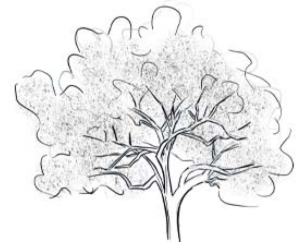




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

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Mutual and Reciprocal Benefit



As you know, when our beautiful Gardens of Oak Hollow community was established, the planners set in place restrictions and agreements for the “mutual and reciprocal benefit” of each and every homeowner.

Covenant

One of the first items that was included was the requirement that all of our homes, whether occupied or unoccupied, will be maintained to prevent it from becoming unsightly by unattractive growth or the accumulation of rubbish.

The “mutual and reciprocal benefit” of this requirement can be summed up as property value. When a homeowner fails to water their lawn, trim their shrubs, replace a decaying fence, or ignores their home facing the alley, our Community begins to look like a neighborhood in decline.

That has a direct impact on our property values.

So Why Bring This Up Now?

I just want to encourage all of us to take a moment to stand in the street and alley and look at your home. Try to be objective and look at it as if you were a buyer looking for a new home.

Does your home shine like the rest of the Gardens of Oak Hollow??

Recent Post

The Minutes from the HOA General Meeting is now available on the website.

<https://gardensofoakhollow.com/hoa-duties/>

Leonardo's Masterpiece



Did you know that Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece “The Last Supper” was never intended to be seen by you?

I love art so I was very excited when I recently had an opportunity to see this

masterpiece in person. I quickly learned how little I know about this artwork.

Dining Room Wall

Leonardo da Vinci was commissioned by the new ruler of Milan to paint his masterpiece, “The Last Supper”. It was painted on the wall in the convent’s refectory (dining hall) so the monks could reflect on the story as they ate their meals.

Leonardo captured the moment in which Jesus announced “... one of you will betray me” arousing surprise and dismay in the apostles gathered around him. This allowed the artist to accentuate the various psychologies through intense gestures, expressions and postures.

The actual painting was done between about 1494 and 1498. It is approximately 29 feet wide and 15 feet tall, located about 8 feet above the floor. Da Vinci used perspective skillfully to present the scene as an extension of the actual space, so the viewer becomes a participant in the sacred episode.

World War II



During World War II, there was a massive bombing campaign on Milan and its outskirts. The explosions and the ensuing fires killed over 700 people and destroyed

many of the city’s most important buildings and monuments, including a significant portion of the monastery.

Miraculously, the wall with the painting survived, probably because it had been shored up with sandbags and mattresses, but the roof of the refectory was blown off and the other walls were decimated.

Visit

If you ever have a chance go to Milan, a visit to see this treasure is a must. However, do plan ahead since tickets are limited and generally require about three month advance purchase.

Imaginary Worlds



If you hadn't heard by now, giant living sculptures are making their way to San Antonio. The Botanical Gardens will be welcoming the arrival of larger-than-life, whimsical sculptures from Imaginary Worlds.

A massive 25-foot-tall dragon will lay dormant over in the Lucile Halsell Conservatory, a magical mermaid will lounge around in the Hill Country, and a seven-foot-long peacock will elegantly parade about in the Rose Garden. A 10-foot-tall winged stallion by the name of Pegasus has been added for good measure.

Mosaïcultures

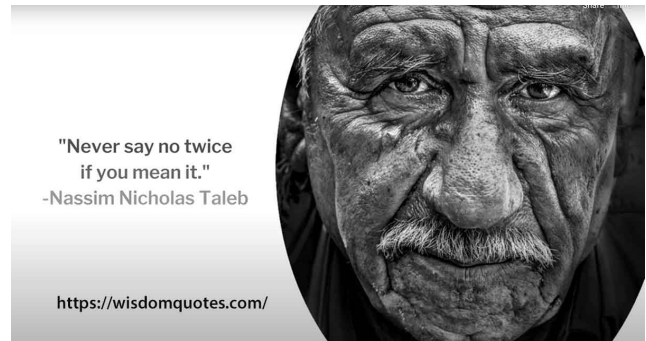
The larger-than-life exhibit has been created by the folks over at the International Mosaiculture of Montreal,

Mosaïcultures® is the horticultural art of creating giant topiary-like sculptures using thousands and annual bedding plants to carpet steel armature forms.

Each installation will have its own unique blend of plants depending on the look and the location in the garden, according to officials at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. The installations are made from stainless steel and covered in soil and sphagnum moss before being doused with thousands of different plants.

Opening May 6, 2023

Words of Wisdom



- Foolishness is a twin sister of wisdom. Witold Gombrowicz
- There is only a finger's difference between a wise man and a fool. Diogenes
- Never say no twice if you mean it. Nassim Nicholas Taleb
- Everything comes in time to him who knows how to wait. Leo Tolstoy
- Logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end. Leonard Nimoy
- Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens. Jimi Hendrix