

The Garden Oaks

# Gazette

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## Garden Oaks Fall Festival Set October 29 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration

Sheila Briones

It just doesn't get any better in the fall than the Garden Oaks Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 29, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Rick Englert Spark Park, adjacent to Garden Oaks Elementary School.

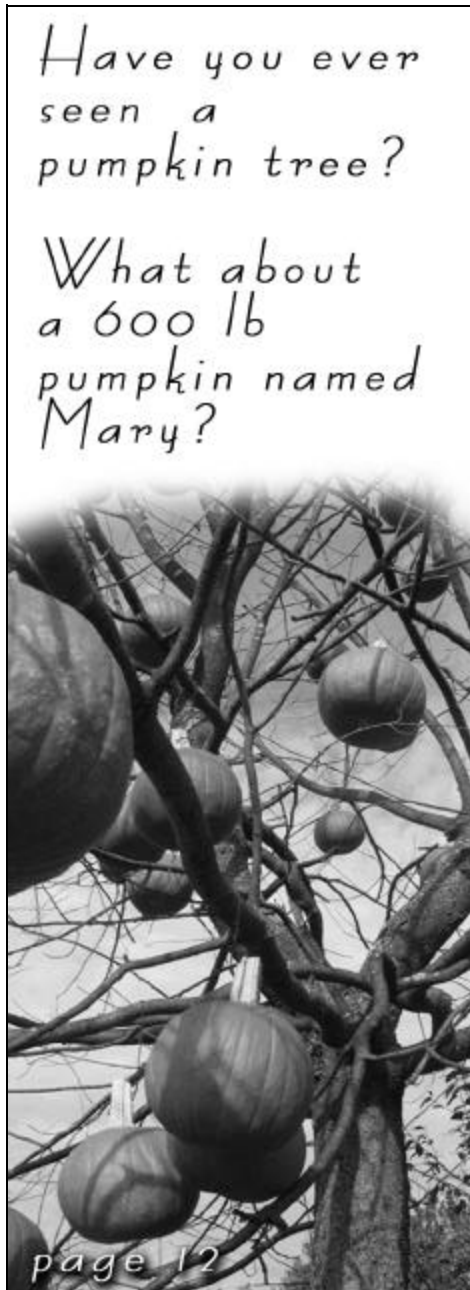
This year's festival is being hosted by the Garden Oaks Civic Club, Garden Oaks Elementary School PTA and the Garden Oaks Elementary Friends of Montessori.

The entire family will delight to new attractions, pet activities, entertainment and a host of other activities such as a moonwalk, face painting, carved pumpkin decorating contest, sack race, craft tables, dessert contest, and lots of games and food.

This year table space will be available for a rental fee of \$25 to talented residents who create beautiful art and decorative items or who provide a service.

Volunteers are needed for the following committees: adult activities, booths, children's activities, decorations, food & drinks, pet activities, prizes & sponsors, publicity, set-up, tickets & money and volunteer coordination.

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### Civic Club Meeting

### Tuesday, Sep. 6th

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The next Civic Club meeting will be on Sep. 6th 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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## Letter From the Editor *Sue Schmidt, Assistant Editor*

There has been so much going on in the Garden Oaks! I hope all of you have gotten in on some of the activities and spent time with neighbors. First of all, Garden Oaks Boulevard looks fantastic with the new path. It was a **labor** of love that took many volunteers to complete, but it certainly adds a lot to one of our main entrances. Thanks to all who endured the heat and humidity to make it happen!

August was a month for neighborhood gatherings. Neighbors Night Out was a great success. Parties were held throughout Garden Oaks. Residents got the opportunity to meet our new constable. The Gazette block captains also got together to celebrate in August. John and Cindy Bartos generously opened their home to make it a fun evening for all. Trivia questions about the 'hood couldn't stump those in attendance. We tested the memories of life long residents, Susan and Bill McMillan, who shared stories of how the Gazette started in their garage and was delivered by neighborhood kids. How far we have come!

Well, with the start of school and Labor Day upon us, it can't be long until we get some great fall weather. Local residents, Dian Austin and Sandy Altman, truly visited the Great Pumpkin Patch recently. Check out the pictures on page 12. Now *that* is a pumpkin! Speaking of witch...I mean which...our October Fall Festival is in the works. If you can help, volunteer now to make it happen October 29<sup>th</sup>. Dust off the Halloween costumes and start carving the pumpkins.

Stay tuned in October for the announcement of the winner of the "theme" for the 2006 Garden Oaks Home Tour. So many entries came in; it has made the decision a hard one. I could "feel the love" for Garden Oaks in many of the suggestions.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day!

## Heard Under the Oak Tree *Terry Jeanes*

*Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood...*

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<b>978 West 41<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>847 Azalea</b>
<b>535 West 32<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>507 West 31<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>324 West 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>208 West 33<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>235 West 34<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>508 West 32<sup>nd</sup></b>

Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

*Birthdays and Celebrations...*

9/4- **Janice Walden**  
9/7-**Jeff Toxey**  
9/26-**Mark Swick**

Plus a very happy first birthday to **William Toxey** on 9/8!

Happy Belated Birthday to our constable **Deputy Richard Smith** – 8/23.

**Congratulations .....** **Ben & Sasha Fullelove**, Garden Oaks residents, and the opening of their **Petrol Station Coffeehouse** 985 Wakefield @ Golf. Many Garden Oaks faces have been seen in the crowd. Among them are **Ed & Brenda de Alba, Shana & Jay Tatum, Sheila Briones, Shelley Arnold, Tina Sabuco, Shellye Arnold, Linda Sparks, Sandy Altman, Dian Austin, Brian O'Leary, Stacey and Tracey Matthews, Gale and Robin Gorman, Shannon and Keith King, John and Cindy Bartos, Scott McClaymonds, Holly and Matt-Veech + Lindsay, Todd Armstrong and family, Kevin White**, and yours truly a frequent visitor, along with many others...Stop in enjoy a cup of coffee, wine, beer, or other light menu items...Ben and Sasha's venture is a great neighborhood gathering place, whether walking, riding bikes, or driving up. Petrol is pet and children friendly plus wi-fi is available so stop on by. Look forward to seeing you there...

To highlight an event or celebration or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.

# Garden Oaks Block Captain Party



## Thanks Block Captains!

A great time was had by all at the Block Captain Party held August 20 at the home of John and Cindy Bartos. Thanks John and Cindy for opening your home and pool to us! Marty of Murphy's Deli provided a wonderful selection of sandwiches, fruit trays and scrumptious cookies. Liana "stirred" up some fabulous selections of teas from Wake Up and Chill Out. Diana Tarley Remax Premier, Sue Schmidt with Keller Williams Metropolitan, Julie with Mary Kay, Terry Jeanes of Remax Metro, Jonathan Lanz of Computer Wiz and the Garden Oaks Civic Club donated door prizes and funds to host this big "thank you" celebration to our Block Captains. Thanks to our advertisers for their generous donations.

It is through the block captains dedication and donation of time that the residents of Garden Oaks receive their neighborhood news each month. Thanks to each and every one of you for your efforts...rain or shine...to deliver The Gazette.

Jonathan Lanz, Editor Sue Schmidt, Asst Editor

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## Citizen on Patrol

Carl Waters, Jr

Thank you to the Garden Oaks residents Casey Jo Ferris, Rob and Molly Battenfield, John and Cindy Bartos, Craig and Peggy Kramer, Michael and Susan Hunt, Lillie Bird, Shana Tatum, Amanda and Robert Carlin and Scott and Suzette Young who opened their homes and yards to their neighbors as we celebrated National Night Out last month. Thanks also to anyone else who did the same but chose do so privately. Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to the "Ironman" of the Citizen Patrol Program. Woody Mehrkam suffered a broken elbow in an accident at home is currently unable to patrol. We are hoping he will back on the street soon. It is also time to say good bye to another stalwart of the Citizen Patrol Program. Johnny Murphy has decided to hang up his patrol signs after fourteen years of patrolling. Johnny served as a patrolman, a base operator and also as the program's equipment manager during the time he was involved in the program. We will miss him and very much appreciated his efforts to keep the program running all these years.

### June Crime Statistics (3):

- Aggravated Assault (1):**  
 2900 block of North Shepherd Dr. on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. (Street).
- Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2):**  
 800 block of Lamonte Ln. on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. (Driveway).
- 200 block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 p.m. (Street).

Also listed in the crime report was the Burglary of residence that occurred on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the 900 block of Lamonte Ln.

I have adjusted our numbers accordingly.

The first round of certification training classes has been completed. It appears HPD will continue to have

training classes twice a month until at least October. All training classes will be held at the North Command Center on West Montgomery Rd. As always inquires about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about community safety issues 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.

### Reference Numbers

Emergency Services  
 911

HPD Non Emergency Services  
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All other City Services  
 311

Constable Dispatch

2006

*Garden Oaks Home Tour*

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Just a quick update of the contest for the theme for the Garden Oaks Home Tour. A flurry of last minute entries came in. The deadline past with over twenty entries—good job Garden Oaks. We all know the importance of the Home Tour in raising funds to benefit the neighborhood. It also brings a lot of attention to the place we all call home. With that in mind, the executive committee will be spending time reviewing the entries that have come in so that we can find the theme that best represents our community. I had hoped to have it nailed down by this time, but this process is going to take a few more weeks. You have just made the decision so hard! A winner will be announced in the October newsletter. Thanks to all of you who so generously took time out to participate. Your entries show the pride and love we feel for "our home".



*National Night Out*  
*Garden Oaks - 2005*



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## Constable Program

*Terry Jeanes and Susan Love - Saranie*

**Reminder:** School is Back In Session ...watch for those school zones! It was a pleasure seeing Deputy Richard Smith and our former Deputy James Moncrief, (who is now a district officer), making the rounds to the many neighbors night out parties. Thank you to all who made them feel welcome. They were impressed with the participation in the neighborhood.

Become a supporter of our Constable Program

You can join today if you have not already for an \$80 portion for the remainder of the year and then next year for the full \$140.

Take the time now to fill out the form in the Gazette, on [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org) or contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154.

### REMEMBER THESE PROGRAM BENEFITS :

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- Security Check for Insurance Discount
- Alarm Contact/ Response by Harris County Constable
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month) For any added questions, please contact Terry Jeanes, 713-812-9154, or [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).

Here are some updated stats from July...

<b>Miles Patrolled .....</b>	<b>1722</b>
<b>Verbal Warnings.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Written Warnings.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Court Citations.....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Suspicious Vehicles.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Arrests.....</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Criminal Offenses.....</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Alarm responses.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vacation watches .....</b>	<b>73**</b>

( You will note the vacation watch checks were high as many of our neighbors took advantage of the vacation watch provided by our deputy...just one of the many benefits of being a supporter...So who is watching you house? )

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## Critter Corner

Casey Farris

Hi Neighbors! Now that you have packed the kids off to school, make sure to take time for Fido's education as well. This month we will discuss puppy kindergarten, basic obedience, and refresher courses which are all tools to help build the best relationship possible with the family pet. Tuition is modest, supplies are minimal, and the rewards are immeasurable. Our pets of the month are well schooled and love to practice their lessons.

**Pet of the Month:** "Misses September" is a pair of well trained German Shepherds. Kyra (age 5) and Ellie (age 1) Fruge live in Section I with their humans, Christine, Ernest, Anne and Christopher. They also have four cats, Meg (Tortoiseshell – age 15), Marcello (Tabby – age 12, Sasha and Sophie (both are Tuxedo – age 4). Kyra and Ellie especially love Sasha and Sophie since they have raised them from kittens. Kyra was well trained by Anne but the Fruge's thought she did not get enough socialization so when Ellie came along they took her to an obedience class. Both dogs know basic commands and "shake." Kyra (taught by Anne) also knows how to jump hurdles, roll over and "Bang – play dead." Kyra and Ellie also like treats and gardening with their mother.

### **Critters 101: Off To School**

The depth of canine learning pales in comparison with 13 years of schooling for human children, but it is as crucial for a successful family life. A dog that does not sit, come, or stay on command is a dog with great potential to become a family pest and a neighborhood nuisance – or worse. Like children, dogs are eager to learn.

**Puppy Kindergarten** – School for puppies begins the morning after they join your household. An eight-week-old puppy can quickly learn to sit for his food or a treat, walk on a leash without pulling, and come when called. Unless your household is full of dogs and kids coming and going at all hours, your puppy will not get his

critical socialization at home and will need the benefit of a class structure. Puppy kindergarten fulfills two goals: helping the owner understand the puppy and exposing the puppy to the world. Your puppy will learn basic commands, play with other puppies and learn how to behave in a friendly and stimulating community.

**Obedience Training** – This is where the work begins. Up until now training has been a game. Obedience training is to train dogs to be obedient, to obey anything and everything they're told to do. It covers a wide range of lessons a dog can learn, including tricks, family manners, show ring exercises, and skills demonstrations. Sniffing dogs, service dogs for handicapped owners, search and rescue dogs, sled and carting dogs, hunting dogs -- all carry their obedience training to the highest degree. They have been trained to obey an unusual set of commands that increase their value as helpers to man. Training can be accomplished at home, in an obedience class, or with a private trainer. It requires patience, a collar, a leash, a sense of humor, and an understanding of dog behavior. That understanding can come from one or more of the many excellent books written about training companion dogs or from an obedience instructor or dog trainer.

**Refresher Courses** - Learning for all animals is a lifetime commitment. Obedience commands should be continually practiced and reinforced. Socialization also must be worked on for the life of your pet. To keep your dog socialized he must continue to meet new dogs and new people.

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## GOMO Meetings

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## August 6<sup>th</sup> Workday on Garden Oaks Boulevard

By Ed de Alba

Our August 6<sup>th</sup> workday on the Esplanade was a huge success! 23 neighbors and 11 hired workers converged on Garden Oaks Boulevard to spread 55 yards of crushed granite between the concrete curbs that were installed in mid July. With so many people on hand we were able to accomplish both the work on the path and the trimming and weeding of several beds.

The installation of the path was a multi step process that required removal of the dead grass (it had been sprayed with Roundup about a month before), laying down a 2" layer of crushed granite that was then screeded, wetted and tamped and then repeating the entire process for a second layer. Sounds easy until you realize that most of those 80 tons of granite were moved by hand in 98 degree heat and Houston's famous humidity. My hat is off to all our volunteers. Tina Nieto weeded and was our spray person; Bill Flanagan, Janet Cones, Marlene Caldwell, Cindy and John Bartos, all dug away shovel by shovel at those big piles. Will Eickenhorst and Pete Kozak were digging machines as were George Appling and Trey Wood. David Bell was also out there for 5 hours and working hard even with a hurt back. And Jay Tatum did a whole lot of everything, digging, dumping, and later ran one of the tampers.

The trimming and weeding crew did a beautiful job on the shrubs at the Shepherd end of the boulevard. Sheila Briones, Brian O' Leary, Shelley Rogers, Brenda de Alba, and Elaine Maniha trimmed up the shrubs which had started to obscure the view of the intersection at N. Shepherd and Garden Oaks Boulevard. Another crew consisting of Shawn and Bill Spear, Linda Martinson, Jim Bachand and others really cleaned up and made presentable several of the beds at the eastern end of the esplanade that hadn't been worked on for at least a year.

I also want to thank Terry Jeanes,

Mike Maniha, and Jonathan Lanz for providing workers or money to defray the cost of the hired hands. Shana Tatum helped us beat the heat by providing us with water, drinks, and ice and would have been at work on the boulevard if she hadn't been running a workday at Garden Oaks Elementary. A big thank you to Gary Gould and Texas Drain Technologies for providing us a huge crew cab pickup, several wheelbarrows and more shovels than I can count. And another big thank you to Jonathan Morgan who loaned us his tractor which helped tremendously to quickly deliver large amounts of granite to those parts of the boulevard without bollards. And lastly a thank you to John Goodman who drove the tractor and at the end of his day with us said, "Thanks a lot, I had fun. This was a great way to reconnect with the neighborhood."

## Beautification Dates

**9/10 @ 9 AM**  
**Randall Street Berm**  
**9/24 @ 9 AM**  
**Gazebo Park**

## Upcoming Beautification Events in September

Ed de Alba

We have two workdays planned in September and if you have little spare time we sure could use the help!

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM will find us working on the Randall Street Berm in Section 1. It's major weed control time and hopefully Matt Roesler and his merry band can put a big dent in the nut grass crop. The plan is to spray prior to the workday, then to weed mercilessly, put down some weed blocking fabric, and cover every exposed spot with a thick layer



## Upcoming Beautification Events in September

*Ed de Alba*

of pine straw mulch.

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM we'll be attacking the potato vine which is threatening to eat the Gazebo Park. While there we'll also spruce up the rest of the park. Future plans here include repairs and extensive modifications to the irrigation system and the installation of a rose bed sometime in November.

And some other news to report...

Late in July a hardy team consisting

of Sheila Briones, Shelley Rogers, Wayne Forster, and Brenda de Alba, did major weeding work in the Memorial Rose Garden in Section 1. They did a nice job.

Please join us at any of these events if you have a few hours to spare. A very little amount of time and effort really helps keep our common areas looking good. If you'd like to help or have comments or suggestions I can be reached at 713 694-5934.



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## GOMO

**Sam Stengler**  
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Well, it's the middle of August, and the heat is getting worse, not better. Hope each and every one of you has a cool place to be comfortable in while we await fall and some more reasonable temperatures...

I'd like to remind everyone of the two GOMO events that will be happening in October and November of 2005.

On October 4, 2005, GOMO will hold its Annual Members' Meeting, immediately after the Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting. We'll likely be in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria, but because of the on-going remodeling of the school, you'll need to watch your Gazette for meeting place changes. We will be mailing postcards announcing this meeting, as well.

This year we will have our usual report on the 'state' of GOMO, and take your questions and comments about our organization. We'll tell you what's been happening in the past 11-12 months, and what we have planned for the future. Also, if you have questions for us, please feel free to ask them at the Meeting!

Also, we will be asking you, as Members, to vote on a change to the GOMO by-laws. This involves changing the listed principal office for GOMO from 440 Louisiana, Suite 2200, Houston, TX 77002 to our current office address of 4001 North Shepherd Dr., Suite 216, Houston, TX 77018. (Article 1.01 GOMO by-laws)

Then, on November 1, 2005, GOMO will hold its Directors' Election. Just as in years past, this will be held immediately after the GO Civic Club meeting at GO Elementary School.

Below is an updated list of the number of Directors' positions that will be up for election, by Section (max. three positions per Section):

Section One: One position  
Section Two: One position

Section Three: Three positions  
Section Five: Two positions

If anyone would like to run for a Director's position, the updated qualifications and Nominations form is available on the GO web site ([www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org)), see the GOMO section) or on the GO List server, under the 'Files' section. Simply download the form, print it, fill it out completely, and make sure it gets to one of your GOMO Directors, or to our office at the above address, by the end of the day, October 31st, 2005. I would advise against mailing it, unless you can be sure that it gets to one of the Directors, or the GOMO office, by that date. Any forms not received by midnight on October 31, 2005, will be discarded.

**Hope to see a really huge turnout at both meetings.**



**KELLER  
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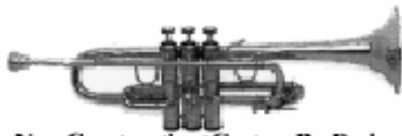


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## Good Grief, Charlie Brown! Sue Schmidt

A couple of our long time residents, Dian Austin and Sandy Altman, recently took a road trip to celebrate the 86<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dian's mom. Now, I am familiar with Dian's unique style of writing...she is the secretary (resident historian) for a group I am associated with. (Don't worry ladies, I won't mention any names.) I want to share her version of their recent visit to "The Great Pumpkin Patch".

### More than you want to know about Pumpkins

First of all, we saw the picture in the Houston Chronicle about a guy named Audie Starkey, a Mt. Pleasant, TX. farmer, who was growing a pumpkin estimated to weigh about 600 pounds. He named the pumpkin "Mary" because it reminded him of an old girlfriend, who was (and I quote) "pretty, but she was wide". Audie apparently grew a 620 lb. pumpkin back in 2001, and his grandkids talked him into growing another one to see if he could beat his personal best record.

So...we were planning anyway to take my mom up to Mt. Pleasant in August for her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday to visit with her brother and sister (my mom is the youngest). Whilst there, I looked up "Audie Starkey" in the phone book, called and talked to him, and asked if we could come out and see the pumpkin. He was *most* interested in talking about it. He had been on the local news, and had a call from CNN. The Shreveport and Longview news teams had sent their folks over. We happened to be about 2 miles from where his farm was located.

So, we drove out there, met Audie and his 6 (unneutered/unspayed) outside dogs while he was watering the pumpkins. He's got three big ones growing: 200, 300 and 600 lbs. Each has a blue tarp covering them to protect them from the hot August sun. Each has fans blowing on them 24 hours a day to try to circulate some cooler air. Audie pollinates the plants himself and has kept meticulous records as to the estimated weights of

his various pumpkins at regular intervals during the growing season.

Once the pumpkins quit growing (based on the daily measurements), he will use a special "pumpkin tarp" that he bought from the Amish people (in the NE), to move the pumpkin out of the field and then it will be loaded on a pick up truck. He then goes into town to Allen's Scrap Metal yard (I'm not making this up). There, a guy from the state department of weights and measures will certify the scale and then "Mary" will be weighed and an official document will be written out to record her weight. It should be happening just about now...

Thanks to our roving reporters, Dian Austin and Sandy Altman, for sharing their personal experience in "The Great Pumpkin Patch". It has been rumored on the list serve recently that Garden Oak residents, Susan Gavin and company, have started their own challenge to grow a whopper of a pumpkin. We'll keep you posted.



# Seeking "The Garden Oaks Good Neighbor" Award Nominees

Terry Jeanes

Continuing on with the acknowledgment of the good deeds done by our neighbors, nominees are being sought for the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation of the Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award. No matter what the age of those who give of themselves, whether it is a civic club, school, or other community volunteer, or simply to assist with the basic tasks for one of our neighbors. It is time to acknowledge them and say "Thank You, you make a difference." What better way than through special recognition of a Good Neighbor Award?

If you know of someone special who gives unselfishly of their time contributing to the community or making the life of someone else more comfort-

able, nominate them. No matter the age - youth, adult or senior adult, a special thank you is well deserved.

### Previous recipients have been:

- The Carlin family, Robert, Amanda, and Cameron
- Rick and Marie Grochoske

The next quarterly Good Neighbor Award will be announced at the October meeting and will include a certificate and gift. A team of greater Garden Oaks community leaders will make each awards selection. To nominate a deserving neighbor, simply contact Terry Jeanes, Good Neighbor Award Sponsor – 713-812-9154 or [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).

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For additional information contact Shana Tatum at 713-699-4166.

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Sheila Briones

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11	12	13	GOMO Mtg. right after Civic Club Meeting	15	16  Deadline for Gazette Submissions	17
18	19	20	21 GOMO Mtg. GO Professional Bldg. Suite 216 7 p.m	22	23	Beautification Workday 9:00 AM Gazebo Park
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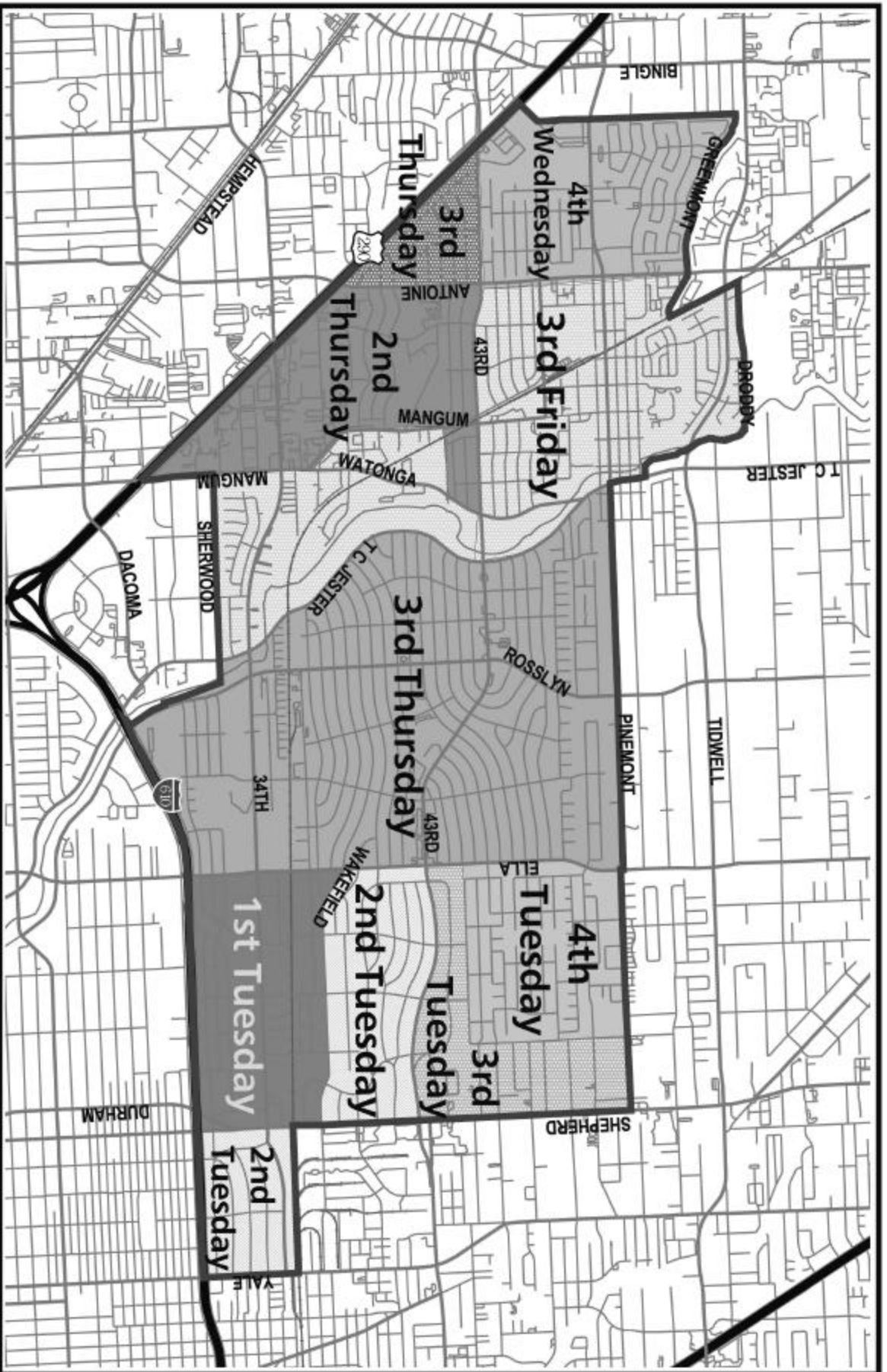
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