



## The Outpost Estates Newsletter February 2026

### Message from the President:

As we move through February, nature reminds us that winter is not an ending, but a season of quiet preparation. Beneath the surface, roots are strengthening, bulbs are resting, and trees stand still, almost dormant. And yes, they are waiting for the right moment to bloom again. In some ways, we do the same. The winter solstice invites us to slow down, reflect, and sometimes let go of ideas or worries that no longer serve us. It can feel like hibernation, but it is renewal in disguise. Spring is just around the corner, bringing beautiful color and growth. We can also emerge with fresh perspective, new energy, and renewed commitment to our shared vision for Outpost Estates.

This month, that spirit of preparation is real in Outpost Estates. As we gathered for our February meeting and continued our review of our governing documents, we are doing the important work of strengthening our foundation so that our neighborhood remains protected,

compliant, and forward-thinking. We are also welcoming new neighbors, encouraging open communication, and continuing progress on improvements such as the new entry signs—visible reminders of who we are and where we are headed. With spring around the corner, safety, property upkeep, and community connection remain in front and center. Growth requires openness, acceptance, and sometimes change—but when approached with respect and shared purpose, it allows our neighborhood to emerge stronger and united.



Hilda Rodriguez

President, OE Civic Club

## Welcome to Outpost Estates!

A beautiful neighborhood in northwest Houston, Texas.

Visit our website for important information regarding Outpost Estates at <https://outpoststates-htx.com/>

### The OE Civic Club Mission

The Outpost Estates Civic Club is dedicated to the preservation of the peace, harmony and wellbeing of each and every homeowner and resident of the subdivision.

The secondary purpose of this Civic Club is to promote goodwill and fellowship among our neighborhood and our community.

Let's put the OE mission into action and support one another with our best efforts.  
We share more in common than what sets us apart.



### **Appreciation**

A special thank you to Judy Schiro, Hilda Rodriguez, Jennifer Parker, Colleen and Patrick Sheahan for graciously hosting this year's Christmas Crawl. It was a fun and special evening that brought neighbors together and reflected the warmth and spirit of our community.

### **Signs of Generosity**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Entry Sign Fund. Your generosity reflects the pride we share in Outpost Estates and your commitment to enhancing the beauty and identity of our neighborhood.

Thank you Judy Schiro, Doie Young, Bobo McKenzie, Colleen/Patrick Sheahan, Polly Cooper, Pete Merritt, John Zavala, Maricha Grundy, Mo Alziq, Chris/Deborah Tritico, Diane/Ross Baker, Elizabeth Banks, Rusty/Mindy Fritcher, Felisa Ocampo, Daphne Rambo, Roger/Kellie Fritcher, Jennifer Parker, Hilda Rodriguez, Kristen Kettler, Dean Oufnac, Angie Lapp, Betty Cervantes, Robin/Brett Brinkley, Chris/Ann Seahorn, DAR Group LLC.

### **Dedication in Action**

Thank you to our Board for your time, dedication, and support towards improving our neighborhood.

### **A Warm Welcome**

Christina and Efrain Franco – 4323 Tilson

Chris and Alexandra Kersey – 9218 Roy Bean (home under construction)

Dan and Susan Hlavac – 9222 Roy Bean (home ready for construction)



### **2026 Meeting Dates:**

- General OE Meeting Dates: **April 7, June 9, Sept. 8, and November 10**

### **2026 Community Events:**

- Chili Cook-Off – **March 28**
- Picnic – **May 16**
- Halloween Hayride/Block Party– **October 24**
- Christmas Crawl – **December 5**

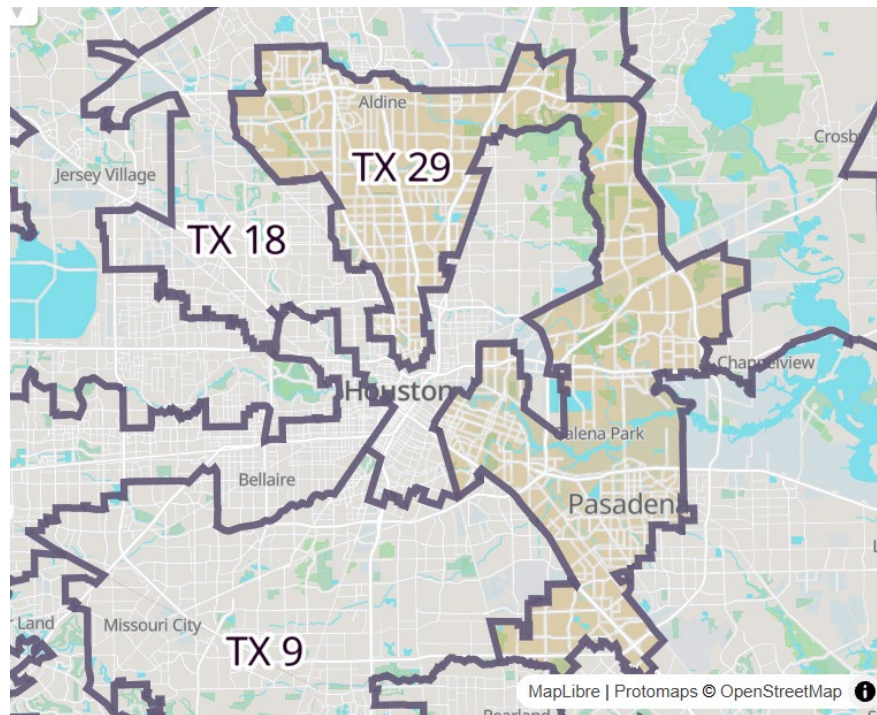


## Outpost Estates — Make Your Voice Heard

Primary Election season is here, and this is our moment to shape the future of our community. Election Day is Tuesday, March 3, 2026, with Early Voting from February 17–27. These primaries determine which candidates will move forward to the November General Election — impacting decisions on several issues like public safety, infrastructure, schools, taxes, and leadership at the local, state, and federal levels.

Harris County makes it easy with countywide Vote Centers, so you can vote at any open location during early voting or on Election Day. To find polling locations, review your sample ballot, or check your voter registration status, visit [Harris Votes](https://www.harrisvotes.com). You can also verify registration through the Texas Secretary of State at [www.sos.state.tx.us](https://www.sos.state.tx.us).

Outpost Estates has always valued civic engagement and informed participation. Our new congressional district is 29. Let's show up strong, stay informed, and take part in shaping the future of our community.



# City of Houston Updates Heavy Trash (Big Trash) Collection

## Important Changes for Residents

The Houston Solid Waste Management Department has announced an important change to heavy trash (bulk and tree waste) collection services that will affect all neighborhoods.

### **Beginning March 2, 2026, heavy trash pickup will move to an on-demand system.**

The previous fixed monthly schedule is being replaced with a request-based process designed to improve efficiency and response times.

### **What This Means for Residents**

- Residents must call 311 or submit a request online to schedule heavy trash pickup.
- Once requested, COH will provide a scheduled collection date — typically within about five business days.
- Each address is allowed up to four heavy trash pickups per calendar year.
- The old alternating “junk waste / tree waste” monthly rotation will no longer apply under this new system.

### **Bulk Waste Includes:**

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Large household items

### **Tree Waste Includes:**

- Branches and limbs
- Stumps and natural wood materials

### **Important Guidelines:**

- Limit is generally up to 8 cubic yards per pickup (about the size of a small SUV load).
- Building materials must be generated by the residents and are limited.
- Contractor debris and commercial waste are not collected.

### **Why the Change?**

COH reports that heavy trash collection has been one of the most frequent 311 service requests. Moving to an appointment-based system allows crews to respond where service is needed, reduce unnecessary route driving, and improve overall efficiency.


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Please help keep our neighborhood clean and orderly by following these new procedures. If you have large items for disposal, remember to schedule your pick-up through 311 rather than placing materials out without a confirmed service date. Let's continue working together to keep Outpost Estates safe, clean, and beautiful.

## Additional Solid Waste Services

### That Support Neighborhood Cleanup

- Neighborhood Depositories & Recycling Centers — Residents can drop off junk, tree waste, recyclables, and household hazardous materials at City facilities.
- **Northwest Location: 14400 Sommermeyer – Open Wed – Sun from 10 am – 7:00 pm**
- Tags for Bags Program — Extra tagged bags can be placed out during regular trash service days for pickup.
- HTX Collects App — The City's trash & recycling app lets residents check schedules, set reminders, and track service.

 **YES!** Put these in your recycling cart.

 **Cans**



 **Cartons**



 **Glass**



 **Paper**



 **Plastic**



- **Metal and Cans:** Aluminum and Tin Cans. Examples include soup cans, vegetable cans, fruit cans, coffee cans (emptied and rinsed)
- **Cartons:** Both gable top and shelf-stable food and beverage cartons. Examples include milk cartons, juice cartons, soup cartons, soy milk/alternative milk cartons (emptied and rinsed)
- **Glass:** Bottles, jugs and jars only (emptied and rinsed)
- **Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper
- **Cardboard:** Cardboard and cereal boxes (emptied of packing materials and flattened)
- **Plastic:** Bottles, tubs and jugs #1 - 5 and 7. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles. (emptied and rinsed)

## Shake Off Winter and Get Out There!



### March Upcoming Events

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo  
March 2–22, 2026  
NRG Park

World Baseball Classic  
Early March  
Daikin Park, Downtown Houston

Buffalo Bayou Regatta  
Late March  
Buffalo Bayou, Downtown

Holi – Festival of Colors  
Mid to Late March  
Various Houston locations

### April Adventures

Bayou City Art Festival  
April 3–5, 2026  
Downtown Houston

Via Colori Street Painting Festival  
April (date TBA)  
Downtown Houston

Blue Man Group – BluEvolution Tour  
April 7–12, 2026  
Houston theater venue

# OE Good Neighbor Code

## Look Out for Each Other

Be aware, report concerns, check on neighbors.

## Responsible Pet Ownership

Pick up after pets, leash, secure at home.

## Safe & Courteous Driving

Slow down, don't block driveways.

## Take Pride in Your Property

Maintain lawns and keep areas neat.

## Be Mindful of Noise

Keep noise reasonable mornings/evenings.

## Communicate with Respect

Start friendly and stay positive.

Together We Make OE Strong

# Let's Keep OE Safe



## Report Incidents

- Emergencies - Call 911
- Non-Emergencies - 713-884-3131
- Constables - 713-755-5200
- Call 311 - Nuisance, traffic signs, dumping, etc.

## Important Numbers

- Amy Peck - COH Council District A
- 832-393-3010
- [districta@houstontx.gov](mailto:districta@houstontx.gov)

- Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey - Precinct 3
- 713-274-3000

# Civic Club Membership



A special thank you for all who have joined the OE Civic Club. We appreciate your support and involvement. The cost of \$100 membership in your Civic Club is one of the most inexpensive investments you will make to protect your home and our community. An active Civic Club helps to keep our deed restrictions current and will maintain the integrity of our small and unique neighborhood.

## Outpost Civic Club Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive communication electronically: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to have my information published in the directory: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in the Civic Club is voluntary at a cost of \$100. Make checks payable to Outpost Estates Civic Club and send to:

Colleen Sheahan, Treasurer, 9222 Stagecoach 77041

<https://outpoststates-htx.com/>



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An advertisement for Dean of Clean Professional Services. It features a central illustration of a worker in a blue shirt and orange safety vest using a pressure washer. The text includes 'WINDOW Washing' with a sun icon, 'PLUS... Soft Wash Stucco!' in a yellow starburst, 'PRESSURE Washing' with a pressure washer icon, and 'for Home and Business'. At the bottom, it says 'DEAN OF CLEAN' in large letters, followed by the phone number '713-585-6057' and the website 'www.deanofclean.biz Professional Services'.