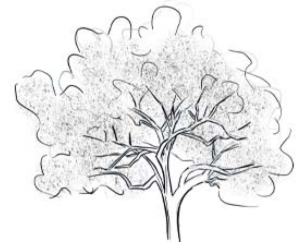




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

Neighborly News



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How About You?



Zane Chalfant has been our neighborhood treasurer for a number of years and needs to spend time focusing on family matters. We hate to see him go and wish him well. He will continue to service until our HOA General Meeting in March 2024.

How About You?

If you can handle a personal checking account, you can handle the responsibilities as our treasurer. Zane has assured us that training and ongoing support is included with the acceptance into this position.

More Information

If you have some accounting experience and are interested in running for this HOA Office, Zane invites you to call him at 210-846-5205. He will go over everything that is involved with this office and answer your questions.

So have a chat with Zane!



Wingspan

Although I must confess I am not much of a sports fan, I thought this was interesting. Previously, I had heard about the Spur's Victor Wembanyama, but it really didn't register with me . . . until yesterday. As I was searching the internet, I ran across this "Wemby" photo. Whoa...

7'3" Wemby's wingspan is nearly eight feet!

Words From The Past



I am working on this Newsletter on Monday - MLK Day. My mind has drifted back to my high school years. Growing up the south my perception of "normal" included things like separate water fountains; "white only" signs;

etc. I didn't question it - it's just the ways things were. In my high school years, I began hearing about the civil right movement. My understanding of "normal" changed dramatically.

And then August 28, 1963 I heard MLK's "I have a dream" speech.

Now in 2024, judging others by "the content of their character instead of the color of their skin" seems to be totally out the window! So, I have retreated to reading MLK's message and it still resonates with me.

So, I thought I would share some quotes with you.

Ten MLK Quotes

- *"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."*
- *"The silence of the good people is more dangerous than the brutality of the bad people."*
- *"Vanity asks, is it popular? Politics ask, will it work? But conscience and morality ask, is it right?"*
- *"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."*
- *"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."*
- *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*
- *"Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service."*
- *"It is always the right time to do the right thing."*
- *"The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."*

- *"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

Dragon Appreciation



History

Dragons have always been a part of world history, with the first depiction of dragons being as far back as 4500 B.C. during the times of the Romans and Egyptians. Even with the endless variations of language and culture that people have created — not to mention every possible type of landscape and climate they've called home — time and again, our ancestors have conjured up the myth of the dragon.

China has the longest continuous tradition of dragon stories, dating back more than 5,000 years. And much of the dragon imagery in other Asian countries, particularly Japan and Vietnam, adapts designs long ago influenced by the Chinese. In addition to the medieval dragons of Europe, fabulous dragon-like monsters show up in folklore of the American Indians of the North American plains, and the Maya and Aztecs. India and its South Asian neighbors also have ancient dragon traditions. One even appears on the flag of the small Himalayan nation of Bhutan.

Since then, dragons and dragon motifs have featured in many works of modern literature, particularly within the fantasy genre.

5 Dragon Facts

- **Highly valued by the Chinese.** They are regarded as extraordinary creatures in China.
- **They represent honor and courage.** Dragons are used as warlike emblems, appearing on shields and ships, including the symbol of the imperial family and the Chinese flag for a time.
- **They vary in types.** There are two types of dragons depicted in art and literature — Western dragons have bat-like wings and can be fearsome, whereas Eastern dragons have snake-like features with no wings and are associated with royalty and heavenly forces.
- **Mentioned in the “Bible”.** The “King James Version Bible” actually mentions dragons at least 35 times.
- **They are symbolic.** The Uroboros – a tail-biting dragon — symbolizes the eternal circle of life and is also an important symbol for medieval alchemists.

Join the Group



6PM, Thursday, February 15

Hostess: Mary Jane Medlin

1923 Shadow Park North

Come and join us for a festive evening to catch up with one another during this Holiday Season.

HOA General Meeting

6PM, Tuesday, March 26

Brook Hollow Public Library

Spring Fling

4-6PM, Sunday, April 28

More details coming soon