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# RIVER OAKS, TEXAS

Cherishing the Past. Embracing the Future.



Mayor  
**Herman D. Earwood**

## City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem-Place 4  
**Joe Ashton**

Place 1  
**John Claridge**

Place 2  
**Steve Holland**

Place 3  
**Darren Houk**

Place 5  
**Dan Chisholm**

## City Officers

City Manager  
**Marvin Gregory**

City Secretary  
**Paula Luck**

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Police Chief  
**Christopher  
Spieldenner**

Public Works Director  
**Gordon Smith**

Library Director  
**Anna Lee**

Event Center  
Co-Directors  
**Shirley Bloomfield  
Shirley Wheat**

Emergency  
Management  
Coordinator  
**James Myrick**

Phone  
**(817) 626-5421**

Website  
**www.riveroakstx.com**

## CRUD MOBILE EVENT

**River Oaks Residents Only**

**You must bring a copy of your water bill**

Saturday, March 7th from  
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. at the City Hall Parking lot.

### **WHAT'S ACCEPTED?**

- Automotive fluids
- Batteries
- Cleaners & chemicals
- Cooking oil
- Lawn/garden/pool chemicals
- Light bulbs

Residents will turn in from Glenwick into the City Hall parking lot and exit through the middle exit by the electronic sign on to River Oaks Blvd.



## Warrant Round Up

Beginning in February each year, U.S. Marshals and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Texas will kick off a massive effort known as the Texas Warrant Roundup to collect debt owed on outstanding warrants.

The Texas Warrant Roundup involves more than 300 jurisdictions state-wide with more than half of them from the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex area. If you think you have a warrant in your name, find out for sure.

To resolve warrants in the City of River Oaks please come in to the court with a photo ID/DL and speak with a Court Clerk or call (817) 626-1597

**River Oaks Warrant Roundup March 7th, 2020**  
8:30am to 12:00pm

**March 8th  
2020**



**Change your clocks...**



**Change your batteries!**



Spring cleaning? Do you have an abundance of old towels and blankets that you just hate to throw away? We can use all of them here at the shelter! Please donate your gently used towels, blankets and pet beds to help make the stay of shelter animals as comfortable as possible.

The River Oaks Police Department Dispatch is accepting donations for the shelter. To make a financial contribution please go to **www.riveroakstx.com** and click on:

**Friends of the River Oaks Animal Shelter.**

### Shelter Wish List Items

Clean Towels  
Dry Dog & Cat Food

Disinfecting Wipe  
Wet Cat Food

Blankets  
Bleach





## NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month reminds us that early detection is key.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than a million people in the United States count themselves as survivors. While early detection and treatments make a difference, there is more that can be done. Knowing the causes and risk factors help prevent colorectal cancer.

There are several risk factors we can control.

- **Diet** – Studies show that diets rich in red and processed meats may contribute to colorectal cancer risks. Also, how we prepare our proteins may increase our risk, too. Grilling, frying and high-temperature cooking release chemicals that may contribute to colorectal cancer risks. Diets full of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains reduce our risk of colon cancer as well as other health risks.
- **Exercise** – Sedentary lifestyles and obesity are two more risk factors for colorectal cancer. Once again, physical activity helps to reduce our risk factor for another disease.
- **Smoking and heavy alcohol use** – Quit the one and limit the other. Ask your physician if you need help with either one.
- **Family history** – While you can't control this, you can know it. Report it to your primary care physician so if your family history shows an increased risk for you, she can decide if you need early screening. Knowledge is power.

### HOW TO OBSERVE

Visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) to learn more about risk factors, early detection, and treatment. Use [#ColorectalCancerAwarenessMonth](https://www.cancer.org/colorectal-cancer-awareness-month) to share on social media.

## River Oaks Fire Department Open House

Come and meet your River Oaks firefighters! There will be food and fun for everyone. Learn about our department's capabilities and those of our neighbors and public safety partners.

Saturday, April 18th, 2020

11:00 A.M.— 2:00 P.M.





# Yards Gone Wild

SEC. 6.03.031 "MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF GRASS AND WEEDS; REMOVAL OF RUBBISH, ETC. OF THE RIVER OAKS CODE OF ORDINANCES. The code of ordinances may be viewed on the website: [www.riveroakstx.com](http://www.riveroakstx.com)

We have had lots of rain and the grass is growing fast. Having a well manicured lawn is important to the health and safety of the community, it's not just about the yard looking nice.

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

Lawns that have grass and weeds over 10 inches tall are in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance. Tall grass is an indicator that no one lives there and is therefore inviting crime and vandalism opportunities. Rats, snakes and other animals that cause health issues can live in tall grass. "Tall Grass & Weeds" is defined as grass, weeds, bushes, vines, poison ivy, poison oak or any other foreign growth, other than trees, ornamental shrubbery, flowers and garden vegetables. Tall weeds detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. Undesirable wildlife, like rats and mice use the un-mowed lawn for hiding places and habitat and these animals carry disease.

## COULD THERE BE A REASON YOUR NEIGHBOR HASN'T MOWED?

Neighbors don't always talk to other neighbors, but a little awareness of your neighbors situation may go a long way toward a positive sense of community and the appearance of your neighborhood could very well benefit.

## SHOW COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING

Neighbors where a serious family illness or physical limitations are reasons for lawn neglect. These neighbors may also have an inability to pay someone to mow and have no close family to help out. Think about the home where a spouse is on military assignment or where elderly neighbors cannot push a mower anymore. Look out for your neighbors and offer to mow their grass; arrange for other neighbors to take turns mowing too. Neighbors helping each other will maintain appearance and foster a positive sense of community.

## Beware of Social Security Phone Scams



Securing today  
and tomorrow

Telephone scammers are pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Do not be fooled!

**If you receive a suspicious call:**

1. **HANG UP!**
2. **DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION!**
3. **REPORT THE SCAM AT [OIG.SSA.GOV](http://OIG.SSA.GOV)**



## What to look out for



The caller says there is a **problem** with your Social Security number or account.



Any call asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, cash, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards.



Scammers **pretend** they're from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but **they are not**.



Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

## Be Alert

Social Security may call you in some situations but will **never**:

- » Threaten you
- » Suspend your Social Security Number
- » Demand immediate payment from you
- » Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer



## Be Active

Protect yourself and your friends and family!

- » If you receive a questionable call, just hang up and report the call at [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov)
- » Learn more at [oig.ssa.gov/scam](http://oig.ssa.gov/scam)
- » Share this information with others

What is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program?

- **FREE Tax Preparation** – Basic federal income tax returns prepared and e-filed by IRS certified volunteers.
- **SAFE AND SECURE** – No hidden fees.

Assistance is provided from mid-January through April. You may locate a VITA site near you by calling 2-1-1 or visiting [mymoneydfw.com](http://mymoneydfw.com). Some VITA Sites also offer... VITA on the Go - Allows individuals to drop off their tax information. Returns will be processed within three business days. MyFreeTaxes.com - An online tax preparation software to help identify tax credits and deductions. This service is available for income levels up to \$66,000.

We offer our participants not only free tax preparation, we also help with:

- Enrolling for financial education and coaching
- Developing skills for the workforce
- English Second Language (ESL) & GED

**There are 9 VITA Centers throughout Tarrant County:**

**Community Enrichment Center**

6250 Northeast Loop 820  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180

- Monday: 2-7 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. •
- Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.
- Thursday: 3-7 p.m.
- Friday: CLOSED
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**GRACE in Grapevine\***

837 E. Walnut St. Grapevine, TX 76051

- Monday - Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.
- Thursday: CLOSED
- Friday: 2-7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Martin Luther King Community Center\***

5565 Truman Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76112

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday: CLOSED
- Tuesday/Thursday: 2-7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Opening Doors for Women in Need**

3600 Horne St. Fort Worth, TX 76107

- Monday: CLOSED
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: 2-7 p.m.
- Thursday: 2-6 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Southside Community Center**

959 E. Rosedale St. Fort Worth, TX 76104

- Monday/Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Thursday/Friday: 1–6 p.m.
- Saturday: CLOSED

**Tarrant County College - South Campus**

5301 Campus Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76119

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday: CLOSED
- Tuesday/Thursday: 2–7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Mansfield Mission Center\***

777 N. Walnut Creek Dr. Mansfield, TX 76063

- Monday/Tuesday: CLOSED
- Wednesday – Friday: 2-7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Northside Community Center\***

1100 NW 18th St. Fort Worth, TX 76164

- Monday: CLOSED
- Tuesday - Friday: 2-7 p.m.

**Catholic Charities - Fort Worth**

249 Thornhill Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76115

- Monday: CLOSED
- Tuesday: noon-7 p.m.
- Wednesday: noon-7 p.m.
- Thursday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



\* This location also offers the VITA on the Go and MyFreeTaxes.com programs.

## March

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Crud Mobile Event Warrant Round UP		EDC Meeting 6:00pm	Council Meeting 7:00pm		CCC Census Committee 1:30pm Court 5:30pm

# THE CENSUS IS COMING!



## YOU COUNT

WE COUNT. TARRANT COUNTS.

Take online, by phone or mail

10 questions - 10 minutes

Instructions by mail in March



The Census matters and YOU matter!  
The Census determines elected representation and  
distribution of federal funds to states, counties and cities.

**Your information is SAFE and CONFIDENTIAL.**

It is illegal for the U.S. Census Bureau to share census information.

[www.census.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.census.tarrantcounty.com)

Customer Information Center - 800.923.8282

To receive 2020 Census updates, text TarrantCounts to 69310.

You can sign up going to [Recyclops.com/](http://Recyclops.com/)



## recyclops



Pickups are the first and third  
Tuesday of each month!

**Pickup is twice a month**

\$10/month -or- \$110/year (1 month free)



Age 18 years & Under

MAR 14 APRIL 18

May 2

6:00PM

\$20 Entry Fee



To Enter Each contestant  
must full out an entry  
form before the contest.

# Kids Talent Show

Spring 2020



AWARDED MAY 2

Winners are chosen by  
Judges and Audience  
Vote Bring lots of folks!  
The Most Folks wins the Audience votes.

**River Oaks Community Center**  
**5300 Blackstone Drive**  
**817-732-5885**

[www.riveroakscommunitycenter.com](http://www.riveroakscommunitycenter.com)



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928 Carondelet  
817 Walter  
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5108 Thurston  
4401 Lawrence  
5304 Auburn  
1704 Montrose