OAK FOREST



AREA HISTORY

Nestled among grand oaks and towering pines with a small-town feel, Oak Forest is defined by both the distinctive architecture of its era and the new development of today. Founded and developed in 1946 by Oak Forest Realty Corporation under Frank Sharp, the Oak Forest subdivision is located north of 34th St. between Highway 290 and Ella Blvd. Sufficient acreage in Oak Forest was set aside for churches, parks and schools along with the commercial development along Ella Blvd and 43rd St. Parks located in Oak Forest include T.C. Jester, Candlelight, American Legion and Oak Forest Park. Annexed by the city of Houston about 1949, Oak Forest is the third largest area within the city of Houston. Today there are over 5,500 homes in Oak Forest as the area continues to improve gracefully with age. The Oak Forest Neighborhood Association actively maintains the areas deed restrictions, organizes Citizens On Patrol and coordinates the many community committees and social events.

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