriff Department's investigation of this incident, Harris County came out and mowed all the grass with heavy mowing equipment. Any items that were hidden in the grass was torn apart by the mowers and spread out in the ditch behind the fence and also dragged out along the fence that runs back to White Oak Springs Dr. Thank you to the homeowners that volunteered and picked up the bigger items on the pipeline and smaller items in the ditch.





Community Meetings

Please consider joining us at our Quarterly Community Meetings! We discuss important information that is a concern to your neighborhood and we need your opinions and support!

*Meeting dates:

October 26th

Located at the Cypress VFW Post 8905 21902 NW Freeway

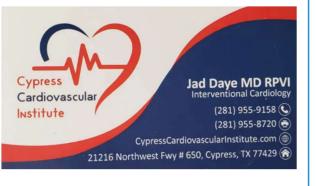
Meeting sign ins are at 6:30 pm and the meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm



Raffle for attendees only!

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

Resident Owned and Local Business referrals







MR.

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(832) 869-2770



If you are a landlord or renting your home in White Oak Springs, you should provide your tenants with the bylaws and design standards. If you are a tenant, you should be aware of the bylaws and design standards. For a copy of the CCR's and design standards, go to WWW.WHITEOAKSPRINGSHOA.COM Look under CCR's under the documents tab

Are you a landlord or a renter?

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS AT WHITE OAK SPRINGS Aug 11/2023

From your HOA President:

This letter is to inform you that we've been working since early 2020 on a sidewalk project with Harris County, Precinct #3. Our neighborhood has a lot of uneven/unsafe sidewalk squares. GOOD NEWS as they are going to survey and fix most if not all of the sidewalks. Current schedule is late 2023/early 2024, so if you see Harris County crews working on our sidewalk, that's what's happening.





Actual pictures provided to Harris County Precinct # 3.

And, some more good news as well, we worked it out so that this is at NO CHARGE to the homeowners!

Marie Godard, HOA President WOSHOABoard@gmail.com



Special Thank You!

To all neighbors looking after neighbors from water grass while away, watching & feeding pets, etc. (Be a good neighbor – it rewards the soul)



Elsa Garcia/Ronda Shepherd for volunteering & working on a Community Halloween playground event

We need your help! Our White Oak Springs newsletter has been distributed since early 2018 and continues to be one of our ways to communicate to our residents for:

- New Releases
- HOA Board Members
- Upcoming Events
- Important Information for WOS Residents
- Yard of the Month Winners

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

Email us at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com to become a volunteer in White Oak Springs.



Excessive barking dogs

Some neighbors have been complaining about excessive barking dogs. Examples of excessive barking can include: frequent intermittent barking over lengthy periods; sustained barking over more than a minute or two; barking early in the morning or late into the night. Although the HOA cannot do anything to mediate this, there are several steps you can take.

- 1. Why is the dog barking? Make sure the dog is not barking do to illegally restraining or lack of food/water etc. If this is the case the first call should be to animal control for the safety of the animal.
- 2. Do you know the neighbor? If so, approach the neighbor and let them know the dog is causing a disturbance.
- **3.** Try a barking deterrent system. One neighbor has suggested the item below.
- 4. Document the barking. Keep a record of the dates and duration of the barking, take video or audio clips on your mobile phone, and keep a record of all the steps you've taken so far. This will be helpful if it comes to the point to where law enforcement needs to be involved or if you have to contact a lawyer.

Just a reminder, don't hurt the dog. Most of the time its not the dogs fault its barking. It could be bored, scared or sick. Also, hurting an animal could land you with stiff fines and even time in jail.



"This is the dog Anti Barking device that can be purchased on Amazon. It comes with 3 adjustable levels, effective up to 50 Ft, can be used indoor or outdoor, and is operated by a 9-volt battery. It does use a lot of batteries if used continuously but it is suggested to not run the device consistently as the dog may get used to it and it won't be as effective." To our residents in White Oak Springs, it was brought to the HOA Board's attention that some residents received Parking citations or warnings in White Oak Springs for parking violations. The HOA Board took note of this and contacted Tom Ramsey's Commissioner's Office, Precinct # 3 to get clarification on parking for our Community and we are sharing with our residents as well as Action Property Management to help clarify parking in White Oak Springs.

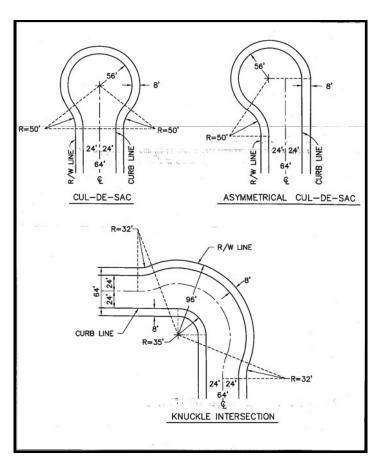
Below are a few Parking regulations from the Texas Transportation Code. For a full list of codes, go to https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/SOTWDocs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm#545.302

White Oak Springs has the following roadways:

- Two-way roadways
- One dead-end street
- 5 Cul-De-Sacs
- 2 Knuckles (at White Oak Trace -> connecting to White Oak Gardens, and between 14119 – 14123 White Oak Gardens)

In all cases, the parking follows the two-way roadways regulation:

Sec. 545.303. ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS. (a) An operator who stops or parks on a two-way roadway shall do so with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.



Above explains why parking citations or warnings were given to some residents doing "angle parking". The HOA Board requested that Harris County install "No Angle Parking" signs on our Cul-de-sacs and Knuckles as a reminder, however, Harris County doesn't have "No Angle Parking" signs, only "Angle Parking" where it is required. Another option is "No Parking Anytime" signs, but this will conflict with the parking regulations permitting parking with the right-hand wheels within 18" of the right-hand curb.

Another note: our HOA President met with the Sheriff's Traffic Captain on Thursday 6/8 on this issue along with the crime issues and the Sheriff's department agreed to continue to patrol White Oak Springs to help. They informed the HOA Board that during traffic patrols, the traffic authority will determine whether or not to give a warning, or ticket.



Parking Courtesy at WOS

- Use your driveway instead of the street
- Do not park over the sidewalk
- Do not park on the lawn
- If you have to park in the street, do not park directly across from another car or directly against your neighbor's driveway
 (When cars are parked this way, there is not enough room for emergency vehicles to get through or your neighbor's vehicles).
- If you have to park in the street, park in front of your own house, not others.
- Do not park directly across from another driveway (this makes it hard to get in and out of the other driveway)





- Do not HOG the street or cul-de-sac with your vehicles
- Be courteous to your neighbors, it will make for better driving for everyone!

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING – Commercial Motor Vehicles

The White Oak Springs HOA board continues to receive complaints on commercial vehicles in our neighborhood parked on streets, on sidewalks, blocking driveways and blocking view of right of way traffic overnight. To be clear, below is section 2.02 of our CCR's (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions). Harris county has also installed signs at both entrances into White Oak Springs. These are being enforced by the County Deputies and they 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.

~Yard of the Month~



July Wanda and Rick Scanlin



August Hong Co and family







September Katie Tran



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Acknowledging Unsung Heroes (originally published October 10, 2018)

Captain Charles (Charlie) Plumb, a U. S. Navy jet pilot, flew 74 successful combat missions over North Vietnam and made over 100 carrier landings. On his 75th combat mission, his plane was shot down over Hanoi. He parachuted out of the destroyed aircraft and spent the next 2,103 days as a prisoner of war.

In his book, I'm No Hero, he shares a story, excerpted below: Recently, I was sitting in a restaurant in Kansas City. A man about two tables away kept looking at me. I didn't recognize him. A few minutes into our meal he stood up and walked over to my table, looked down at me, pointed his finger in my face and said, "You're Captain Plumb....You flew jet fighters in Vietnam. You were on the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down. You parachuted into enemy

hands and spent six years as a prisoner of war." I said, "How in the world did you

know all that?" He replied, "Because I packed your parachute." I was speechless. I staggered to my feet and held out a very grateful hand of thanks. This guy came up with just the proper words. He grabbed my hand, he pumped my arm and said, "I guess it worked." I didn't get much sleep that night. I kept thinking about that man. I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform – a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back and bell bottom trousers. I wondered how many times I might have passed him on board the Kitty Hawk. I wondered how many times I might have seen him and not even said "good morning", "how are you?", or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor. How many hours did he spend on that long wooden table in the bowels of that ship weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of those chutes? I could have cared less...until one day my parachute came along and he packed it for me.

That sailor was an unsung hero – he was virtually invisible, but vital to the success of the mission. By effectively doing his job, he saved Captain Plumb's life.

All of us have support systems – at home and at work – that contribute to our success. All too often, they are invisible and taken for granted. Take some time to recognize and acknowledge your personal unsung heroes. See them – really see them. Thank them. Without them, you are incomplete.

