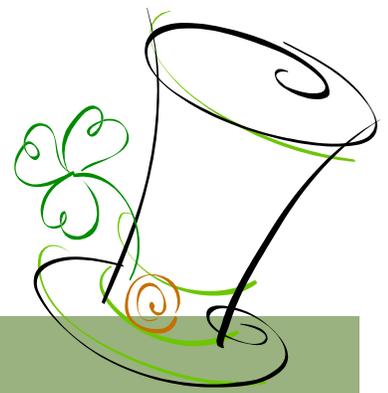


Happy St. Patrick's Day



TOCA Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER OF THE OAKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

March 2014

Every neighborhood seems to have the neighborhood busybody. You all know the type, they claim to know everything that is going on in the community and of course have an opinion as to how things could be improved upon. This person is typically found standing around the mailboxes and or any other place where 2 or more people congregate. They never attend meetings, they never talk to members of the board or staff, but somehow through osmosis or some other divine intervention they always know what is going on. This is all fine and can be somewhat entertaining, until the busybody starts to circulate misinformation that could negatively impact the health and safety of the community.

So please, when you hear stories about the safety of the community, or if you hear something that doesn't sound right or causes you concern please contact a member of the board of directors or call the office. This is your best source for information. If it is after normal business hours or on a week-end you can also call me, Terri Bailey, my cell phone number is 209-351-0565. Our staff is well trained and their safety as well as the safety of you, your family, and your guest is always our first concern.

Movie Night

Friday March 21st at 7:00pm

We bought a Zoo Rated PG

We Bought a Zoo is a 2011 comedy-drama/family film based on the 2008 memoir of the same name by Benjamin Mee. The film is directed by Cameron Crowe, and stars Matt Damon as the lead character.

Bingo

Will now be held every 3rd Thursday of every month from 7pm to 9pm. 10 games 2 cards per game 10 bucks!! Come down and join us for some BINGO fun!!

Ledger Dispatch / My Ac Home

Will now be available in a box provided in front of the mailboxes.

Transformer Repairs

The Transformer repairs will begin Wednesday March 26th.

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**Next Regular
Board Meeting**

**March 18th
2014**

6 pm to 8 pm

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Nothing takes the fun out of an evening barbecue outdoors like a bunch of bloodthirsty mosquitoes. In addition to inflicting a painful bite, mosquitoes can transmit diseases. You can keep your mosquito population under control by limiting their habitat on your property, and avoid their annoying bites by using the right barriers and repellents.

Limit Breeding Habitat

Mosquitoes require water to breed. Adult mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant or slow moving water, or on moist soil or leaf litter in areas likely to collect water. By eliminating these water sources, you can keep new generations of mosquitoes from taking up residence in your yard.

1. Drill holes in the bottom, not the sides, of any garbage or recycling containers stored outdoors. Holes on the sides still allow enough water to accumulate in the bottom for mosquitoes to breed.
2. Keep gutters clean and unclogged. Be sure your downspouts drain properly, without leaving puddles in the drainage area. You may need to reroute your downspouts or add extensions to carry water away.
3. Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated, even when not in use. Homeowners who go on vacation without chlorinating their pools may return to a veritable mosquito hatchery.
4. Walk your property after a rain, and look for areas in the landscape that are not draining well. If you find puddles that remain for four or more days, re-grade the area.
5. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving and discourage mosquitoes from laying eggs. Alternately, stock the pond with mosquito-eating fish.
6. Dump anything that holds water twice per week if it has rained. Birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools, footbaths, garbage can lids, and pottery will all attract breeding mosquitoes. Remember to empty the saucers under your flower pots, and don't leave water in pet bowls for more than two days.
7. Keep your property clean of items that can hold water, including discarded aluminum cans and tires.

Limit Adult Habitat

Adult mosquitoes rest during the day, usually on tall weeds or other vegetation. Make your yard less hospitable to mosquitoes by mowing your lawn regularly, and keep weeds away from your home's foundation.

HOMEMADE MOSQUITO TRAP:

Items needed:

- 1 cup of water
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 gram of yeast
- 1 2-liter bottle



HOW:

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.)

Change the solution every 2 weeks for continuous control.

