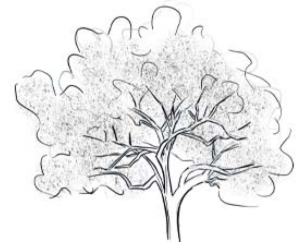




# Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

## Neighborly News



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### Reminder



**Home of the DeVilbiss Sisters**

**12543 Enfield Park**

Please come and join us so we can all catch up with one another. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a Gathering before, come join us for a fun informal time to just chit-chat with your neighbors. Bring your favorite beverage and a sense of humor.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

### Mutual and Reciprocal Benefit



Back in May, the lead article in Newsletter #60 was also titled "Mutual and Reciprocal Benefit". This included a suggestion take an

objective look at you home to see how it looks in the community.

### Committee Report

During May and June, the HOA Board authorized a committee to conduct an assessment of the street view of all of our homes. The committee report at the recent HOA Board meeting listed 30% of our homes (24 out of 81) have issues that need to be addressed.

Examples of these issues include:

- unkept front yard
- weeds
- fence and gutters
- flag
- shed
- rotten fence
- facia board

### Letter of Intent

In the near future, ALL of us will receive a letter from the HOA Board detailing their project to maintain the integrity and unique appearance of our community. Your cooperation with this project will be appreciated.

If you have any questions about what is included in the Gardens of Oak Hollow "Design Review" and "Governing Documents", here is a link to the HOA page on our website.

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

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## Renamed Post

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General John Bell Hood



General Richard Edward Cavazos

Over the 4th, I was on a road trip and noticed that Fort Hood has been renamed. So I was curious - who were "Hood" and "Cavazos"?

### General John Bell Hood

In 1942, the War Department named this area dedicated to the training of World War II tank destroyers in honor of General John Bell Hood. The son of a physician, John Bell Hood was born in Owingsville, Kentucky on June 1, 1831. Hood graduated from West Point, where he studied alongside future Civil War generals James B. McPherson and Philip H. Sheridan, in 1853. During the Civil War, Gen. Hood became a Confederate Commander of the Texas Brigade during the Civil War. In 2021, it was Congress approved renaming facilities that originally named for a Confederate Officer.

### General Richard E. Cavazos

On May 9, 2023, the Fort Hood was redesigned as Fort Cavazos. The post is now named for General Richard E. Cavazos, a native Texan and the US Army's first Hispanic four-star general. He was born on Jan. 31, 1929, in Kingsville, Texas, where he was also raised. He graduated from Texas Technological College, now Texas Tech University, in 1951 with a degree in geology,

but he chose to follow in his father's footsteps and join the Army.

Throughout his 33 years of distinguished service in the military, including serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Cavazos demonstrated exceptional leadership and bravery. Because of this, he earned multiple service medals, including two Distinguished Service Crosses, a Silver Star, five Bronze Stars and a Purple heart. The Distinguished Service Cross is the second-highest military award that can be given to a member of the Army for extraordinary heroism in combat.

My travel companion on my road trip is retired military and told me that Gen. Cavazos was highly respected by the soldiers he led. Cavazos' selflessness and bravery in putting the safety of his fellow Soldiers first earned him a place in history as a true American hero and an inspiration to all those who have served in the United States military.

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## Connect With Nature

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For this newsletter, I was looking for something to include for an outdoor activity that would be doable in this heat wave.

Then I found the **Seek** app. If you've ever wondered what kinds of plants and animals you're seeing on hikes or around your neighborhood, the Seek app could be the answer.

## Connect With Nature

The app does not require your email or any sort of registration information to use the app if you do not want to participate in the challenges. As a free app, the also include "opportunities" for you to sign up for purchases.

To identify an organism using **Seek**, you can open the **Seek** Camera from any screen by clicking the camera button. The warning pop-up reminds you to stay safe when using the **Seek** Camera, e.g., reminding you not to trespass, harass wildlife, or eat anything you find in the wild. Then, you can point the camera at any living thing to identify it!

The app uses your general location to populate a list of plants and animals you're likely to encounter in the area, and each plant and animal listing in the app also includes photos and useful facts. You can then snap photos of those species as you come across them, adding them to your virtual collection in the app.

If you spot something the app hasn't suggested, you can snap a photo of that, too, and **Seek** will try to identify it for you. It's useful, say, if a bird has flown off course from its typical migration route, so it's not something you'd normally find in your neck of the woods. **Seek** uses image recognition to check whether a critter you photograph matches the species you think it is, and according to its first few reviews, it does a fairly good job of the task.

- Best choice if you do not want to create an account or share data, or are just getting started exploring nature
- No login or account required, kid-safe
- **Seek**'s identification model provides an identification in real-time on screen

- This identification does not leave your device or require an internet connection to work

- Users aged 13+ or with parent's permission can optionally log in with their **iNaturalist** account and post observations to **iNaturalist** through **Seek**.

- No personally identifiable information is collected from users who do not log in with their iNaturalist account.

## Online Community

If you choose, you have can join **iNaturalist**, an online community that allows you to share observations to discuss, identify, and create research-quality citizen science data for science and conservation. You may enjoy participating in some of their challenges.

The **Seek** app combines the gamification and collection aspects of Pokémon Go with exploration of the natural world. As for the gaming aspect, as you snap photos of amphibians, birds, and plants you'll also earn badges for your activities, like the BioBlitz challenge.

## BioBlitz

This is an **iNaturalist** app and partnered with National Geographic with a BioBlitz challenge. A National Geographic BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time.

*A smile is a gift that  
anyone can give.*

... Mary Campbell