

# Acorn



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## OAKWOOD GLEN ASSOCIATION

### February Board Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Oakwood Glen Association took place Feb. 11, 7:30 PM, at the Park Pavilion. Seven Board members; Stella Walleck, Community Manager; Lonnie Clover, architect; attorney for Oakwood Glen; and six interested residents attended.

Maintenance & Development Committee reported (1) a list has been compiled of things to do in the Rec. area before the pool opens. Persons who would like to do some of the minor jobs are welcome to help. (2) In the park area, severe vandalism occurred around the first of the month. The pavilion lock was destroyed, the meter box smashed, the AC turned upside down and a rod stuck through it, and the phone box was torn from the back wall. This destruction is costly to all of us in OWG as well as disappointing. (3) Field reservations have been coming in. ALL weeknights have at least one group reserved and many nights have more than one.

For the Security Report by Dave Gleason see related article.

Kathy Baumgartner, Deed Restrictions, reported nine new violations, three certified letters, one with attorney, and one holding. Drive-through was on Jan. 23, 1992.

Antoinette Mattaliano, Pool Use Director, reported that pool tags have been ordered. The door to the acid room has been repaired and the trash has been hauled off.

Judy Peplinski, Activities Director, reported that the OWG Easter Parade and Egg Hunt plans are underway. She requested \$500 which was budgeted for the event to make preparations. See related article.

For the Water Board Report by Rick Corbin see related article.

Julie Crider, New Residents, reported silently that eight new packets were handed out and more are yet to be delivered.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 7:30 PM at the Park Pavilion. As an Oakwood Glen homeowner, you have a right to attend each and every meeting, to voice concerns, ask questions, make comments, and/or complaints. Exercise your rights! As always, all residents are welcome. See you there.

### Oakwood Glen Directory



Thank you to all you Block Captains for delivering the ACORN in such a timely manner and spending extra time doing distribution and collection of the directory forms.

Residents, if you have not received a directory form and would like to be listed in the new directory to be printed later this year, please come to 17634 Seven Pines. The forms are on the porch and you can fill it out and drop it in the box right there.

If you are a block captain and have collected forms, you need to turn them in ASAP. The deadline for all forms is Mar. 10, 1992. If you have any questions, please call Kathy, 370-9680. We need help from everyone to make the new directory project a successful one.

### Dates To Remember

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| March 10    | Oakwood Glen Assoc. Board Meeting<br>7:30 PM, Back Park<br>ACORN Deadline<br>Primary Elections, 7 AM - 7 PM |
| March 11    | Planning Meeting for Easter Parade<br>7:30 PM, Park Pavilion  |
| March 12    | Babysitting Co-op<br>Judy Peplinski's home  |
| March 16-20 | KISD Spring Break   |
| March 18    | Ladies Night Out<br>Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ  |
| April 5     | Easter Egg-stravaganza & Egg Hunt<br>3 PM (See Article)   |
| April 24-26 | Annual Used BookSale<br>Friends of the Library, Cypress Creek Lib.  |



### Security Report

This past month a number of vehicles were entered and various items, including firearms, were taken. Additionally, a car was stolen.

Many of the stolen items, including some of the firearms, and the stolen vehicle have been recovered.

To some extent, carelessness of the residents contributed to the unlawful entries because the vehicles were generally unlocked. The stolen car was unlocked with the keys left in the ignition.

We have a very good deputy constable in Officer Barnes, but he still needs the assistance of residents in securing their vehicles and homes. Simple precautions such as locking doors, windows, and closing garage doors go a long way to prevent the "easy" thefts.

Please secure your possessions; don't make it easy for those people who would like to take your possessions away from you.

February, 1992, in OWG: 1 felony arrest, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 18 traffic citations, and 30 traffic warnings. Miles driven were 1400.

### Articles For the ACORN

Please submit any articles for the ACORN that contain dates or information for the very first of the month at least two months prior to the event. It can be included in the month prior to the event with a reminder in the month in which it occurs..

Our publisher needs 15 working days to get the completed ACORN back to us. And we depend on volunteer block captains to distribute the finished product. Although we usually have no problems, following this procedure will insure that your information will get to residents before the event.



## Ladies Night Out—Wednesday

All women of the subdivision are invited to take the night off Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 PM for an evening of fun and good food at the Valley Ranch Grill and BBQ. The restaurant is located on SH 249 at Spring-Cypress in the Kroger shopping center, behind the Mobile station.

The group meets the third Wednesday of each month. Keep watching the *ACORN* each month for details. See you there!

## Babysitting Co-op News

The babysitting Co-op meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in a member's home. The March 12 meeting will be at the home of Judy Peplinski and the April 9 meeting will be at Kathy Burns'.

For more information about the Co-op or to join, call Pat, 376-0574, or Antoinette, 376-7219. Several openings are available.



## KHS Band News

**Booster Bash:** Come one, come all to Klein Band's Booster Bash III Saturday, March 7, 9 AM - 5 PM. There's something for everyone: Giant garage sale, 9 AM; children's games/prizes, 10 AM; silent auction 1:30 - 3 PM, Daisy Dump, 1:30 PM, --a \$2 donation for a chance at a \$1,000 gift certificate from Willowbrook Mall (tickets available in advance); live auction 3 - 5 PM; door prizes; food; and MORE!

All activities will be on outdoor campus, behind Klein Memorial Stadium, Lyons Rd. off Stuebner-Airline & Louetta, rain or shine. For more information & Daisy Dump tickets, call 251-4457.

**KHS Band Musicians Selected For Honors:** A total of 37 Klein HS Band students were selected to district, region, area, and state bands through a series of auditions held by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA). Three students made the Area and State Bands and performed at the TMEA convention in San Antonio, Feb. 5-8. Oakwood Glen resident **Kathy Carroll**, flute, was selected for Region Band I.



## Coupon/Refunders Club News

Looking for ways to save \$\$\$ and stretch your food budget? Join the Coupon/Refunders Club and discover thousands of coupons and refund forms, good conversation, and tips on how and where to save money in our area. Bring unwanted coupons and newspaper inserts to exchange. Call Julie, 370-2388, for information on meeting time and place.



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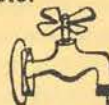
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## Park Pavilion Remodeling

At the end of 1991 a committee of any interested residents was started to organize remodeling of the park pavilion. This committee continues to work on the project. Drawings were finalized and a contract has been awarded to Irby Construction Company to begin construction as soon as possible. All bids were reviewed and the Board voted at the homeowners meeting on Feb. 11. Irby Construction gave a bid of \$72,427 plus hardware. The bid does not include kitchen appliances nor any betterment allowance. Stella Walleck, Community Manager, will coordinate with the Association lawyer for the payment process and actual contract. By spring we hope to have a new pavilion for OWG residents' meetings and activities. The Committee also has agreed to put the parking lot re-surfacing on hold. The bids to install concrete were considered excessive (\$36-38,000). A suggestion to apply asphalt for \$16-18,000 will be reviewed after the construction is complete.



## Water Board News

The Harris County Municipal Utility District #24 recently passed a resolution increasing the tax exemption for persons over 65 or disabled. This new exemption will bring our district more in line with districts in our area. The old exemption for over 65 or disabled was \$15,000 per valuation and will be increased to \$25,000 upon ratification. This exemption will begin in the 1993 tax year.

The work on the sewer repair under Windy Point in the subdivision entry has been delayed due to ongoing inclement weather. Work will proceed as soon as the ground has had sufficient time to dry. The delay is warranted as settling might occur if new sewer pipe was placed in a wet environment. The Board would like to remind residents that little if any traffic disruption will occur as the work is undertaken. Repair will be done in half street segments to prevent inconvenience to Oakwood Glen residents.



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## Thanks from the Tennis Players

A big round of thanks to Tim Morneau for taking on the large task of fixing up the tennis courts. We appreciate very much the time you put into this badly needed project. The results show just how big a job it really was.

**Reminder to all tennis players:** The tennis courts are your responsibility to keep clean and help take care of. Please report any needed repairs as you notice them.

## OOPS, We Forgot!

As so often happens, when we conclude a large event and pass out the thanks, someone gets left out. This time we did on a grand scale and left out a whole group!

Sheetarah Campfire Girls, we apologize for overlooking you and your help with the Halloween party. We truly appreciate all your hard work and help. **A BIG THANKS to Jennifer Saunders, Wendi Saunders, Holly Saunders, Jennifer Nygen, and Renee Hill.**

*(Publisher also apologizes for missing it in the Feb. issue!)*



## Recycling Update

As most experts acknowledge, America is in a "garbage crisis." More than 70 % of our trash is now being buried in the 5500 active landfills across the country which are reaching capacity with few new ones approved. It is expected that tipping fees (which garbage collection companies pay operators of landfills, based on tonnage) will increase drastically in the next few years. Informed sources report that Harris County's tipping fees will increase 4 times over current charges soon. Our garbage company currently uses a landfill in the Conroe area. Monthly we deposit 65-75 tons of compacted garbage (imagine a quantity of waste that would fill one approximately 2000-sq.ft. house!), 45% of which could be reduced with an aggressive recycling program.

Percentages of different materials per volume in our nation's landfills are: paper, 50%; plastic, 10%; metal, 6%; glass, 1%; organic (wood, yard waste & food scraps), 13%-- Texas yard waste is estimated to comprise 17%; and miscellaneous (construction and demolition debris, tires, textiles, rubber and disposable diapers which make up 0.8%), 20%. This figure does not reflect the amount of hazardous household waste tossed in the

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## OWGA Annual Easter "Egg-stravaganza"

Come join us Sunday, April 5, for the Annual Oakwood Glen Easter Parade and Egg Hunt. The parade begins at 3 PM at the corner of White Tail Drive and Seven Pines Drive. The parade route follows White Tail to the back park for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Bunny will be there to lead the parade. No motorized vehicles allowed. Decorate your bike, trike, wagon, or stroller and join in the fun. Bring your camera and your Easter basket.

We need help for preparation before and during this event. We must plan for more than 300 children, which means more than 900 eggs! HELP! Please volunteer to help stuff or hide eggs. Call Judy Peplinski, 370-2617. Come to your planning meeting Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 PM in the back park.

## Recycle (continued)

trash. Toxic cleaning chemicals, nail polish and polish remover, used oil, degreasers, paints, pesticides and fertilizers are but a few of the chemicals that require special handling before disposal so that they do not pollute water resources with deadly chemicals.

That trash in a landfill decomposes rapidly is a myth. Recent excavations revealed startling facts: Guacamole thrown out in 1967, leaves raked in 1964, lumber from 1952, a steak 1976 complete with attached fat, and 40- year old newspapers still legible-- all survived in recognizable form because little air, vital for decomposition, circulates around waste material in a landfill.

Our recycling committee is currently investigating viable programs for subdivision recycling. **If you believe in recycling and want to help, please call Yvonne Tallent, 370-0938** for upcoming meeting dates and times.

Until a subdivision program is available, some collection sites for certain recyclables are available in our area:

**Shannon Forest subdivision**--glass and aluminum, 2nd weekend

**Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church**--newspaper, aluminum cans, computer paper, 1st Sat. of the month

**Girl Scout truck @ Kleb Interm.**--newspaper, corrugated cardboard, brn. paper bags, aluminum cans, 1st full weekend of the month

**Kroger on Kuykendahl**--aluminum cans, plastic (#1's & 2's)

**Fiesta on FM 1960W**--glass, plastic (1's & 2's), scrap metal, newspapers

Remember: **REDUCE WASTE: REUSE, RECYCLE!** We do not own the earth; we hold it in trust for our children and grandchildren.

Source for national data on landfills: National Geographic, May 1991.



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**Articles** for the ACORN need to be turned in as early in the month as possible. **DOUBLE SPACE ALL COPY.** The deadline is the 10th of each month. No material can be accepted after that date. For information, please call me, Ramona Wenzel, 376-4415.

**Residents** of Oakwood Glen who wish to place a classified ad in the *Acorn* should contact the editor, Ramona Wenzel, 376-4415. All classified ads will be limited to three lines, and businesses will be charged \$5 (cash only) in advance. Teenagers, lost and found, and garage sale one-line ads will be free. The placement deadline is the 10th of each month. For larger, sponsor ads, please call JSJ Publishing, 370-1177 or 376-6311.

**Attention, Residents** -- The newsletter is furnished to us free of any cost to the subdivision. The cost is born by the sponsors who place ads in the *ACORN*. Please use their products and/or services whenever you can. If not enough businesses are willing to advertise in the *ACORN*, we would have to pay for it from Association funds or simply not have a newsletter.

## Political Party Primaries Are March 10

Both Republican and Democrat primaries will be held Tuesday, March 10. Polls are open 7 AM to 7 PM. Oakwood Glen votes at Ehrhardt. Your new voter registration cards (blue) were mailed in February. For more information, contact Harold Brick, Republican Precinct 477 Chairman, 376-5367.

Early Voting in person began in February continues until March 6. Polls are open 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Friday. Beginning Feb 29 through March 6 polls are open 7 AM - 7 PM except Sunday, March 1, when hours are 1 - 6 PM. All residents in this area may vote at either the Cypress Creek Branch Library or the downtown courthouse annex.

Texas has "open" voter registration: one does not register as a member of a political party. You may only vote in ONE party primary, however. Voting in more than one party primary during one election is a criminal offense.

Plan to attend your party's precinct convention, held election day, March 10, after the polls close at 7 PM at the polling place. These conventions elect delegates to their respective party district and state conventions and, ultimately, to the national conventions. They also pass resolutions that may become part of the party platform. To be part of the political process, attend your precinct convention where the whole process begins.

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