

THE ACORN

Official Publication of Oakwood Glen Homeowners Association

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's October again. A time where it can be in the 50's at night and the 90's during the day. When it is not even Halloween yet and the stores are putting up their Christmas decorations. This is a busy month for the board of directors.

You may have noticed the new rocks near the front sign at the Stuebner-Airline entrance. These were placed to discourage cars and trucks from driving over the curb and damaging the landscaping and sprinkler system and to better protect the sign itself.

The board continues to address deed restriction violations and overdue maintenance fees. We recently retained a new lawyer and we are very happy with the work he has done so far. We hope to be able to close deed restriction violations and recover overdue payments more quickly. If your account is delinquent and you would like to discuss a payment plan to bring your account current please contact our office at 281-251-1017.

The Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday October 27, 2012 at 2:00PM at the Clubhouse in the back park. We mailed out the ballots last month so please come to the meeting and vote. If we do not have the 90 ballots/proxy's for a quorum we will reschedule the Annual meeting for November when we will try it again.

Director Gaynell Lira now chairs the Deed Restriction committee. The committee will review all violations and make recommendations to the board as to the action required to resolve the violation. Anyone interested in joining the Deed Restriction committee should contact Gaynell at gaynell.lira@oakwoodglen.net.

Director Barbara Yates now chairs the Finance Committee. Anyone interested in joining the Finance committee should contact Barbara at barbarayates@oakwoodglen.net.

Please visit our website at www.oakwoodglen.net for the latest information and to download ACC forms, by-laws, etc.

Oakwood Glen Park Rules

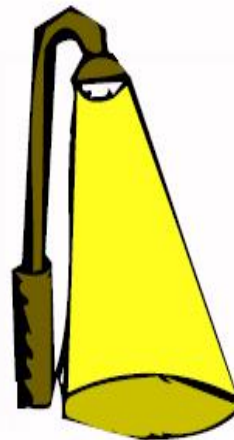
FOR A SAFE AND PLEASANT PARK EXPERIENCE,
PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- No motorized vehicles
- No littering
- No unleashed pets
- Clean up after pets
- No alcoholic beverages
- No glass containers
- No fireworks or discharging of firearms
- Do not disturb the wildlife
- Caution – Beware of snakes
- Caution – Be careful in off-trail areas; footing can be hazardous



Pumpkin Photo Contest

Are you planning to carve a really cool pumpkin this Halloween? Send a photo to acorn@oakwoodglen.net and we will pick a winner and post the photo in next month's Acorn.



Street Lights Outages?

<http://www.oakwoodglen.net/streetlights>
or
713-207-2222

Please get the number off the pole
and the closet address.

Directors

Greg Gillis.....Vice President
Barbara Yates.....Treasurer
Paislea Wallstein.....Secretary
Ken Foster.....Director/Security
Patty Inzana.....Director/Club House
Paulie Nichols.....Director/Capital Improvements
Gaynell Lira.....Director/Deed Restrictions
Janet Rolston.....Director/Notary Public

See www.oakwoodglen.net/contacts for email addresses

Important Numbers

Oakwood Glen Association
17902 Hawk Haven
Spring, TX 77379
281-251-1017 Office
281-251-5158 FAX

Acorn Editor:acorn@oakwoodglen.net
Webmaster:webmaster@oakwoodglen.net

Animal Control 281-999-3191
Back Park Clubhouse Rental..... 281-655-1451
Barbara Bush Library..... 281-286-4610
Harris County Sherriff (non emergency)..... 281-221-6000
Comm. Jerry Eversole..... www.cp4.hctx.net
Field Reservation (Back Park)..... 281-296-9775
MUD Building Co-ordinator..... 281-251-5822
Republic Trash Service..... 281-446-2030
Hayes Utility (Water/Sewer)..... 281-353-9756
Poison Control1-800-222-1222
Police, Fire & Ambulance (Emergency)..... 911

KlebFest

Festival & Holiday Marketplace
Save the date for the KlebFest Festival and Holiday Marketplace to be held on Saturday, December 1.
Please contact Susan Lidback (lidbacks@yahoo.com) for vendor and sponsor information. Spots are filling!

Halloween Safety

For Kids

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Never go trick-or-treating alone.
- Never go inside a stranger's house to get treats. Stay outside at a safe distance.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Carry a glow stick or flashlight to make sure people see you and you can see them.
- Have your parents check all treats before you eat them. Don't eat candy if the package is already opened.

For Adults

- Help your child choose a safe costume. A safe costume should be fireproof or fire retardant. It should also be brightly colored or treated with reflective tape, and should not be a tripping hazard. Masks should allow for clear vision.
- Make sure a responsible adult is with your young children when they go trick-or-treating.
- If children will be going trick-or-treating alone, set a safe route and a time for them to be home. Have them check in with you at regular intervals.
- If you are driving, make sure to drive slowly and safely.
- Check all treats before allowing your child to eat them. Allow children to eat only unopened treats and those in their original wrapper.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your area law enforcement.

Emergencies

Who Do I Call?

Call the Harris County Sherriff's Office at 713-221-6000 for non-emergencies.

Police, Fire and Ambulance Emergencies are 911 calls!!

Architectural Control Approval

Don't Fix Your home Without One!

An Architectural Control Approval Request Form must be submitted for any changes to the exterior of the structures on your property. The purpose of requiring approval is to preserve the character and harmony of the residences in our community.

Alterations and improvements requiring approval include, but are not limited to, painting, re-roofing, new windows, masonry, siding, room additions, patio roofs, walkways, driveways and fences.

An application form can be found on the website at www.oakwoodglen.net/acc. A survey plat is often required with your application form. You should have received a survey plat when you purchased your home. The title company that processed your home purchase should also have one.

Alterations without approval may result in a cease and desist notice stopping work until approval is obtained. If you are unsure a request form is necessary, send an email to accrequest@oakwoodglen.net or send a request just to be covered.

The completed application is to be sent to the address is on the form or you can drop it in the clubhouse mailbox in the back park.

Send your Photo's

If you have pictures of you and your family at work or play, volunteering or pursuing interests above and beyond, please submit them to acorn@oakwoodglen.net. We would love to show you or your children for all your neighbors to see!

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions filed under Harris County Clerk's File No. E624197; Article VII, Section 15.; states "No trucks, trailers, boats, or any vehicle other than passenger cars will be permitted to park on streets or drives in front of residence for longer that a forty-eight (48) hour period."

Restrictions filed under Harris County Clerk's File No. F395956; Article VIII, Section 7, part (d) states "No truck, bus, motor home, boat or trailer shall be left parked in or on the street adjacent to any lot, or in the driveway or on any other portion or any such Lot exposed to public view (except for construction or repair equipment, only while a house or houses are being built or repaired in the immediate vicinity), unless such vehicle is in day-to-day use off the premises and such parking is only temporary, from day-to-day; provided however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the storage of an unused vehicle in an enclosed garage on an Lot."

Do Not Place Messages on Traffic Signs

There is a sticker on the back of approved traffic signs. It reads:

STATE LAW
V.T.C.A. 6701d-11, SEC. 14
ANY PERSON WHO SHALL DEFACE,
INJURE, KNOCK DOWN OR REMOVE
ANY SIGN SHALL BE GUILTY
OF A MISDEMEANOR.
JERRY EVERSOLE COMMISSIONER
HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT #4

This message applies to messages or signs posted, by residents, to either the traffic sign or its pole. Those apprehended will face a fine of \$250!

OAKWOOD GLEN CALENDAR

October 16-Board Meeting - Back Park Club House-7PM
October 27-Annual Meeting - Back Park Club House-2 PM
November 20-Board meeting - Back Park Club House-7 PM

REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC CARD KEY FOR FRONT PARK

RESIDENT/HOMEOWNER _____

ADDRESS _____, SPRING, TEXAS 77379

TYPE OF ID PRESENTED: ____ DRIVERS LICENSE (No) _____

UTILITY BILL ____

OTHER TYPE: (IDENTIFY) _____

PERSON APPROVING: _____

PRINTED NAME (person approving): _____

KEY NUMBER: _____

PERSON ACCEPTING KEY (MUST BE OVER 21) _____

Notes: _____

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS: This key is provided by OAKWOOD GLEN ASSOCIATION to the party named above at the address shown above. This key provides access to the park and pool located at 7102 Oakwood Glen Boulevard, Spring, Texas 77379. Access hours PARK: 7:00 A.M. TO 12 MIDNIGHT; POOL: 11:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M., DURING THE SEASON ONLY.

If the key is lost or stolen you MUST notify the management company, shown below, within 48 hours of knowledge of the event of loss or theft.

An additional key (maximum of 2 per address) may be purchased for \$25.00 per key. This is a purchase and is not refundable upon return of the key. In the event that you request more than 1 additional key the first key(s) issued will be de-activated and only two (2) keys will be active for any address.

You must be current on all maintenance dues and be a member in good standing in order to receive a key. Maintenance dues are payable to OAKWOOD GLEN ASSOCIATION, at the address shown below.

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KEEPING PETS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

With Halloween fast approaching, pet owners are encouraged to consider their pets when planning their Halloween activities.

Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) Veterinary Public Health Division, offers some tips on pet safety:

- Keep all dogs and cats inside – in a quiet room. Don't take your pet trick-or-treating. He may not be welcome or happy at an organized party. Outside pets can become the victim of cruel pranksters. Bring your pet in the house.
- When the doorbell rings, don't let your pet go to the door. Costumes, loud noises, and a parade of strangers can be upsetting for pets and they could easily slip out of the door while you are handing out candy. Frightened pets can get away from us and become confused and lost.
- Don't feed any candy to your pet. Some types of candy, especially chocolate, can cause life-threatening illness.
- Make sure all decorations, lights, and candles are well out of the reach of curious noses and excited tails.
- Make sure your pet wears current identification at all times. Don't take chances.

Shelters traditionally suspend black cat adoptions around Halloween. If you own a black cat, take extra precautions to protect your pet during this season. A little extra care and the holiday can be safe for you and your pet.

For more information go to www.hcphes.org/vph or call 281-999-3191. To see pictures of pets available for adoption visit www.countypets.com



PARKING ON THE STREET

When parking on the street, make sure your vehicle is parked facing the flow of traffic, no more than 18" from the curb, pursuant to Texas Transportation Code 545.303. If possible not directly behind you neighbor's driveway; this makes it

difficult for them to back out of their driveway. When having a large get together, where there will be large number of cars parked on both sides of the street, be mindful that emergency vehicles, (ie: Fire Trucks, Ambulances) cannot get down the street. This could be detrimental to life and property. Most streets in Oakwood Glen are not wide enough to allow parking on both sides.

SAFETY TIP:

Just as you check your house door to make sure it's locked before you go to bed, also check you vehicles and garage door. Do not leave valuables (ie: bicycles, lawn mowers and children's toys) outside. These are easy pickings for a thief. DON'T make it easy for a thief. If it's too much work, chances are the thief will go elsewhere.

The Acorn Project

We are looking for old copies of the Acorn Newsletter. If you have old copies please email acorn@oakwoodglen.net and let us know which month and year editions you have. We would like to make arrangements to borrow your copy so we can scan it and add it to the website. We will return all borrowed copies. We need all Acorns prior to 2005.

House Numbers

Just a reminder for those of us who don't have numbers on our mailboxes or curb. Emergency vehicles or visitors may not be able to find your home or it could make it more difficult for them to find your home. Please either mark your mailbox or curb on street so these emergency people or visitors can find your home.

CALLING ALL VETERANS, VETERAN FAMILIES AND RELATIVES!!!

The Oakwood Glen Acorn would very much like to pay respect to those in our subdivision who are serving in the military in our November issue. We need your help to gather the information necessary to list all of the names of these heroes.

Please email the following information to acorn@oakwoodglen.net.

We need the following:

Name, Branch of Service, rank of any of our neighbors who have served in the military.

Name, Branch of Service, rank and location of those who are currently serving in the military.

Name, branch of service, rank of the young adults who have grown up in our neighborhood who have served or are serving in the military.

Please include a service photo if available.

Also any special stories one would like to share (published as space allows) regarding their “veteran”.

SILENCE BARKING DOGS

Dog owners you have a responsibility to rein in your barking and yapping canines. If you have outdoor dogs or simply put them outdoors when you go off to work, remember your neighbors who live around you and hear the constant barking. Hopefully this issue can be resolved with a simple dialogue and you taking the steps to put a stop to the problem. If not, there is legal recourse for those suffering from the incessant barking.

A complaint can be filed, a court hearing arranged and if found guilty, a \$150 fine per dog, per incident can be assessed! True, this should be the last resort, but pay heed it can happen and has with those who have turned a deaf ear to dog and neighbor's pleas. All of us who love dogs understand, but responsibility comes with ownership.

SIMPLE SAVES LIVES

Three simple commands can save lives. Most of us lack the medical expertise to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Time is the enemy when someone is experiencing the onset of this deadly condition. All of us can recognize a stroke by asking the person in distress the following:

- * SMILE
- * RAISE BOTH ARMS
- * SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE

If there is trouble performing these commands, Call 911. Facial weakness, arm weakness, and speech problems are indicative of a Stroke. Researchers firmly believe that public awareness will lead to quicker diagnosis and prevention of brain damage.

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G. Warren, District Commander
District 1 Patrol

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PATROL BUREAU

OAKWOOD GLEN CONTRACT

09/01/2012 through 09/30/2012

	R. Tomte	Others	Monthly Total
Accident/Minor	0	1	1
Alarm Local	0	4	4
Assault/Agg	0	1	1
Burg/Other	0	2	2
Contract Check	211	2	213
CreditCard Abuse	0	1	1
Crim Mischief	0	2	2
Dist/Family	1	2	3
Dist/Juvenile	0	2	2
Dist/Other	1	5	6
Drug/OD/Poss	0	2	2
Follow Up	0	1	1
Meet the Citizen	6	3	9
Meet the Officer	0	1	1
Prop Found/Lost	1	0	1
Susp Person	1	2	3
Telephone/Harras	0	1	1
Veh Suspicious	0	1	1
Welfare Check	0	1	1
Total	221	34	255