

# The Old Orchard



# Outlook

September 2012

## Update from the Board

The Old Orchard Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting on June 28, 2012. The social and landscaping committees shared their updates with the community (more detail will be discussed in the committee sections of the newsletter).

The Board discussed the relocation of the front gate keypad as well as recreating the brick keypad enclosure in the future. The front gate camera installation has been up and running for some time, and continues to perform as designed.

In June, there was a community wide straw poll held to determine the views on how to address the expanded FM1464 at the front of the community. Four proposals were given and residents had the opportunity to choose the option that they preferred.

Be sure to check [www.oldorchard-texas.com](http://www.oldorchard-texas.com) regularly for information and updates on what's happening in our community.

Thanks,  
Old Orchard Board of Directors

## Landscaping Committee Update

We would like to introduce the Old Orchard Sponsor a Tree Program. As a resident of the Old Orchard neighborhood, you have the opportunity to sponsor a tree that will be planted in the neighborhood common areas and maintained by our community landscaper.

Cost of a tree – \$300

Includes:

- Standard 45 gallon Oak tree
- Delivery and installation
- 3 stakes to hold the tree
- Water bubbler connected to the closest irrigation line
- Starter fertilizer
- Name of person(s) sponsoring the tree on a plate mounted by the tree

You can sponsor a full tree or half a

tree or one-third of a tree. For sponsoring a tree please contact Marci Birthisel of PMG. Once she receives your request she will send you a map of the neighborhood with zones marked for you to select where to plant the tree at. Please contact her for any additional questions that you may have. There is no limit to how many trees you can sponsor. All payments will be made payable to the HOA.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and help make a difference in the neighborhood you live in.

### Important Contacts

Have a question? Please refer to our website at:

[www.oldorchardtexas.com](http://www.oldorchardtexas.com) for answers to your questions and important community updates.

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TBA

**Social Committee**  
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### Community Website

**www.  
OldOrchardTexas  
.com**

For All of Your Neighborhood Information

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OLD ORCHARD:

### September 22, 2012 Art & Craft / Vendor Fair:

Do you have a special hobby or talent and are looking to expand your business and make a few bucks? Or are you looking to get your Holiday Shopping started, all without having to leave our community? If so, please sign up and join us at the Club House Grounds. Each participant who wishes to sell their homemade items, jewelry, art and/or expand your home based business, will be required to pay a \$20.00 tent fee and provide a basket with samples of your talents for resident raffles throughout the event (baskets should contain a minimum of \$10.00 of your items for the raffle drawings). We will also have outside Home Based Businesses (Tupperware, Stamping Up!, Pampered Chef), just to name a few! If you know anyone who is looking to expand their business or just looking for that special holiday gift, then invite them too! Raffle ticket Sales will start at a \$1.00 for 2 tickets. More details will be supplied to all who are interested in renting a tent to sell your items.



October 27, 2012 Fall Festival: We will be having pumpkin decorating, fall bake sale, hay rides, small pumpkin patch and much more. Please stay tuned with [www.oldorchardtexas.com](http://www.oldorchardtexas.com) for more information.

October 31, 2012 Halloween and Trick n' Treat Bash: We will have a costume contest with prizes and a costume parade around the lake by the club house. This event is geared towards children under the age of 12. Parents must be present at all times. More details will be posted at [www.oldorchardtexas.com](http://www.oldorchardtexas.com) during the early weeks of October.

**Volunteers Needed!** It takes many hours to plan the perfect event, and it takes many people to make it a

success. If you are interested in volunteering, please inquire with the Social Committee on how you can make a difference within our community by volunteering your time. We could really use more talented residents within our committee!

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### **Local Garden Club To Meet:**

The Sugar Land Garden Club is hosting its 14th annual Garden Art & Plant Sale on Saturday, September 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Sugar Lakes Clubhouse, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive. For more information visit [sugarlandgardenclub.org](http://sugarlandgardenclub.org) or call 281-491-9609. Admission is free. Sugar Land Garden Club is a 150+ member, 501(c)(3) organization that supports a variety of state-wide and community horticultural projects. The club also offers two scholarships to horticultural students each year. The Garden Art and Plant Sale is one of two major fundraisers that support the club's charitable endeavors. The club is celebrating its 80th year in 2012.

### **Concert/Performing Arts Venue Coming To Area**

Sugar Land Development Corporation and Sugar Land City Council approved on Aug. 7 a Letter of Intent with ACE Sugar Land, LLC, for the development of a future concert and performing arts facility. The agreement defines the terms of a public/private partnership for a 6,500-seat concert and performing arts facility in Sugar Land. The venue's proposed location is a 21-acre site near the intersection of U.S. Highway 59 and University Boulevard. No time line has been set for completion of the project.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND UPDATE:

We recently had our 4th of July Celebration and we were excited to see all the smiling faces going down the waterslide, the laughter of children petting the animals and endless giggles of all our lil' cowboys and cowgirls riding the pony's. We understand there was some confusion with the advertisement of ticket sales. We apologize for this error, and vow not to advertise our community events without all information. Please accept our sincerest apologies!

Please understand that the Social Committee wants to provide fantastic and memorable events for our resi-

dents and the children of Old Orchard. However, this comes with a cost. The Social Committee has been given a small budget to achieve such goals. This budget has to cover, decorations, food, drink, prizes and special entertainment for many Holiday Events and gatherings. We also strive to reach out to all residents within our large diverse community. By doing so, there will be events where a cost will be associated to help offset larger cost items and activities.

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**Community Events and Update continued**

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

## Neighborhood Watch Program:

The Social Committee has recently been handed over the task of leading the Neighborhood Watch Program. A kick-off meeting was held on July 19th at the clubhouse for all existing Block Captains and any residents interested in joining the program as a Block Captain. Stay tuned on [www.oldorchardtexas.com](http://www.oldorchardtexas.com) for more updates.



## Club House:

The Social Committee has also been handed over the task of Checking In and Checking Out for Club House Rentals. We have modified the process to be more efficient with resident access and cleaning procedures. If any resident is interested in renting the club house, your 1st contact is with Jennifer at PMG. Her email address is [rec@pmghouston.com](mailto:rec@pmghouston.com). The rental fee is \$100.00 with a deposit of \$300.00 payable to PMG. All deposits are refunded if no damage has occurred and cleaning has been com-

pleted. Rentals are from 11am to 11pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We do encourage our residents to respect the policies and procedures of renting the club house.

## Children's Haven DAYCARE LEARNING CENTER

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Sugar Land, TX 77498  
**281.240.1173**



Unfortunately we have had some of our decorations mistakenly taken from us during community events. Please share with your family, neighbors, friends and children to please DO NOT remove any decorations from any community event.

Also, please consider your neighbors when obtaining food and drink items during our events. Many people who wait in line don't get a chance to enjoy their portion of our homemade baked items, snacks and beverages. We appreciate your understanding and consideration of all your fellow neighbors. Remember the purpose of community events is to bring a community together!

**Community Website**

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.com**

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June and July only \$45.00! (waived with repair).*

# 2012 POOL SCHEDULE:

(Managed by Cortez Pool Service - Phone: 281.992.2600). All persons using the pool must have a pool tag issued by the Management Company. Contact Marci Birthisel at PMG at 713-329-7113 with any questions regarding pool tags or pool rental.

Two lifeguards on duty

**Closing Day:** Sunday, September 30, 2012

**\*Closed on Mondays for cleaning\***

## **Thru August 26th:**

Tuesday thru Thursday 12 NOON – 8 PM

Friday, Sunday, Saturday 10 AM – 8 PM

## **September: Open Weekends Only & Labor Day**

Saturday 10 AM – 8 PM

Sunday 10 AM – 8 PM

Monday 10 AM – 8 PM (Labor Day)

## Attention Ladies:

If you are interested in joining a Ladies Evening Bunco group and or Bridge, please call or email Nancy Grigassy at 281-277-2144 or [nancygrigassy@hotmail.com](mailto:nancygrigassy@hotmail.com).

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