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CHERISHING THE PAST; EMBRACING THE FUTURE

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## YMCA Camp Carter

Come one, come all! Join us Saturday, September 30th for our 75th Anniversary Community Day!
Registration is not required, but if you register at the link in our bio to let us know you're coming, you'll receive a free prize at the event!

## YMCA CAMP CARTER

 IS TURNING 75!
## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. FREE TO THE COMMUNITY

## COME CELEBRATE AND ENJOY CHALLENGE COURSE, ARCHERY, CANOEING \& MORE!

Website www.riveroakstx.com

## Castleberry ISD Homecoming 2023



Castleberry ISD will host the annual homecoming festivities the week of October 9, 2023. The district encourages current students, families, alumni, and community to participate in this year's Superheroes Leading the Way themed event. For the latest news and information regarding homecoming, visit the district's website.

## Participate in the Parade

Community members are encouraged to join the Castleberry tradition and participate in the homecoming parade on Thursday, October 12. Community floats including local Police and Firefighters, area business owners, church organizations, student clubs/athletes, marching band, homecoming court, and much more are all encouraged to participate in this long-standing Castleberry tradition. In order to participate, submit the online registration form by Wednesday, October 4.

## Alumni Needed for Friday Pep Rally

On Friday, October 13, at 3:00 PM, the high school will host an alumni pep rally and all students and community members are invited to attend. Organizers of the event are looking for former

CHS cheerleaders, athletes, band members, teachers, and other alumni to participate in a possible routine. Submit your interest in participating in the event by Friday, September 29. All alumni who submit this form will be contacted by a member of the homecoming committee on Monday, October 2 with additional information about the pep rally.


PARADE LINE UP $\longrightarrow$


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## THE DAY OF THE EVENT YOU WILL GO TO THE REGISTRATION TABLE TO SIGN UP OPEN CLASS IS \$25 PER VEHICLE

## A PARTNERSHIP OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS g <br> DED ROCKIN RODS

# SDPM 2M: 2i 2510,2026 <br> 11:00AM <br> $5800 \cdot M$ 

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


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.

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<br>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE; THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY<br>0.495721 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE<br>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 blow leaves into the street. This is a violation of the River Oaks discharge code MS4 prohibited 13.10 .017 (d) and violators can be fined up to $\$ 2,000$ for each offense.

## 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

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.

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.

4905 Black Oak
4409 Almena 706 Churchill
320 Roberts Cut Off 5520 N Schilder 4417 Almena

Yard Sale Applications

## Accepted

Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Friday
7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

607 Merritt
1162 Greenbrier 5621 Meandering 1308 Greenbrier 5525 James
4521 Almena

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


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