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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

August Meeting Guest Speaker

Matt Gannon, Civic Club President

For our August GOCC meeting, I'm happy to announce that we have a special guest who is likely to draw a large crowd. Our guest speaker will be Judge Ed Emmett. This will be a shared event with the Candlelight Plaza and Candlelight Oaks Civic Clubs. Due to the number of attendees expected, our meeting will be held at Grace Church in the youth room on August 1st at 7:00pm. The address is 3754 N. Shepherd Dr.

Judge Edward M. Emmett became Harris County Judge on March 6, 2007. To my knowledge, he has never spoken to our civic club before, yet he is one of the most important elected officials for our area. He is elected county-wide, versus the other four members of the Harris County Commissioners Court who each represent one of the four precincts within Harris County.

County Judge Ed Emmett, working with the county commissioners, manages the nation's third largest county. He also is director of Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM), chairman of the Harris County Juvenile Board, and chairman of the Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee.

Commissioners Court's main functions include conducting annual budget hearings, setting county tax rates, adopting the county budget, supervising and controlling the county courthouses and jail, appointing and employing county personnel, appointing members to numerous boards and commissions, filling vacancies in elected and appointed positions, establishing voting precinct boundaries, calling county bond elections, letting of county contracts, and building and maintaining county roads, bridges, parks and libraries.

In Texas, the county judge serves as the county's emergency management director and has the authority over both incorporated and unincorporated areas. When cities can no longer handle a disaster on their own, they can request resources from the county. Harris County works closely with its 34 cities and other partners to prepare for all hazards in order to protect the health and safety of its constituents, property, infrastructure and economy.

Under the leadership of Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, the HCOHSEM works year-round with local, state and federal partners to prepare the region for disasters. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Their impacts can be felt hundreds of miles inland. For people that have recently moved here, it is very important to be aware of the potential dangers during hurricane season.

A member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, Judge Emmett was chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Emmett as a Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 7 PM
Youth Room, Grace Church
3754 N. Shepherd

Guest Speaker: County
Judge Ed Emmett

Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

Saturday, October 21
4 - 6:30 PM
744 W 43rd

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After being confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate, Judge Emmett served on the commission for three years.

Judge Emmett has received international recognition for his work in transportation and logistics policy. He was named Transportation Person of the Year by Transportation Clubs International and one of the Top 20 Logistics Professionals by Logistics Forum.

Judge Emmett attended Bellaire High School. He graduated from Rice University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 with a Master of Public Affairs degree.

Judge Emmett has received numerous awards and honors, including Distinguished Alumnus of Rice University, the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and the Presidential Call to Service Award.

Judge Emmett and his wife, Gwen, have been married for 42 years and have four children and 13 grandchildren.

Spring Fling Final Notes

Susan Kostelecky

The final tally has been completed for the Spring Fling, and our net income exceeded our initial estimates. The Spring Fling netted just over \$10,100!

The income was sourced from ticket sales, sponsor contributions, retail table host fees, Garden Club sales, and the auction of a wonderful container fairy garden created and donated by Kathy Nicholson of Enchanted Gardens.

The survey feedback received from our great table hosts indicates that they are all **definitely** interested in participating in the 2019 event, which is fantastic. We are excited about this input and it will help us plan for and improve the next Spring Fling. Thanks to everyone who supported our beautification fundraiser.

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Note the change! You're welcome, but still no slacking.
- The Editor

Yes, We are Ready for School to Start!

*Lindsey Pollock, Ed.D., Principal,
Garden Oaks Montessori*

Back-to-school is right around the corner. As we anxiously prepare for the first day of school, we have been getting numerous phone calls about the status of construction and if we will be ready for the first day of school. The answer is a resounding **yes!** *No classroom spaces have been impacted this summer so our classrooms will be ready for students.* Construction activity will definitely continue on the campus though, even after the school year begins. As you may have noticed, the new classroom wing and the gymnasium (the building closer to the street) are well underway. Expected completion date for those buildings is March or April of 2018. This summer, the construction team has been busily working on the front circle drive, the cafeteria, the library, and the front office.

The new circle drive has been designed to incorporate additional parking spaces including handicapped accessible spots and has been lengthened to create a longer pick-up drive to alleviate congestion on the street. It is projected that this will be done by the first day students return.

The cafeteria is being expanded to accommodate our growing student enrollment. It will also receive new interior lighting and a brand-new food service area. The cafeteria won't be finished until late October, so in the meantime, hot meals will be delivered to the campus from an off-site kitchen and students will eat both breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.

The library space will be receiving new floors, lighting, and shelves. This area will be completed after the school year begins as well, so our librarian will be visiting classrooms and delivering lessons to students there.

Finally, our front office has been gutted to the brick and is receiving a total makeover. It, too, is scheduled to be done by the start of school but we do have a back-up plan just in case. Over the summer, access to the campus office is through the entrance on Wakefield. We are still

answering phones at 713-696-2930 but have experienced some interruptions in service due to power outages, etc. Should you need to reach us in a hurry, email me at lpollock@houstonisd.org or call my cell phone at 713-822-2274.

We are looking forward to seeing your family on Saturday, August 26th for our back-to-school Meet the Teacher and Open House. Children's House (PK and Kindergarten) is from 10am – Noon. Lower Elementary (1st, 2nd and 3rd grades) will be at 1pm – 3pm and Upper Elementary (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) and Middle School are on campus from 3pm – 5pm.

Here are a few tips to help you prepare for the transition back to school:

- Practice the drive/walk to and from school. Know what time your child's class begins and plan to be on time (that means arriving 15 minutes before class begins). Build in time for parking/drop-off.
- Talk to your child(ren) about school and practice social skills that support your child. Talk about how to ask the teacher a question, how to be a friend, and how to make decisions when peers may encourage an inappropriate choice.
- Practice making a lunch to take to school (if that is your lunch choice) and have the necessary lunch-making supplies on hand for the first month of school.
- Develop (or continue) an evening routine of reading at least 30 minutes a day. Read together, read aloud, and read for fun!
- Plan now for after-school and talk to your children about where and with whom they will be going.
- Practice the skills from last year to be sure that your child is minimally affected by the "summer slide". Practice math facts and spelling. Skills not used for 3 months are often rusty.
- Most importantly, in the two weeks before school starts, adjust your bedtime routines. Start going to bed on time and waking up as though you were going to school. Sleep for growing children is critical to their well-being (both physically and emotionally).

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Troop 21 Bake Sale Cooks Up \$2000

Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold

Thank you Garden Oaks neighbors for the loving support provided to Girl Scout Troop 21 for our annual bake sale. Garden Oaks, Oak Forest, Shepherd Park Plaza, and surrounding neighborhood residents, local organizations, and businesses once again generously supported this Troop, the only Girl Scout troop in the U.S. comprised of women with special needs. The sale and donations brought in over \$2,000, which is even more than last year. Unable to fundraise through traditional cookie sales, Troop 21 relies on the annual bake sale held in Garden Oaks to provide for annual expenses that include special outings and activities, art supplies, snacks, prizes, uniform vests, holiday celebrations, and educational materials.

We usually we do not meet in the summer, but because of everyone's generosity through our bake sale, we are taking the scouts on a special field trip in July to Main Street Theatre to see The Wizard of Oz. The scouts are beyond excited about this opportunity!!!

Troop 21 was founded in 1976. Some of the original members, who were young women at the time, remain members today. The Troop has 25 members who range in age from their 20s to their 60s and has 6 leaders.

This is the 4th year of this bake sale in Garden Oaks. The opportunity for the scouts to interact with our neighbors is very special to Troop members, who love to sell and socialize. A highlight of the event was the participation of local Brownie Troop 122017, who sold lemonade and baked goods alongside us and then donated directly to Troop 21. Baked treats for the canine visitors to the sale also proved to be very popular.

In addition to Troop 122017 and their families, a big thank you to all of you who supported the sale by baking goods, volunteering, spreading the word, donating, helping with logistics, purchasing goods, and so much more including the following:

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 Katie McKellar

Thank you so much to our Troop 21 co-leaders Carol Wiggs, Rita Loden, Rebecca Weiner, and Nancy Abercrombie.

You can look forward to next year's bake sale! Please let us know if you would like to participate next year or help our troop in any other way throughout the year. Contact us at tina@artsaliveinc.com or 713-819-9339.

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Erin Thole, CNHP

Keeping a food journal or tracking your daily food intake on apps like My Fitness Pal can be great for holding you accountable and conscious of what you are actually putting into your mouth every day. These methods may help you lose a few pounds in the beginning, but for most people, long term, it just doesn't work.

How many people do you know who have been counting calories or doing something like My Fitness Pal or Weight Watchers forever and they are still struggling with their weight? The truth of the matter is that it's not as simple as eat less and move more. And using an online calculator to find your basal metabolic rate (how many calories you burn a day at rest) is not at all accurate.

Many people are frustrated by their lack of results. It's not because they aren't trying hard enough; it's because there is a deeper issue that needs to be addressed.

Picking an abstract number or having a computer calculate a daily calorie count for you is not going to take into consideration how well your body breaks down, digests and assimilates the nutrients from your food. Nor are these methods taking into consideration how well your thyroid functions, how healthy your adrenals or hypothalamus are, or if your liver and cells are working efficiently. These methods do not take into consideration your gut bacteria and how balanced it is. All of these important body workings play a vital role in what the body does with the food you eat; does it burn or store?

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Happy Birthday

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Avery T. - 8/5	Rick Knauth - 8/9	Elizabeth J. - 8/20
Tony Padon - 8/23	Isabella R. - 8/23	Trent Salch - 8/23
Mary Beck - 8/24	Bridgette Martinez - 8/26	Emma Kathryn C. - 8/28
Debbie Padon - 8/28	Carl Waters - 8/29	Gretchen Dreher - 8/29

Happy Anniversary

Pat Buron & Shelley Rogers - 8/5
Sherée & Ron Peoples - 8/7
Margarita Barcenas & Kevin Klotz - 8/23

Out and About

John and Cindy Bartos enjoyed Lake Charlotte. **Sean and Caroline McLean** played in Lake Tahoe. **Tina Rowe** made a visit to the Cayman Islands. **Trent and Megan Salch** had an adventurous trip to Nicaragua. **Heather McKeown** visited London. **Tonya Smitts Rodriguez and family** traveled to Spain.

Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold had a fun-filled Colorado adventure. **Brooke Murphy** and family also visited Colorado.

Carl Waters Jr. and Leslie Ryan enjoyed Ft. Myers Florida and seeing Carl's nephew perform in *Mary Poppins* at a local dinner theatre.

Sarah Cruise enjoyed a birthday celebration with friends in La Grange. **The Komareks** enjoyed Boston and Hershey Pennsylvania.

The Weltin boys covered lots of territory including Branson, Mammoth Cave National Park, Dinosaur World in Kentucky, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, GM World Headquarters in Detroit, Sears Tower in Chicago, as well as Millennium Park among many other places on their summer road trip.

Congratulations

Proud grandparents and longtime Garden Oaks residents **Joanie and Gary**

Harmon celebrated the birth of Ryan Windsor on June 24th. He is a new bundle of joy for **Stephanie Harmon Windsor and husband Jake.**

Garden Oaks neighbor **Wooch Graff**, a fitness trainer and co-owner of Timberline Fitness, is on season 2 of NBC's Spartan Ultimate Team Challenge, leading four college students from the University of Buffalo.

Congrats to resident **Patti Bloomer** who was featured in Voyage Houston with a profile on her company Tiddies Sandals.

Special Thoughts

Condolences and special thoughts to **Catherine Bernelle** on the loss of her husband, Forrest

To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit information no later than the 12th of the month to Terry Jeanes at terry@terryjeanes.com.




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The Wine Walk Is Looking for Sponsors!

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

Our premier Constable Program fundraiser, the Wine Walk, a wine and food tasting extravaganza, is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2017. You don't want to miss this one! We will have 12-13 table hosts throughout the huge and lavishly landscaped backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba at 744 W. 43rd. Only 200 tickets will be sold, and we sell out every year. All funds raised will go to the Garden Oaks Civic Club to help pay for our two Constable Program contracts. Tickets will go on sale September 1, and will be available for purchase in the Gazette and online.

Meanwhile, we are actively seeking sponsors for the 9th Annual Garden Oaks Wine Walk. Last year we raised in excess of \$30,000 for the Constable Program, and the majority of that was from the sale of sponsorships. Sponsorships will be available at the \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$1500 levels. Each level has different benefits, including signage, Wine Walk tickets, free *Gazette* ads, and other PR

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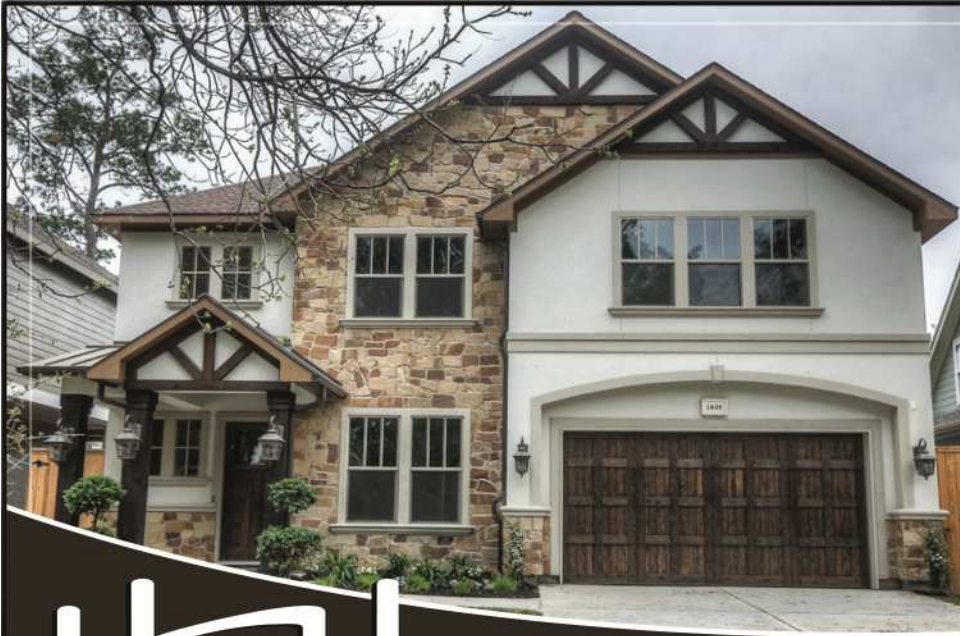
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Constable Program Update

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

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A list of constable supporters as of July 2017 can be found at gardenoaks.org. Thanks to those who are currently supporting the program. If you are not a current supporter, please consider joining.

While the roster of supporters grows a bit each month, we still need additional contributions to sustain the two deputy patrollers we currently have. Remember, we've already lost one patrol deputy in March due to lack of funding. Sign up on line or via the form in this *Gazette* with your financial contribution. You can pay in one lump sum or monthly. There are many options online if you want to contribute in excess of the suggested \$225 annual minimum, and many of you have been very generous with your additional contributions. Thank you!

A special thank you to Bob and Debbie Driver and to Zeph Capo for their contributions to the Smoke 'n Spirits fundraiser. The total funds raised now stands at \$7200 in support of the Constable Program.

Seeking Volunteers

We still need a Coordinator for Section 2 and an additional Co-Leader for Section 4. These positions will assist in their respective sections as the neighbor to neighbor contact campaign expands. Email constable@gardenoaks.org to join as a volunteer or to make a suggestion of someone we should contact.

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Choose the type of A/C filter carefully

Paper/fibrous material air filters: These are the filters you know best. Constructed of heavyweight paper with fiberglass interiors, they can be purchased virtually anywhere. The ones I recommend are the mid-range filters that cost around \$3.00 a piece. They have loose — not tight — pleating and are great at collecting a variety

of airborne particles while still allowing good air flow.

In this category, there are some air filters on the market that have thick, very tightly pleated media and cost about \$17.00 each. Do not use these! Proper air flow is absolutely essential for your A/C system. These filters severely restrict air flow and that can cause all sorts of problems including diminished efficiency, higher utility bills, and shortened life of the system's compressor.

Electrostatic air filters: These are commonly found in both free-standing room units or incorporated within a central air conditioning system. They come with one-inch thick, washable air filters. Yes, you can wash them but these filters will never become completely free of debris. Long-term usage and repeated partial cleanings result in a clogged filter preventing needed air flow. Don't use these either. They are actually the worst offenders!

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Joe Casarez, Secretary

July 5, 2017

Location: Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School (GOMM), 901 Sue Barnett

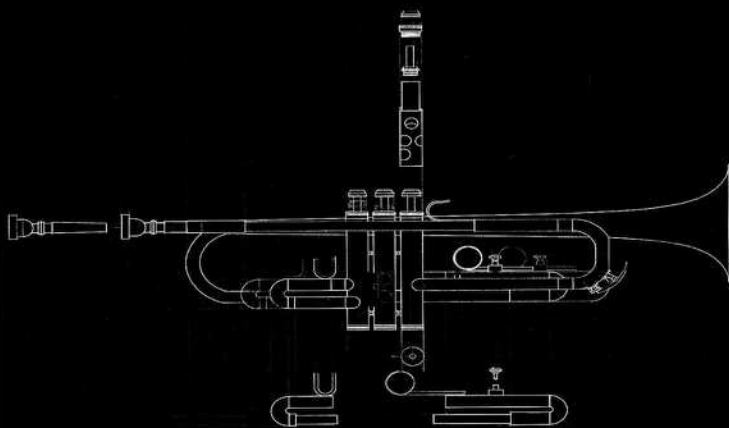
Welcome and Introduction: President Matt Gannon welcomed those in attendance along with new visitors Monica Flores (running for HISD Trustee in District 1) and John Mixon (owner, Blast Trash Can Cleaners). The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. A motion was made and passed to accept the June 2017 minutes as published in the *Gazette*.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa Coleman provided an update on the constable program funds which are down considerably due to the payment for two constables. The Smoke 'n Spirits fundraiser raised \$7200 and all outstanding pledges have been fulfilled. The tally from the Spring Fling will be updated in the financials for July and presented at the August Civic Club meeting. In order to keep two constables on patrol, \$83,000 still needs to be collected in the remainder of this year.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker was Alicia Nuzzi from Houston High-Speed Rail Watch. GO resident Mark Klein provided a brief history of the high-speed rail project of Texas Central Railway (TCR) and its proposed routes to downtown Houston via the Washington corridor or through Oak Forest, Garden Oaks, Independence Heights, and Lindale Park. Alicia Nuzzi worked with these other neighborhoods and leaders to form the Houston High-Speed Rail Watch (HHSRW) to promote more viable proposals other than having the rail running through established neighborhoods.

The high-speed rail (HSR) project is meant to connect Houston to Dallas, traveling non-stop at 240 mph covering the distance in 90 minutes. Many residents did not want to have a rail system towering over their back yards and numerous passing trains intruding into their communities. Thanks to various open forums and a lot of interest from potentially affected neighborhoods, public comments were gathered and submitted to TCR regarding neighborhood concerns. The push was to stop the rail line at the 610/290 area rather than continuing

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the rail into downtown Houston.

Before proceeding any further, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) must develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) as a requirement for the National Environmental Policy Act, which after 3 years still has not been drafted. Once the EIS is published, another round of public meetings must be held to allow and address public comments. TCR cannot proceed until the FRA gives approval to start. FRA can't give approval until the EIS is written and more comments are collected.

HHSRW is proposing to the city to use the transit median on I-10 to route the HSR from the Northwest transit center into downtown. It would terminate at the HOV area near the old Franklin federal post office building.

Federal approval of the project is still in process but the Houston High-Speed Rail Watch continues to stay on top of the developments and maintains a seat at the table in discussions. More information can be found at their website <http://www.houstonhsrwatch.org/> and on [facebook.com/HoustonHigh-SpeedRailWatch](https://www.facebook.com/HoustonHigh-SpeedRailWatch).

Committee Reports

Constable Program: \$7,200 was collected in full from the

Smoke 'N Sprints fundraiser. Save the date for the October 3rd National Night Out. If you are considering hosting a block party, let Terry Jeanes or Carl Waters know. A thread on the Garden Oaks Facebook page will be made to start a list of parties so that constable deputies can stop by. GOCC is committed to providing two constables, and one can join the Constable Program at www.gardenoaks.org.

Beautification: No update

Website: Pam Parks announced the website is now using .org instead of .net in the website URL (gardenoaks.org). The 2017 Wine Walk fundraiser information has been added to the website.

Membership: As of July, there are 264 paid civic club members. Contributors to the Constable Program currently stand at 333. If any paid Garden Oaks Civic Club members would like a membership decal for your vehicle, please email membership@gardenoaks.org with your name and mailing address.

Gazette: July 10th is the deadline to submit for the August Gazette.

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October of year in parentheses.

GOMO Update, June 2017

Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager

The August Plan Review Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center at Grace Church, 3754 N. Shepherd Dr. Moving the meeting will allow members to also see Judge Emmett speak at the GOCC meeting at the same location at 7:00 pm.

Plans were approved for:

- 4327 Apollo
- 1090 Lamonte
- 3007 Lawrence
- 428 W 30th
- 706 W 31st
- 212 W 32nd
- 512 W 33rd
- 811 W 42nd

Revised plans were approved for:

- 523 W 33rd

Pending resubmission:

- 761 W 42nd

Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity for February (YTD)

New reported violations – 4 (8)

Resolved/cleared – 2 (8)

Unresolved/pending – 4 (N/A)

Litigation in progress – 1 (N/A)

Content additions to the website since last month are the following:

- Plan review meeting minutes (redacted) for Nov 2015 - April 2017
- Member Q & A

Garden Oaks is a deed-restricted community of 1400 homes. The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is entrusted by home and property owners (members) of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 with ensuring compliance with deed restrictions. The directors of GOMO are member-elected volunteers.

At gardenoaks.org, homeowners can find deed restrictions, plan approval information, bylaws, policies, financial reports, transfer fee information, meeting schedule, information about election of directors and officers, and contact information for all officers and section directors. The minutes of GOMO business meetings are posted. Home owners are invited to attend our meetings that take place at **6:30 p.m.** on the **first Tuesday** prior to Civic Club meetings and at **7:00 p.m.** on the **third Wednesday** of each month.

Contact:

The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization
4001 N Shepherd Dr, Suite 216
Houston, TX 77018

713-561-3936
gardenoaks.org
manager@gardenoaksmaintenance.org

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particles must still be removed, and some designs include canisters that are emptied and cleaned. This can be done when your service technician performs spring and fall A/C check-ups. Electronic air filters are okay but they are not my favorite.

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Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise.

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Garden Oaks Citizens’ Patrol: There were 3 burglaries of vehicles, 1 burglary, and 4 thefts in or near the neighborhood in June.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet: Stephanie Acosta provided an update on the construction going on at GOMM. School starts on August 28th. If you know any new neighbors interested in having their children attend GOMM, please have them contact the school. New and updated school zone and parking signs have been installed for the new school year.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 1st. The guest speaker will be Judge Ed Emmett. The August Civic Club meeting will be held at the Grace Church youth room as neighboring civic clubs have been asked to join us. The church’s address is 3745 N Shepherd Dr. (N. Shepherd/ 38th St.)

The Garden Oaks Civic Club would like to thank Brother’s Pizzeria for their generosity in donating the pizzas once again for the civic club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.





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Citizens' Patrol Update

Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

Law local law enforcement has reported an upsurge in a crime they call "Jugging." Criminals wait outside banks to observe customers to see who leaves with envelopes of cash and where they place the envelope in their vehicle. They then follow the person from the bank to their next stop and then break into the vehicle and steal the cash. If the person goes home, they follow them and rob them of the cash in their driveway or as they enter their home. Please be careful when you complete transactions at your bank or an ATM. If you notice someone following you, do not go home. Go to a public parking area and call the police (911, 713-884-3131 or Precinct One Constable 713-755-7628) and report what you observed. You can also go to a police station or store front office. HPD storefronts are typically open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Now is good time to start planning your National Night Out Party for October 3. National Night Out is a good way to get to know your neighbors and share information such as phone numbers and email addresses so you can

contact each other in an emergency or if you see something suspicious in your area. Please contact Terry Jeanes or myself if you plan to host a block party so we can try to arrange to have HPD or one of the constables stop by your party.

Crime Statistics (8)

Burglary (1)

800 block W. 43rd St. on Friday, June 9 at 1:07 p.m.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (3)

1000 block of Lamonte Ln. on Sun, June 4 at 12:36 p.m.

1000 block of Lamonte Ln. on Sun, June 4 at 1:39 p.m.

800 block of W. 41st St. on Mon, June 5 at 6:12 p.m.

Theft (4)

900 block of Lamonte Ln. on Fri, June 9 at 10:29 a.m.

2900 block of N. Shepherd on Thurs, June 15 at 7:04 a.m.

1000 block of Gardenia Dr. on Sat, June 24 at 12:59 p.m.

4200 block of Apollo St. on Sat, June 24 at 7:23 p.m.

Inquiries about joining the Citizens' Patrol Program or other community safety issues may be directed to me via the neighborhood website (GardenOaks.org), the Citizen Patrol email account (gocop77018@aol.com) or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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