



The Outpost Estates Newsletter October 2025

Message from the President: [click here](#)

This Fall season reminds us that while leaves may fall, our community spirit rises. Fall has arrived, and Outpost Estates is already showing what it means to fall into fall together. Let us enjoy the upcoming cooler days, changing colors, and opportunities to connect.

We started the season strong with a fun-filled Hayride. More than 30 neighbors hopped on board, and many generous treat providers helped make the evening a huge success. It truly felt like we were falling into fun and tradition all at once.

We are also falling into progress. Through our section meetings, neighbors came together to share feedback about updates to our deed restrictions. The conversations were productive and respectful, and they showed the pride we all take in strengthening our community. We are continuing this momentum by taking on the project of replacing our entry signs, another important way we show pride in the place we call home.

We are falling into growth as well. Several new families have recently moved in or are preparing to join us soon. We are excited to welcome them and continue building a neighborhood where everyone feels included and valued.

Most importantly, let's fall into kindness. Outpost Estates continues to be a beautiful place where neighbors care for neighbors. As we head into Thanksgiving, I hope we each take a moment to give thanks for loved ones and for the wonderful community we live in.

As we continue into the season, I invite everyone to Fall into Fall with gratitude, engagement, and a shared commitment to our vision and mission. There is much to look forward to, including our upcoming Christmas Crawl, on December 6, which will give us another opportunity to spend time together and celebrate all that makes the OE special.

Hilda Rodriguez





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.**



In the Spotlight

Finding Strength Beyond Measure - Jennifer Walz

As an empty nester, Jennifer found herself wondering, *what now?* After years of caring for her family, the quiet felt overwhelming, as she struggled to find purpose. With encouragement from her sons, she decided to do something completely new — she hired a fitness trainer. What started as a simple step toward staying active quickly turned into a life-changing journey. Jennifer discovered a passion for strength training and, at 59, began competing in powerlifting. As her strength grew, so did her confidence and sense of purpose. She now has realized this journey wasn't just about lifting weights — it was about lifting her spirit and inspiring others to believe that no matter your age or circumstances, anything is possible. "Dreams you never knew you had are waiting — you just have to take that first step."



Books That Build Futures:

A huge shoutout to **Kristen-Kettler Oufnac** for launching the *OE Literacy Initiative – Books Between Kids!* Because of her spark, more children will discover the magic that happens when you open a book.

Signs of Generosity

A heartfelt thank you to **Judy Schiro** and **Doie Young** for leading the way in collecting donations for our *new entry signs!*

Dedication in Action

Thank you to our **Architectural Control Committee** for your time, dedication, and thoughtful work toward improving OE - one project at a time.

A warm welcome to our new and soon-to-be neighbors!

Jennifer Borstmayer – 4314 Langtry Ln

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

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



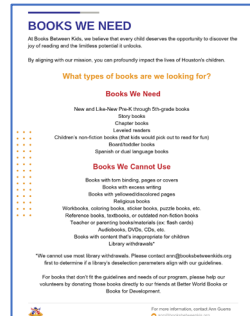
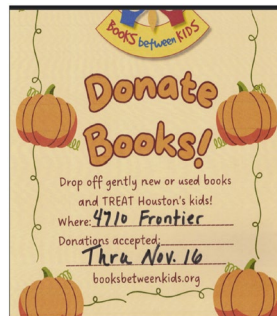
Annual Hayride

The annual OE Halloween Hayride was a wonderful success. We had more than 30 riders join in on the fun and nearly 20 neighbors welcoming everyone with treats. A big thank you to Jason and Kristi Faith for driving the families safely through the neighborhood and adding festive decorations to the trailer. We also appreciate Joan and David Luker for providing the trailer, Doie Young for helping decorate the mailboxes, and the Cervantes family for providing pizza for the riders. A special thank you to a dear friend for donating the hay bales. It was truly a fun evening, full of smiles, and the weather worked in our favor. What a great night for our community!



Books between Kids

Books Between Kids is a nonprofit organization that provides new and gently used books to at-risk children who may not have books at home. A collection box will be located on Kristen and Dean's front porch at 4710 Frontier. You are welcome to drop off books anytime now through November 16. Thank you for helping support this wonderful cause.



Entry Signs

Several neighbors expressed interest in contributing toward the reconstruction of our neighborhood entry signs. If you'd like to donate, please let me know. Contributions can be made by check to Outpost Estates.



Snack Like You Mean It This Holiday Season

Stuffed Mushrooms



Cooking spray
1 1/2 lb. baby mushrooms, rinsed
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/4 cup bread crumbs
1 Kosher salt -Freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan, plus more for topping
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, plus more for serving
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a baking sheet with cooking spray. Remove stems from mushrooms and finely chop. Arrange caps on prepared sheet. In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add chopped mushroom stems and cook, stirring frequently, until most of the moisture is evaporated, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add bread crumbs and cook, stirring frequently, until slightly toasted, about 3 minutes; season with salt and pepper. Let cool slightly. Transfer bread crumb mixture to a large bowl. Add Parmesan, cream cheese, parsley, and thyme; season with salt and pepper and stir to combine. Fill mushroom caps with filling and sprinkle with more Parmesan. Bake stuffed mushrooms until softened and the tops are golden, about 20 minutes. Transfer the stuffed mushrooms to a platter. Top with parsley.

Cheese Ball Bites



12 ounces softened cream cheese 1 and 1/2 blocks
1 tbsp ranch seasoning
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup bacon bits
1 tbsp fresh chopped parsley
30 pretzel sticks

In a large mixing bowl, combine softened cream cheese, ranch seasoning, and shredded cheese. Mix until well incorporated. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat, then begin rolling the cream cheese mixture into 1-inch sized balls, placing them on your prepared baking sheet as you go. Your hands will get messy, so feel free to wear gloves. In a medium mixing bowl, combine bacon bits and fresh parsley. Working one by one, roll each mini cheese ball in the bacon bits, coating the exterior completely. Then return to the prepared baking sheet. Insert a pretzel stick into the center of each bacon coated cheese ball bite before enjoying

Merry Mozzarella Balls



1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 Tbsp. thinly sliced chives
1 Tbsp. white balsamic vinegar
2 tsp. finely chopped fresh basil
1 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
8 oz. ciliegine mozzarella

In a medium serving bowl, combine oil, chives, vinegar, basil, red pepper flakes, and salt. Add ciliegine mozzarella and toss to combine.

November Events in and around Houston

- George Ranch Frontier Days – November 15, 2025
- Día de los Muertos at Sugar Land Heritage Foundation Exhibit – October – November 2, 2025
- Día de los Muertos at Discovery Green – November 2, 2025
- The Nutcracker Market – November 13-16, 2025
- Zoo Lights – November 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026
- City of Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade – November 27, 2025



Let's keep the OE Safe

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



November 2025 General and Special Elections

Harris Votes

Statewide propositions - the only statewide items on this November's ballot are 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Special election for U.S. Representative, District 18 - voters within Texas' 18th Congressional District will have their chance to cast a ballot to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat left vacant by the death of U.S. Rep. Sylvester Turner.

Houston City Council special election - residents of Houston will also have a special election to fill the vacant at-large position 4 on the Houston City Council.

Local school board elections - Cypress-Fairbanks ISD School Board trustee positions 5, 6, and 7 are up for election.

Early Voting October 20-31, 2025

Election Day– November 4, 2025

Hurricane Season (July 1- November 30)

- 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>

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.

YES! Put these in your recycling cart.



- **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

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

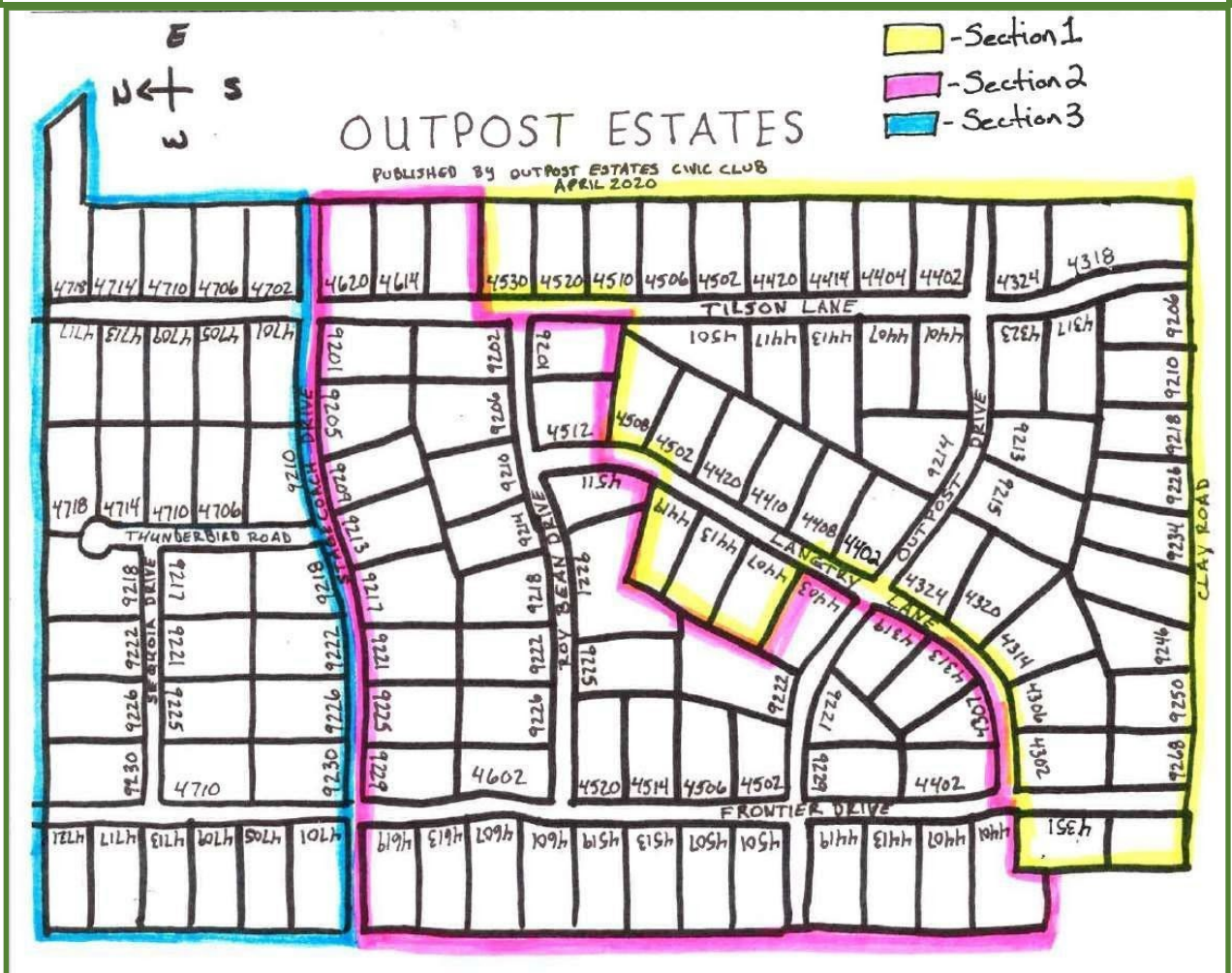
[Section 1](#) - Lisa Ocampo

[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 using 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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