

OAKWOOD GLEN ACORN

APRIL 2008

OAKWOOD GLEN CALENDAR

April 22-Oakwood Glen Board Meeting-7PM-Back Park

May 20 Oakwood Glen Board Meeting—7PM-Back Park

June 17-Oakwood Glen Board Meeting-7PM-Back Park

July 22-Oakwood Glen Board Meeting -7PM-Back Park

The board meetings were moved to the third Tuesday of the month in order to facilitate having current financials to review. Please come and be a part of your community.

Editor

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APRIL FOOLS' DAY: ORIGIN AND HISTORY

By:David Johnson and Shmuel Ross

April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools Day, is one of the most light hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MOVES

Ancient cultures, including those as varied as the Romans and the Hindus, celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. It closely follows the vernal equinox (March 20 or March 21st.) In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, as the beginning of the new year. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated Jan. 1. According to a popular explanation, many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Other people began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe.

CONSTANTINE AND KUGEL

Another explanation of the origins of April Fools' Day was provided by Joseph Boskin, a professor of history at Boston University. He explained that the practice began during the reign of Constantine, when a group of court jesters and fools told the Roman emperor that they could do a better job of running the empire. Constantine, amused, allowed a jester named Kugel to be king for one day. Kugel passed an edict calling for absurdity on that day, and the custom became an annual event. "In a way," explained Prof. Boskin, "it was a very serious day. In those times fools were really wise men. It was the role of the jesters to put things in perspective with humor." This explanation was brought to the public's attention in an Associated Press article printed by many newspapers in 1983. There was only one catch: Boskin made the whole thing up. It took a couple of weeks for the AP to realize that they'd been victims of an April Fools' joke themselves.

SPRING FEVER

It is worth noting that many different cultures have had days of foolishness around the start of April, give or take a couple of weeks. The Romans had a festival named Hilaria on March 25, rejoicing in the resurrection of Attis. The Hindu calendar has Holi, and the Jewish calendar has Purim. Perhaps there's something about the time of the year, with its turn from winter to spring, that lends itself to lighthearted celebrations.

APRIL LIBRARY**a Barbara Bush Library Library Friends**

"...learning never ends, and as we enter the next century, it will be more and more important for all Americans to be lifelong learners...every one of us can contribute in some way to a better-educated America." - Barbara Bush

AARP Tax Assistance for Individuals

Volunteers from AARP will provide tax help for individuals from Feb 2 through April 15, 2008. The hours are:

Monday 1:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00-4:00pm
Saturday 12:00-4:00 pm

Help is on a first come first served basis. The AARP volunteers are not able to accept phone calls.

Online Payment of Library Fines Now Possible

Paying your outstanding library fines just got a little easier. In response to many customer requests, Harris County Public Library has made it possible to pay fines and fees over the Internet using either a credit cards or an electronic check.

To start out, go to the Harris County Public Library (HCPL) webpage at www.hcpl.net. Select "my account" in the upper right, and login. with your library barcode number and PIN. An option displayed in the green menu bar is "paying online." If you click on that you can login to begin the payment process. If you need help to understand how to do this, there is a link to an online tutorial with simple instructions.

While you are in "my account," don't overlook other features such as, reviewing what you have checked out, or renewing items that are near their due dates. Stop the fines from accumulating in the first place!

In-library Book Sales to be Held Weekly

The Barbara Bush Friends of the Library will hold a weekly book sale in the Friends' office from 10am to 4pm every Friday. We have some great books - a larger selection than ever before - that we hope you'll find interesting reading. All the hardbacks are offered at one great price of \$5 each. Children's books are \$3 each or four for \$10 (new pricing). We also have an assortment of CD's and videos, plus some specially priced reference sets.

All the proceeds from the sale go back to the Barbara Bush Library in the form of new books, materials, and programs.

Once again the Serendipity Quilters have generously given the Friends a quilt to support our library. This time they have donated a colorful child's quilt. It is composed of crazy quilt blocks of kid-friendly patterned fabrics that would look refreshing in any child's room. Come by the book store in the library and see the quilt. We are selling it for \$100, all of which will go towards the children's collection of the Barbara Bush Library. Thanks to the quilters for their unique way of supporting the library.

SILENCE BARKING DOGS

Dog owners you have a responsibility to rein in your barking and yapping canines. If you have outdoor dogs or simply put them outdoors when you go off to work, remember your neighbors who live around you and hear the constant barking. Hopefully this issue can be resolved with a simple dialogue and you taking the steps to put a stop to the problem. If not, there is **legal recourse** for those suffering from the **incessant barking**. **A complaint can be filed, a court hearing arranged** and if found **guilty, a \$150 fine per dog, per incident can be assessed!** True, this should be the last resort, but pay heed it can happen and has with those who have turned a deaf ear to dog and neighbor's pleas. All of us who love dogs understand, but responsibility comes with ownership. -Staff Reporter

KLEIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**BOND ISSUE****SPECIAL VOTE BEING HELD ON MAY 12, 2008**

The Oakwood Glen Association and the Board of Directors take no position on this particular issue however it is our fervent hope that all homeowners will familiarize themselves with the issues, study both sides of the issue and get out and exercise your vote. It is an important issue and will impact the neighborhood for years to come. We are including here the websites for both sides of the issue as well as the Klein Independent School District's website. We are also including the website of the Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector concerning voter registration.

Those opposing the Bond Issue www.KleinForAll.com

Those supporting the Bond Issue www.VoteYesKleinISD.com

WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU VOTE?

The Klein ISD will offer early voting at each elementary school and the Klein central office (7200 Spring Cypress Road, Klein, Texas 77379). On May 10, voters will cast ballots at the elementary school in their attendance zone.

EARLY VOTING AT CENTRAL OFFICE

April 28—May 2: 7am to 4 pm

May 3: 8 am to 12 pm

May 5—6: 7am to 4 pm

Early Voting at Elementary Schools 12 pm to 8 pm

May 1: Metzler, McDougale, Ehrhardt, Greenwood Forest, Krahn and Eiland

May 2: Brill, Haude, Kaiser, Benfer, Hassler and Nitsch

May 5: Lemm, Klenk, Kohrville, Northampton and Kuehnle

May 6: Benignus, Schuts, Epps Island, Theiss Roth, Mittelstadt, Frank and Kreinhop

Voting takes place May 10 7am to 7 pm.

Thanks to The Big Lobby for providing the information above, visit this website for more information at www.thebiglobby.com

Welcome to our Sheriff's Deputy

Linda Johnson

The security contract with Harris County, Texas is now being filled by the Sheriff's office. The deputy assigned to our community is Dpty Linda Johnson. She brings many years of experience to our community and a desire to serve and protect all the residents of this community. If you see her driving by wave and welcome her to our community.

The general number for the Sheriff's office is 713-221-6000

In case of an emergency please call 9 1 1.

Together we can make our community safe, secure and a great place to raise kids and to retire.

Please get involved in helping to secure our community, call the Sheriff's office if you witness any suspicious vehicles, people or any problem where you feel threatened.



Sheriff's Report

02/02/2008 to 02/29/2008

Theft/Other	0	Mud Bldg Ck	0
Fraudulent Use/ID	0	Accident/FSGI	0
Runaway	0	Traffic Hazard	1
Susp Person	0	Traf Initiative	5
Drug/OD/Poss	1	Arson/Fire	0
Veh Abandoned	1	911 Hang up	0
Vehicle Stolen	1	Traffic Stop	5
Veh Speeding	0		
Alarm Local	0		
Dist/Juvenile	1		
Dist/Family	0		
Dist/Weapons	0		
Dist/Loud Noise	3		
Dist/Other	1		
Animal/Humane	0		
Solicitors	1		
Meet the Citizen	10		
Information Call	3		
Meet the Officer	0		
Welfare Check	1		
Follow up	1		
Check Park	3		
Check School	5		
Parking Lot Chk	0		

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following committees need volunteers. If you can help, call John Hill at 281-370-7368 or 281-389-1866.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

ACTIVITIES

ACORN—ARTICLES



OAKWOOD GLEN ASSOCIATION
C/O PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT GROUP
11000 CORPORATE CENTRE DR
SUITE 150
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77047
PH: 713-329-7100 FAX: 713-329-7198

Family Pool Registration Form

Family

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.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

Attach a photo of each family member who will be using the pool facilities.

With their name written clearly under each picture

APRIL RECIPE CORNER

Spring –Enjoy an easy dessert, sunshine yellow with a citrus tang.

Lemon Sheet Cake

- 1 pkg. (18-1 /4 oz.) lemon cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 can (15-3 /4 oz.) lemon pie filling
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 /2 cup margarine-softened
- 2 cups confectionary sugar
- 1 +1 /2 tsp. Vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, beat cake mix and eggs until well blended. Fold in pie filling. Spread into a greased 15-in.x10-in.x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese, margarine, and confectionary sugar until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Spread over cake. Store in refrigerator. Yield 30 servings –M.Harris

APRIL GARDENING CORNER

Suddenly spring hits and the lawn demands our attention. If we want lush, green grass we will head out for a commercial lawn fertilizer with slow-release nitrogen. Choose a 4:1:2 or 3:1:2 formula for Texas lawns. Do not apply by hand; use a broadcast spreader and follow application directions. You will achieve better results spreading on a freshly mowed yard after the dew has dried. Water the area immediately after applying so the chemicals dissolve into the soil. Then make sure the mower blades are sharpened and psyche yourself up for the long season of perpetual mowing. –Staff Reporter

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE POOL REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

**I WILL BE INCLUDING THIS FORM THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER—PLEASE SEND THE FORM TO OUR
MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE ONLY 2 GUESTS ALLOWED PER RESIDENT

**IF YOU WISH TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—PAYMENT FOR EXTRA LIFEGUARDS WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

EDITOR

REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC CARD KEY FOR FRONT PARK

RESIDENT/HOMEOWNER _____

ADDRESS _____, SPRING, TEXAS 77379

TYPE OF ID PRESENTED: ____ DRIVERS LICENSE (No) _____

UTILITY BILL ____

OTHER TYPE: (IDENTIFY) _____

PERSON APPROVING: _____

PRINTED NAME (person approving): _____

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: hours to be determined for 2008, DURING THE SEASON ONLY.

If the key is lost or stolen you MUST notify the management company, shown below, within 48 hours of knowledge of the event of loss or theft.

An additional key (maximum of 2 per address) may be purchased for \$25.00 per key. This is a purchase and is not refundable upon return of the key. In the event that you request more than 1 additional key the first key(s) issued will be deactivated and only two (2) keys will be active for any address.

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: Principal Management Group
11000 Corporate Centre Dr. Suite 150
Houston, Texas 77041
Phone: 713-329-7100
Email: a.bumann@pmghouston.com

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Activities CommitteeOPEN
 Animal Control281-999-3191
 Back Park Clubhouse Rentals713-329-7100
 Baby-Sitting Co-opOPEN
 Barbara Bush Library281-286-4610
 DS Pool Management281-443-1524
 Pool Committee
 Welcome WagonOPEN
Harris County Sheriff's Office**713-221-6000**
or 911

 Harris County Precinct 4281-353-8424
 Comm. Jerry Eversolewww.cp4.hctx.net
 Field Reservations (back park)713-329-7100
 MUD Building Coordinator Pam Tyrone
 281-251-5822 email: mudreservations@hotmail.com
 Trash Service ...Waste Management.....713-686-6666
 Water/Sewer– Hayes Utility. Howard Wilhite..281-353-9756

 Ehrhardt Elementary832-484-6200
 Doerre832-249-5700
 Klein High School..... 832-484-4000

Classified ads and articles the deadline is the 15th of each month. Submit your information to John Hill at 17726 Mellow Ridge or call 281-370-7368 or e-mail to taxsales@swbell.net Don't forget that the classifieds are FREE to all OWG residents. Use this section to buy, sell or tell. Please keep it at a two line maximum. All we ask is that no adult owned businesses or real estate ads, be turned in. The editor retains exclusive right to accept or reject any classified deemed unfit. Be sure to include your phone number with each ad. Remember... your classified ad will only run for ONE issue UNLESS YOU specify otherwise!!

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WELCOME TO NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Please note above the officers that were elected at the March board meeting to serve the needs of your association. Please note that we have some new faces on the board and welcome them this service because it is volunteer and it is appreciated. I want to thank last years officers who served during some trying times. Without their leadership and guidance this period of transition would have been difficult. Please offer your thanks to Gaynell Lira, President; Kenneth Foster, Vice President, Zane Bartell, Secretary and Barbara Yates, Treasurer. Because of their courage and wisdom Oakwood Glen has take the first steps to a brighter and more professionally managed subdivision. We thank them for their time and energy for our community.

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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 cares will be permitted to park on streets on drives in front of residence for longer that 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."