

The Old Orchard Outlook



SUMMER 2019

The Official Newsletter Of The Old Orchard Homeowners Association.

UPDATE from the Board:

Upcoming elections

There will be two Board of Director positions open for election in October 2019. If you are interested in running for either of the two positions, which are both three year terms, please send your contact details along with a brief Bio to RealManage, Attention Vanessa Millan at: OLDORCH@CiraMail.com.



Register Your E-mail with the Board

All residents are urgently reminded to register themselves - their e-mails - at the RealManage website. Registration on the previous Old Orchard site does not give RealManage our management company the right to use that list and reach you via e-mail. So far, we have only 139 residents registered out of a total of 617 residents. Our goal is to be able to reach every resident through e-blasts without the added cost and time delay involved in mailing paper copies through US Mail. With everyone on the e-mail list, the Board and the management company can quickly respond to the matters of community interest. So please go to the RealManage website at www.CiraNet.com and create an account with your e-mail.

How To Report a Street Light Outage

CenterPoint Energy maintains street lights throughout our electric service area in and around Houston. Please use the form on Centerpoint's website to report a street light outage at: www.centerpointenergy.com. When reporting, you will be asked to provide:

- A pole number for the non-functioning lights you want to report. If you already know the street light number, complete the form on the website or you can report a street light outage by using Centerpoint's online map to select the streetlight
- Contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a street light)
- An e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request)
- The number of street lights you would like to report

How To Report a Power Outage

If you need to report a power outage, please call 713-207-2222 or 800-332-7143, or view the Outage Tracker on the www.centerpointenergy.com website for current electric outage information.

Community Inspections and Deed Restriction violations

The community is looking good overall. Please keep in mind that contractor signs are not permitted. Please do not allow contractors to place advertisement signs in your yard. Please also inform your contractors of the Old Orchard contractor operating hours of construction policy which are 7:00 am to 8:30 pm, except on Sunday which is 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. A friendly reminder to make sure your trash cans are not visible from the street.

Community Website

WWW.
OldOrchardTexas
.com

For All of Your Neighborhood Information

Resident Portal

www.ciranet.com/ResidentPortal

Important Contacts

Have a question? Please refer to our websites at: www.ciranet.com and www.OldOrchardTexas.com for answers to your questions and important community updates.

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OLD ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB

Hello neighbors, my name is Josefina Alcalá-Hamilton and I am happy to announce that I am the organizer of the Old Orchard Garden Club. The garden club will provide a forum to learn about best gardening practices such as pruning trees and shrubs, efficient use of sprinklers, use of plants adapted to our area and much more. The garden club will meet the first Thursday of each month at the club house. Several speakers from different organizations will be invited to participate.



Our first meeting will take place on September 5th. Social time will start at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation to follow promptly at 7:00 p.m. The topic of September's meeting will be "Earth-Kind Landscaping." Earth-Kind Landscaping uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum garden and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting the environment. Please mark your calendars as we will have other exciting talks on October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th. I look forward to visiting with you in September.

Upcoming Social Event: Neighbors Night Out Dinner!

The Social Committee sponsored event will be September 14th at the clubhouse. Old Orchard neighbor's night out dinner party. Mark your calendars and get ready to mingle with your neighbors while enjoying food from all over.

Community Improvement Projects

Provided by the Contracts & Bids Committee

- Sidewalk repairs around lakes # 2 and 5. Two bids received and are currently being reviewed by the Contracts and Bids Committee.
- Power washing the entire clubhouse parking lot and restripe the painted lines. Competitive bids are currently being reviewed by the Contracts and Bids Committee.
- Power washing the complete concrete bulkhead around Lake # 2 Competitive bids are currently being reviewed by the Contracts and Bids Committee.
- Camera system upgrades. Three bids have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Contracts and Bids Committee.



Warning Notifications

- Fireworks are prohibited within the Old Orchard community. Please clean up after any celebrations.
- Trespassing in the pool area after pools hours is prohibited.
- In order to keep the sidewalks around the community clean for our residents, please refrain from feeding the ducks.
- Please pick up after your pets.

2019 POOL HOURS

CLOSED MONDAYS FOR CLEANING/MAINTENANCE

JUNE 1ST, 2019-AUGUST 11TH, 2019

CLOSED MONDAYS FOR CLEANING/MAINTENANCE

TUESDAY-SUNDAY

11:00 AM-9:00 PM

STARTING AUGUST 17, 2019-SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

(WEEKENDS ONLY)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11:00 AM-9:00 PM

MONDAY (LABOR DAY) 11:00 AM-9:00 PM

Please follow the instructions of the lifeguards who are posted there for our and our children's safety. They are following the terms of their contract. If you think a rule need to be changed, please contact the Board.

Community Outreach Committee

DID YOU KNOW

The Community Outreach Committee has been formed for a few months now with the goal to facilitate a "Good Neighbors Connection" Program in which residents/neighbors can volunteer to assist their fellow neighbors in a variety of ways to build a stronger community.

If you need assistance or if you would like to join the committee, Please contact the co-chairs of the committee.

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**October
25th & 26th**

Fun family festival and two nights
of haunted house in Sugar Land!

Check website for details!

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At Sugar Land
hmns.org/sugarland

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Notable Notes

Parking Variances

This is a friendly reminder that the towing policy remains in effect. If you need a parking variance, please be sure to submit your request through Survey Monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8JTG3LR>.

Call Before You Dig

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the new number you should call before you begin any digging project. A federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" number, 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening. Make a call for every digging job - call 811. More details at www.call811.com.

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Lawn & Garden To Do List For August



Keep an eye on lawns to spot problems early and treat accordingly. Insects such as chinch bugs and fungi such as grey leaf spot are two things to watch out for.

Hummingbirds will be here!! Migrating hummingbirds can be found at your feeders and natural nectar sources. Keeping feeders clean, filled and in a shady area will encourage visitors. Natural nectar sources for hummingbirds include Turk's cap, Hamelia, shrimp plant, Firespike, Salvia, Lobelia (cardinal flower), Pride of Barbados, Anisacanthus, and cigar plants. These are all hummer magnets.

Use seaweed spray such as Microlife Seaweed to boost the immune system of plants. A healthy plant is more resistant to insect infestations and fungal problems. A spray-down every two weeks that covers the entire surface of all leaves will do the job. Continue slow, deep watering to encourage proper root growth and prevent runoff.

Watch For School Buses!



School will soon be in session again. Did you know that passing a school bus that is loading or unloading children is illegal? The law states that even if you are on the opposite side of the road, driving in the opposite direction, you may not pass the bus unless the road is divided by a median, the bus has begun moving again, they have removed their Stop Sign or turned off their flashing red lights, or unless the driver has waived you on. Hefty fines of up to \$1,000 for violators! When driving in school zones, be alert and watch out for children. Look for children who might dart into the street without looking for traffic. Know and obey the laws concerning school zones and buses.