



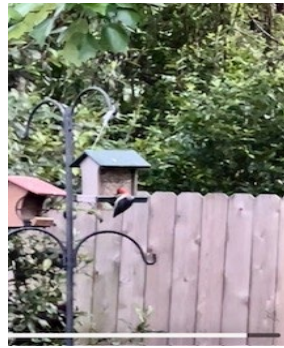
The Outpost Estates Newsletter June- July 2025

Message from the President:

Here Comes the Sun, https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=KQetemT1sWc&si=p9oCaBljE99RJ_H0, and it's here to stay... at least for a while! With, In the Summertime, <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=GEMyHKiFGFk&si=WaLe4Wt9JxDA80y1>, playing in the background, it's the perfect reminder that the season officially kicks off on June 20 or 21, bringing longer days, rising temps, and that unmistakable summer feeling. It's also when many families take a much-needed break because, yes, School's Out for Summer, https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=RWgTD_0jxeE&si=77BPZxWHh900FzJD.

I hope those musical throwbacks brought a smile to your face. On a more practical note, as neighbors begin heading out on vacation, let's all do our part to look out for one another. A little extra attention to our homes and each other can go a long way in keeping our community safe. Summer, of course, is full of fun and sunshine, but it also brings its share of challenges—like unpredictable weather and, along the coast, the possibility of hurricanes. Please take a moment to check your emergency supplies and stay alert to weather updates. As you spend time outdoors—whether gardening, walking, or just relaxing—remember the essentials: dress smart, stay hydrated, and take breaks in the shade.

For our nature lovers, this is a wonderful time to spot some of our feathered friends—look for vibrant cardinals, red-headed woodpeckers, playful robins, bold blue jays, and the magical flutter of hummingbirds.



And above all, let's take time this season to appreciate and enjoy the freedoms that this great nation affords us. Here's to a safe, joyful, and sunny summer! Happy July 4th!

Hilda Rodriguez

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

Welcome to Outpost Estates!

A beautiful neighborhood in northwest Houston, Texas.

**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.**

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.

INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

- 1. Our membership keeps growing—and that's thanks in large part to Judy Schiro and Doie Young, who continue to walk the neighborhood and build community. You two are amazing!**
- 2. The BBQ picnic was a hit! Huge thanks to Chris and Ann Sehorn for opening your home and generously hosting (and donating!)—you made it special.**
- 3. And a big shout-out to our OE VP, John Zavala—our self-declared “scheduler”—for making those important connections with city officials and bringing them to our meetings. We appreciate all you do, John!**

BBQ Picnic

The annual OE BBQ picnic was a wonderful gathering—filled with great conversations, and plenty of delicious BBQ, sides, and sweet treats. A heartfelt “thank you” to Chris and Ann Sehorn for graciously hosting this annual tradition.



And congratulations to our Neighbor Choice winners

Joan Luker for her tasty dessert and Jennifer Walz for her crowd-favorite side dish!



Report Incidents:

- Emergencies - Call 911
- Non-Emergencies – call 713-884-3131
- Constables PD – 713-755-5200
- Call 311 for other issues involving nuisance, traffic signs, fire hydrant leaking, dumping, etc.

Important Numbers:

- Amy Peck’s Office – COH Council Member District A
Phone – 832-393-3010 E-Mail: districta@houstontx.gov
- Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey – Harris County Precinct 3
Phone – 713- 274-3000

OE Meeting – May 27, 2025

We were pleased to have a strong turnout at our most recent Outpost Estates meeting. A special thanks to John Zavala for arranging the attendance of several key City of Houston officials, including Council Member At-Large Sallie Alcorn, Chief of Police Noe Diaz, Captain Michael Chaney, Commander of the Northwest Division, and Officer Englehardt.

Council Member Alcorn provided an overview of the city's budget priorities, with a particular focus on public safety. She also addressed concerns related to city nuisances and their broader impact. Additionally, she agreed to look into the new law requiring sidewalks for new construction and will explore whether a waiver might be applicable for Outpost Estates.

Chief Noe Diaz spoke about the department's goals, emphasizing the importance of securing funding to increase police staffing as a means of enhancing public safety throughout the city.



We also engaged in a productive discussion regarding a process to update our deed restrictions, as well as the possibility of establishing a fair and reasonable enforcement policy that does not impose fines.

Due to time constraints, we were unable to cover all items on the agenda. However, the Board continues to evaluate several ongoing initiatives, including the purchase of vehicle decals for homeowners, further research into the feasibility of Flock security cameras, and plans for the renovation of our neighborhood entry signage.

Please read the minutes for details on our webpage at <https://outpoststates-htx.com/>

Pineapple Casserole

By: Jennifer Walz (Elaine Walz)

3 cans pineapple chunks canned in own juice

1 ½ rolls of whole wheat Ritz crackers

2 ½ cups grated cheese (HEB Mexican mix)

¼ cup sugar

6 tbsp flour

4 tbsp pineapple juice (from can)

1 ½ stick of butter

(or measure ingredients to your liking)

Mix sugar, flour, pineapple juice and drained pineapples in 13x9 nonmetal baking dish. Sprinkle grated cheese over pineapple mix. Crumble crackers into melted butter. Mix and sprinkle over cheese. Bake at 325 deg. for 25 min. Serves 10-12.

OE Award-Winning



Cherry Dump Cake

By Joan Luker

2 cans of cherry pie filling

1 box of plain white cake mix

½ cup of finely chopped pecans

1-1/2 sticks of butter (12 Tbsp.)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Put pie filling into a 9x13 baking pan and spread evenly.

Top this with the white cake mix and spread evenly.

Slice the butter into tiny squares (as thinly as you can) to cover the entire top of the cake mix. (this may take more or less butter than listed in the ingredients.)

Sprinkle the pecans on top.

Bake for 55 minutes uncovered.

CHILI'S CHILI – By Judy Schiro

3 lbs ground deer meat or more

3 ¼ cups water

16 ounce-tomato sauce

1 ½ cup chopped yellow onion (cook separately!)

1 tablespoon cooking oil

1 cup water

1 tablespoon masa harina

Mix together chili spice blend

½ cup chili powdered

1/8 cup salt (or less)

1/8 cup ground cumin

1 tablespoon paprika

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 teaspoon garlic powdered

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper or more

In a small bowl, combine chili powder, salt, cumin, paprika, pepper, garlic powder and cayenne pepper

Heat 6-quart stockpot over medium heat

Place ground deer meat into the stockpot and cook until the meat is browned. Drain the fat, if any.

While the meat is browning, combine chili spice mix, 3 ½ cups water and tomato sauce in a bowl. Stir until well blended

Add chili seasoning liquid to the browned meat. Stir well and bring to a boil

Sauté onions in cooking oil over medium heat in a skillet until the onions are translucent

Add the onions to the chili

Reduce the heat to low and simmer for one hour stirring every 15 minutes

In a separate bowl, mix 1 tablespoon water with masa harina to the chili stockpot and cook for an additional 10 minutes

Summer-Time Fun

Looking for cool things to do with the kids this summer without breaking the bank? Here's your go-to list for summer fun:

Splash & Play

- **Discovery Green** (Downtown)
- **Hermann Park Splash Pad/The Commons & Levy Park**
- **Downtown Aquarium's Splash Pad**
- **Agnes Moffitt Park Pool** (Spring Branch)

Music, Movies & Magic Under the Stars

- **Miller Outdoor Theatre**: FREE shows all summer—musicals, dance, symphonies, and more.
- **POST Houston Skylawn**: Rooftop movie nights, yoga, and family markets.

Nature Adventures

- **Houston Arboretum & Nature Center**: Shady trails, sensory gardens & nature programs.
- **Buffalo Bayou Park**: Walk, bike, paddle, and see the famous bat flights at sunset!

Get Creative & Curious

- **Children's Museum Houston**: Free on Thursdays (5–8 PM)! STEAM fun, robots & bubbles.
- **Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts** (nearby Spring): Family art markets & free exhibits.
- **Sloomoo Institute** (Spring Branch): Slime, goo, and sensory play—perfect for an indoor break.
- **Dog Days of Summer** (Spring Branch)—barks, bites and yappy hour -Wednesdays 6-9, starting June 11, behind Cirro's

Trash/Recycle/Tree and Bulk Waste Collection

Check the COH website for weekly updates regarding scheduled collections including Recycling, Tree and Bulk Waste. Garbage is picked up weekly on Fridays and Recycling is typically picked up every other week. Recycling can be delayed up to two days and longer at times. The city states to leave your recycling bin at the curb even if delayed. Tree and bulk waste can also be delayed; therefore, it is best to check the COH website collection schedule for updated information at

<https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste>. Tree waste is collected on odd numbered months and Bulk waste on even numbered months. Just a reminder, COH will not pick up tree waste or bulk waste more than 8 cubic yards which is about the size of a minivan.

Trash/Recycle/Tree and Bulk Waste Collection

 **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)

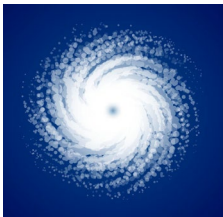
Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center

Northwest location:

14400 Sommermeyer 77041

Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10 am – 7 pm



Hurricane Preparedness

1. Assemble an Emergency Kit:

Gather essential supplies such as water, non-perishable food, medications, a first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, and important documents.

2. Secure Your Home:

Protect your property by boarding up windows or closing storm shutters, securing or bringing in outdoor furniture and items, and trimming trees or branches that could pose a danger.

3. Know Your Evacuation Zone:

Identify your evacuation zone and familiarize yourself with evacuation routes in case a mandatory order is issued.

4. Stay Informed:

Monitor weather forecasts, local news, emergency alerts, and updates from trusted sources such as the National Weather Service and city officials.

Get Ready and Stay Ready

<https://www.hcp1.net/Portals/hcp1/Documents/GetReadyPreHurricaneFlyer.pdf>

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/>

OE Civic Club Board Members

President – Hilda Rodriguez (ocivic@gmail.com)

Vice-President – John Zavala

Secretary – Joan Luker

Treasurer- Colleen Sheahan

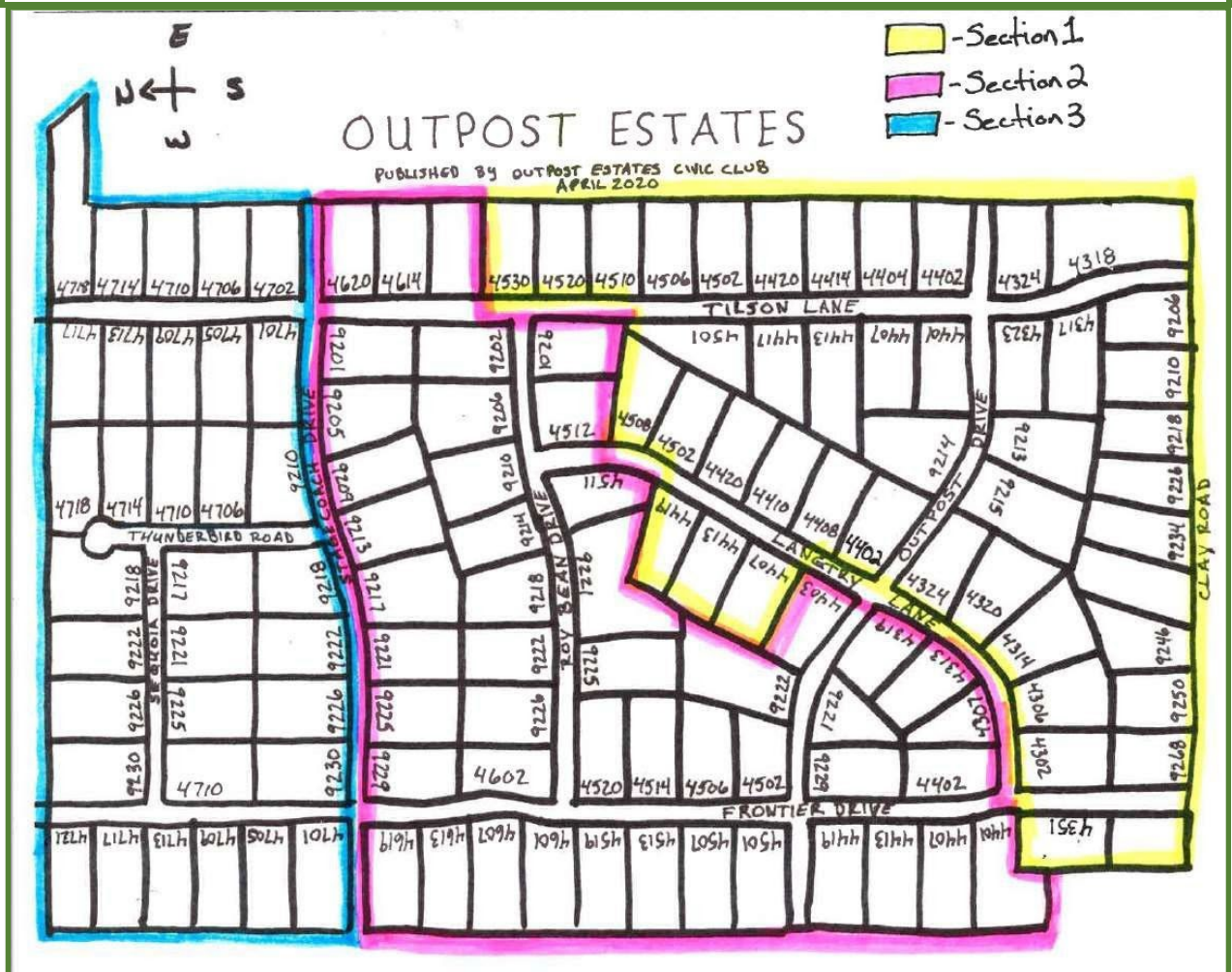
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Section 2 - Daphne Rambo

Section 3 - Maricha Gundy

ACC Chair – Angie Lapp

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An advertisement for "DEAN OF CLEAN Professional Services". It features a sun icon, a worker in a blue shirt and orange vest holding a pressure washer, and a window. Text includes "WINDOW Washing", "PLUS... Soft Wash Stucco!", "PRESSURE Washing", "for Home and Business", "DEAN OF CLEAN", "713-585-6057", and "www.deanofclean.biz Professional Services".

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