

# ONION CREEK MEADOWS property owners association

P.O. Box 434

Manchaca, Texas 78652

Spring 2023



## REDUCE .... REUSE....RECYCLE

Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association  
Invites you to join us in an

## EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Friday, April 28th 2 pm to 7 pm

Saturday, April 29th 8 am to 3 pm OR UNTIL FULL  
13004 Shawnee Dr. (gated lot next to house)

**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,  
MATTRESSES, LEAVES, TREE LIMBS ACCEPTED**

Contact Karen 512-565-5621 or Debra 512-964-2598 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. THIS YEAR'S EARTH DAY THEME IS "INVEST IN OUR PLANET" AND IS DESIGNED TO PERSUADE BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS, AND CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD OF THE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR PLANET TO IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND GIVE OUR DESCENDANTS A BETTER, MORE BEAUTIFUL AND SAFER FUTURE. EARTH DAY HAS BECOME A TRULY GLOBAL EVENT, CELEBRATED IN MORE THAN 193 COUNTRIES AND OVER A BILLION PEOPLE!**

**ONE OF THE KEY REASONS FOR EARTH DAY'S GLOBAL SUCCESS IS ITS ABILITY TO UNITE PEOPLE ACROSS BORDERS AND CULTURES FOR A COMMON CAUSE. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AFFECT EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE OR WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND. BY WORKING TOGETHER ON EARTH DAY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD CAN HELP CREATE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR OUR PLANET AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS, INCLUDING THE BEAUTIFUL PLANTS AND FLOWERS THAT WE LOVE.**

**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](https://www.earthday.org) TO LEARN MORE**

**A Letter from the President...** Well, Spring has Sprung and the Texas Wildflowers have arrived! It's amazing how fast the trees start blooming and budding out and everything just comes to life. It's magical!! A welcome reprieve from the harsh winter for sure. There are several different Wildflower Trails in the Hill Country that are absolutely stunning. I've listed those below and included other routes all over Texas as well. So pack up the car or RV and head out and witness the beauty of Texas!! (Go to [TexasHighways.com/wildflowers/12-scenic-wildflower-drives](http://TexasHighways.com/wildflowers/12-scenic-wildflower-drives) for maps and more info). My neighbors went camping at McKinney Falls State Park last weekend and said the wildflowers were amazing! It is such a beautiful park and so close to us! Great place to take kids or grandkids.

**Highland Lakes-Llano, Burnet, Marble Falls area**

**Washington County-Blackland Prairie beauty**

**The Hill Country-Fredericksburg, Enchanted Rock, Johnson City area**

**Western Hill Country-Leakey, Bandera, Utopia area**

**Blackland Prairie-Ennis, Athens area**

**East Texas-Nacogdoches, Caddo Lake area**

**North-Central Texas-Stephenville, Hico, Comanche area**

**Panhandle-Amarillo, Lake Meredith, Palo Duro Canyon, Caprock Canyons area**

**South Texas Coastal Plain-Cuero, Goliad, Victoria, Refugio area**

**Upper Coast-Brazos Bend, Beaumont, Brazoria, Sandyland area**

**Big Bend and Davis Mountains-Big Bend National Park, Fort Davis, Marfa, Alpine**

**Far West-Franklin Mountains, El Paso, Guadalupe Mountains area**

We are pleased to again provide a dumpster for Earth Day this year which will be available for disposal of household trash from residents of Onion Creek Meadows. Our sincere thanks to Cody and Christy Grady for arranging it and for Cody's employer, Tito's Vodka, for sponsoring the dumpster. Also our thanks to Jamie Beard, our Board Secretary for the use of her vacant lot for the dumpster. This is much appreciated as this is one of our neighbors favorite events that we hold! Although Earth Day is officially April 22<sup>nd</sup>, please note we will be honoring the day on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. (See details on front page.) So start looking around your house and yard for unwanted items and plan to get there early, as the dumpster does fill up! A great way to get rid of your JUNK for free!! Declutter your home and yard and create space for something new!

I want to recognize Travis County Commissioner Ann Howard, her staff and the Road and Bridge Department. What an incredible job they have done with removing limbs and debris due to the freeze! They responded quickly to calls for help, contracted companies to help get the job done quickly, came back a couple of times to make sure neighbors had time to get limbs cut and to the street. I hope those of you who were affected and used their services will take the time to call, email or write a review on their website. We are so fortunate for their help in a crisis.

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 21st, at 2 p.m. at my home, 13206 Easley Dr. We welcome your input on issues that affect our neighborhood. 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 three seats up for reelection, you may contact me at 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 help on committees, activities, Neighborhood Watch, etc.

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](http://ocmpoa.org)). Chris Mitchell is in charge of fielding complaints of violations of deed restrictions.

On a personal note, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, I will celebrate living in this wonderful neighborhood and home for 48 years. How time flies when you love where you live!! I'm so blessed to live in such a beautiful, friendly neighborhood.

Look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>! Thanks so much for your support.

Karen Jellison, President  
OCMPOA

# OCMPOA ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
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
- Discussion of new developments, FM1626 and traffic concerns on OSA Road
- 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

OCMPOA Annual Meeting will be held in the back yard of the Jellison residence and is a Fun Neighborhood Get-Together!

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

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. You do not need to be a member to attend and this is an excellent opportunity to see what OCMPOA is all about. This is truly a great neighborhood and we welcome you to help us make it even better!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>!

OCMPOA Board Members

**Community Updates: STOP 18 WHEELERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

- **Travis South Industrial**, 13422 Old San Antonio Road, is proposing 576,059 SF of industrial park with parking for up to 290 Semi Trucks. County has rejected their current proposal due to 18 wheeler traffic affecting Old San Antonio Road but Travis South can submit an alternative proposal for review. Owners of the Urban Ranch on OSA Road are fighting this and have created a website. Please go to [www.travissouth.com](http://www.travissouth.com) to learn more and get involved. We will be in touch with the owners of the Urban Ranch and help coordinate a community meeting. This will be discussed in detail at the Annual Meeting.

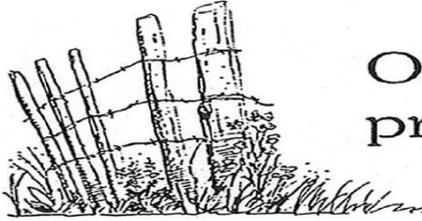
<b>OCMPOA BOARD MEMBERS 2022-2023</b>			
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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR 2023-2024**

Hey neighbor! Just a reminder, it is time to JOIN or RENEW your membership to Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association (OCMPOA) for 2023-2024. As a reminder, your \$40 annual POA dues will go towards: Annual Christmas lighting contest prizes Quarterly neighborhood newsletter Annual meeting refreshments Neighborhood wide cleanup weekend dumpster rental Neighborhood activities and gatherings OR any other suggestions you'd like to see happen. There are 247 lots in our neighborhood, we need 124 members to have a majority, we currently have 77 members. 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 we need YOU to join or renew to make this happen! Our membership form can be found at our website at [ocmpoa.org](http://ocmpoa.org). Please complete the membership form and return it by mail along with your dues to: OCMPOA, PO Box 434, Manchaca TX 78652. For your convenience, you can now pay your dues via PayPal to [ocmpoa@ocmpoa.org](mailto:ocmpoa@ocmpoa.org). for an \$1.46 additional fee so total dues \$41.46. List your address in the description. Please join us and let's ALL contribute to making this the best neighborhood in Manchaca! Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about your membership status. A big THANK YOU to all of you who have already joined or renewed your membership, it is greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you have questions about your membership status. And thank you for supporting your neighborhood!

Debra Tompkins OCMPOA Membership Chair & Treasurer (512) 282-2380  
[DLTompkins4@gmail.com](mailto:DLTompkins4@gmail.com)

P.S. Does your newsletter label say CURRENT RESIDENT? If so, call or email me with your contact information so I can "Welcome" you to the neighborhood! You will receive a COMPLIMENTARY one-year membership, which is a \$40 value!



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