

ONION CREEK MEADOWS property owners association

P.O. Box 434

Manchaca, Texas 78652

Spring 2021

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!!



REDUCE REUSE....RECYCLE

Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association

Invites you to join us in an

EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Saturday, April 17th 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. OR UNTIL FULL

13420 Onion Creek Drive (old MVFD Driveway)

REDUCE: Trash dumpster will be available for large garbage

REUSE: Drop off unwanted but usable items for neighbors to peruse

RECYCLE: Drop off items like batteries and paint for recycling (these will go into a separate container, not the dumpster)

NO TIRES, CONCRETE, LARGE ROCKS, ROOFING SHINGLES, LEAVES, TREE LIMBS ACCEPTED

*****ONLY CURRENT OCMPOA MEMBERS CAN**

USE THE TRASH DUMPSTER***

You're welcome to pay your \$40 membership dues at the dumpster or
via PayPal to ocmpoa@ocmpoa.org

Contact Debra Tompkins at 512.282.2380 with any questions

EARTH DAY IS AN EVENT OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON APRIL 22. IT IS A DAY HELD TO DEMONSTRATE AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND CALLS FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR PLANET. TODAY, EARTH DAY, 2021 IS CELEBRATED IN MORE THAN 193 COUNTRIES EACH YEAR.

THE FIRST EARTH DAY STARTED AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVOLUTION. NOW THEY ARE IGNITING AN EDUCATION REVOLUTION TO SAVE THE PLANET. THIS FORMAL CAMPAIGN, LAUNCHED SUMMER 2020, IS COMBINING GRASSROOTS SUPPORT AND ON THE GROUND EFFORTS BY STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND NONPROFITS WITH NATIONAL LEVEL COMMITMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH OUR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN, WE WILL ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ACROSS THE WORLD BENEFIT FROM HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION TO DEVELOP INTO INFORMED AND ENGAGED ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS.

COMBINED WITH CIVIC EDUCATION, CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY IT WILL CREATE JOBS, BUILD A GREEN CONSUMER MARKET AND ALLOW CITIZENS TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY? THE FIRST IS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BECOME AWARE OF THE CRITICAL ACTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT. THE SECOND IS TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO SERVICE ON OR AROUND EARTH DAY – PLANT SOME TREES, CLEAN UP A STREAM OR HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GARDEN.

HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR EARTH CLEAN?

HERE ARE A FEW EASY AND EFFECTIVE WAYS YOU CAN CHOOSE TO REDUCE YOUR DAILY IMPACT AND MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE:

- 1. BRING A BAG. ...**
- 2. INVEST IN A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE. ...**
- 3. BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CUP. ...**
- 4. REFUSE SINGLE-USE ITEMS. ...**
- 5. AVOID PRODUCTS WITH MICROBEADS. ...**
- 6. SHOP IN BULK. ...**
- 7. MAKE SURE YOUR WASTE GOES TO THE RIGHT PLACE. ...**
- 8. COMPOST.**

GO TO EARTH DAY.ORG TO LEARN MORE

OCMPOA Annual Meeting



Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

2:00-4:00 p.m.

13206 Easley Drive

We invite everyone in the neighborhood to come out for our Annual Meeting. It's a great opportunity to:

- Find out what's happening in Onion Creek Meadows and surrounding areas
- Meet your neighbors and your Board Members
- Renew your membership or become a new member
- Opportunity to join a committee and get involved
- Give suggestions, ideas and express concerns
- Discuss purchasing another Onion Creek Meadows neighborhood sign to be placed at Turley and Old San Antonio Road

Guest Speaker County Commissioner Ann Howard will address:

- * Roads—Twin Creeks Drive, Old San Antonio Rd, FM 1626
- * Subdivisions—Estancia and Bear Creek Crossing Subdivisions

OCMPOA Board Annual Meeting will be held in the back yard of the Jellison residence instead of the Manchaca Fire Station and make it an Annual Meeting and a Fun Neighborhood Get-Together! We'll be providing:

- Bottled water
- Bring your own lawn chair or blanket
- No pets allowed please

COVID Precautions will be followed. Social distancing and face masks will be required. THANK YOU for helping to keep everyone safe!

So, come on out and join us! We look forward to meeting the new neighbors and seeing the ones that have been here a while. This is truly a great neighborhood and we welcome you to help us make it even better!

See ya' there!

OCMPOA Board Members

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

A warm welcome to our newest neighbors! We're so glad you chose Onion Creek Meadows and know you will love living here as much as we do. Please know the Board is here if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, we have not been able to have any neighborhood activities for over a year. Now that things have started to loosen up, we look forward to planning some fun activities. These will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 2nd.

We are grateful for the new Traffic Light at the Intersection of FM 1626 and Old San Antonio Road. We thank the developer of the new apartments on the NE Corner of FM 1626 for funding that project.

The state Department of Transportation has begun to expand FM 1626 into a five-lane road west of Manchaca Road. Expansion of FM 1626 east of Manchaca Road is expected to come later.

The new bridge on Old San Antonio Road over Onion Creek has been under construction for almost a year now and is getting very close to completion, approximately May 5th. There will be a short period when the North bound lane on the new bridge will be open and the South bound lane on the Old Bridge will be open while they work on the new pedestrian guard rails and redo existing driveways on Old San Antonio Road. Please be aware and cautious during this time. Estancia will extend the Hike & Bike Trail from their entrance on Old San Antonio Road under the new bridge to the old bridge. The old bridge will be used for pedestrian traffic and for fishing. The whole area will be cleaned up and the new rails on the old bridge will be like the ones on Lady Bird Lake. So exciting!! Waiting to hear if there will be a ribbon cutting for the bridge. We'll keep you posted.

The proposed Camino Real de los Tejas Historic Trail Park will be located to the East of the bridge. The association is in the beginning stages of planning this park. Many Indian artifacts have been found in this area near the Indian Mounds. There is quite a bit of history in the Manchaca/Onion Creek Area and the park will include that as well as the history of the Camino Real de los Tejas. We'll have information concerning the park at our Annual Meeting.

We are pleased once again, thanks to the efforts of board members Debra Tompkins and Chris Mitchell, to provide a dumpster, which will be available for disposal of household trash from residents on Saturday, April 17th (no tires please). See details on Page 1.

The Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association is a voluntary organization, which represents our mutual interests. Our annual general membership meeting will be Sunday, May 2nd, at 2 p.m. at my home, 13206 Easley Dr. We welcome your input on issues that affect our neighborhood. Among other things, we will vote on three members of the board of directors. Debra Tompkins, current Secretary & Treasurer and two vacant seats. To vote, you must be a member and annual dues are \$40. (Memberships expire July 1, but you can renew your membership for the following year at the meeting.) If you are interested in running for one of the seats, you may contact President Karen Jellison 512-565-5621, for information on how to proceed, but basically you can show up at the meeting and put your name up for election. We also need volunteers to chair Activities, Newsletter, and Neighborhood Watch and would welcome your participation!

Although membership in Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association is voluntary, every property owner in the Onion Creek Meadows subdivision is bound by deed restrictions that are on file with the Travis County Clerk's office of Real Property Records (see the text under "Deed Restrictions" at ocmpoa.org). Chris Mitchell is in charge of fielding complaints of violations of deed restrictions.

Thanks for your support.

Karen Jellison

President, OCMPOA

Do you know what your dues pay for?

- Enforcing deed restrictions
- Printing & mailing the neighborhood newsletter
- Providing food & refreshment for neighborhood gatherings
- Awarding winners for the annual Holiday Lighting Contest
- Renting a roll-off container for a neighborhood clean-up
- Printing signage to alert residents to meetings
- Producing neighborhood signs to subdivision entrance

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ocmpoa.org – NEW & IMPROVED neighborhood website with announcements, newsletters, and POA information

facebook.com/ocmpoa – announcements, neighborhood information

nextdoor.com – neighborhood specific social networking. Allows us to message, talk online, get recommendations and safety announcements, and put a name to the faces we see on our streets.

OCMPOA BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020-2021

Karen Jellison	Board President Newsletter, Activities	512-565-5621	kpjellison@gmail.com
Lauren Homann	Board Vice President	713-304-2364	lolobrumley@gmail.com
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Ron Ralph	Liaison	512-280-9648	ronralph@austin.rr.com
Lance Farley	Webmaster		ocmpoa.org

HISTORY CORNER WITH DEBRA...Who were the Turley's?

Have you ever wondered where the name for Turley Drive came from? Let me tell you! Turley Drive is named after James Monroe Turley (1816-1883). "He was a young Tennessean who migrated to frontier Texas while it was still a shirt tail republic, he carved a thriving farm out of virgin but rocky soil on Onion Creek, just 12 miles South of Austin."

James Turley and his second wife, Jane Soules Turley (1832-1924) built the house pictured below in the mid 1800's which was located at 110 Turley. James and Jane Turley had 12 children together, one of them being Edna Turley Carpenter, who's quote I used above and her memories can be found in the book "Tales from the Manchaca Hills. An Unvarnished Memoir." If you live in Onion Creek Meadows, you NEED to read this book! It has a lot of interesting history about the Turleys and the Manchaca area.

Sadly the Turley house burned to the ground on January 4, 2003, all that remains is three vacant lots. The cause of the fire was unknown. All the Manchaca Volunteer Fire Department could do was to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining properties.



I took this picture of the "Old Turley House" in 2002. From my understanding, this front side, which faced Turley Drive, was originally the backside of the house, the front faced North towards Live Oak Cemetery where many of the Turley's are buried.

If anyone is interested in talking neighborhood history or would like a tour of Live Oak Cemetery, let me know!

Debra Tompkins 😊

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN UPDATE



Currently, we have received \$1,522 in donations for a second set of neighborhood signs to be placed at the entrance on Turley Drive at Old San Antonio Road. The signs will be identical to the ones at Onion Creek Drive and OSR. Cost of the signs is \$2,500 (which includes materials and installation) so we are halfway to our goal! A big *THANK YOU* to all of you who have made donations! To make a donation, please contact any board member OR you can donate via PayPal to ocmpoa@ocmpoa.org.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

(July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021)

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE(s) _____

EMAIL(s): _____

PROPERTY OWNER MEMBERSHIP - # OF LOTS* _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

*Multiple lot owners may choose to pay (1) the minimum \$40 dues for a single lot and one membership vote or (2) \$40 for each additional lot which also entitles you to an additional vote for each additional lot.

RENTAL PROPERTY? – I am renting this home but would still like to donate \$20.00 towards supporting the Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association and participate in neighborhood events including receiving the quarterly newsletter. \$ _____

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD? – I’ve never been a member of OCMPOA and would like to receive the complimentary first year membership **FREE!** (Even if you’ve been here for a while, please select this option if you’ve never officially been “Welcomed” to the neighborhood.)

DONATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN—I’d like to make a donation towards a neighborhood sign to be installed at Turley and Old San Antonio Road. \$ _____

Please return this completed form along with your check payable to
“Onion Creek Meadows POA” and mail to:

**Onion Creek Meadows POA
PO Box 434
Manchaca TX 78652
Visit us online at ocmpoa.org**

**You can now pay via PAYPAL (for a small fee) to ocmpoa@ocmpoa.org.
Please be sure to list your address in the description.
Total online payment will be \$41.46
THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

If you’re uncertain about your membership status or have any questions, please call
Debra Tompkins at 512-282-2380 or by email DLTompkins4@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Hey Neighbors!

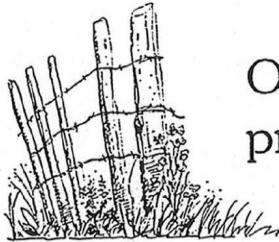
Thank you to EVERYONE who has joined or renewed your dues in OCMPOA. **We currently have 84 members.**

We have 247 lots in our subdivision so we **still need another 42 members** to be over 50% membership. With all the development going on around us, if we are called upon to advocate for our neighborhood, it would be good if we had a majority of our property owners as members.

So please consider joining us TODAY! Just complete and mail the enclosed membership form. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Debra Tompkins
Membership Chair
512-282-2380 or email Dltompkins4@gmail.com

P.S. – Does your newsletter label say **CURRENT RESIDENT**? If so, please complete and return the enclosed membership form and you will receive a **COMPLIMENTARY** one-year membership, that's a \$40 value! Or you can call or email me with your contact information. **THANK YOU!**



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