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TO ALL HOMEOWNERS AND RESIDENTS— The Annual Meeting is upcoming and it will encompass voting on the amended by-laws and electing directors. The agenda will be those items as well as time for any old or new business that the members may have. Please remember that this is your meeting not a board meeting. This is the time for members of the Association to come together to let the board know what you have liked and what you have not liked. This board wants to be responsive to the needs of this community. Your involvement is crucial to the decisions that the new board will be making in the upcoming year. It is ok to disagree with decisions made by the board. Please come to the meeting and let the board know your thoughts on issues. We need to know what the members feel is the main priority of the Association, is it security, is it improvements to the common areas, is it more community events, is it more volunteer services, is it stricter enforcement of restrictions or is there something else that the board needs to know? Please take the time to let the board know, it is important. Thank You—John L. Hill

CURB APPEAL

The latest addition to the Seven Pines Business Park earns admiring glances for the curb appeal it evokes. Neither sterile nor garish, the slate gray stucco facade with exposed beams highlighting the entrance exudes an air of stylish contemporary sophistication. This is the new home of Mark Gooch Designers, Inc.

Mark is an architect who designs more

than 250 houses per year in the Houston area. His work encompasses both residential homes, townhouses and office condominiums.

In speaking with Mark, I learned that he graduated from Cypress Creek High School and went on to get his degree at the University of Houston. He has been in business for 14 years. At one

point, he lived right here in OWG on River Mill. He still lives in the area and that influenced his decision to build off of Louetta.

His new office reflects his interpretation of an urban, industrial look. The interior features exposed trusses and open ductwork. Pendant lighting and skylights fill the space with light and showcase his varied

designs on display.

When not working, Mark enjoys golf. The Bermuda grass lawn outside his office is not only pleasant to the eye but also "a great place to practice his chip shot."

Mark Gooch Designers, Inc.-17017 Seven Pines Dr., Ph. 281-376-0507 or www.markgoochdesigners.com

-M.Harris

Oakwood Glen Yard of the Month

THANK YOU !!!

Velma & Ron Gleason

17703 Mellow Ridge Dr.



October Board Meeting

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Date: Oct. 11 Place: Back Park Time: 7PM

Seven directors and 16 homeowners attended the October meeting. Constable Truck Diaz reported the prior month's stats (See separate article.) He then thanked our entire subdivision for allowing him to ship the remaining clothes collected from Katrina Relief efforts to his wife's native Philippines where there is great need.

Discussion took place on a bike ramp that some of our youth had improvised in the Back Park. A vote followed and the hole in question will be filled in and safer alternatives will be investigated. The board and residents were in agreement that this back park recreation area is for both our neighborhood youth and adults. Bike riders should be able to ride there and not on busy streets.

The 2006 Budget was addressed. All our vendor contracts will be increasing due to higher fuel costs. The electric company already is talking a 15% rate hike and Oakwood Glen pays for our streetlights. A Budget Committee is looking in to ways to trim the budget in the following areas: Pool Maintenance, Security, and Landscaping. There are homeowner's delinquents on paying their fees for both current and prior years. This will be actively pursued.

Maintenance fees have not been raised in 3 or 4 years. In a vote of 6 to 1, a 3% increase will take effect with the 2006 bills that will be going out in October. The increase is approximately \$7 to \$8 a year per homeowner. A cover letter with payment plan options will be in-

cluded in the bill. Our management company will be handling this.

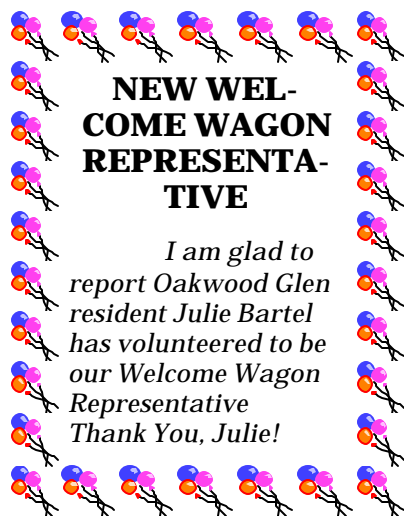
The Bylaw changes have been mailed and all homeowner's should have a copy. The Annual Meeting to vote on these changes is scheduled for Nov. 15th at 7PM in the Back Park. The ballot will also include voting for nominees running for our Board. There are three open Board Positions and two announced candidates. Their bios have been in prior Acorn's as well as this issue. Director Gaynelle Lira is running for re-election and longtime resident, Luis Romano is seeking his first term.

Other issues presented:

Complaints on mosquito spraying missing some of our streets.

Clubhouse rental available to both homeowners and renters (current in payments).

Nov. Meeting- Nov. 8, 7PM, Back Park. Annual Meeting- Nov. 15, 7-9PM, Back Park. - 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 mihmmh5@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.

GAYNELLE 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!!!!

Fall Schedule—Field 6 Meyer Park
Saturday 10/22 9:15 A.M.
Saturday 10/29 1:00 P.M.
Saturday 11/05 1:00 P.M.
Sunday 11/06 1:00 P.M.
Saturday 11/12 11:45 A.M.

Games already played

10/2 Lost 0—1

10/1 Won 3—0

GO STRIKERS!!!!



NOVEMBER BARBARA BUSH LIBRARY NEWS

Library will be Nov.8th Election site-Polls open 7AM-7PM.

Library Closed-Nov.24-27-Thanksgiving Holiday

Book Clubs

Evening Book Club-Nov.15, 6:30PM -One True Thing by Anna Quinlan.

Afternoon Book Club-Nov.17, 1:30-3:30PM -The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger.

The Great Books Discussion Group-Nov.21, 7-9PM-City of God by St.Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.

Computer Classes - Phone library at 281-376-4610. On-line registration-www.scriptco.net/libclass.htm

Database Demonstration-Nov.17-7: 30PM- How to use Opposing Viewpoint database that will help in writing papers on controversial subjects.



Knowledge Exchange-Nov.11, 3-4:30PM-"Tactile Stories", The Museum of Fine Arts Houston hands on program working with clay. All ages' welcome.

Knitting Group meets every Friday from 3-5PM.

Boomer Generation Program-Nov.15, 7-8:30PM. Various issues facing boomers will be addressed. Pre-registration is encouraged-call the Information Desk at 281-376-4610.

Young Adult Programs

Nov. 5-1-2:30PM-Cypress Creek Investigators hands-on forensic experiments.

Nov.10-4: 30-6:30PM-Afternoon Teen Movie, games-meet new friends.

Nov.6&13-3:30-4:30PM-SAT study help

Nov.12-11AM-1PM-Dungeons & Dragons

Nov.12-2-4PM-Computer Club

Story times

Preschool (3-6yrs.) Mon.7PM, Tues.11AM & 2PM, Wed. 11AM

Lapsit (2-15 months) Mon.2PM.

Toddler Times (16 months-3 yrs.) Wed. 10AM, Thurs.11AM

Bi-lingual (Spanish/English) (3-6yrs) Wed.1: 30PM

5,6,7,8 Story time (5-8 yrs.) Thurs. 4:30PM

OAKWOOD GLEN CALENDAR

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November 8-Board Meeting
Back Park-7PM

November 11-Veteran's Day

November 15-Annual Meeting
Back Park-7PM

November 17-Deed Restriction Meeting-7PM *

December 6-Board Meeting

Back Park-7PM

December 15-Deed Restriction Meeting-7PM*

December 19-30-Klein Christmas Break

December 25-Christmas Day

January 2-Klein Student Holiday

*Location will be announced

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

MUST HAVES FOR STORMS

Key: Prepare year round

Must haves:

Water-bottled, (fill 5 gallon coolers with tap water)

Map of Texas

Whistle in car-caught in a flood-great to summon help

Books, games for children

Food you actually like to eat

First aid kit (include lots of bandages and antiseptic)

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Fix a flat-in case of flat tire

Fire extinguisher

Storm approaching:

Batteries

Cash

Extra pet food

Charge cell phones

Fill gas tanks on cars

Fill bathtubs

Buy extra ice-have two cooler system-one with food, one with bags of ice

Fill propane tanks

Take pictures of home inside & out for insurance

Have important papers and photos ready to go

Refill prescriptions

Make a list of important phone numbers

Designate someone outside of hurricane area as contact

Have plan where all family can meet if separated

-Donald Burger

REFLECTIONS OF RITA IN OAKWOOD GLEN

Houston weather forecasters predicted a direct hit. Katrina devastation fresh in our minds. Residents' prepared-boarded windows with plywood and fence pickets. Starbursts of duct tape festooned windows. Volunteers canvassed the neighborhood to pull trash cans from the curb ensuring storm drains were clear. A door-to-door survey of the block to see just who was riding it out and who planned to evacuate. Many left, only to join the bumper-to-bumper crush of vehicles crawling up Stuebner Airline.

Despite the rising tension, sweet Kodak moments. A young girl coming down the sidewalk with her goat on a leash. Blitzen would be safer at home than in his pen at the Klein AG barn. Amid throngs of frenzied HEB shoppers, two girls patiently waiting outside the store cradling their pet mallard duck between them.

The afternoon of Sept. 23 wore on- the wind picked up and the not so Reliant electric clicked off 3 times in 30 minutes. At 4:30, with wind speeds around 10 mph, it cut off for the duration. No computer, no television. Back to the days of transistor radios for hurricane updates. Darkness crept in- flashlights and those handy green glow sticks proved invaluable. Forget the red ones, stash green - they really shine in the darkness. Wonder if this is why alien encounters depict little green men? Sweltering heat-110 degrees in the house. How did Texans endure before air conditioning? More time outside, commiserating with the neighbors. Flashbacks to childhood summers and folks staying outdoors until bedtime.

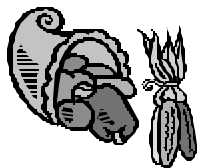
Counting our blessings when the wind and spattering of rain ceased. Driving around the neighborhood assessing damage the day after. Helping where needed without being asked. Random acts of kindness visibly on display. Cheers and clapping when lights haphazardly flickered on. Then a circuit of orange extension cords wind-

ing from those with power to those of us on a different grid.

Finally, words never to hear again: "cone of uncertainty" and "wobbling." The only wobbling per Webster's, that I want to hear about is "walking in an unsteady manner" and this may very well be from the 'Rita of choice in a frosty glass rimmed with salt. - M.Harris

STORM DAMAGE

I am glad to report no devastating damage here in the subdivision once Hurricane Rita left town. Broken branches, downed fences and of course no power were the main remnants. Jim Johnson, a resident with CERT training, was out early the next morning and did report a fallen tree in the 6900 block of Huntbrook. After a few phone calls, in about 15-20 minutes, 8-10 men with machetes and chain saws were taking care of the problem. The homeowners didn't realize anything was wrong until they noticed a crowd in front of the house. By that time, the tree was out of the road and neatly stacked at the curb. -M.Harris



"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

W.T.Parkiser

Why the Lights Went Out

Our recent electrical outage cannot be blamed on Hurricane Rita. That storm underscored the fact that Reliant and Center point are nowhere near ready to handle more than a good gust of wind. Yes, they did replace underground lines several years ago but they did not survey and replace transformers in this subdivision. From my own storm experience and that of 5 of my neighbors, we know our transformer box located along my fence line was the original 1978 box. This is only because after 4 days with no power and numerous calls to Center point, as well as a call to Texas Senator Lindsey's office, they finally came and discovered it was dead. That night 6 crews responded and in less than 2 hours installed a new box. Our Board has this information and Vice President; Michael Harris will follow up with Centerpoint.

-Staff Reporter

Co-operative Child Care Program

Mothers starting a new child care trade off program. Children can enjoy their time away from Mom without it costing a penny. Mothers will meet monthly to exchange ideas. If we have enough involvement we can set up an initial meeting all those Moms wanting to get involved at a future date. We are also looking into an Adopt A Grandparent program that would bring together the young with some of our more seasoned citizens. Please feel free to contact John L. Hill at 281-370-7368 or taxsales@swbell.net. I will assist in facilitating the program until the participates can take over.

Thanks,

John L. Hill/Carrie Rosberg

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	16	Seven Pines	281-257-2680
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				Outages-Reliant -713-207-2222
Gaynell Lira, Treasurer				

8th Grade Dance

Plans are underway for the annual Doerre 8th Grade Dance. This year the dance will be held on Saturday April 29th at St. Ignatium Loyola. **This dance is NOT a school-sponsored event, but one which is completely funded by parents and donations.**

To get involved in this memory-making event, please call chairperson **Kim Noakes**, at **281-374-6891**

NOVEMBER RECIPE CORNER

LIGHT AND EASY PUMPKIN PIE

1+1/2 cups milk	2 pkgs. Instant vanilla pudding
1 can pumpkin	1+1/2 tsp. Pumpkin pie spice
1 (9oz.) carton Cool Whip	1 baked 10" pie shell-or try a gingersnap crust
3/4cup chopped toasted pecans*	

Blend milk and pudding with mixer. Add pumpkin, and spice-blend well. Fold in Cool Whip (reserve about half the carton for topping). Put in baked pie shell and top with remaining Cool Whip and toasted pecans. Chill in refrigerator.

*Toasted nuts-Spread nuts in 11"x15" pan. Bake at 350 degrees, stirring occasionally approx. 6-10 minutes. Let cool on a paper towel. -Staff Reporter

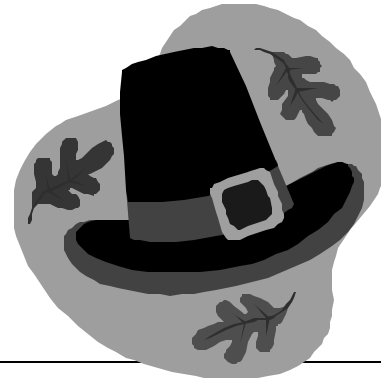
MONTHLY CONSTABLE STATISTICS

Type of Activity	August 2005
Burglary of a Habitation	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0
Theft—Other	0
Robbery	0
Assault	1
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance – family	1
Disturbance—Juvenile	5
Disturbance—Other	10
Alarms	7
Suspicious Vehicles	7
Suspicious Persons	3



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<u>Type of Activity</u>	August 2005
Runaways	0
Telephone Harassment	0
Other Calls	41

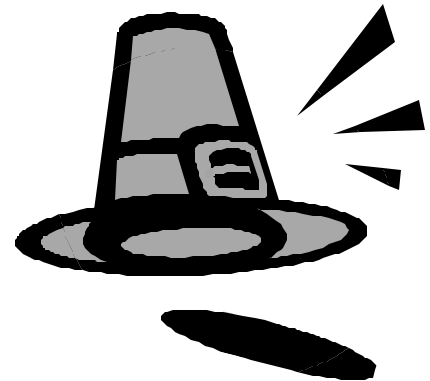
**NOVEMBER GARDENING**

Time to take stock of the yard and clean up storm debris.

Clean gutters of pine needles. Repair fences-replace missing pickets.

Trim tree branches so they are at least 3 ft. away from roof or sides of house.

J&S Trash will NOT take large tree limbs. They must be cut in no more in 3 ft. lengths and put in small bundles tied with tape or string. Please do not leave them lying around. They will kill your grass and detract from the look of your home. –Staff Reporter

**FOR SALE OR WILL BUY**

1. COLLECTOR BUYING VINYL RECORDS LP'S AND 45'S. CALL COACH AT 713-305-7798
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



OAKWOOD GLEN NEWSLETTER

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C/O Consolidated Management Company
2204 Timberloch Place, Suite 245
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Phone: 281-296-9775
Fax: 281-296-9788
E-mail: anitaashmore@yahoo.com



TIME TO PUT ON THE THINKING CAPS!

THE holidays are just around the corner. Let's plan an Oakwood Glen Christmas Party for our children. We need volunteers and lots of ideas. A red suit and experienced Santa substitute are ready and waiting. Come to our next board meeting or email this reporter at: mjhmmh5@sbcglobal.net -M.Harris -



HYDRANT SURVEY

The red tags you may have seen hanging from our neighborhood fire hydrants saying, "Do not use," are part of a survey being conducted by a contractor for our Water District. They are being lubricated and evaluated. When survey is completed, caps will be replaced and hydrants will be repainted. -Staff Reporter



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

BOATS & TRAILERS — TO THOSE RESIDENTS WITH TRAILERS - SECTION 7 OF DEED RESTRICTIONS

d. 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 of 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 any lot. If you need a copy of the Deed Restrictions, call Consolidated Management at 281-296-9788. -Staff Reporter

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**