



OAKWOOD GLEN STEPS UP FOR KATRINA EVACUEES

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We all watched the scenes of New Orleans and the devastation that was visited on the people there. Two of our community leaders searched the surrounding hotels and motels for families that had evacuated ahead of the storm. They found several great families, extended families, husbands and wives, with fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters. These were families that had homes and jobs in New Orleans, they had sufficient money to stay at the hotel for a short period of time. Their thinking was that when the storm passed they would return to New Orleans and their lives.

- 2 When they did return they found that everything that they had was gone, their house, their jobs and this impacted not only them but their extended families as well. I thought about the process of leaving your home for a storm thinking that you would re-
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turn, repair and pick up the pieces but I never thought about having nothing to return to. The members of this community spent time, energy and money to aid these families. Carrie Fraleigh, Elana Davenport and Maureen Harris together with numerous other girl scout mothers, worked tirelessly to find clothes, food and shelter for these families. So far all have been placed in homes and apartments. One family, with 3 children, got my attention. These are hardworking honest people who had lives and futures in New Orleans that they thought they would be returning to until the pictures on the television showed that there was nothing to go back to. I wanted to help this family and brought the matter to the board. With the support of the board,

by unanimous vote we decided that helping one family was something we could do. We have numerous rental houses in this community. One of those houses is across the street from me and had 4 bedrooms. This home would be perfect for this hard working family. It was voted that the Association, your Association, would rent this house until the end of the year so the family and the children could get registered in school and try to re-build their lives. I will be applying to FEMA for reimbursement of as much of the rent as we can get. Other members of the community are picking up the tab for utilities and we are asking for contributions from our members, voluntary, which can be used to help this family rebuild a future. If you would like to contribute

please send your check to OWG Katrina Fund c/o John L. Hill, 17726 Mellow Ridge Dr., Spring, Texas 77379. The husband and father of this family want to stay here and start their own business, if you have general work around the house, clean up debris, painting, small repairs, carpentering needs please contact me and I will have them get in touch with you. I want to finish painting the clubhouse and will be presenting to the board the idea that we have Jerome Jones and his dad provide the labor. Thank you all for your support and your kindness to all of the evacuees from New Orleans.

John L Hill

Oakwood Glen Yard of the Month

THANK YOU !!!

TOMMY TOPACIO

7003 HUNTBROOK DR



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Date: September 13 **Time:** 7PM **Place:** Back Park

The September board meeting was attended by all directors and 14 residents. First order of business was The Constable Report by Constable Truck Diaz. (See separate article.) Before serious discussions began, President Hill noted the new interior paint colors of "sumptuous peach," "chrysanthemum" and trim of "alluring white." Volunteers helped John Hill do the actual painting. The Club House at the moment is filled with donations of clothing, shoes, furniture and food that our Girl Scouts and OWG homeowners have collected to distribute to Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

President Hill commended our Girl Scout leaders, Carrie Fraleigh and Elana Davenport for initiating and directing a monumental neighborhood assistance program that now involves dozens of volunteers currently assisting 14 families Hurricane Katrina survivors. (See separate article for details.) The Board, in keeping with this spirit of generosity and desire to help, voted unanimously to underwrite rental of a lease home in our subdivision. This will be done with a written contract and the family will reimburse our Homeowner's upon receipt of federal assistance money.

Other matters residents voiced concern on:

1. J&S Trash Service-Complaints on them leaving a trail of debris on the streets on pickup days. This will be investigated.
2. Pool Conditions this Season-Lifeguards and pool cleanliness a concern. Discussion continues on exploring alternative options for next summer.
3. Director Lira announced that dramatic improvements are ongoing at "the dentist office" near our subdivision entrance.
4. September 16th a Budget Committee will meet at the Back Park at 7PM. The fiscal year runs Jan.-Dec. but assessment bills start going out in October. This year alone there is a total of \$23,000 in unpaid assess-

ment fees. Issues on budgetary items and time and payment arrangements of fees will be discussed. Details will follow in future Acorn.

The proposed Bylaw changes have been received from our attorney. This proposal with a cover letter explaining changes will be mailed to all homeowners. The Board wants **EVERYONE** to have "ample opportunity" to review and ask questions. The goal is to have no confusion when voting as this will be the legal document governing our community on file with the county. Come to the October Board meeting if you have questions. ***The proxy for voting at the **NO-VEMBER ANNUAL MEETING** will include the vote on the Bylaws and three open board positions.

Other business:

Card key system still in bid stage.

Fountains need repair and possible replacement at Front Park and Back Park. This is being evaluated.

Discussion on continued adult use of the pool after school starts. -Staff Reporter

DIRECTORS NEEDED

Every year three director positions turn over on the board. Individuals are needed to run for these positions. If you are willing to assist your community, please step forward. There are two methods to have your name entered on the ballot, or to be considered for the board. (1.) Contact the nominating committee - Director Michael Harris, 281.370.5056 or mjhmh5@sbcglobal.net. Or (2.) Nominations can be accepted at the annual meeting. Just be aware, if you select the second method, your name will not be on the proxy ballot mailed to all eligible homeowners prior to the meeting, and your name may not come before all of the eligible voters.

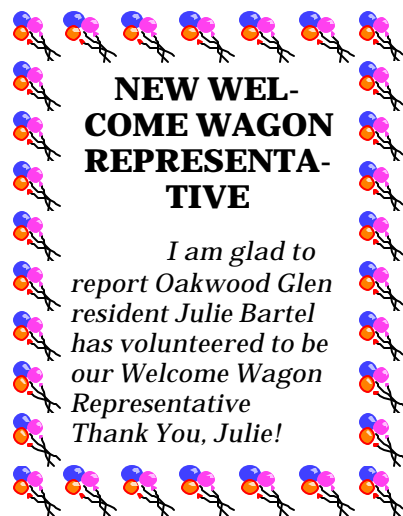
GAYNELL LIRA

I have been a resident of Oakwood Glen for 27 years. I have presently been on the board for two years, currently holding the position of Treasurer. We have accomplished many things for our community and we are still working on projects that will affect the amenities of our community. This will keep us a marketable community for selling of our homes whenever that may be. I worked on the removal of the dumpster issue at the apartments on Oakwood Glen. It took three months to resolve this issue, but it was finally completed. I continue to work on the burned building at the entrance to our community. I have received help from the Health Department, but presently, this ongoing issue is not resolved. I was Co-Chair of our recent July 4th Parade. During my tenure on the board and as a resident homeowner I have assisted in numerous community functions.

I am employed with a commercial real estate management company, so I understand many things in keeping with the financial aspect as well as the marketing of our community. I would appreciate your vote so I can be part of the ongoing issues that remain to be resolved.

Luis Romano

It is difficult to condense a great life of almost 49 years into a short biography. I would like you all to know I was born in Argentina where I served in the army. I was wounded in The Falklands War in 1982. In 1983, I moved to Spring, Texas as a foreign exchange student. I received my B.A. in Economics and B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Houston in 1989. My wife, Lara, and I have been married 14 years. We moved to OWG in 1995. I opened my own transportation business in 1991 and am proud to say the company is now in 64 countries. In 2001, I became a United States citizen. I learned from my parents and through the years with Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout in 1972) that we have a duty to serve and help others. I ask for the chance to serve and bring my energy to the Oakwood Glen Board. I ask for your vote.



OAKWOOD GLEN SOCCER TEAM NEWS!!!!

Soccer season is underway. The Oakwood Glen Strikers played their first game last Saturday. Their first game was tied 1-1 when it was called due to rain. They won the second game 4-2. Games are played at Meyer Park-Field 6. Take

a folding chair and join the cheering section!
10/1 8:00AM



BARBARA BUSH LIBRARY—October—no information available this month



HATS OFF!

The burnt out dentist office that has been an eyesore for some time at the front of our subdivision is getting a makeover-FI NALLY! This is in no small part the result of Director Gaynelle Lira's persis-

tence. Her tireless efforts with the owner, Health Dept. and various other contacts have finally affected change. Gaynelle had previously used her expertise in resolving the dumpster issue at the apartments adjacent to our Front Park. Thank you Director Lira from all of your neighbors. -M.Harris



OAKWOOD GLEN CALENDAR



What is Dracula's favorite ice cream?



Vein-illa!

October 10-No School-Student Holiday

October 11-Board Meeting Back Park-7PM

October 20-Deed Restriction Meet-

ing-7PM*

October 31-Halloween

November 8-Board Meeting Back Park-7PM

November 17-Deed Restriction Meeting -7PM*

November 11-Veteran's Day

November 24-Thanksgiving

*** Location will be announced on Marquee**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following committees need volunteers. If you can help, call Elana Davenport at 281-376-8639.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

ACTIVITIES

WELCOME WAGON

FIRST AID TIPS

The other day my husband encountered a very angry red wasp that decided to defend his turf at the paper-recycling bin. I can't say size won, as a big red welt almost immediately appeared and caused a grown man to flee the scene.

What to do to help ease the pain? First thing, find Benedryl, next thought check the Internet for some sort of hint on quick relief.

Yes, Mother Earth News.com! Subject: Bees and other Bugs.

"Let's start with the bee or wasp sting you didn't count on but now have. Two simple remedies are effective, depending on the type of sting. If it's a bee sting, prepare a paste of baking soda and water and apply to the area. Bee stings contain formic acid, so and alkaline baking soda helps to neutralize them. If on the other hand you've been stung by a wasp, reach for some vinegar. Vinegar contains acetic acid and will help to neutralize the wasp's more alkaline sting."

Great! No trip to Walgreen's - just simply opening the refrigerator door to access

the vinegar. A quick debate on the choice of cider vinegar or white vinegar and then just grabbing one, as the victim's distress grew louder. A small cup, a quick pour, and almost immediate relief by simply "marinating," excuse me, "soaking" the swollen finger. The Benedryl kicked in later and had the patient quietly napping on the couch for most of the afternoon-much to my relief!

M.Harris -

LENDING A HAND

Last month I wrote an article for The Acorn on "A Global Lesson." It was what we all could learn from a recent news story about countries uniting to save seven Russian sailors trapped on a mini sub in the Bering Sea. I never imagined several weeks later that the worst natural disaster any of us have ever seen would occur here along the Gulf Coast.

All of us watched in stunned disbelief as Mother Nature all but wiped out New Orleans and severely damaged other parts of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. As expected, criticism and finger pointing came quickly. Countering this knee jerk reaction, an unprecedented national outreach and desire to lend a hand caught hold and even now continues to spread. Red Cross donations have poured in and will hopefully be dispersed to all that need financial assistance. We can be proud that our home state of Texas has taken the lead and put out the welcome mat to people impacted by Katrina. Houston has been a shining example of what big hearts can do when put to the test.

This spirit of generosity, I am glad to report, is very evident here in Oakwood Glen. Girl Scout leader, Carrie Fraleigh, is leading our own community involvement. She reached out and discovered a large group of evacuees from New Orleans staying at Spring Travel Lodge. Through her efforts and call to action, members of Girl Scout Troop 11119 provided meals and started our neighborhood drive for essential items such as food and clothing. The Back Park Clubhouse, for the moment, resembles a way

station for the Salvation Army. Word of our combined relief efforts has spread and relatives, faraway friends, adjacent subdivisions and churches in the area have located furniture, toys, household goods and school supplies. Carrie's Girl Scouts hosted a picnic at the Back Park so all the evacuees could relax away from the confines of cramped motel rooms. Those of us helping got to meet these folks and hear their stories. Most in this group left on the first call for evacuation. They had done it before; they knew the drill. They had a plan, packed a change of clothes and toothbrush. Helplessly they watched the devastation play out hour-by-hour, day-by-day, 24/7, as the levees collapsed and water washed away their homes, livelihoods and lifetimes. Family members in this group are still missing. Days now are spent making phone calls searching for relatives, filling out countless forms for FEMA and Red Cross, and ultimately deciding to stay in place or make their way back to rebuild. Those of us trying to help urged going to the downtown shelters where experts could clarify and expedite the assistance process. None chose to leave this area. Trust has been placed in hands that initially reached out in the darkness.

Lending a hand through our community has been contagious. A chain of one hand reaching out has been quickly caught and held by another ready to give. Churches like Champion Baptist, Resurrection Lutheran, Spring Tabernacle, and St. Dunstan's Episcopal have all joined us. Friends nearby and far away have sent gift cards, donated funds for appliances and still scour the area for permanent homes and updated assistance information. Some have even stepped up and miraculously located and reunited one mother here with her children who had been separated and living at a shelter in Natchez, Mississippi.

Efforts continue and we all

know there is no overnight fix for this Mother lode of misery. Oakwood Glen has helped one family move into a rental home in OWG, another family is in Cypressdale and still others will be moving into Spring Oaks Apartments. Children are getting back to normalcy and are attending Klein Schools.

These survivors are a true microcosm of New Orleans. They are proud, hard working people who want to somehow express their gratitude. One man who has found a home is ready to move furniture in his truck anytime we need him. Others, who know the secret of a good roux, plan on gumbo parties for all their Texas friends. It is more than enough-we are humbled by the trust and faith they have placed in us.

No other subdivision that I know of in the area has made such a concerted effort to reach out. I am so proud of this community and my neighbors for all they have done and continue to do to share the burden and ease the pain. Given our geographical position, it could have been us. I have seen Oakwood Glen rise to other challenges, and as always we are the volunteers, the front line, and the first to lend a hand. -M.Harris-



Need a baby-sitter so you can plan a romantic night out? Need someone to feed "Fluffy" for the weekend? More leaves than you can handle? These Oakwood Glen residents can help fill those needs. If you don't see your name and want to be listed please email the Editor at taxsales@swbell.net or mail the information to Oakwood Glen Newsletter, 17726 Mellow Ridge, Spring, Texas 77379.

BABYSITTING

Sarah Bentley	17	Seven Pines	281-251-7620	Katherine Birkline	16	Stoney River	281-370-4344
Matt Brinkman, KVFD	13	Seven Pines	281-370-4472	Emily Dyson, KVFD	13	Seven Pines	281-379-5081
Rachel Harris	14	Ten Curves Rd	281-376-9095	Kayli Hubbard	12	Ten Curves Ct	281-370-7787
Justin Hubbard	15	Ten Curves Ct	281-374-7787	Laura Hutchings	13	Seven Pines Dr	281-376-2615
Liz Nicknish, KVFD	16	Seven Pines Dr	281-320-8684	Claire Perschke	13	Windy Point	281-717-3010
Lauren S Wood, KVFD	15	Sandy Knolls	281-370-4297	Elizabeth Moseley	15	Huntbrook	281-257-0257
Jenny Timaspolsky	15	Falling Waters	281-257-0933	Theresa M. Villarreal, KVFD	13	Falling Waters	281-257-1421
Brittany Wishard, KVFD	13	Stoney River	281-379-2278				

PET SITTING

August Aranda	13	Mellow Ridge	281-257-9975	Matt Brinkman	13	Seven Pines Dr	281-370-4472
Katherine Birkline	16	Stoney River	281-370-4344	Marcus Chevalier	16	Stoney River Ct	281-655-1622
Rachel Harris	14	Ten Curves Rd	281-376-9095	Katherine (Kat) Higdon	14	Smooth Rock Falls	713-478-5527
Kayli Hubbard	12	Ten Curves Ct	281-370-7787	Laura Hutchings	13	Seven Pines Dr	281-376-2615
Justin Hubbard	15	Ten Curves Ct	281-374-7787	Liz Nicknish	16	Seven Pines Dr	281-320-8684
Stephen Nicknish	12	Seven Pines	281-320-8684	Claire Perschke	13	Windy Point Dr	832-717-3010
Ben & Sarah Moseley	12	Huntbrook	281-257-0257	Cody Terrell		Ten Curves	281-379-3981
Jenny Timaspolsky	15	Falling Waters	281-257-0933	Blythe Tyrone	13	Smooth Rock Falls	281-379-5290
Lauren Wood	12	Sandy Knolls Dr	281-370-4297				

LAWN MOWING & YARDWORK

Rachel Harris	14	Ten Curves Rd	281-376-9095	August Aranda	13	Mellow Ridge	281-257-9975
Kayli Hubbard	12	Ten Curves Ct	281-370-7787	Justin Hubbard	15	Ten Curves Ct	281-370-7787
Ben, Peter & Sara Moseley	12	Huntbrook	281-257-0257	Brandon Rutledge	13	Mellow Ridge	281-770-3089
Cody Terrell	10	Ten Curves	281-379-3981				

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/DIRECTORS

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

John L. Hill, Pres/Maintenance	Glenn Granath, Director	Suite 245, The Woodlands, Texas 77380	Animal Control 281-999-3191	Field Reservation (Back Park) 281-296-9775
Greg Gillis, Director	Email for directors: Owgbrd@hotmail.com	Editor ACORN.. John L. Hill...281-370-7368; 17726 Mellow Ridge; email: taxsales@swbell.net	Back Park Clubhouse Rental 281-370-5392	MUD Building Co-ordinator 281-251-5822
Elana Davenport, Sec.	Oakwood Glen Association		Barbara Bush Library 281-286-4610	J&S Trash Service 281-449-0894
Michael Harris, V Pres.	C/O Consolidated Management Company		Constable Precinct 4/Dispatch 281-376-3472	Hayes Utility (Water/Sewer) 281-353-9756
Edward Diggs, Director/ACC	Anita Ashmore, Ph: 281-296-9775; Fax: 281-296-9788 or email anitaashmore@yahoo.com ; address 2204 Timberloch Place,		Harris County Precinct 4 281-353-8424	Poison Control 1-800-222-1222
Al Haire, Director/Security			Comm. Jerry Eversole www.cp4.hctx.net	Fire & Ambulance 911
Al Zolli, Director				
Gaynell Lira, Treasurer				

CORNER CONVENIENCE

The corner of Five Forks and Stuebner has been clear-cut. According to the developer, a convenience store is planned with gas pumps included. It is a puzzle but several hundred yards down Stuebner on the same side of the road a similar business and gas pumps exists and has been operating for years.

October Recipe Corner

October-National Cookie Month-try this great oatmeal cookie recipe.

Oatmeal Cookies-3 Dozen

1 cup butter	1 cup white sugar	1 /2 cup brown sugar	1 egg-beaten
1 tsp. Vanilla	1+1/ 2 cups flour	1 tsp. Baking soda	1 tsp. Cinnamon
1+1/ 2 cups quick Quaker Oatmeal	1/ 2 cup chopped nuts*		
1 cup coconut	1/4 cup chocolate chips		

Oven-350 degrees. Cream first three ingredients, and then add egg and vanilla. Sift together next three ingredients and add to butter and egg mixture. Add rest of ingredients. Chill 1 hour or more. Form rounded teaspoons of dough on cookie sheet. Butter bottom of a glass and dip in white sugar. Flatten cookies. Bake approximately 10 minutes. *Pecans are the best s to use, but you can use walnuts. -M.Harris

MONTHLY CONSTABLE STATISTICS

Type of Activity	August 2005
Burglary of a Habitation	2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	0
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0
Theft—Other	0
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance – family	1
Disturbance—Juvenile	4
Disturbance—Other	11
Alarms	2
Suspicious Vehicles	7
Suspicious Persons	3



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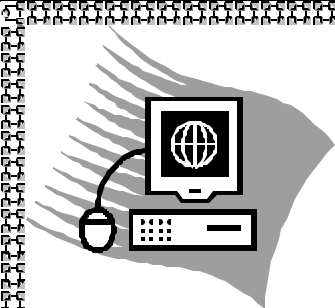
<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>August 2005</u>
Runaways	1
Telephone Harassment	0
Other Calls	33

**October Gardening**

October means we just might get a cool front as we go into the fall planting season. Pansies are the all around favorite annual for this time of year. They will bloom from the day they are planted until the end of April even if we receive a number of days with freezing temperatures. Pansies are much more sensitive to hot weather than they are to cold, that is why it is recommended they not be planted until after November 1. Pansies are offered in a number of varieties. They are shade tolerant but bloom best in full sun.

Butterflies utilize pansies. It is a good idea to apply slug bait at planting time and every two weeks. Use these monkey-faced and clear-faced bloomers for massed plantings of the same color in containers. When considering color selection, remember brighter colors are easier seen from a distance and the solid blues are best viewed up close.

When planting use soil that drains well. Add a bit of compost and bone meal for best results. Snip off spent blossoms to encourage continued flowering. Use fertilizer with a high middle number once a month and these pretties will brighten your garden even on the gloomiest day. From plantanswers.com-Staff Reporter

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2. LOOKING FOR PLAYERS FOR AN OAKWOOD GLEN CO-ED SOFT-BALL TEAM. CALL COACH AT 713-305-7798 OR EMAIL run-coach5k@aol.com
3. ETHAN ALLEN END TABLES—ONE 26 INCH SQUARE—MAPLE—

ALL WOOD—\$100.00; ONE SET OF NESTING TABLES—MAPLE—ALL WOOD—\$75.00 CALL BETTY KELLER 281-251-9922

Miss Susan's after school child care. 25 years experience, former Ehrhardt Elem school teacher. References available. For information call 281-257-2633



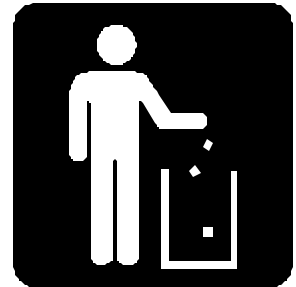
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CONGESTED STREETS

Oakwood Glen Residents-heads up! We have a problem that is getting worse and only you can solve it. Rather than parking in private driveways, vehicles are parking all along our streets. Two-way traffic is severely curtailed. This is especially evident along **Falling Waters, Seven Pines** and **Five Forks**. The county owns the streets. They are not privately maintained by the subdivision. Fire trucks and ambulances need unrestricted access. Our school buses are having a difficult time in the

morning and afternoon. Parked cars make it hard for children walking and biking to be seen by on-coming traffic. Please be aware and use your driveways and don't park directly opposite another stationary vehicle. This can be easily remedied with just a little consideration and forethought. Let's fix this aggravation before it leads to a serious accident. —Staff Reporter-



PICK UP LITTER, TAKE DOWN
GARAGE SALE SIGNS HELP
MAINTAIN OWG. THANKS

OAKWOOD GLEN WEBSITE

OAKWOOD GLEN has a new website. Director Greg Gillis is donating his services as Webmaster. We hope to have this website be informational and inspirational. Take a look at **www.oakwoodglen.net**