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NEWSLETTER

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The Gift of Flavor - By Cindi Groomes

In our Summer newsletter, my friend and fellow Board member, Yirga Belachew, reminded us that it is important, now more than ever, to be a good neighbor by showing kindness and having an attitude of service. That is so right! With kids back in school and holidays in sight, we now look ahead at a season of thanks and giving, both of which also make for a strong sense of community. Always be thankful for what you have and for the people in your life! The last several months have shown us how precious those close to us can be – especially when they cannot always be close to us. Remember to give when you can. It doesn't always have to be something that costs money. You can give a smile, an uplifting word, some of your time, or so many things that just take an effort. Sometimes, you can also give the gift of flavor...



The season is changing and Fall is in the air! For many, outdoor grilling will decrease. Ovens, crockpots, and pressure cookers will smell up the kitchens. I'd like to share with you this old Louisiana chicken recipe my friend gave me. Make it and share it with your neighbors and loved ones!

Opelousas Baked Chicken

This is a famous Opelousas dish. The secret is in the seasoning and the long, slow basting process. It is often served with rice dressing, petit pois, candied yams, green salad, and French bread. Here's what you'll need:

- 4 chicken fryer halves
- Tony's Creole Seasoning and/or salt & pepper
- 1 cup chicken fat or oil
- 1 cup water
- 1 small can paprika
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

Season the chicken generously with Tony's Seasoning or salt and pepper. Rub well on each side. Place fryer halves in an open baking pan and cover with a mixture of oil/chicken fat and water. Place pan in a preheated 275° oven and cook until hot. Sprinkle generously with paprika and chili powder. Baste continuously every half-hour until dark brown. Takes from 3 to 5 hours. Deliciously serves four.

Connecting as Neighbors – Online, Offline, and In Between!

Last month's Community Garage Sale Day was a great thing for our neighborhood! A big thanks goes out to each household that participated, each neighbor that visited sales and bought from them, and to the neighbors who promoted the event to their friends and contacts. It's been a long time since we had any mass community events, like our Fall picnics, and it will still be a while before we do again. But, this kind of interaction is so positive for our community and keeps us connected in great personal ways.

Remember, that we can always connect online, even though we cannot connect as easily in person and in large groups for now. Please, if you haven't already, join our community e-mail list by sending a message to the HOA President at chuck.grimes@att.net, and add that address to your e-mail account's safe list (so messages don't go to the junk folder). This list is for community use only, and will never be turned over to third parties to generate outside messages. You can e-mail Chuck with questions or comments that don't necessarily require immediate attention by Hawkins Management. We would also like to hear from you if you own or run a local business or provide a professional service, so that we can encourage neighbors to do business with you. There are always great ways for neighbors to support each other!

Congratulations to the Yard of the Month Winners!



July: Carolyn Goodson
5525 Oak Chase Drive



August: Michael & Deborah Horton
5401 Oak Chase Drive



September: Shara Farag
5698 Deer Valley Trail

Call us at (615) 838-2876 if there's a yard you want to nominate for this award! We will consider all nominations.

Hawkins Management has been hard at work monitoring the subdivision for adherence to our community standards this Summer. If you get a letter listing some things that need to be done for your home or yard to be in keeping with the standards, please follow that reminder and keep your property looking great. We all have a responsibility to uphold the Oak Highland/Deer Valley pride!

The most often overlooked details of a great looking yard are: Keeping the grass regularly mowed and neatly edged; Removing weeds from flowerbeds; Trimming shrubs, trees & bushes; Cleaning up trash and debris; Storing trash cans out of sight from the street; Moving construction materials, shingles, or bricks to the garage or an area they are not visible. The objective is for every yard in our neighborhood to look its best, so our community looks the best.

Read All About It! Then... Keep Reading!



The common area at Aaron Drive and West Oak Highland Drive that contains the community playground and tennis court has a valuable new addition! Thanks to a generous gift by Alexis Drive neighbor and former Board Member Cathy Midkiff, the children and families of Oak Highlands and Deer Valley now have easy access to a variety of books very close to home. Mrs. Midkiff bought a "little library" for our community as a memorial to her late husband, John. The John Midkiff Memorial Library was installed on August 22, with a set of books loaded in that day, and has already seen much interest. This is a little library, similar to many you now see in residential areas, that follows the "give a book, take a book" format and allows individuals to borrow a book to read nearby or to take home and keep. Remember, there are benches in the tennis court and playground areas where you can sit and read anytime, as well as in other spots around our subdivision.

Those who have books to spare, or would like to buy a few for the collection, are asked to place them in the little library at any time. The focus of this library is fiction and non-fiction books for kids - whether board books to read to babies and toddlers, simple storybooks for preschoolers, short stories for early readers, or longer stories and multi-chapter books for older kids. Any contributions to the library will be greatly appreciated! Mrs. Midkiff and the Association will maintain the library box and make sure it stays appropriately stocked at all times. We cannot thank her enough for this kind gift to our community, and we are sure that Mr. Midkiff would appreciate the joy being brought to our neighbors in his name.



Neighborhood Watch Needs YOU!

Recent events in our community have reminded us of the need to strengthen our active and efficient Neighborhood Watch. The group of volunteers who commit time and effort to keep our neighborhood safe in Deer Valley and Oak Highlands are a great asset. We appreciate each and every one of them, BUT we need more of them! We need YOU to join this effort to protect your home and your neighbors' homes.

Who should join? A resident of Oak Highlands or Deer Valley (whether you own or rent your home) should volunteer for Neighborhood Watch if they meet any of the following: if you have been a victim of a crime and want to prevent similar crimes; if you want the children of our community to have a safe place to play; if you have one or two spare hours per week; if you care about your property value; if you have a phone and an e-mail account; if you are an adult and are able to walk or drive throughout the entire neighborhood, at least, once per week. Basically, anyone should join! Please, don't delay – join Neighborhood Watch today!

The two primary roles to play as a Neighborhood Watch volunteer are:

***Neighborhood Patrollers** – These individuals travel throughout the neighborhood (usually on wheels, but sometimes on foot) during designated times of day or night to be on the lookout for irregular, unsafe, or suspicious activity. They report things that need to be reported to police and, over time, recognize patterns of activity that may need to be on notice with the police or the Association. A basic patrol round through the neighborhood by car only takes about 45 minutes. Those who choose to walk it find it a good way to exercise! This is a great way to get to know the neighborhood better and provide a valuable service to others. Volunteers are reimbursed for the mileage of each standard patrol round and will be provided magnets for their vehicle. Some volunteers do rounds before or after work or during times of day or night when they are normally at home. Ideally, we need at least 3 rounds occurring over each 24-hour period. Interested volunteers can pick their day/time and become part of the team now!

***Block Captains** – These volunteers serve as a point person for their own subsection of the neighborhood – a block or street or section of a street (depending on the location). They keep an eye on their area; being alert for irregular, unsafe, or suspicious activity; and make efforts to get to know the neighbors in their narrow locality. It is helpful for Block Captains to provide their contact information to those neighbors to establish a communication network and serve as a local conduit with our Neighborhood Watch efforts.

Ideally, an active Neighborhood Watch volunteer will fill both roles. But, we need and appreciate anyone actively participating in either role. Neighborhood Watch is not a police force, and does not directly intervene in dangerous situations. We seek to keep the Police Department and Hawkins Management informed about immediate and/or ongoing concerns that deserve attention. Please contact Chuck Grimes, Interim Neighborhood Watch Director, at chuck.grimes@att.net or 901-626-1199, to learn more and become part of this valuable arm of our efforts to serve our community together.

Honoring Clint Hawkins



Clint Hawkins (George Clinton Hawkins Jr) passed away at age 57, June 14, 2021, from cancer treatment complications.

Clint was a Programmer and Computer Systems Engineer at Data General & S-1 Corporations in his younger days. He was an entrepreneur and founded several companies. Clint had a passion for digital art and mentored artists around the world. Clint played guitar and wrote music in several bands over the years.

Clint was a caring soul with a positive attitude who helped take care of our community as a part of the Hawkins Management team. He had an uncanny "Spidey-Sense" and put people at ease with his smile and encouragement. He wanted everyone to live their dreams and be kind to one another.

Clint is survived by his wife Lillian Hawkins, daughter, Asher, son Matthew, daughter-in-law Pam, mother Carol, aunt Jane, and many loved ones. The family held a small, private Celebration of Life on July 3, 2021, full of Clint's favorite things; music, fun, family and fireworks.

For those wishing to make a donation in Clint's memory and honor his life of caring, acceptance, and encouragement, please consider making a donation to: <https://www.nashvillelaunchpad.com/> Launch Pad is a 'street free sleep' initiative, fueled by a collective of concerned citizens, which strives to provide open and affirming safer sleeping shelters for homeless youth in Davidson County, or www.covenanthouse.org to help young people facing homelessness.

Watch Out, Turn It Down, and Slow Down!

As you enter our community, make sure your vehicle's stereo volume is turned to a level where you can hear it but neighbors won't hear it in their houses. Everyone loves to listen to their favorite tunes. Some may even like to rattle your bones a bit with that impressive subwoofer you installed. But, the rest of us are all right just listening to our own. Let's save the bone-rattling and ear-blasting for the highways.



School is back in session. Buses and cars are moving around and through our community more again. In addition, at any moment a street may be lined with folks working in their yard, pedestrians walking, cars parked along the street (though they look so much better in a driveway or garage), children playing, or residents backing out of driveways. Let's all slow down to keep them safe!

Remember, when you turn in to Oak Highlands or Deer Valley, **watch out, turn it down, and slow down!**



What Is Your Biz?

We want to get in your business... to support our neighbors! The Association wants to find ways to promote and help support local businesses with connections to our community. If you own or run a business or provide a professional service, let us know by sending a note to chuck.grimes@att.net. Tell us who you are, what your business or service is, where you can be found online, and anything else we should know. We want to spread the word among the community and support each other!

Awesome Ideas?

Members of the community are welcome to submit articles or ideas for the newsletter. If there is something that you think needs to grace the pages of our community newsletter, please contact HOA President Chuck Grimes at chuck.grimes@att.net. Your awesome ideas are always welcome!



Annual Meeting - ZOOM

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m.

The first 100 Homeowners that register & attend the entire meeting will receive a \$25 Visa Digital Gift Card! (Limit 1 per household)

We were really hoping we would be able to resume our annual community meeting and fish fry this year. However, due to continued health concerns we still cannot safely gather and feed the community like we have in the years past. Thankfully, we can still come together on Zoom, discuss our community, and enjoy sharing "door" prizes with those that attend!

Homeowners will need to visit **Zoom.com**, enter **Webinar Meeting ID#: 883 1790 9281** and **pre-register for the event. You will need to provide your name, mailing address, email, and phone number so we can confirm your are a homeowner in the HOA.** (One registration per household please)

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please fill out and return the enclosed Proxy. Completed proxies needs to be received no later than October 12, 2021. Homeowners that return their proxies by the deadline will receive a \$15 Visa Digital Gift Card as a "Thank You" gift, provided quorum is reached. (Limited 1 per household)

This is an informative meeting. We will be talking about the status of the bylaws revision*, the new playground equipment and other community issues. Three seats on the Board of Directors will be up for election/re-election this year.

If you are interested in serving as a Board Member for a 3 year term please contact us no later than October 12, 2021, to be considered by the nominating committee. We hope that meeting in the evening, during the week will allow as many homeowners to attend as possible.

***A copy of the proposed bylaws revision will be available on the front page of the www.oakhighlands.com website for homeowners to review prior to the annual meeting.**

So Long Stumps!

Over the past few years several homes have had trees removed from the front yard but left the stump. With all of us stepping up to the standards, it's time to say so long to unsightly front yard stumps over the next few months.

We know stump grinding can be expensive. **Angel Tree Service is offering special, community discounted, stump removal prices to residents of Oak Highlands and Deer Valley.** Prices vary based on size. For a **FREE ESTIMATE** please call Angel Donmingez, at Angel Tree Service (615) 775-2674.

Say so long to the stumps and hello to more attractive looking yards!



The HOA Board is building an e-mail distribution list exclusively for the residents of Oak Highlands and Deer Valley. If you would like to be added, please send a message to chuck.grimes@att.net. This list will be for community use only, and will not be distributed to outside parties.

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***** 2021 ANNUAL MEETING PROXY *****

I / We, (print name) * _____,
a voting member of The Oak Highlands/Deer Valley Homeowners' Association, Owner of

(print address here:) * _____
do hereby authorize and appoint (check box A to appoint a person of your choice OR check box B
to appoint the Secretary/Treasurer):

A. ___ (print name of person appointed here:) _____

B. ___ or the Association's Secretary/Treasurer (if no name is written in above), to be my/our Proxy
to represent me/us on the issues to be discussed at the annual homeowners' association meeting
to be held on October 19, 2021, and to vote on my behalf on the issues submitted to vote at this
meeting.**

In the event a quorum is not attained and the meeting is adjourned to a later date, this Proxy shall
stay in full force until the annual meeting is held or until December 31, 2021.

Dated this * _____ day of * _____, 2021

* _____
(*Phone Number)

* _____
(*Valid e-mail address)

* _____
(*Signature of owner or owners)

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you will NOT be attending the Annual Meeting on October 19, 2021, please complete, date, sign and return this proxy. You may either write in the name of the person you have chosen as your proxy (option A) or appoint the Secretary/Treasurer (option B).

When assigning your proxy to an individual, make your desires known to that person. Your proxy may be withdrawn at the meeting should you later decide to attend in person.

***Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required to receive a \$15 Visa Digital Gift Card as a "Thank You" gift for filling out and returning a completed proxy by October 12, 2021.**

**Generally proxies are needed to create a quorum to hold the annual meeting and to conduct board member elections. The proxy will be used for that purpose and for any other necessary matters during the meeting unless you want to limit your proxy "for quorum purposes only" by checking here: _____.

Completed proxy needs to be received no later than **October 12, 2021**

It can be emailed to: management@oakhighlands.com

or mailed to:

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