



# RIVER OAKS, TEXAS

Cherishing the Past. Embracing the Future.

*River Oaks, Texas*

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# River Oaks Anniversaries

The City of River Oaks usually celebrates work anniversaries at the City Christmas Dinner, due to COVID-19 the dinner has been cancelled. We would still like to recognize these individuals for faithfully serving our City.

Police Chief	Christopher Spieldenner	25 years
Water Treatment Plant Operator	James Hatley	25 years
Municipal Court Coordinator	Belinda Hernandez	15 years
Police Sergeant	Eric Perkins	15 years
Mechanic	Jimmie Woodall	15 years
Police Officer	J J Garcia	5 years
Police Officer	Christoball Meza	5 years
Police Officer	Michael Salvato	5 years

**Friday, December 11th, 2020**

**City Hall Will Be Closed From 11:00am - 1:00pm**



## The River Oaks Animal Shelter is in need of donations

Items can be dropped off at the River Oaks Police Department

- ◆ Old towels
- ◆ Collars
- ◆ Dawn Dish Soap



## *River Oaks, Texas* **Thanksgiving COVID Guidelines**



Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the risks involved.

Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household poses the lowest risk for spread. In-person gatherings that bring together family members or friends from different households, pose varying levels of risk.

♦ **The Following people should not attend in-person holiday gatherings.**

People with or exposed to COVID-19

People at increased risk for severe illness

♦ **Considerations for Hosting or Attending a Gathering.**

Check the COVID-19 infection rates, limit the number of attendees, host outdoors, have proper ventilation, social distance, wear masks, encourage guests to wash hands frequently, provide or encourage guests to bring hand sanitizer and masks, limit contact with commonly touched surfaces, clean and disinfect all surfaces and areas.

♦ **Food and Drinks at Small Family Gathering.**

Encourage guests to bring their own food for their own household and avoid potluck serving.

Ensure safe and sanitary preparation and serving of food and cleaning of dishes afterward

Avoid crowding in areas where food is served.

♦ **Travel and Overnight Stays.**

Wear a mask and be sure to social distance. Wash your hands as often as possible and avoid contact with anyone who is sick as well as your face mask, eyes, nose and mouth.

Consider whether you, someone you live with, or anyone you plan to visit with is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 to determine whether to stay overnight in the same residence or to stay elsewhere.

If you are an overnight guest, wash and store your belongings, wear a mask whenever possible, and take precautions to wash your hands as frequently as possible.

If you are exposed to COVID-19 while traveling or at any time, quarantine yourself to protect others and follow all CDC guidelines,





According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there are more than three times as many home cooking fires on Thanksgiving as a typical day of the year, making it by far the leading day for US home cooking fires. This sharp spike (a nearly 250 percent increase over the daily average) is a powerful reminder to use caution when cooking this year's Thanksgiving feast.

The City of River Oaks Fire Department would like to offer the following tips and recommendations for cooking safety this Thanksgiving.

- Make your cooking area safe. Move things that can burn away from the stove. Turn pot handles toward the back so that they can't be bumped.
- Watch what you're cooking. Use a timer when roasting a turkey or baking pies.
- Be prepared. Keep a large pan lid or baking sheet handy in case you need to smother a pan fire.
- Stay awake and alert while you're cooking. If you see smoke or the grease starts to boil in your pan, turn the burner off.
- Prevent burns. Wear short sleeves when you cook or roll them up. Don't lean over the burner. Use potholders and oven mitts to handle hot cookware.

### A Note About Frying Turkeys

Deep-frying turkeys have become popular in recent years. This cooking method has a lot of risks. Turkey fryers get hot all over, so they need to be handled with great care and only by an adult. They can tip over, spilling hot cooking oil. Partially frozen turkeys placed into hot fryers will cause the oil to splatter. If fryers are overfilled, the hot oil can spill over the side when the turkey is added. Even a small amount of oil on a hot burner can start a fire. If you deep-fry a turkey, place the fryer outside on a flat surface that can't burn, such as cement. Place the fryer several feet from anything that can catch fire. Don't let children or pets come anywhere near it. An adult should watch the fryer while it cooks and use a fryer with thermostat controls. Without these controls, the oil can heat to the point of catching fire. Thaw the turkey completely before cooking it so that ice crystals won't splatter the hot oil. Use potholders and oven mitts when handling the turkey.

Large feasts require numerous appliances. Prevent electrical fires by not overloading your outlets.



2,000 Residential Fires



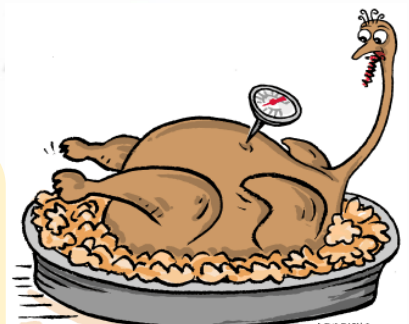
Annually on Thanksgiving

The Majority of Thanksgiving day fires occurs between 12PM—4PM

20% of homes that have a fire-related incident lack a smoke detector



Always use a meat thermometer. The minimum internal temperature for turkey is 165°F





# PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

Don't put fats, oil or grease down the drain.

It can cause pipes to clog resulting in costly repairs and environmental contamination. Collect them in a container and throw them in the trash.



Keeping your tires properly inflated can extend their life by almost 5,000 miles.

When your tires can no longer be used, recycle them.

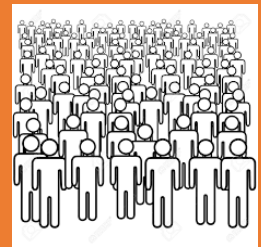


Don't throw rechargeable batteries in the trash.

Recycle them at your local home improvement and electronics retailers.

Recycle used motor oil

The used oil from one oil change can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water a years supply for 50 people.



Each Texan generates about six and a half pounds of garbage each day.

Reduce waste by buying less. Purchase only what you need, by reusable products, avoid items with a lot of packaging.



The average household has 28 electronic devices.

Consider purchasing refurbished electronics. Also, donate used electronics or recycle these devices if they are no longer working.



If a collection opportunity exists in your community, take household hazardous waste such as used fluorescent light bulbs, drain cleaner and pesticides to a community collection site.

Items such as food, yard trimmings, paper, glass, metal and plastics account for over 80% of household trash

Make a huge impact by composting and recycling as many of these items as possible



*River Oaks, Texas*



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### Account Information Update

ACCOUNT# \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to keep the Voluntary Donation on your Account? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Do you wish to Add or Remove an Authorized User to your Account? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Name to be Added or Removed: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Account holder aged 60 or older? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Do you wish to sign up for E-mail Notifications from the City of River Oaks? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please circle the Notifications below which you would like to have sent to your E-mail.

Important Notices   Community Events   Agendas   City Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Account Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Only the Main Account Holder can make changes to the Account.** You MUST send a copy of your Government Issued photo ID/DL when emailing, mailing or using the drop box. Forms may be emailed to [alee@riveroakstx.com](mailto:alee@riveroakstx.com)

Entered by:

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Date:

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# November

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Staff Meeting 9:00 am	City Council Meeting 7:00pm	City Hall Closed  HOLIDAY

## City Hall Holiday Closure and Trash Collection Schedule

### Thanksgiving:

Thursday November 26, 2020 – No Trash Collection

Friday November 27, 2020 – Regular Trash Collection



### Christmas:

Wednesday December 23, 2020 – No Bulk Collection

Thursday December 24, 2020 – Regular Trash Collection

Friday December 25, 2020 – No Trash Collection



### New Year's:

Thursday December 31, 2020 – Regular Trash Collection

Friday January 1, 2021 – No Trash Collection



## The City of Lake Worth is offering River Oaks Residents Lake Worth Library Cards.

**Due to the upward trend in Covid-19 numbers the issuance of yard sales  
and Event Center Rentals has been suspended until further notice.**

If you have an unpermitted yard sale the Codes Department will be out and issue a ticket, \$166.00 per violation. In addition, you will not be allowed to have another yard sale for one year.