Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 12th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria. Babysitting services are available at the meeting at a cost of $1.00 per child. Hope to see you there!
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Congratulations on your new home and welcome to Garden Oaks.

New Arrivals: Welcome to the world, Miss Kylie Elyse Salch... born April 7 to proud parents, Megan & Trent Salch. Kylie weighed 9 lbs 1.4 oz and was 21 inches long.

Birthdays and Celebrations....

- 7/2- Claire Elizabeth Balance
- 7/7- MT Herring
- 7/11 - Claire Foley Bell
- 7/12 - Kaplan Martinez
- 7/16 – Sterling & Sean Walden
- 7/23- Trent Toxey


Happy Travels... Terry Jeanes and daughter Becky Jeanes traveled to Ixtapa, Mexico for a post college graduation trip for Becky.

Bon Voyage – Ignacio “Nacho” de Haro .... Rich and Rebecca Starks' exchange student from Spain who spent the school year here. Many enjoyed the “Hummer of A Summer” Party with one of Nacho’s favorite vehicles a shiny hummer prominently displayed and welcoming guests which included, Susan and Keith Kostelecky, Ed and Brenda deAlba, Tina Rowe, Alan Peters, Stacey and Trey Wood, Sheila Briones, and a host of others...What a great send off for Nacho.

In memorium..... Jesse Lopez, Sr passed away May 26th. Our thoughts are with his family.

To highlight an event, celebration, or tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.
Civic Club Meeting
Minutes
Mr. Gale Gorman, Civic Club Secretary

Meeting was held at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church due to construction activity at the elementary school. Our July 5th Civic Club meeting will also be held at the church. There is no meeting in August. September we should be back at the elementary school.

Handouts were available:
• Meeting Agenda
• Profit and Loss Statement, 1/1/05 thru 5/31/05
• Garden Oaks Civic Club Authorized Proxy form

Civic Club President Chris Lindsay convened meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

Nomination and election of Mr. Gale Gorman as Civic Club Secretary was conducted. Mr. Gorman was elected on a unanimous vote. He is replacing Ms. Megan Salch who resigned her position earlier in the year.

The Treasurer’s Report was a handout in the form of a Profit and Loss statement covering 1/1/05 - 5/31/05. The President read the statement in the Treasurer’s absence. The report was approved.

Committee Reports:
Constable Richard Smith reported on the Constable Program:
Convenience store robbery at Yale and 30th
Store robbery on Ella
A lot of adult foot traffic in Section 1
Vacation Watch forms available from him
Good Neighbor Award will be given out at the July 5th meeting. Nominations should be sent to Terry Jeanes.

No report from our webmaster

Carl Waters reported for GO COP
1) Acknowledged Woodrow Mehrkam for more than 1200 hours as a Citizen On Patrol.
2) HPD is now requiring background check on volunteers. The applicant will be responsible for returning completed form to HPD.
3) Two hour training now required; was 45 minutes
4) We will have to change the name to Citizens Patrol, dropping the “On”.
5) National Night Out will be 1st Tuesday in August, there will not be an August Civic Club meeting because of National or Neighbors’ Night Out. For those wishing to host a “NNO” get together at their home for their block, please do so. Contact Carl Waters at GOCOP@GardenOaks.org or telephone 713-864-1992 with the information. Our constable will be making rounds that evening and stopping at as many of the block parties as possible to introduce himself, and get to know us better.

Chris Lindsay gave an Executive Committee report. The committee met on May 25th and discussed or took action on the following items:
Decided to have an audit by a CPA, firm to be decided
Decided to update our bylaws after declaring them unclear and conflicting. Ms. Lori Kennedy will take on this task. A deadline of October was established by the Executive Committee with the intent of a vote by the members in November.
Decided to bring the Historic Designation question to a vote at our July 5th meeting.
Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Proxy voting will be allowed in accordance with bylaws
One vote per household.
This opened up a lot of questions from the floor:
Q: Will new members be accepted at July meeting? A: Yes

Q: May an organization accept and exercise a proxy vote?
A: No

Q: May tenants/renters vote?
A: Yes, as long as they are paid members.

Q: Will Gazette come out early?
A: Yes, at least a week.

Q: What will we vote on?
A: That will be printed in the Gazette, but basically the vote is whether or not to proceed with and commit Civic Club resources for door to door canvassing of more than 1400 homes to seek approval of Historic Designation for the entire subdivision. Vote is not a final Yes or No on the issue. Final decision will depend upon whether enough homeowners, through a petition process, endorse the concept favorably by signing a petition of support. Our vote in July indicates that there is support among the Civic Club members to pursue this endeavor.

Q: What will this cost in Civic Club resources?
A: The ad hoc committee was charged with determining the cost. They have not reported yet.

Q: Who can vote?
A: Only paid members of Garden Oaks Civic Club

Q: Can the proponents fund their own cause?
A: Yes, that is what has happened to date

Q: Can proponents continue to seek historic designation if the civic club votes no?
A: Yes.

Q: What constitutes a majority
A: A simple majority of those members present at the meeting.

The Bicycle Parade has no coordinator so there will be no parade. As an alternative there may be a picnic at the SPARK Park on the 3rd or the 4th. It was suggested we utilize the website or do an email blast to notify members when the decision is final.

Sam Stengler reported on GOMO’s activity
Invited anyone to attend their meeting on June 22nd at 7:00 p.m., Garden Oaks Professional Building.

He agreed to look at plans after the meeting for a residence at 1003 Gardenia. Reported that there is interest by Section 4 homeowners to pursue becoming a part of GOMO. Ed de Alba is working with Section 4 residents to get the effort organized. A Sec. 4 homeowner has agreed to head the effort, but that person’s name was not available at the meeting. Contact Ed de Alba for additional information and if you are interested in volunteering.

The Garden Club meets this Thursday; 7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert DeVeau, 947 W. 42nd and the meeting is open to all GOCC members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Who is watching your house? Yes, it’s our own Deputy Richard Smith whom you learned more about last month. Become a supporter of our Constable Program. Join today if you have not already for an $80 prorated rate for the remainder of 2005 and then next year for the full $140.

Take the time now to fill out the form in the Gazette, on www.gardenoaks.org or contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154.

REMEMBER THESE PROGRAM BENEFITS:

• 40 hrs of our own designated Harris County Constable.
• Vacation Watch by Harris County Constable (forms available to supporter households).
• Security Check for Insurance Discount.
• Alarm Contact/Response by Harris County Constable.
• Perceived value for prospective neighbors considering Garden Oaks for their future home in a community where the neighbors work collectively to make the neighborhood safer.

Cost & Payment …The annual support fee $140 per Less than $.40 per day….Less than. A cup of coffee. simply choose one of the other two payment options, an annual check of $140, or the draft option of $15 per month. (*******Important Note to All Draft participants due to a delay in the draft set up and implementation, June drafted 2 times for the June and March payment, and in July there will be a draft 2 times for July and catch up for May. Please make the appropriate adjustments in your check register. We appreciate everyone's support and understanding due to the delay and the need to catch up as April and May were not drafted.) For any added questions, please contact Terry Jeanes, 713-812-9154, or terry@terryjeanes.com.

Here are some updated stats from April…. Miles Patrolled …1615
Verbal Warnings ..2  Investigations..2  Suspicious Vehicles …3    Total Calls…. 14

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Hi Neighbors! July is here already and boy is it hot so watch those pets on the hot cement and give them lots of ice water. If your dog is outside put a fan out there with him, it will help cool him and keep the mosquitoes away. It is too hot for a pet to be left in the car for any length of time, even for a couple of minutes. If you jog with your dog, do so in early morning or late evening and take water along. If it is over 85 degrees the dogs cannot cool themselves fast enough. During the heat of the day you and your pets should be hanging indoors so to wile away your time here are some tips on “brushing up” on your best buddy. Our Pet of the Month loves to be brushed.

Pet of the Month: “Mr. July” is Gabriel Weeks. Gabriel is a 4 year old Scottish Fold cat. His coat is as white as snow and as soft as velvet. Gabriel is so sweet, lovable and easy-going. He likes to play with his fish on a rope and eat crunchy treats. He lives with his humans, Lori, Rachel, and Mia. He also has cat siblings. The other inside cats are Lilly (Calico), and Sylvie (Himalayan). The outside cats are Mao (Flame Point Siamese) and Pumpkin (Tortoiseshell). Gabriel is very good with the other cats and is teaching baby Sylvie the ropes. You go Gabriel!!

Pet News: Christine Bayol in Section V has rescued a female black Lab mix with a white chest and paws. The Lab is 5 ½ months old, house broken, and up to date on all vaccinations. She gets along with other dogs and loves to be loved. Please call Christine at 713-686-4915 if you are interested in adopting this adorable puppy. A big welcome to Aki Maki (Chien) Hunter. Aki Maki is very tiny but all dog nonetheless. The Groves house has three Staffordshire Terriers: Thembi, Bongani and Zinzi. They have discovered a great game called play in the sprinkler. You talk about fun for the whole family. Don’t play too hard Mr. Bongani! I know of lots of kittens ready for adoption so please call or email if you are interested.

Critters 101: Brush up on Brushing
A good brushing will keep your dogs and cats looking and feeling great, cut down the shedding drastically, as well as alert you to any skin and coat problems. Matts and tangles are uncomfortable and prevent healthy air circulation from reaching the skin.

If your dog has a short coat a soft bristled brush is perfect. This brush is ideal for removing dead hair and spreading the skin’s natural oils. A pin brush is best for long wavy or wire coats. The straight pins will go deep enough to pull out the dead hair that causes matting. The slicker brush has a rectangular head and bent wire bristles and is best on a long soft-coated dog. Use it to work out tangles that come with curls and to keep the straight silky coat soft and shiny.

The key to brushing is to angle the brush near the skin, not against it, grasp the coat just about the skin, and then brush outward usually with the grain of coat growth. Don’t exert too much downward pressure on a dog’s skin, which can result in brush burns.

Wire-toothed combs are used to clean the undercoat of dogs with heavy, dense fur that regular brushes cannot penetrate, like Chow Chows. And if you do have matts, sprinkle talcum powder on them or snip lengthwise through the mat.

Most dogs loved to be brushed, but if you live with one that doesn’t then try a hound glove which has soft rubber bristles on one side to loosen dead fur. A dog that fights the brush will generally sit for a hound glove.

Longhaired cats should be brushed or combed at least once daily to keep their hair from tangling and matting. Certain breeds, like the Persian, require a great deal of brushing and grooming to keep their hair from mat-
Garden Oaks Elementary has a fun project planned and we are asking for your help. Our Wildlife Habitat, certified by the National Wildlife Federation, is set to receive a new Pond Shed. Parents are planning to build this storage building and we would like to ask for donations of building materials. We know some of you are eager to let go of that extra lumber, roof shingles or other materials you may have stored up in the corner of your garage. Pickup would be arranged by the volunteers. If you are interested in donating materials or helping build this project, please call Shana Tatum at 713-699-4166 or email at sstatum@earthlink.net. Many thanks for your interest.

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services® and Go Dog Usa, Garden Oaks companies 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 713-688-6363.

For cats use a wire slicker brush or wire comb. Brushing in the opposite direction the hair lies--toward the cat’s head--will remove any dead hair. Be careful brushing a cat’s stomach. The hair on its underside is usually fine and pulls easily--and this hurts. Also, if you come across any mats or tangles when you’re brushing your cat, pull them apart gently with your fingers. Don’t try to cut them--you can accidentally cut the cat. Have large mats removed by a professional groomer.
Healthy Restaurant Dining Made Easier
Catherine Kruppa, MS, RD, LD

Whether you are traveling this summer or eating out for business or pleasure, restaurant eating can be a nutritional challenge. Due to the large portion sizes and added fat a restaurant meal can be 1000 – 2000 calories. For most of us, that is too much. A person averages about 300 extra calories when dining out compared to eating at home. The good news is that there are many tactics and resources that you can use to eat healthier and keep your calorie count low.

The two biggest offenders when dining out are large portions and hidden fat. When you go to a Mexican food restaurant, you are served on a platter. When was the last time you prepared dinner for your family and served each person an individual platter? The average restaurant protein portion is between 10-12 oz at a dinner meal. We only need 6 oz for the entire day. One way to reduce your intake is to share with a family member or friend. If no one is willing to share, try to cut your meal in half before you start eating and put the rest in a doggie bag to enjoy the next day. You can also order two appetizers, such as a shrimp cocktail and salad, instead of an entrée.

To reduce the fat intake order lower fat entrees that are grilled, baked, broiled or roasted. Remember that butter or oil is typically added to protein and vegetables. To save calories, you can request that the butter or oil not be added. Also order extra fats such as salad dressing, sauces, gravies, mayonnaise and cheese on the side, then use sparingly. In some salads you can save up to 1000 calories by ordering the salad dressing on the side. The best tactic is to then dip your fork into your salad dressing first and then take a bite of the salad. You will be surprised at how a little bit of dressing goes a long way.

These dining out tips will get you part of the way, but even low fat menu options may have too many calories. Fast food restaurants such as McDonald’s, Burger King and Wendy’s offer new salads and fruit salads and Burger King sells the BK Veggie Burger. Not only are they offering healthier options, but also they are providing the nutrition information to the public to help us choose the right menu item for us.

www.mcdonalds.com, www.chipotlefan.com/index.php?id=nutrition_calculator, and www.tacobell.com allow you to even customize your choices by asking you what you would like in your burrito and telling you how many calories it will provide. A nutrition lesson is just a click away. For instance the new McDonald’s Fruit and Walnut Salad contains 310 calories and 12 grams of fat. For many of us, this contains too many calories for a snack or addition to a meal. However, by checking the nutrition calculator you can find out that the fruit contains 100 calories, the yogurt contains 60 calories and the walnuts contain 140 calories. So you may choose to cut down or cut out the walnuts to save some calories.

Other websites such as: www.dietfacts.com www.dottisweightlosszone.com offer calorie information on 300+ chain restaurants. So before you hit the road this summer go to the web to find the best choice for you.

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Learn about the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Get to know about the Civic Club's effort to study the pros and cons of historic designation for Garden Oaks

Meet your neighbors and find out about the latest news and activities in the discussion boards/forums
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The Garden Oaks Gazette is the official publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is published on a monthly basis.

The primary purpose of the Gazette is to disseminate information about Civic Club activities and Community events.

All articles must be submitted by the 15th of each month for publication the following month; contributing articles will be printed at the Editor’s discretion and edited according to space availability. Publication of any article, non-civic club related, does not imply endorsement by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is solely the opinion of the author.

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Thank You Party for Block Captains!

We are organizing a party for the Block Captains and their families sometime in late August.

We are currently looking for party sponsors. Cash or door prizes contributors.

Party organizers are:
Sue Schmidt with Keller Williams 832.563.3402
Casey Farris with Bone Voyage Pet Sitting 713.688.6363
Jonathan Lanz with Computer-Wiz 713.884.8982
Catering provided by Murphy’s Deli (N. Shepherd 713-864-2111)
Good Neighbor Award
Terry Jeanes

2nd Good Neighbor Award Winners – To be Announced at the July Civic Meeting

The 2nd Garden Oaks Good Neighborhood Award will be announced at the July Civic Club meeting…as a thank you to recognize neighbors who have given unselfishly of themselves. To recognize and say thank you to these giving folks, the Garden Oaks Good Neighbor is given quarterly. If you miss the meeting stay tuned to August Gazette for the recipient’s profile.

To recognize or nominate someone whom you feel gives of themselves unselfishly to the benefit of others, whether it be to Garden Oaks, school, or church community, or simply do things to help a neighbor, no matter the age, youth or adult, please contact...
Did you notice the new title for my monthly column?

I attended a meeting at the end of May with the Houston Police Department regarding the Citizens On Patrol program. One of the changes is the name. It is now called the Citizen Patrol Program. In addition to the name change, each HPD Patrol Division will now be responsible for training its own patrollers. Our program will be working with the North Division which, by the way, has the highest number of patrol programs in the city. We will be working with Sergeant Frank Escobedo and the Community Service Unit of the North Division to re-certify our patrol program and train new patrollers. If you are interested in doing something to help make the neighborhood safer please contact me via any of the methods indicated at the end of my article.

Don’t forget National Night Out is coming up soon. **Tuesday, August 2, 2005** is this year’s date for this annual event promoting neighborhood safety and community involvement. Please plan to attend or host a party near you. If you host a party and would like someone from HPD or the Constable’s Office to stop by please contact me by July 26, 2005 (or sooner) so I can pass the information on to the appropriate agencies.

April Crime Statistics (8):
- Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (7):
  - 1400 block of Sue Barnett on Sunday, April 3rd at 9:30 p.m. (location listed as other).
  - 3100 block of Lawrence on Monday, April 4th at 6:24 a.m. (driveway).
  - 700 block of Sue Barnett on Wednesday, April 13th at 9:00 p.m. (driveway).
  - 700 block of W. 41st St. on Saturday, April 16th at 11:30 p.m. (driveway).
  - 900 block of W. 41st St. on Friday, April 22nd at 10:30 p.m. (driveway).
  - 900 block of Sue Barnett on Monday, April 25th at 4:30 p.m. (elementary school).
  - 3100 block of N. Shepherd on Saturday, April 30th at 4:50 p.m. (restaurant).
- Auto Theft (1):
  - 3200 block of N. Shepherd on Thursday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. (church).

Inquires about joining the Citizen Patrol Program can be sent to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the CPP email account at GOCOP77018@AOL.com, or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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### Useful Numbers

- All City Services (city information or services ranging from traffic court dates and sewer concerns to pothole problems and neighborhood complaints) 311
- Emergency Services 911
- HPD Non Emergency Services 713_884_2121
- One Call Program (Heavy trash and more) 713_956_6589
- Recycling Hotline 713_837_9130
- Deeds Restriction Violations City of Houston Legal Department 713_247_2000
- Toni Lawrence (District A) 713_247_2010
- Dwayne Bohac 713_460_2800
- John Whitmire 713_864_8701

### 2005 Garden Oaks Civic Club Membership Form

**Name(s):**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

#### (A) Annual Dues

- [$25.00 Crepe Myrtle (Basic)]
- [$50.00 Magnolia (intermediate)]
- [$75.00 Golden Oak (Patron)]
- [ ] Senior Citizen $ 5.00
- [ ] Senior Citizen $10.00
- [ ] Senior Citizen $15.00

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Be the creator of the theme that is the centerpiece of all the print and media blitz for the Home Tour.

Be creative, be bold, define the uniqueness that is Garden Oaks! Come up with something magical and mystical for the 2006 Garden Oaks Home Tour.

Best yet…be rewarded!

Dinner for two is a $150 value compliments of Sue Schmidt, Keller Williams Realty. Contest ends August 15th, 2005. Please forward entries to Sue Schmidt, sueschmidt@houstn.rr.com/ Good Luck!