



# River Oaks, Texas

CHERISHING THE PAST. EMBRACING THE FUTURE.

## The City of River Oaks Election News

City of River Oaks General Election

Elección general de la ciudad de River Oaks

Tổng tuyển cử Thành phố River Oaks

### Council Member Place 1

Miembro del Consejo, Lugar 1

Thành viên Hội đồng Thành phố, Vị trí 1

 **John Claridge**

### Council Member Place 3

Miembro del Consejo, Lugar 3

Thành viên Hội đồng Thành phố, Vị trí 3

-  **Dan Dugel**
-  **Sherrie Uptmore Dast**
-  **Leigh Ann Turner**

- Mayor  
Joe Ashton
- CITY COUNCIL  
Mayor  
Pro-Tem-Place 3  
Darren Houk
- Place 1  
John Claridge
- Place 2  
Steve Holland
- Place 4  
Yolie Rodriguez
- Place 5  
Dan Chisholm
- CITY OFFICERS
- City Manager  
Marvin Gregory
- City Secretary  
Paula Luck
- Fire Chief  
Russell Shelley
- Police Chief  
Christopher Spieldenner
- Public Works  
Director  
Gordon Smith
- Event Center  
Co- Directors  
Shirley Bloomfield  
Shirley Wheat

Emergency  
Management  
Coordinator  
James Myrick

Phone  
(817) 626-5421

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## E-BILLING



The City of River Oaks Water Department has had a lot of complaints about bills not being received. All bills are mailed out on the 15th and 30th of every month. If you do not receive your bill you need to contact the post office. Late fees will not be waived if you didn't receive your bill.

THE BILLS ARE DUE ON THE SAME DAY EVERY MONTH, REGARDLESS IF IT IS A WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY.

If you would like to sign up for e-billing please email [Breaves@riveroakstx.com](mailto:Breaves@riveroakstx.com). You will receive an email with an account update form.

Only the main account holder can update the account. The account update can be done in person or via email. A current Government issued ID is required to update the account.

### GO GREEN WITH PAPERLESS BILLING



Have your bill emailed to you each month! Please give us a call or send us an email.  
817-626-5421  
[Breaves@riveroakstx.com](mailto:Breaves@riveroakstx.com)

FREE To  
SPECTATORS



Trucks, Muscle  
Cars  
AND  
ANTIQUES

Saturday, April 30th, 2022



Special Awards for Best Interior, Best Engine, Etc.

VENDORS  
&  
POP UP  
MARKET



Benefitting "Friends of the River Oaks Animal Shelter."



Special Awards for Best Interior, Best Engine, Etc.



Friday Night Meet & Greet With Police Escorted Cruise!



Games  
&  
EVENTS

**YMCA CAMP CARTER**

6200 Sand Springs Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76114

Text: 817-692-8496

[facebook.com/riveroaksspringfest](https://www.facebook.com/riveroaksspringfest)

# The River Oaks Spring Cleaning Event is almost here!

There will be paper shredding and electronic recycling  
**Household Chemical Waste**

**THE CRUD MOBILE WILL BE HERE IN CITY HALL PARKING LOT ON**

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

**9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**What is Accepted ?**

- Automotive fluids
- Batteries
- Household Cleaners and Chemicals
- Cooking Oil
- Lawn/Garden/Pool Chemicals
- Light Bulbs
- Paint and Painting supplies

**What Is Not Accepted?**

- Ammunition & Explosives
- Appliances & Electronics
- Building Materials
- Bulk Trash and Yard Waste
- Butane/Propane Cylinders
- Medical Waste
- Tires
- Asbestos/PCBs/Radioactive items

Business, commercial and industrial waste cannot be accepted under Texas regulations.

**NEED MORE INFO?**

If you have questions about a specific waste not listed above or call 817-392-EASY to find out if it's accepted.

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSING OF WASTE:**

If a product is still usable, give it to someone who can use it instead of bringing it for disposal.

Bring a recent water bill as proof of residency.

Bring liquid paint sorted by type (i.e. latex, oil-based, and lead-based).

Keep chemicals in their original containers; place broken or leaking containers in a second container of like material (i.e. glass for corrosives, metal for flammables).

If a container has no label and its contents are known, please place a label on the container clearly stating the contents.

Do not transport chemicals in the passenger compartment of your vehicle. Put them in the trunk.



# RIVER OAKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Update



03/08/2022

Greeting fellow citizens,

Chief Spieldenner here, I wanted to touch bases with you all regarding an increase in shots fired calls in our city. In the last six months (September 1st, 2021, to present) the River Oaks Police Department has responded to 40 calls of a citizen reporting that they have heard shots being fired.

One of those reports involved a homeowner shooting a dog that was attacking his dog. On two of those calls it was determined that the "shots" were part of a rap song that was being played very loudly. One of the calls involved person(s) driving south bound in a vehicle on Robert's Cut Off, shooting street signs. One of the calls involved a shooting that took place on the edge of our city in Fort Worth's jurisdiction. Two of the calls were from people that lived in Fort Worth that were referred back to Fort Worth PD.

Of the remaining 33 calls, there were none where the caller was able to give an address or exact location of where the shots were being fired. This fact makes it very difficult for officers to locate the suspects. According to the National Rifle Association Firearms Fact Book, a 9mm pistol round fired from an averaged sized handgun, upwards at a 45-degree angle can travel approximately 2300 meters. That is 1.4 miles. We need your help to stop this senseless crime. If you know of someone that is randomly shooting firearms in your neighborhood or if you have any information at all, let us know! You can do it anonymously on our police web page <http://www.riveroakspd.com/crimetip> or you can reach out to me at [cspieldenner@riveroakspd.com](mailto:cspieldenner@riveroakspd.com) or you can call crime stoppers at **817-469-TIPS(8477)**.

What is your police Department doing about this?

The officers of the River Oaks Police Department have stepped up firearm interdiction activity and are currently prioritizing the hunt for illegally possessed firearms. In the same six-month time, we have located and seized 23 firearms from persons that were engaged in some type of criminal activity while in possession of a firearm, with most of those cases being narcotics violations. In addition, we have met with and are in negotiations with a company that offers license plate cameras and gunshot location technology. We hope to be able to move this program forward once we explore all the possible methods of funding. We are trying. Keep calling us. We are all in this together.

Chief Spieldenner

The River Oaks Food Bank is on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of Each month.

You are encouraged to start lining up around 9:00am.

They will start distributing food at 10:00am.

Please stay in your vehicle, this is a drive thru food bank.



**RIVER OAKS  
EVENT CENTER  
FOOD BANK**

5300 BLACKSTONE DR



# Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Some VITA Sites also offer... VITA on the Go - Allows individuals to drop off their tax information. Returns will be processed within three business days. MyFreeTaxes.com - An online tax preparation software to help identify tax credits and deductions. This service is available for income levels up to \$66,000.

What is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program?

FREE Tax Preparation - Basic federal income tax returns prepared and e-filed by IRS certified volunteers.

SAFE AND SECURE - No hidden fees.

Assistance is provided from mid-January through April. You may locate a VITA site near you by calling 2-1-1 or visiting [mymoneydfw.com](http://mymoneydfw.com).

myfree  
taxes



The only certainties in life are death and taxes.

Get tips on filing for free.



Struggling to pay rent and utilities?

**WE CAN HELP.**

Eligible Tarrant County residents can receive up to 18 months of rent and utility assistance.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

You live in Tarrant County, but not Arlington or Fort Worth.

Your income is at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

You have experienced a reduction in income or other financial hardship.



To apply for assistance visit [GetRentHelp.com](http://GetRentHelp.com).

The application is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

For assistance completing the application, call 817-850-7940.



**NEED RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE?**



There's help.

Website: [www.getrenthelp.com](http://www.getrenthelp.com)

#### Legal Assistance

- If you need legal assistance or information about your rights as a renter, contact:  
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas  
Eviction Defense Line: 855-548-8457  
Fort Worth Office: 817-336-3943  
Visit [www.lanwt.org](http://www.lanwt.org)
- Stop TX Eviction: visit [www.stoptxeviction.org](http://www.stoptxeviction.org)
- Texas Law Help: visit [www.texaslawhelp.org](http://www.texaslawhelp.org)

#### Assistance Programs

- Tarrant County Emergency Rental Assistance Program, 817-850-7940. Serves Tarrant County, but not the City of Fort Worth or the City of Arlington.
- City of Fort Worth: 817-392-7540. Serves the City of Fort Worth.
- City of Arlington, Housing: 817-276-6727. Serves the City of Arlington.



Friends of the River Oaks Animal Shelter is now Available on Amazon Smile. Not familiar with Amazon Smile? Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to a charity of your choice at no extra cost to you. Simply click on the link provided to add the shelter as your charity of choice and make your online purchases through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) at checkout.



# RIVER OAKS ANIMAL CONTROL & WATER EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS

Call the Non Emergency Police Dispatch 817-626-1991

# March 2022

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Staff Meeting 9:00am  Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>