

*From the Gilcrease Hills Homeowners Association*



**Water Aerobics is back! Rita Abdul Kareem leads the group every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Starts at 8:30 AM.**

Take advantage for water fun in the next 6 weeks.

**POOL HOURS:** Both pools are open the same hours.

Tues-Sat noon – 7 pm

Sunday- 1 pm-7pm

Bring your Gilcrease ID. Adults may use any picture ID with your Gilcrease address on it. Guest passes are available for non-residents for a small fee. School starts Monday, August 21. The Oakwood Pool will close on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August. The Clubhouse pool will remain open until Labor Day.

**OTHER REMINDERS:**

One way to keep our safe streets safer is to **have lots of lights on in the night**. Porch lights, garage lights, and small lights inside the house are recommended. Light up our homes! And it is helpful for walkers who wait

for the cooler evening temperatures. Sundown is around 9:00 PM.

**JULY MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Seven board members and 4 Homeowners attended with the Manager. Each received a copy of minutes, budget expenditures, income totals, covenant complaints, and checks spend for the month of June.

No committees had met. As usual the Board discussed grass, pools, dumping, and other maintenance. Discussion of replacing the air conditioner for the party room was very clear cut. Options were given from the manager's research and a vote was taken. Since it is over 25 years old and it is really hot outside, money will be spent to replace it ASAP.

We discussed the last four items on the Summer of 16 neighborhood meetings. They were: should we have speed bumps, especially near the school? Should we patrol for drugs in the common facilities? Should we have special rules to those renting out a house? Should we keep the staff vehicle? Action has been taken already on some, and further action will take research.

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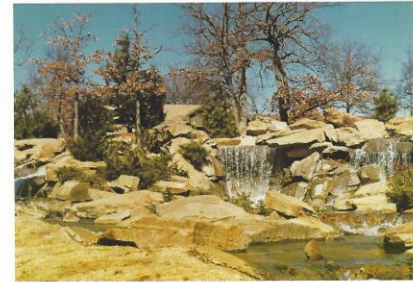
The nominating committee will be meeting in August to begin the recruitment of 5 new Board members for 2018-2020. Only villages West Oakwood, West Saddleback, East Saddleback, Remington, and the Townhomes will be up for election.

## Being a Board Member

It requires being at the monthly meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:00-7:30 pm and being on one other small committee of your choice. It may mean being an elected officer, so a little work.

A homeowner must be in good standing with dues payment, and have served, if possible, on one of the committees or as a Board alternate. Attitude of a Board must be one of teamwork, thinking of the entire community rather than one's own pet projects or streets, and being able to honor other's opinions – being an active listener. Board members seldom make huge changes and will be frustrated if wanting to do so. We have By Laws that are well organized providing leadership.

**We have always had difficulty finding Village of West Oakwood board members. We put out a special plea to have persons nominated from that village. The Townhouses residents also need to volunteer someone as leader. CALL THE CLUBHOUSE WITH A GOOD NOMINATION. If you qualify, you may certainly volunteer to be up for possible nomination.**



Gilcrease Hills Homeowners Association



Tulsa, Oklahoma  
1971 - 1981  
Tenth Anniversary Edition

## OUR GILCREASE HISTORY

Looking back, Gilcrease Hills had a "Grand Opening" on August 12, 1971. The \$150,000 clubhouse was finished, there were trams for touring the lots, and just a few houses were ready near the waterfall, which was turned on that day. Everything was planned and constructed by Fuqua Industries of Atlanta and TI Property Corporation of California. It was planned to be a much larger neighborhood than we have now.

Academy Central opened in 1973. Oakwood Pool opened in 1976, with a high diving board, a low one, and a circular slide. (It had to be closed and rebuilt in 2000) We became part of the city in 1978. The shopping strip at Edison and Museum Road was opened

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in 1981. Safeway and Eckerd Drugs were the cornerstones of it then.

In 1987 the clubhouse was struck by lightning in the night of May 28<sup>th</sup>, and burned to the ground. It was quite an event to all the neighboring houses, and really to all homeowners.

However, the new clubhouse was completed within 2 years and cost \$290,000.

In the 1980 US Census, the area residents were around 5300 people. South Saddleback and Summertree villages were added in the 80s and 90s, adding lots more people and one very famous solar paneled house.

It's fun to look back! We are proud of this community. There are a few homeowners who have been here since 1971!

These are great memories --

- ❖ Christmas parties at the club with Santa coming to get requests from a gang of children
- ❖ very competitive tennis tournaments that took place on Saturday mornings between adults
- ❖ the Garden Club meetings
- ❖ the Babysitting Co-op and the Bridge Club
- ❖ The Gilcrease Hills Runs in the 80s – a 10K raising money for Heart Association

- ❖ The problems between the horses when we rented stables for 10 horses. They fought and bit each other! Their owners were mad.

- ❖ The march to city hall to get permission to keep wild ducks on the pond in East Saddleback. The Great Duck Debate.

What's your favorite memory?

## WE TRY A NEW WEBSITE

The Manager has created a new website for Homeowners use. It will be a better way to communicate faster and to more homeowners at one time. It will give the Association much more flexibility in posting news, events and the homeowners will be able to post information as well upload photos. There is also a classified section so you can list items on there as well. Links to the old website and the city of Tulsa are included and we will add more useful links in the future. The new website can be found at [www.gilcreasehillshoa.com](http://www.gilcreasehillshoa.com) . If you have not done so please visit the site and create a user ID and Password. Let us know what you think about the site.

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## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tulsa Police Department (non-  
emergency) 918-596-9222  
Gilcrease Division 918-591-4100  
Gang/Narcotics 918-586-6300  
Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS  
Osage County Sheriff 918-287-3535 or  
1-888-287-3150  
Oklahoma Highway Patrol 918-627-  
0440

Fire Dept-report fire hazards 918-596-  
9444  
Mayor's Action Center (Tulsa) 918-  
596-2100  
Office for Neighborhoods (Tulsa) 918-  
596-1292  
Tulsa Water Dept-broken line 918-596-  
9488

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

Animal Control-strays/dead animals  
918-596-9771  
Crime Commission ( Alert Neighbors)  
918-585-5209  
Code Enforcement ( Tulsa) 918-596-  
7698

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 6:pm