

UNIVERSITY OAKS



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Mission Statement

The mission of the UOCC Newsletter is to connect the people of our community, provide access to resources, support each other, and share important or exciting news about our University Oaks community.

Check out the UOCC Website!

www.universityoaks.org

and visit Facebook:

 University Oaks Houston

To submit a photo, article or event to the newsletter, please email before the 15th of every month:

vnddesign@gmail.com

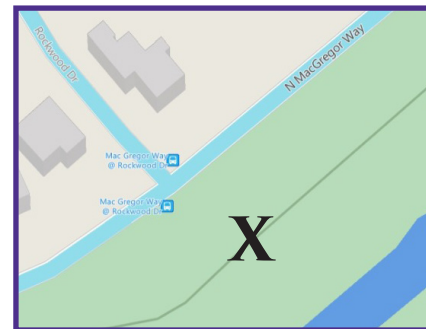
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March Edition!!!

University Oaks will host a

POOCH PROMENADE and PICNIC

on the Bayou across from Rockwood



SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AT 4:00PM

Costumes are encouraged (optional) and there will be prizes for the best dressed pets. This event began as a memorial event for Herschel Cashin's dog, Sonny. It will be a fun opportunity for residents and pets to get out and mingle. Please bring your own picnic lunch, chairs, dog, toys and drinks.

All dogs must be on a leash and if you dare to bring your kitty, carriers are advised. Looking forward to spending the afternoon with neighbors and enjoying the pet parade.



2023 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

The Socialistas recommend cutting this calendar out and keeping it somewhere visible so you will not forget the upcoming neighborhood social events. Also, please make sure you are following our **University Oaks Facebook Group** and our UOaks Website @ <https://universityoaks.org> as well for updates on these events.

Sunday, 3/19 Pooch Promenade and Picnic @ 4:00 PM

Saturday, 5/6 Breakfast on the Bayou @ 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM



UO Book Club
March / April 2023

It's a new year, by one month,
and we are hoping some old / new
members will (re)join the group.

The schedule for the next
two months is:

March 15

Fault Lines of the Constitution
by Cynthia Levinson

April 19

The Library Book
by Susan Orlean

At the March meeting we will
choose the books for May - July.
It would be nice to have more than
5 people decide what we will be
reading. Input from others is
always welcome.

For information regarding this
ongoing book club, please contact
Robyn Webb,
robynwebb@swbell.net.

YARD OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to
Beth and Ben DeGracia
for the first YOTM of 2023!

The Yard of the Month for January 2023 is a house/yard everyone in the neighborhood has admired at 4844 Rockwood near the N. MacGregor intersection. It is a beautifully landscaped yard. There are azaleas along the driveway and other splendid miscellaneous plants in front. When you see the owners, Beth and Ben DeGracia, congratulate them on the wonderful job they have done to expand the beauty we are familiar with at 4844 Rockwood.

- Robyn Webb

COMING SOON! UPDATED UNIVERSITY OAKS DIRECTORY

Over the past several months UOaks volunteers have been canvassing participants at UO events to update their contact information in the UOaks neighborhood directory. A team of volunteers has also been knocking on doors collecting information from neighbors unable to attend neighborhood events. Having an up-to-date directory is important for neighborhood cohesiveness and safety. This update will be shared with the UOaks Board members and every property in the neighborhood.. It will enable us to contact everyone who lives or owns a house in the neighborhood through email blasts.

THANK YOU

to the door knocking team who gave of their time to collect this up-to-date information: Peggy Hines, Robyn Webb, Rosemary Gray, Christopher Wycliff, Elizabeth Wheeler, Kristen Kelley, Blair Brogan, and Everette and Tracy Penn. We appreciate you!

The 2023 directory will be printed and distributed soon, hopefully within the next month.
- Susan Wegner

SOLID WASTE INFORMATION

If you've had trouble with missed trash pickups in the past, make sure to visit the City of Houston's Solid Waste website (<https://houstontx.gov/solidwaste>) for information on their pickup schedule and rules.

Here are a few important things to keep in mind:



1. Trash bins should be rolled out to the curb for pickup by 7:30 AM on Tuesdays, and every other week for recycle bins. Be sure to check the website for information on holiday schedules.
2. During recycle weeks, make sure to space out your bins at least 3 feet apart to make it easier for the pickup driver.
3. Curbside compostable yard waste bags and small shrub or tree bundles are picked up every week. If you've had trouble with missed pickups due to construction or blockages, you can call or use the City's app to report it.
4. Once your bins have been emptied, be sure to store them off the street and out of sight.
5. Large trash pickups happen on the third Thursday of each month, with even-numbered months for junk and tree waste and odd-numbered months for tree waste only. Make sure not to set out your items before the Sunday of that week.
6. If you're putting out large items for pickup, make sure they're not located under low tree limbs or electrical lines, as the crane driver won't be able to pick them up.
7. If you need an out-of-band curbside pickup, you can call Houston 311 or HTX Collect for a one-time service.

Don't forget about the City's free drop-off recycle centers and junk drop-off locations!

Just bring a copy of your City of Houston water bill and an updated ID or zip code.

To make sure you never miss a pickup day, download the City's mobile app (**HTX Collect**) and set reminders. And if you ever have questions or concerns, the City's Solid Waste website is a great resource for all the rules and regulations you need to know.



UPCOMING TRASH, RECYCLING, ETC. DATES

Tuesday, March 7th

**Trash
Recycling
Yard Waste**

Thursday, March 16th

Tree Waste

Tuesday, March 21st

**Trash
Recycling
Yard Waste**

Tuesday, March 28th

**Trash
Yard Waste**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US
ORGANIZE THE UOAKS
ACORN KID'S CLUB**



Please reach out to Paula Ortega (paula@ortegaresources.com) or Valerie Daniel (vnddesign@gmail.com) via email if you wish to help out and write in the subject line: ACORN KIDS CLUB

**UOCC SOCIALISTAS MEETINGS
EVERY 2ND SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH @4PM**

**PLEASE, STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL
NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITY AND EVENTS
ON THE UNIVERSITY OAKS FACEBOOK
GROUP AND THE WEBSITE
[HTTPS://UNIVERSITYOAKS.ORG](https://universityoaks.org)**

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Ladies and Gentlemen of the University Oaks Community,

The seven members of your University Oaks Board of Directors hope that the year has gotten off to a fine start for you and your family. Here is a brief update about what we are doing.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

We continue to have a robust calendar of social engagements that are organized by the Socialistas, a group of dedicated residents who coordinate these gatherings. You owe it to yourself to drop by and meet your neighbors at some of these events. They are a lot of fun. Information about these events is broadcast in a monthly email blast from the board and in the newsletter.

DEED RESTRICTIONS ENFORCEMENT:

We continue to utilize Randall Management to monitor the neighborhood for deed restrictions violations. They review the neighborhood monthly and then send out letters to alert homeowners if their property is not in compliance with our restrictions in some way.

The Board is moving to seek the assistance of our attorney with regard to a small number of properties that are not in compliance with our restrictions following much deliberation and extensive efforts to obtain compliance in other ways.

SECURITY:

We have revamped our security so that it will cost us less and also be more effective. Our previous security arrangements were provided by two professional and courteous off-duty police officers but they were costing us more than we could afford and provided a limited offering of hours when patrols could be conducted.

You will start seeing cars from Grey Services, a private security firm, patrolling in marked cars. The company and its owner have been vetted by the board in a process that included reviewing their contract, references, staff, policies, and insurance.

BUDGETING AND 2023 DUES:

Our 2023 budget is being finalized now that security expenses have been ironed out. We will make every effort to operate within our means and be good stewards of your dues.

2023 dues are now due and payable and the statements have been mailed out to you. The dues for this year are \$220.00.

BOARD MEETINGS AND YOUR INPUT:

Our board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 via zoom. Please attend and offer us your comments and feedback about issues in University Oaks. We work for you ultimately and we would appreciate hearing your comments and suggestions. If you can't make the meetings then don't hesitate to email us at the addresses that you can find on our website.

Thank you,

The Board of Directors of the University Oaks Civic Club

**UOCC CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS
EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @7:30PM**

To join the Zoom meeting the link can be found at www.universityoaks.org and in the email blast sent out to the neighborhood.