

THE ACORN

Official Publication of Oakwood Glen Homeowners Association

Letter From The President

Just as a reminder to everyone, if you are planning any special projects on the outside of your home, please contact Anita Ashmore at Consolidated Management at 281/296-9775 for the forms to complete to make sure you are in compliance with the Deed Restrictions or go to our website Oakwoodglen.net. The Pool will be opening at the end of May so watch for the dates on the Marquee. The Budget and Finance Committee has completed the Budget for 2007. The expenses that account for 87% of our yearly expenditure are our energy costs (which are the street lights) and the insurance expense for all of our amenities and security for our neighborhood. As you all know the energy and insurance have risen in the last 1 ½ years. If you haven't paid your homeowners assessment dues please understand these are the expenses and if you don't pay your part then your neighborhood suffers. Can you imagine what our neighborhood would be without street lights? There have been security issues around us and among us but taking preventive measure by having security in our neighborhood keeps this element under control as much as possible. Please attend the Board meeting so you can be aware of the happenings in our neighborhood for yourself firsthand.

Gaynell Lira, President
Oakwood Glen Association

Cy-Fair Recreational Soccer Fall Soccer Registration

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Go to www.cyfairsoccer.org for more information and to register today. This is where you want to play!

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QUESTIONS? Please Call Cy-Fair Soccer @281-894-1742

Money Does Grow on Trees

Money saving ideas for your garden are all around. They're in your existing garden plants, trees in your yard, and local fields to name a few places. Growing and maintaining a beautiful garden is satisfaction enough, but to know you saved money doing it is even better! The following are just a few of the ways you can save a buck, or two, or a thousand.



The Seeds of Life

Tip One: Many gardeners bypass annuals for perennials at the nursery because with a perennial, according to one gardener, "you only have to buy once and it comes back every year." Annuals, on the other hand need to be repurchased each spring. Or do they? When you buy an annual you're buying the seeds as well and many people forget that. You don't have to buy an annual each year, you simply have to harvest the seeds and replant it. Growing plants from seeds costs pennies and is certainly less expensive than buying flats of annuals which can be \$10 US and up. You can even use old kid's milk cartons, or cut down paper towel, or toilet paper rolls filled wet newspaper as your seed starter. Just add a little bit of soil onto of the newspaper add the seed and mist with a water bottle.

Barbara Bush Library Friends Annual Meeting

May 14, 2007, 7:30 pm - In the Earl Elliot room

Our featured speakers will be representatives from the Pearl Fincher Museum of Art. They will discuss the design of the building and future programming.

The Volunteers of the year will be announced and we will also honor our many other library volunteers and staff.

Refreshments will be served. - Thank you,

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Architectural Control Guidelines

If you are planning any home construction or visible improvements (new roofing, new exterior paint color, remodeling additions, children's play equipment, pools, storage facilities, etc.) please remember to request architectural control approval prior to beginning any job. If unapproved work is in progress or completed that does not meet our guidelines you will be asked to remove the structure or correct it to achieve compliance.

The function of the ACC is to protect the value of our subdivision and our home investments. For most projects you will need to provide.

- Site plan showing proposed expansion and easement lines
- Detailed elevation plans (a hand drawing on the back of the application will be sufficient.)
- Proposed construction materials and finishes. (Submit samples of paint colors or stains.)

Unless otherwise stated, all work must be completed within 90 days from start. Contractor's signs are against the deed restrictions.

For additional information or a copy of the ACC Application contact Anita at Consolidated Management Services (281) 296-9775 or visit the management company website at www.cmsgroup.org. A copy of the deed restrictions are also on the website.

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How to Protect Your Valuables From Theft

One of the most effective tools you can use to retrieve property stolen from your home is a simple electric engraving pen. With this pen you can inscribe your name or a number on the most valuable items in and around your home. Before you do this check with the local police to see which they prefer you use – your name, driver's license, social security number or whatever.

Engraving your name or number on your valuables helps deter robbery in two ways: First, you discourage the thief since marked property is much more difficult to sell. Second, if a thief does steal your property, it is much easier to catch and prosecute him when he is discovered with goods in his possession that are easily identifiable as stolen.

Billions of dollars worth of property stolen each year is never returned to the owners. Why? Because without some identifying mark or number, the police are unable to verify stolen property or trace the owner. More than half of the property recovered by the police is eventually auctioned off or destroyed because the goods have no identifying characteristics.

Items already marked with a serial number – such as cars, TV's, cameras, typewriters, radios, stereos, tape decks, appliances, etc., may not have to be engraved with your name or personal number. Check with local police first. If they recommend you inscribe your identifying mark on serialized items, inscribe this information just above the manufacturer's serial number.

On non serial numbered property, inscribe your name or number

on the upper right hand corner of the rear or backside of each item. Should you decide to sell or discard the item at a later date, you should invalidate your number by using the engraving pen or any sharp tool to draw a single line through your name or number from the upper left to the lower right hand corner. Do not deface your name or number in any other way. It is advisable, when selling "marked" property, to write out a simple receipt and specifying on it that you were the previous owner and indicate the name or number used by you. This could prevent legal hassles for the new owner at a later time.

To protect smaller valuable items such as jewelry, silverware, etc., it is wise to take a photo of each item. A simple, instant-type camera photo is sufficient.

After you have marked and/or photographed all your valuables, make a detailed list of these items and keep it in a safe place. When new items are acquired, add them to your list. As other valuables are sold or discarded, cross them off the list. If you use credit cards, they should also be recorded on your list. Either copy your account number from each card and expiration date, or you can have photo copies made for your records.

Call the police immediately about all suspicious activity. You may do so anonymously if you wish. However, many court cases will require a named caller if the police are to meet the reasonable suspicion requirement. But ... think of what might happen if you don't call.

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Curb Appeal And The Value Of Our Homes

The value of our homes is greatly improved if our subdivision has what is known as good "curb appeal". Prospective buyers look at the entire subdivision, that's why Deed Restrictions are enforced. Please look around your property and see how your house stacks up to this list of items that improve "Curb Appeal".

1. Store ice chest, barbecue pits, bicycles, children's toys, clothes and other items out of view of the public. Porches are not for storage.
2. Repair or replace mailboxes that are rusted or damaged and make sure that the mailbox post is erect.
3. Mow, edge, weed flowerbeds, remove grass in the driveway and sidewalk expansion joints. Weedeat under the shrubs and around the base of the house and the fence. Lawns should have adequate sod and be watered on a regular basis. When you are finished with your yard work remember to put away the yard equipment and garden tools.
4. Clean pine needles from driveways, sidewalks and most of all, the house gutters and roof. Not only are pine needles unsightly, the acid from the pine needles will damage a composition roof and ultimately require that the roof be replaced.
5. Make sure that your window dressings are in good repair. Broken mini-blinds, sheets, and torn drapes distract from the overall appearance of your home.

6. Do not leave basketball goals at the sidewalk or curb. When not in use, they should be stored up in the driveway. Basketball goals should also be maintained in good repair.
7. Store garbage cans and bags out of view.
8. Repair or replace broken, loose or missing fence slats/pickets on your fence and make sure that the fence is upright and straight.
9. Park your vehicles in the driveway not on lawns or sidewalks.
10. Inoperable/stored vehicles, trailers, boats, RVs, etc. are to be stored out of view. Vehicles should be moved every 48 hours.
11. After the holidays, remove your lights and decorations no later than January 31st.

As homeowners please help your Association by looking around your property and noticing any of the above. Remember that you are not just protecting the value of your property but the properties around you as well.

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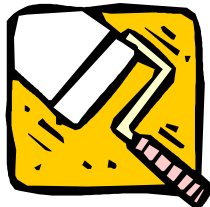
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KEY NUMBER: _____
PERSON ACCEPTING KEY (MUST BE OVER 21) _____

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.

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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, in care of the management company shown below.

Management Company: Consolidated Management Company
2206 Timberloch Place, Suite 245
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OAKWOOD GLEN ASSOCIATION

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Family

Family Pool Registration Form

Last Name _____ Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

Mother's Work Phone _____ Father's Work Phone _____

In Case of Emergency Notify _____

Emergency Phone _____

Names and ages of all persons in your home requiring pool passes:

	Name	Age
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
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Attach a photo of each family member who will be using the pool facilities.

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