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RIVER OAKS, TEXAS

Cherishing the Past. Embracing the Future.

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(817) 626-5421

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www.riveroakstx.com

City Hall



The River Oaks City is open to the public. Business hours are 8am—5pm but with certain guidelines. No more than 4 patrons in the lobby at any one time, markers will be placed on the floor marking the 6-foot distancing maintaining social distancing. **Only one customer at the counter at a time and MASKS ARE REQUIRED!** Also, only **one person allowed inside per household.**

For the safety of our residents we are still encouraging the use of the drop box out in front of our building or to pay online at our website: www.riveroakstx.com and click on payments.

NOTICE

FACE MASKS REQUIRED



ALL EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS
MUST WEAR A FACE MASK OR
A PROTECTIVE FACE COVERING

Water Account Disconnects

Our first round of water account disconnections for non-payment started on
September 1st.

For Districts 1 and 2 if your account is not paid in full by 9/09/2020 you will be disconnected on 09/10/2020 and the administrative fee of \$25 will be added to your account.

For Districts 3 and 4 if your account is not paid in full by 9/25/2020 you will be disconnected on 09/28/2020 and the administrative fee of \$25 will be added to your account.

If you are disconnected due to non-payment you are not able to do any payment arrangements. **YOU MUST COME IN AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO CUT OFF DAY.**

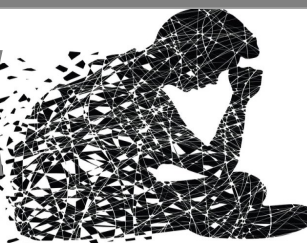
If your water is disconnected someone over the age of 18 will need to be home to sign paperwork to have the water reconnected.

Water will be reconnected after all of the disconnections are complete. You will be turned on in the order in which you have paid.

If you have an outstanding bill that you need to make payment arrangements for, please go into City Hall.



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK



National Suicide Prevention Week is the week of World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10. It's a time to share resources and stories, as well as promote suicide prevention awareness. The week focuses on informing and engaging health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide.

By drawing attention to the problem of suicide in the United States, the campaign also strives to reduce the stigma surrounding the topic, as well as encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance and to support people who have attempted suicide.

As part of the campaign, health organizations conduct depression screenings—including self-administrated and online tests—and refer interested individuals to a national toll-free telephone number such as 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or 1-800-784-2433 (SUICIDE).

National statistics show that males commit suicide 3.5 times more often than females. Most suicides are in the 45-64 age group. The US. Army reports military veterans have double the suicide rate of non-veterans. Suicide rates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and adults in the US. are three times higher than national averages.

Suicide doesn't end the chances of life getting worse, it eliminates the possibility of it ever getting any better.

HOW TO OBSERVE #SuicidePreventionWeek

The American Association of Suicidology stresses the need to be open about suicide, to talk about it and not just spend the one week focusing on prevention. The Association encourages people spread awareness, advocate for research funding, and be kind to others.

Know and share the resources. A list of accredited crisis centers can be found here:

<https://suicidology.org/resources/crisis-centers/>

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline offers five steps to help someone who may be considering suicide.

1. Ask if they are considering suicide. Asking someone if they are considering killing themselves does not put the idea in their head. Do not be afraid to ask!
2. If someone admits to considering suicide, it is important to seek immediate medical attention, especially if they shared their plan with you or have access to firearms.
3. If they are willing to talk, do not lecture or correct. Listen without judgment and with empathy. Let them know they have a shoulder to lean on when they need.
4. Help them find a support system. Those who have attempted to harm themselves are often at risk of another attempt at suicide.
5. Follow up with them. It could mean preventing thoughts of suicide or another attempt.

Texas Health and Human Services

COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

Call the toll-free
COVID-19
Mental Health
Support Line

833-986-1919



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Best ways to vote in Texas:

(First make sure you're registered by **October 5**. Check your registration at votetexas.gov)

1. Vote early in person.

← **BEST**

- Early voting is **October 13 – October 30**.
- You can vote early at any polling place in your county.

2. Early voting by mail.

- You must be 65 or older, have a disability, or expect to be absent from the county.
- You must request a mail-in ballot by mailing in the application found at votetexas.gov.
- **BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 4. TRY TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20 TO ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME.**
- Alternatively, consider dropping off your mail-in ballot with a valid ID.

3. Vote in person on **November 3**.

- Polls are open from 7AM-7PM.
- You may be required to vote in your assigned voting precinct.

Have a plan. Make your vote count.

Visit votetexas.gov for full details.



September

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
			City Hall Closed Holiday	Council Meeting 7:00pm		Municipal Court 5:30pm

Late fees were reinstated as of August 1st.



Credit Card Fees were reinstated as of August 1st.

The Library shall be permanently closed as of September 30th but is currently closed due to COVID.

The Commuity Center shall remain closed due to COVID.

Bulk Trash Collection

Our Public Works Department has been short staffed and is working as quickly as possible to get all of the bulk trash collected. If your bulk trash has not been collected for over 2 weeks please contact Maria in the Public Works Department [817-626-5421](tel:817-626-5421) ext.332



The City of River Oaks Yard Sales

You can apply for a Yard Sale Permit by going to City Hall between
8:00am & 4:30pm
Monday—Friday

If you are pulling a permit for a Yard Sale you must meet one of the following requirements:

1. You must have an open water account with you as an account holder or authorized user.
2. You must have to have the address for the Yard Sale on your government issued ID.

Please follow COVID procedure and wear masks and stay 6ft apart.

This Weeks Yard Sales

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