

#### CHERISHING THE PAST; EMBRACING THE FUTURE

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#### American Rescue Plan / Homeowner's Assistance Fund



#### TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE/IMPORTANT UPDATE/APPLY OR REAPPLY NOW!

In March of 2021 the U.S. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act. Congress designated funds to be allocated to homeowners impacted by the pandemic to help them stay in their homes and avoid foreclosure. The program developed by TDHCA extends to homeowners who have delinquent taxes that could subject them to foreclosure. However, our Firm has been informed by the TDHCA that the program is nearing its end and could close by the end of September 2023. Once it is closed, no new applications will be accepted. Time is of the essence!

Eligible homeowners can apply to TDHCA and if they qualify, receive a grant (not a loan) whereby TDHCA will send a check directly to the local tax office to pay delinquent taxes on their homestead. Additional qualifications will apply. Note that the program has increased the maximum amount they will disperse to \$65,000 per qualified homeowner.

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Website www.riveroakstx.com Additionally, recent changes made by TDHCA allow for homeowners who have previously applied and received funds OR who applied and were denied, to reapply. Homeowners are now able to reapply for assistance through the program if they have previously been denied or request additional assistance if they previously received funds.

It is FREE to apply and delinquent tax property relief may be available to you and could help you avoid foreclosure. To discuss this program or to obtain application or reapplication guidelines please use the website or toll-free number listed below.

**APPLY NOW - THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE!** 

www.TexasHomeownerAssistance.com or call 1-833-651-3874 Monday - Friday • 8 am - 6 pm CST Help is available in multiple languages

#### Council Adopts 2023 Tax Rate At \$0.660210/\$100 Property Value



**CITY OF RIVER OAKS ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR** MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE; THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.495721 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND **OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.87** 

#### Help Us Keep Leaves Out Of The Streets

Leaves and other landscape debris need to be bagged and placed at the curb for Wednesday pick-up along with your bulk items!

Keeping leaves and debris out of our storm water drainage ways is a top priority. Keeping them free and clear for storm water run-off rain events.



Under NO circumstances should you or your landscaper ever sweep, rake, or

#### **Residential Garbage Changing Back To Fall & Winter Hours**



With the season changing, the City's residential garbage collection hours will be returning back to normal hours beginning at 7:00 A.M. on Monday, September 18th and continuing daily thereafter until further notice. Normally, we like to return to regular hours each year around labor day, but with the heat hanging on, we held off this year not making the change until now.

#### **McGee Park Temporarily Closed**



The playground equipment at McGee Park was recently inspected and found that in its current condition to be unsafe and was recommended to be closed until repairs can be made. We apologize for the inconvenience, but our children's safety must come first.

#### **River Oaks Food Bank**

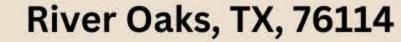
River Oaks Event Center 5300 Blackstone Drive

Our Food Banks are held the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

You are encouraged to begin lining up by 9 AM to get a good place in line.

Most of the time, the food supply truck arrives early, meaning food is given out sooner.

Stay in your vehicle, this is a drivethrough food bank.





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### SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2023

#### River Oaks Event Center 5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, TX 76114

## YARD SALES

You may have 2 yard sales in a row, skip a week, then have 2 more for a total of 4 yard sales per year.

Yard sale permits are \$10 each.

You must have an active water account, in good standing, at the yard sale address. You must also provide a valid United States-issued photo ID with the yard sale address on it.

4825 Ohio Garden 4621 White Oak Yard Sale Applications Accepted Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Friday 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

5701 S. Schilder 5017 Thurston



YOU CAN REPORT UTILITY EMERGENCIES AFTER-HOURS BY CONTACTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH AT 817-626-1991.



Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			P&Z Meeting 6:30 PM	Staff Meeting 9 AM Storm Water Task Force 4 PM		Court 5:30 PM