



Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is Approved in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5

Sam Stengler, Chair of the Deed Restrictions Committee

Great News! The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) is finally here!

The Deed Restrictions committee of the Garden Oaks Civic Club has successfully collected the required 'For' ballots from property owners in sections One, Two, Three, and Five before the one-year deadline passed. This means that GOMO will be the deed restrictions education and enforcement source for these four sections!

By the time you read this, GOMO will be in the final stages of incorporation, and on its way to setting up the first elections for GOMO Directors.

What about Section Four?

Unfortunately, we were unable to acquire the needed 60% 'For' votes in Section Four before our deadline ran out. This means that another balloting effort, complete with initial petition, balloting, and so forth, will need to be started and completed before the section can have GOMO's help with deed restrictions. Contact the Chair of the Deed Restrictions Committee for information if you are interested in starting this effort.

What is GOMO?

GOMO is a non-profit property owners association, organized under Chapter 204 of the Texas Property Code. It will be taking on the management of Garden Oaks' deed restrictions in the absence of the now-defunct Board of Trustees.

Every owner of a Garden Oaks property in Sections One, Two, Three, and Five are automatically full voting members of GOMO. This means the following:

- if you own property in any of these four sections, you are a member of GOMO;
- you do not have to actually reside at the GO property that you own to exercise your membership;
- you may attend all GOMO meetings, and vote on all GOMO matters brought to the membership;
- you may volunteer to serve as a GOMO Director, subject to a few qualification rules found in the GOMO bylaws;
- you will pay **no** annual dues or assessments – all funds for GOMO's efforts come from a fee paid by the buyer of a GO property at closing.

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Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 3rd

The next Civic Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 P.M. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Neighbors!

Joe Muscara

Getting involved in the civic club has afforded us the opportunity to meet many of our neighbors. I grew up in a neighborhood where our family knew a lot of the people there, though, admittedly, it seemed like half of them were related to us! To me, knowing so many of our neighbors is a great thing.

The vast majority of the people we've met here have been friendly, polite, and just about any other good thing you can think of. However, we've had encounters with a few whom I can't say that I understand. Call me a sucker, but I believe in giving people the benefit of the doubt when I first meet them. That doesn't mean that I buy or sign up with every person who comes knocking on my door out of the blue, but given the proper situation, I'm willing to give someone a chance before I decide to judge them.

But, I guess there are some in this world who think it's better to assume the worst of people. Despite the fact that we made an effort to introduce ourselves as a neighbor of theirs, some people weren't so friendly, and too many were rude, curt, hung up on us, lied to us, and even yelled at us. Granted, the topic we were approaching these neighbors about is a sensitive one, but a simple and polite "no thank you" or a similar response would have been sufficient. I don't expect everyone to agree with me on everything (though I often wished they did!), but I know I can get along with people of differing beliefs. More importantly, I think people who live together in a neighborhood *should* try to get along. If we can't get along, who can?

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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes & Susan Saranie

Your support is needed. We are in need of funds and contributors. Following the monthly inserts, mailing campaign, reductions in annual support fees to the program, handbooks, and draft program options, the constable program is still in need of financial support. *Our current contract needs your assistance in order to ensure coverage through the end of November.* Also, stay tuned for information regarding the new campaign for the upcoming 2003 contract. Changes will be announced in October!

July's Deputy Report - 1789 Miles patrolled, 138 Citizen Contacts, 7 Citizen Assists, 27 Park Checks, 19 Vacation Watches, 204 Total Calls, 2 Criminal Offenses, 22 Court Citations.

Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently closed on their homes.

717 Sue Barnett	535 West 32 nd	236 West 34 th
1014 West 43 rd	1039 West 42 nd	4211 Apollo
303 West 30 th	950 Lamonte	1067 West 41 st
1467 Sue Barnett	934 West 43 rd	

Congratulations and we hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon!

Happy Belated August Birthday to *Matt Veech*.

Hope happy travels were had by the *Lentini's* trip to Italy, the *Peden's* trip to Colorado, and the *Langdon/Crownover's* trip to California.

Our condolences go out to the family of former *Deputy Dick Mathias*. Dick passed away recently and was known by many in our community as our first Deputy constable patroller. He will be missed by not only ourselves but the many neighborhood dogs to whom he always brought treats.

Civic Club Membership

Cherry Wolfarth, Membership Chair

Greetings Neighbors! I hope that many of you were able to get out for National Night Out last month. It was a great success with at least 9 gatherings throughout the neighborhood. Thanks to all of you who attended and a BIG thanks to the hosts of those parties. It is such a good opportunity to create neighborhood cohesion and to take an active role in making our neighborhood a safer place. If you'd like to see pictures of some of these gatherings, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/>. Login or join the group called "Houston_GO" if you're not already a member. Once logged in, click on "Photos." Click on "NNO 2002." There are 33 pictures to view.

Last month we had a productive membership committee meeting with Michael, John, Chris and Fran in attendance. We reviewed our goals for the year and began to discuss what will happen next year. With a goal of 25% membership participation for 2002, we're only 50 memberships away from reaching that goal. We tried to make sense of the reasons WHY people don't join. Fran Marino (who actually is a resident of Shepherd Park Plaza but we don't discriminate if someone asks to help out!) shared that membership participation in her neighborhood is very high and that they receive an "invoice" each year for their (voluntary) membership dues. Chris suggested we use this approach for next year. Speaking of next year, I will be stepping down as Membership Chair, but there is a good possibility that Chris (Lindsay) will step up to the plate. We will be in need of someone to take Michael Froebel's job of maintaining the database (MS Access) next year. He has done an excellent job of creating and keeping up with the names and numbers this year and is ready for a breather. Please consider helping out if you have these skills. Call Michael for more information at 713-683-8914.

Remember that our Civic Club meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm through the end of the year. Babysitting is provided FREE and there will be a prize drawing at each meeting.

That's it for now – hope to see you out and about in our great neighborhood!

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Garden Oaks Elementary

Jeff Amerson, Principal

Great things are happening at Garden Oaks Elementary. I am looking forward to another great year and am really looking forward to working together with the community to teach our kids. We have been working hard this summer to spruce up our campus and are continuing to make improvements to benefit the kids. We will be having an Open House on September 10th from 7 pm - 8 pm to show it off. We want all of our parents to come see their children's work, see their classrooms, and meet their teachers. We want to thank Sears for allowing us to park in their parking lot that evening. We are making every effort to give our parents some place to park so that we will disturb the neighborhood as little as possible. We also need lots of volunteers this year to help our kids with reading and math. All you have to do is read to kids and let them read to you. You can sign up for a regular weekly slot, or just call in advance and we'll schedule a group of kids for you to read with. We really look forward to your help in our mission to teach every one of our kids to love reading. We can be reached at (713) 696-2930 or you can reach me through email at jamerson@houstonisd.org. Thank you for your continuing support.

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What's next?

Once the incorporation process is complete, the Initial Directors of GOMO (see list below) will set up the nomination and elections processes for the first regular election of GOMO Directors. Any property owner in one of the above four sections may volunteer to stand for election for any of the above sections where that person owns property in Garden Oaks. Detailed qualifications for Directors will be available in the GOMO by-laws, which will be distributed before the nomination deadline in October.

The first Annual Meeting of GOMO will be held in October (date and location to be announced), at which nominations for Directors will be taken, and a general Q&A about GOMO will be held.

A Special Meeting of the GOMO membership will then be held in November to elect Directors.

Who are the initial Directors?

Section One – Donna J. Archer, 503 W. 32nd
Section Two – Samuel V. Stengler, 710 Sue Barnett Dr.
Section Three – Richard Stark, 1355 Sue Barnett Dr.
Section Five – TBA

These Directors will be in office until after the Regular Election in November. They are mainly concerned with the large amount of setup work needed to get GOMO going: incorporation, finances, notices to Realtors and Title Companies, setting up the Architectural Committee, etc. However, they are more than happy to take your questions or concerns about GOMO, deed restrictions, violations, and anything else you'd like to ask them.

More to come!

What Can GOMO Do?

Here is a brief list highlighting several of the things that the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) can and cannot do for Garden Oaks' sections One, Two, Three, and Five.

GOMO Can:

- Answer questions about the current Garden Oaks deed restrictions,
- Determine, from plans or direct measurement, whether a proposed or existing structure violates the current deed restrictions in the above sections,
- Enforce the current Garden Oaks deed restrictions for the above sections using any legal and usual means,
- Collect a 0.75% Transfer Assessment from the purchaser of a GO property when the property changes hands (with a few exceptions),
- Propose possible changes to the deed restrictions, and organize the balloting process to approve/disapprove a proposed change,
- Propose and approve possible uses for excess Transfer Assessment funds,
- Elect and remove its Directors and Officers.

GOMO Cannot:

- Change the deed restrictions,
- Grant waivers to the deed restrictions (with one exception),
- Attempt to enforce a deed restriction violation created by a previous property owner,
- Require payment of annual fees/dues or annual assessments from property owners,
- Place a lien and foreclose on any GO real property or non-GO homestead for non-payment of the Transfer Assessment.

Remember, any owner of real property in one of the above four sections is automatically a member of GOMO, with the right to attend all meetings, and vote on all matters brought before the GOMO members by the Directors. In addition, the Directors themselves are elected from resident GOMO members by the GOMO members.

GOMO is **your** organization. Get involved: make Garden Oaks the neighborhood you want it to be.

Questions? Contact any GOMO Director listed elsewhere in this issue!

For a copy of the deed restrictions for your section, visit the Garden Oaks web site at <http://www.gardenoaks.org>, call 713 695 7347, or send mail to PO Box 10273, Houston, 77206. Please be sure to include your section number or your address in correspondence.

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Carl Waters, Jr.

Last month I issued a challenge to get involved in our community by having a block party for National Night Out. Many of you did and I thank you for making that commitment. The following is a partial list of the neighbors who opened their homes or yards for National Night Out:

The Shaughnessey's in the 900 block of Gardenia, Casey Jo Farris in the 1000 block of Gardenia, The Kramer's in 700 block of W. Thirty-first St., Jeff Benjamin in the 700 block of W. Thirty-eighth St., D. Wright in the 500 block of W. Thirty-second St., Mary Porter in the 800 block of W. Thirty-second St., D. Austin in 700 block of W. Forty-second St., Thelma Elizalde in the 300 block of W. Thirty-first St. and the Carlin's in the 1000 block of Lamonte Ln.

June Crime Statistics (8)

Burglary (6)

- 400 block of W. Thirty-third St. on June 11 at 11:00 a.m. (Garage).
- 400 block of W. Thirty-second St. on June 13 at 6:45 p.m. (Residence).
- 900 block of Lamonte Ln. on June 15 at 3:00 a.m. (Listed as "other").
- 500 block of W. Thirty-first St. on June 16 at 12:30 a.m. (Garage).
- 1000 block of Lamonte Ln. on June 26 at 4:00 a.m. (residence).
- 3200 block of N. Shepherd on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. (Dry Cleaners).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

3200 Block of N. Shepherd on June 9 at 10:19 a.m. (Location not reported).

Auto Theft (1)

900 block of Althea on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. (Other)

Applications are now being accepted for patrollers over the Internet at GOCOP77018@AOL.com. Just leave a message and I will get back to you within 24 hours. You can also call me at 713-864-1992 for details about joining our program.

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A Supplement That Fits

Catherine Kruppa, MS, RD, LD

Most health experts agree that you don't need a multivitamin supplement if you eat a balanced diet. However, most Americans run short on some key nutrients, possibly raising their risk of heart disease, birth defects, or weakened bones. Of course, you can't expect a supplement to make up for a lousy diet. A healthy diet and a supplement may be the best of both worlds. With so many supplements on the market, it is hard to know which one is right for you.

First, look for 100 percent of the daily value of ten vitamins (A, B vitamins, C, E) plus some vitamin K. The over-50 crowd should look for a multi with 25 mcg of B-12 because they lack the stomach acid needed to extract B12 from food. These minimums should not be hard to find, but many supplements contain little to no vitamin K, which may help strengthen bones and fight osteoporosis.

Make sure you get a minimum of minerals. A good multivitamin should have 100 percent of the daily value for zinc, copper, and chromium. There is some evidence that Americans don't get enough of these minerals. Consider taking calcium and selenium separately. 200 mcg of selenium appears to reduce the risk of lung, colon and prostate cancer and this amount is too large to be put in one single multivitamin. Calcium can bind to the iron in your multivitamin so it is better to take it in a separate pill and at a different time of day as your multivitamin.

Avoid excesses. More is not always better. Too much phosphorus, vitamin B-12, beta-carotene and iron can raise the risk for diseases such as lung cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis and nerve damage.

Whether you buy your vitamins at a health food store, supermarket, drug store, or online you get essentially the same ingredients. A 30 day supply of a multivitamin should cost between \$1-\$4. Unless you want the extra calcium and selenium, there is no reason to pay more.



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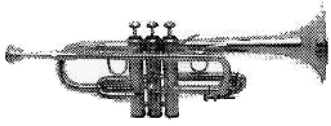
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Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Hang on folks—cooler weather is just around the corner. Until then we continue to battle those pesky and life-threatening mosquitoes. This month we are going to talk all about these menacing creatures. Did you know that mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet? They prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes. Our pet of the month says they won't get him because he can out run mosquitoes. Mau Mau also takes a stand against mosquitoes. The last of the migratory birds are filling their tummies as they wait for the first cold front to fly south.

Pet of the Month: "Mr. September" is Jesse Christ, an eleven-year-old Greyhound. Jesse and his mother, Stacy, live in the 900 block of Gardenia. Jesse was adopted from a racetrack in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he raced until he was two and one-half years old. Jesse actually picked Stacy to be his companion, which was a very good move because the two are inseparable. When Jesse first came home from the racetrack he experienced a lot of adjustments. He was very timid and fearful because racing dogs are treated like machines and not like pets. He even had to learn how to play. Fortunately, Jesse was a fast learner and he does happy real well. Jesse likes country music, joyrides, meeting people, massages and Popsicles. Love ya Jesse!

Pet News: Gabriel (Scottish Fold) and Kiara (Bengal) Weeks are helping their humans nurse some feral kittens to adoption age and doing a mighty fine job too. Meanwhile Mao (Siamese) Weeks has brought home a new cat friend of his own. Buster Bear (Cocker Poo) Wolfarth underwent surgery for bladder stones and spent a week at the hospital, but he is now recovering at home. Ethyl Caldwell (Plymouth Barred Rock Chicken) is in the molting process. Talk about "Bad Hair Days!" Stanford (Grey Cat) Woods has been getting more exercise since he got a new kitten Cheeto (Orange Tabby) who is everywhere at once. Gretchen Moore (Shepherd/Boxer Mix) won the cakewalk at her NNO block party beating out eight other canines. Delta (Whippet) and Breeze (Whippet) Parham/Fields also attended their NNO block party and had a wonderful time. Hoss (Great Dane) Mathews' family recently had a new human baby girl named Georgiana. Congratulations Hoss!

Critters 101: Blood, Sweat and Mosquitoes

The animal responsible for the most human deaths worldwide is the mosquito. But humans are not the only ones who can suffer from the effects of mosquito-borne disease. Mosquitoes can also carry a variety of illnesses that dogs, cats, birds and horses are susceptible to as well, including heartworm, encephalitis, and the deadly threat of West Nile Virus. The mosquito feeds on an infected animal and acts as a host of the disease transmitting it when it bites an uninfected human or animal.

Heartworm infestation is rampant in these parts and it is dangerous; untreated pets will die and treated pets go through weeks of discomfort while the worms are killed and expelled from their bodies. Heartworm prevention is simple and has been available for sometime; however, it is only as effective as the pet owners who administer it!

One reason mosquitoes are prolific and difficult to control is because of their rapid life cycle, which spans from egg to adult in as little as four days. An adult female (the only mosquito that can draw blood) can lay more than 200 eggs at a time, and in the perfect weather conditions, the eggs will hatch sometimes in as little as four days. Although mosquitoes generally only live a few weeks as an adult, one species of mosquito that has been found to carry the West Nile virus can survive through the winter, hibernating until warmer temperatures return to emerge again.

For all mosquitoes, water is the critical component of a successful habitat when laying their eggs. Pet owners should be aware of any sources of stagnant water around their property such as in buckets, rain spots, clogged gutters, birdbaths, etc. Because mosquitoes like to rest on weeds and in other vegetation, pet owners can also help reduce mosquitoes by cutting down weeds near their homes and mowing the lawn regularly. Other effective measures include keeping pets inside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, installing bug tight windows and door screens, and replacing outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights.

Mosquito-borne diseases are a serious threat to both pets and humans, but with control and prevention, it is possible to protect our pets from the deadly diseases they carry.

Dear Mau Mau: *Can cats get heartworm disease? C. Hecksel*

Yes, even the genetically superior feline is susceptible to heartworms. Wherever dogs are at risk so are we, even my indoor counterparts. I recommend napping and snuggling during active mosquito times, along with lots of good food of course. *Mau Mau*

Migratory Report: The last of the migratory birds will now be feeding like crazy as they prepare for their upcoming flight south scheduled around our first cold front. Cold fronts shift the winds around to a much more favorable direction, making it easier for birds to take flight. The cooler temperatures allow these winged warm-blooded creatures to fly for hours with less physical stress, as well as provide clear skies for navigation

Casey's Comments: A bird requires more food in proportion to its size than a baby or a cat.

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services©, a Garden Oaks company offering many services and products dedicated to the welfare of our pets and the people who love them. Mau Mau Farris is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@goDOGusa.com or call 713-683-6191.

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Vines Through the Ages

Mark Saranie

When our house was built in 1938 little did the first owners know what its fate would be. Initially a young couple, Gerald and Emily Couples lived in the home, a gift from young Mr. Couples' father. The house was solidly built and had around it a large quantity of property waiting for green inhabitants. Emily started a large vegetable garden off to the southwest side of the yard so that shade from the pecan tree in the back would not deter good vigorous growth in her vegetables.

From what I have collected, Emily loved carrots, so naturally she dedicated a good row to them. She believed carrots helped maintain the red hue of her hair and the fiery sparkle in her husband's eye. She also grew cabbages, turnips and sweet peppers; tomatoes, melons, and cucumbers. She grew great quantities of chamomile, which she used for tea and aromatic pillows. She adored chamomile, I learned, because in the summer when it was in full bloom, she simply loved its intoxicating aroma as it wafted through her comfortable home; (central air was a bit of time away from a reality.)

During their lives in our house, the couple produced two children, a boy, Gerald Jr., and a girl, Emma. Both had their mother's red hair, crystal blue eyes, fair skin, and a penchant for gardening. Gerald Jr. had inherited his father's good looks and ambition; Emma her father's steadfast dedication.

When Gerald was born, Emily planted the magnolia tree that now towers over our house on the east side of our yard. The hundreds of blooms it produces every year fill our afternoons and evenings with a haunting aroma that transports one's imagination backward into time when life seemed easier. When Emma was born two years later Emily planted a cherry laurel in the back east corner of the yard so that she would eventually have a tree from which to hang a swing for her precious daughter. (Several decades later this tree would be damaged beyond repair by an ice storm. A vitex now fills this spot.)

In the fall of 1945, at the age of five, Gerald Jr. died from a fall he took from the large pecan tree. He apparently was trying to reach some stubborn nuts that refused to fall. He lies in peace at the cemetery just east and south from Garden Oaks. The loop runs by it on its hasty way towards I-45. In memory of Gerald Jr. Emily planted the Ash tree which shades our house on the west. Emma helped.

At the age of nineteen Emma was married to George Redworth, a young accountant recently graduated from Yale who relocated to Houston to work for a now unknown accounting firm. Emily purchased two sturdy magnolia trees, one for Emma and the other for George. They grow healthily on the west side of our property and balance out the oak and pine trees that lived on the lot before the house was born.

In 1962 Gerald Sr. and Emily died suddenly in a car accident. They were buried next to their young son. At the time, George and Emma lived in the Memorial area and had just had their first babies, twin girls who they named Pricilla and Gloria. George and Emma were so distraught, not to mention busy, that the Couples' house went unoccupied for 3 years. Emma visited the homestead on a regular basis to make sure the lawn was maintained and what flowers existed

remained healthy. Though she could never bring herself to enter the house and confront the strange stillness which resided inside, she honored her mother by creating a few flowerbeds here and there on the lot to brighten up the sad darkness she sensed when she visited the house. Pricilla and Gloria were always in tow.

At the start of 1966 the Redworth's decided to sell their Memorial abode and move into Emma's old house. The first act of ownership was to replace the tarnished door knocker with a new shiny brass one engraved with their name: REDWORTH. The noisy window a/c units were replaced by a central air system. The vegetable garden patch gave way to a two-car garage.

The girls went off to A&M in the Spring of 1981. Pricilla became an agronomist, Gloria, an accountant. In 1987 the Redworth's sold their home and moved to Galveston. George passed away in 1995. Emma carries on; tending to her traffic stopping rose bushes and breathtaking coves of oleanders. The young couple who purchased the home from George and Emma made some modifications, added a large deck in the back and reconfigured some of the beds Emily and Emma had so lovingly tended to so many years back. The new beds became home to heirloom bulbs, roses, and lots of ferns and confederate jasmine.

With one boy and another baby on the way, the couple sold their house to my wife and I. We have added our footprint on the house and the surrounding yards. If you have read my articles since the time I took over this spot in the Gazette, you know our story. At some point in the history of this house and its green necklace, we will remodel; building upon the foundations left by the couples before us, and then eventually move on. I don't think we will replace the doorknocker however. I like the mystery of having a different family's name on our front door and the way its presence enabled me to create the above fictional history.

This tale tells of the inevitable way in which gardening enriches our lives and mingles, not only with our personal past, present and future, but also with that of all the others who will follow us. Everyone benefits from the past gardening efforts of others. Gardening puts one at ease and slows the pace of our busy lives, at least for a few days. After a job well done in the garden, sit back, sip some lemonade, or whatever, and enjoy the beauty.

Garden Things for September

- Nothing—its too hot!
- If you insist, though, maintain a regular watering schedule. This will help your beds survive the hottest part of summer. Most plants will continue blooming late into the year until the first frost hits.
- Apply a 1:2:2 fertilizer to all areas. This will prepare things for the winter. Stay clear of the Azaleas, however, it could hurt bud production.
- Soon, spring blooming bulbs will become available. Lots of these should be planted after Halloween. I know its seems early to mention Halloween but it is fast approaching. Just think, right after Labor Day, retailers throughout the country will commence the way-too-early task of decorating their stores for Christmas.
- Enjoy the remains of summer.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 P.M. G.O. Elem.	4	5 1836 - Sam Houston elected President of the Republic of Texas	6	7 Rosh Hashanah
8 Grandparents Day	9	10	11	12 Garden Club Meeting 7:00 P.M. 336 W 31 st	13	14
15 Gazette Article Deadline	16 Yom Kippur	17	18	19	20	21 Sukkot
22	23 Autumnal Equinox	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Upcoming events Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, October 1 st Make sure your Civic Club committee meeting or event gets on the calendar! Email the editor at GOGazette@Mac.com with your information.				

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