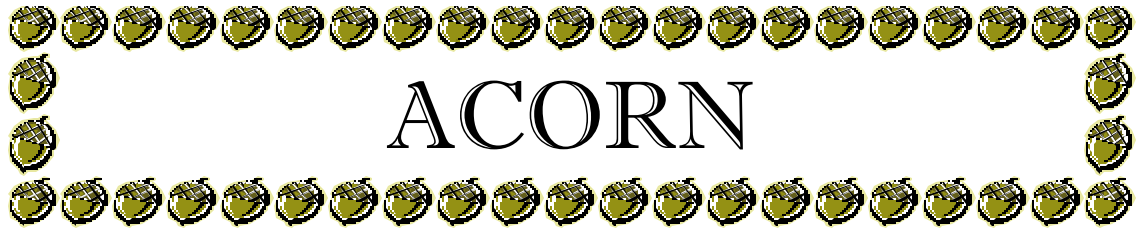


## OAKWOOD GLEN NEWSLETTER



# ACORN

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### NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY

#### Special points of interest:

- ACORN volunteers needed
- Oakwood Glen Calendar
- Additional Security for OWGs
- Baby sitting, pet sitting and lawn work, important numbers
- 8th Grade Doerre Dance information
- Boats & Trailers and commercial vehicles

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I must ask for help from all of you. The board cut back on the printing of the Acorn in order to save money, so the Acorn will be printed and mailed every 3 months ie. March, June, September and December. I am the editor of the Acorn and my only reporter has sold her home and moved; so right now I am the only one doing the Acorn. I need your help, please submit articles or events that you might want posted in the Acorn. Perhaps the majority of community residents would rather not have a newsletter. If this is so please let me know. Preparing the articles, getting the Acorn printed and mailed takes some time. If there is another person or persons out there who would like the opportunity to take on this task I would welcome their offer. Perhaps we could swap out printings, each person doing one issue per 3 months. Please let me know if there is some time you could put into this endeavor. I read with interest the other "website" information concerning the "ACORN". If there are people complaining please step up and take over the responsibility for writing the articles, getting it to the printer and making sure it gets delivered. Oh yeah you have to be available to receive information from residents who want something posted in the newsletter. So please help out.

Thanks, John L. Hill, Editor

#### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been sometime that I have been on this board, this is my second year as President. When I talk with some homeowners/residents I am still hearing complaints about issues that have been issues for a number of years. How does the Association instill pride of homeownership? How do we convince people to be good neighbors with each other? How do we compete with the newer subdivisions being built around us? I believe that every homeowner in this subdivision wants their home to increase in value, not decrease in value. I have learned that there are almost as many solutions to problems as there are homes in this community. I have tried to suggest solutions to some problems based on the idea that if we work together as a community we can support

each other and maintain the value of all of our homes. Sometimes that has worked other times it has not.

This community belongs to all of us, not to the "board", the "board" is a group of homeowners, like you, who have stepped up to try to solve problems, to make decisions that have to be made and to try to provide a wonderful place to live and raise children. There are nine members are the board, each of us has life experiences that impact our decisions. We do not have all the answers nor do we claim to have all the answers; we simply want to contribute to trying to make this community a better place to live.

The other day something happened that I was a part of. It created an atmosphere of anger and resent-

ment, I reacted badly and didn't conduct myself in a manner appropriate to the office. To the homeowner that I offended I offer my apology and hope that you will accept it. I may have been out of line and behaved badly, for that I offer my apologies. I did not run for the board in order to establish any kind of power base. I ran for the board because I thought I could help, I thought I could be of service to my neighbors, I thought I had something to offer. Perhaps I was wrong. I feel that I have let so many of you down on some issues. I admit my limitations and my shortcomings even though I hate to. I am considering not running again for the board, I am not sure whether I have created more problems or not.

If I have failed any of you

I am sorry. I have found that I may be running out of the time necessary to provide the level of service that I would like to be able to provide. If this turns out to be true then I will be winding up my service at the end of this year. Please take a chance and get involved with the association. There are good people on the board, prior board members have put in plenty of their own personal time with little thanks. If you know a current board member or a past board member remember to say thanks for their time, their efforts and their service.

John L. Hill

President

Oakwood Glen Association

### Oakwood Glen Yard of the Month

Will return in April

## October Board Meeting

### SECURITY FOR OAKWOOD GLEN

Last year OWG paid for two deputy constables to provide extra patrols for this community. It was felt that this provided the community with the necessary coverage to provide a safe environment for all of the homeowners of this community. When the board was passing on the current budget we found that the extra money for a second constable deputy was not available based on collections for 2006 maintenance dues. Many people, not only board members, put in time to help develop this year's budget. It provided for one deputy to provide additional security patrol on what is called a 70-30 contract. This means that all of us, through our maintenance dues, pay for 70% of the deputies salary and we get 70% of their time spent in our community. The board had not raised the maintenance dues by the maximum 3% over the last 4 years, we did raise the dues this year; however, the raise was insufficient to cover the \$50,000.00 that an additional deputy would cost. We have one deputy constable that is on additional patrol in our community.

When the re-call was done security appeared to be a top priority and the board has attempted to address this important issue. Without the "income" to cover the costs it would be irresponsible to pay for this additional deputy from "reserve" funds, this would deplete these funds to an unacceptable level. The 2006 budget does allow for a replenishing of these funds to acceptable levels.

The sheriffs' office was at the last board meeting and made a presentation to provide additional security for this community. I found the presentation informative. I believe that the Constable's office has provided a quality level of additional security. However there are other issues that I believe the majority of the community may not be aware of. First, if you call "911" that call is initially handled by the Sheriff's office, that office establishes the priority of the call, if the call is critical they may respond; however, because we have a contract with the Constables' office the call may be passed off to them to respond to. It is believed that this could cause a delay in an officer showing up to handle the problem. The Sheriff's office has a detective section and a forensic lab. The Constable's office has access to

various additional services and to other agencies. Please understand that the passing off of calls because of a contract with the Constable's office is not a choice of the street officers either Sheriff's or Constable's. This policy is from the top, this board has tried to get information concerning this because we feel as you do, we pay county taxes, and we should get county services. The only way to push this is for individuals to contact Commissioner Eversole's office (phone: 713-755-6444; email: JerryEversole@hcp4.net) and contact the County Judge's office (Robert Eckels — 713-755-4000; judge\_eckels@co.harris.tx.us) to complain about this situation.

We need to decide on the security issues for this community. All of us have a vested interest in being safe in our homes and deserve the right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our homes. The board has done all that it can to address this issue. The rest is up to the members (homeowners') of this community.

There is a section in the Deed Restrictions which allows for the homeowners, by a 2/3rd's vote, being those constituting a quorum, which is 1/10<sup>th</sup> of those homeowners eligible to vote, to increase the maintenance dues by whatever amount they feel is appropriate. The estimated amount needed to provide the second deputy is \$50,000.00 annually, this amount can be achieved by increasing the maintenance dues by \$60.00 per home per year; that is \$5.00 per month, per home. This is not a board issue, this is a homeowner issue. This can only be done by you, each of you. As President of the Association I can call a special members meeting to vote on this issue, however, I will not call one if there is insufficient support for this idea. This is not something that can be done quickly nor should it be, there is a lot to consider and to think about. The community has a website (oakwoodglen.net, please type this in your address bar, then mark in your favorites) I will ask the webmaster to prepare a place to voice your opinion. You may also mail your opinion to me at 17726 Mellow Ridge Dr., Spring, Texas

77379. If you wish you may call me at 281-370-7368 to voice your opinion. Please understand that I am looking for your opinion so that I can determine if there is a need to call a special meeting of the members in order to vote on this issue. This will not be "done deal" until you vote.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and please let me know your opinion on this issue.

Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Oakwood Glen, filed 12/11/75 under Harris County Clerk's File No. E524197, Article IV, Section 3, part b states

"From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum Annual assessment may be increased above 3% by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose"

Supplemental Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Oakwood Glen, Section Two, filed 12/5/77, under Harris County Clerk's File No. F395956, Article VI, Section 3, Part c states

"From and after January 1 of the next succeeding year following the initial annual maintenance charge assessment, the maximum annual assessment may be increased for any year by an amount in excess of the three percent (3%) of the allowable maximum annual assessment for the previous year, only by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose."

**THIS IS OUR ISSUE, HOMEOWNERS, WE NEED TO DECIDE, PLEASE RESPOND WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND LETS SEE WHERE WE STAND AS A COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE.**

Thanks,

John L. Hill, homeowner, Editor

ACORN

March to April Library News

BARBARA BUSH LIBRARY-6817 CYPRESS-  
WOOD DR.

PHONE-281-376-4610

AARP Tax Assistance—Mon., Wed. and Sat. afternoon  
through April 17, Mon. 1 to 4:30 PM; Wed and Sat  
from 12-3:30 PM. Service is first come first served.

Annual Used Book Sale—May 4—6, former Cypress  
Creek Library, 6815 Cypresswood Dr. Call 281-376-  
4610 for more information.

BOOK CLUBS

April 11—meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7PM in  
Women's Council of Realtors Conference Room

April 27—at 7PM Please call Earl Bissex 281-955-  
9447 or Betty McElroy 281-586-7131 for more infor-  
mation



Dec.19-7-9PM-Great Books Discussion Group.

Computer Classes-Call library.

Adult Programs-Knitting Group-Fridays-3-4: 30PM

Dec.20-7-8: 30PM-Boomer Generation Program

Young Adult Programs—Call the Library for informa-  
tion

Story Times

Preschool to age 8-call the library for days & times-281-  
376-4610

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March 14—Board Meeting; Back  
Park—7PM

April 11—Board Meeting; Back  
Park—7PM

May 9—Board Meeting; Back  
Park—7PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACTIVITIES****RECOGNIZING A STROKE**

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify.  
Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer  
brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple ques-  
tions:

1. \*Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. \*Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny  
out today) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and  
describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of nonmedical volunteers could identify facial weak-  
ness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to  
learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke  
Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result  
in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.



## OAKWOOD GLEN ACORN INSPIRATION AND INFORMATION

Oakwood Glen is looking for more members for its CERT team.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their church, workplace or community. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members also can take a more active role in preparing their community for emergencies. The 20-hour training over eight weekday evenings is designed to cover the following: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search & Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, and Terrorism. After training, CERT members also can be members of the CERT at their church or work. The program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security through the Harris County Citizen Corps.

([www.harriscountycitizenccrps.com](http://www.harriscountycitizenccrps.com) – click on the CERT logo).

Interested persons should contact Jim Johnson at (281) 376-2927 or e-mail at [jjohnson1201@houston.rr.com](mailto:jjohnson1201@houston.rr.com).

### 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](mailto:taxsales@swbell.net). I will assist in facilitating the program until the participants can take over.**

Thanks,

**John L. Hill/Carrie Rosberg**

### LANDFILL

#### SITE

Fairbanks Development

8205 Fairbanks  
North Houston

713-849-2902

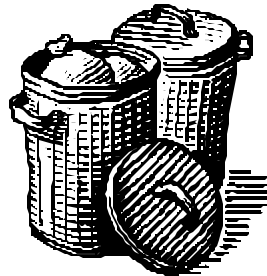
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East Hardy  
Street

18784 East Hardy  
Street

281-443-1456

For large items.



### FOR HOMEOWNERS ONLY

Spring Camp 14

located at 4603 Spring Cypress  
Rd

Ph: 281-353-8424

Hours:

Mon—Friday

7AM to 3PM

Sat 7AM—3 PM

Closed Sunday

There are limitations—for “rubbish not normally handled by their regular residential trash disposal service. No household garbage; no concrete or brick; no grass clippings, leaves or pine straw; no tires, batteries or motor oil, no paint cans, no chemicals of any kind, no tree limbs of 4” O.D. or 4’ to 5’ long, no double axle tandem trailers, no construction materials, no 55 gallon drums with lids or without lids.

**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](mailto: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
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	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 Tlmaspolsky	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: <a href="mailto:taxsales@swbell.net">taxsales@swbell.net</a>	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 <a href="mailto:anitaashmore@yahoo.com">anitaashmore@yahoo.com</a> ; address 2204 Timberloch Place,		Harris County Precinct 4 281-353-8424	Poison Control 1-800-222-1222
Al Haire, Director/Security			Comm. Jerry Eversole <a href="http://www.cp4.hctx.net">www.cp4.hctx.net</a>	Fire & Ambulance 911
Al Zolli, Director				<b>Outages-Reliant -713-207-2222</b>
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.**

**8th Grade Dance T-shirts will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday April 27 from 5 to 7 PM at the small Doerre parking lot next to the tennis courts. T-Shirts are only for those people who pre-pay their dance ticket.**

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

### **J & S Trash Service Garbage Guidelines**

For Residents Of:

Oakwood Glen	Glenn Haven Estates
Shannon Forest	Villas of Oakwood Glen
Oakwood West	Lyndhurst Village
Woodbriar Place	

Please contact J&S Trash Service at **281-449-0894** for any questions or problems.

- ❖ Garbage collection is every Monday and Thursday of each week, weather permitting. Please place all household trash and garbage in plastic or metal containers at curbside.
- ❖ Large and cumbersome items, such as move-in boxes, abandoned refrigerators, washing machines etc. are picked up on Mondays.
- ❖ Please place tree trimmings tied in bundles not exceeding three feet long and 18 inches high at curb side. Plastic bags of grass will be picked up.
- ❖ Waste materials not collected: Construction debris, tires, motor oil, paint, dead animals, or toxic material of any kind. Construction debris includes carpeting, lumber, shingles and siding. Please contact Harris County Storm Water Quality @ 713-256-3000 for information concerning appropriate disposal of hazardous waste.
- ❖ The following Holidays will be observed by J&S Trash Service:

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Thanksgiving Day
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 25.

Should a holiday fall on a regular pick up day, all trash will be collected on the NEXT regular pick up day.

## LAWN COMPETITION

**Lets all step up and compete with the surrounding communities to show off our homes and lawns this year! Lets see who can have the best looking lawn this spring and summer season! I'm sure that the association's board can come up with some sort of celebration for the community to compliment those that step up to dress up their lawns. This will help to keep all of our homes value high and will inspire all of us to maintain our homes and lawns.**

## March, April & May Gardening News

Fertilizers— Three applications—February, heavy application and the beginning of the growing season; June—medium application; September—light application

Trees—fertilizers should be placed in the ground around the “drip line”, this is defined by the ends of the longest branches.

Watering— Water regularly at least 30 minutes; early morning preferable. If there is no rain for a week, water thoroughly. Do not use a sprinkler during the heat of the day, you will lose too much moisture to evaporation.

St Augustine Grass— shortcomings

1. Brown patch is a fungal disease that can cause problems during times of high humidity in early spring or early fall.
2. St. Augustine Decline (SAD) is a disease that cause the gradual loss of vigor and health of mature lawns.
3. St. Augustine requires more iron to prevent chlorosis.
4. Chinch bugs are a constant pest that can destroy large portions of your lawn during dry summer month.
5. St Augustine needs more water than Bermuda
6. St. Augustine needs plenty of sunshine and will not grow well in shade.

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## FOR SALE OR WILL BUY & GARAGE SALES UPCOMING

Garage Sale— Moving Sale: Fri. 3/17 & Sat. 3/18 from 9AM to 3 PM—Home Décor, household and miscellaneous items; 7034 River Mill Dr., Klein, Texas 77379



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2204 Timberloch Place, Suite 245  
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

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Fax: 281-296-9788  
E-mail: [anitaashmore@yahoo.com](mailto:anitaashmore@yahoo.com)

**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 on drives in front of residence for longer than 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."**

FOR INFORMATION ON THE PETITION TO BAN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM OVERNIGHT PARKING, FROM 10 PM UNTIL 6AM, PURSUANT TO TEX. TRANSP.CODE ANN. 522.003 (VERNON 1997), SAME CONTAINS A DEFINITION OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE. PLEASE CALL JOHN HILL 281-389-7368, EMAIL TO [taxsales@swbell.net](mailto:taxsales@swbell.net); or mail your comments to 17726 Mellow Ridge, Spring, Texas 77379. If you would like a copy of the "Procedures for the Posting of Signs Prohibiting Overnight Parking in Certain Residential Subdivisions in the Unincorporated Area of Harris County, Texas, please contact me.

Thanks, John

**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](http://www.oakwoodglen.net)**