

The Garden Oaks

Gazette



Annual Meeting - a time to say Goodbye and Hello!

Chris Lindsay, President

As we approach our last meeting of the calendar year, it is time to say goodbye to the old and hello to the new. Not only in terms of the passing of another year, but the changing of the guard. The Annual Meeting of the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be held on December 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Oaks Elementary School. In addition to its being the meeting at which we will elect a new Board of Directors and approve the budget for the New Year, this has traditionally also been our Holiday Party, with all attendees bringing a covered dish to share with their neighbors. This year I am going to flip the order and suggest that those with last names starting with the letters N-Z bring a main dish entree and those whose last names start with letters A-L bring a vegetable, side dish or dessert.

The election of officers for the Civic Club Board of Directors will take place at the December meeting. The slate put forward by the Nominating Committee is: President - Sheila Briones, Vice-President- Chris Schmidt, Treasurer - Mike Dishberger, and Secretary - Gale Gorman. There is one other position on the Board, that of 2nd Vice-President, which is the Gazette Editor. This is a designated position provided for in the by-laws. It is a non-elective position and so is not part of the slate. A few questions have been raised concerning the election and the nominating process. Let me address them here. The Nominating Committee who has

scoured the neighborhood looking for people willing to serve puts names into nomination. The purpose of the nominating committee is to ensure that we have one person nominated for each position so that we may have the appropriate number of Board positions filled. Having a slate of candidates does not in any way preclude people from coming forward with other nominees for these positions. In fact, we would be thrilled to find that there was an actual contested race for one or more of these positions. Nominations for any of the positions can be made at the December meeting. Should more than one person be nominated for a position, we simply vote on the position separately from the slate.

We will also be approving an operating budget for the New Year at the December meeting. The proposed 2006 Garden Oaks Civic Club Budget was discussed in detail at the November meeting. It is printed elsewhere in this Gazette for your review.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest appreciation to all who served with me this year on the Board and as Committee chairs. Without them the various programs and objectives of the Civic Club would not be accomplished. In particular I would like to thank two relatively new people to the civic club in terms of involvement, Sue Schmidt and Deanna Zugheri. Sue has come for **continued on next page**

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Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 6th

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The next Civic Club meeting will be on Dec. 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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Annual Meeting

Chris Lindsay, President

ward to volunteer her time for the Home tour as well as the Gazette. Deanna served as chairwoman of the very successful Fall Festival. Let us also not forgot the efforts of Terry Jeanes on the Constable Program, Carl Waters for his yeoman job on keeping our Citizens on Patrol Committee ever vigilant, Ed and Brenda de Alba for their efforts on Beautification and the Park Captains they have recruited to ensure our green spaces are always at their best. I thank Mike Dishberger for his meticulous efforts as our Treasurer, Gael Gorman as our Secretary, Jonathan Lanz as Gazette Editor and distributor, plus all the Gazette Block Captains who are as diligent as postal carriers in the delivery of the Gazette to our doorsteps every month. Trey Wood on Membership and keeping that roster up-to-date, Joe Muscara and Josh Hamilton for keeping our Web Site up and running. Trish Ricklefsen and the ad-hoc committee that looked into the Historic Designation issue and Lori Kennedy for her efforts on rewriting our by-laws. An early thank you to all of you who will be involved on working on the Home Tour for 2006 and last, but certainly not least, I wish to thank my Vice President, and your nominee for President, Sheila Briones, for her steady council this past year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as President of this wonderful group, it was a rewarding experience.

Santa Claus is coming to town....
Make your list,
Check it twice,
Because Santa Claus will be
in Garden Oaks
at Gazebo Park ,

Tuesday, December 13th
Thursday December 15th
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy cookies, wassail and holiday music with Santa and friends!

Sponsored by Trish Ricklefsen and Sue Schmidt of Keller Williams Realty, The Metropolitan.

Heard Under the OakTree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome to our new neighbors who just moved into Garden Oaks!

4211 Apollo **971 West 41st**
1042 Gardenia **1067 West 41st**
1327 Sue Barnett **708 West 43rd**
216 West 33rd **926 Lamonte**
320 West 31st

Congratulations on your new home. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon!

Congratulations to proud parents **Ken and Imelda Johnson**, whose daughter **Elizabeth Siobhan Johnson** was baptized November 20th. Unfortunately her maternal grandparents could not make it in from England. But Elizabeth's Godmother, Monika, made it across the big pond for the occasion!

Birthdays

Ron Williams (12/1)
Margaret Rudd (12/6)
Terry Jeanes (12/11)
Brian O'Leary (12/17)
Alice Peden (12/18)
Gary Hickman (12/21)
Sandy Altman (12/24)
J.B. Gavin (12/25)

Anniversaries

Belated wishes to:
Mark and Katie Swick (11/10)
Keith and Susan Kostecky (11/13)

Recent Travels

Tina Parks just returned from a trip to Las Vegas, **Rebecca Stark** from a great midwest road trip with her mom, and **David and Deborah Veselka** just returned from Austin, attending their daughter **Holly's** art exhibition!

Our Condolences to the family and friends of **Richard Lawrence** who passed away recently.

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

Civic Club Meeting Minutes November 1, 2005

Gale Gorman, Civic Club Secretary

Meeting was convened in the cafeteria at Garden Oaks Elementary School. President Chris Lindsay opened the meeting a few minutes after 7pm.

1. Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.
2. Mike Dishberger gave our financial report.
3. Chris Lindsay announced we were making room in the agenda for short presentations from two candidates for HISD board positions, Anne Flores Santiago and Natasha Kamrani.
4. Craig Lee presented his report from the Nominating Committee and announced the proposed slate for 2006 Board positions as follows: President – Sheila Briones, Vice-President - Chris Schmidt, Treasurer- Mike Dishberger, and Secretary – Gale Gorman. Craig also explained that nominations can still be made this evening as well as at the December meeting for any of the positions. Voting on the new Board positions will take place at the December 6th Civic Club meeting.
5. Chris Lindsay next brought forward a new item for discussion on buying general liability insurance. The insurance would cover civic club events such as the Home Tour, Home Tour Party, Fall Festival, 4th of July parade and Beautification work days. Coverage of one million dollars would cost \$350 per year. A vote was taken and the purchase passed 16 yes and 2 no.
6. Mike Dishberger presented the proposed 2006 budget and questions and answers ensued. The budget was amended to include the annual insurance premium. The 2006 budget will be voted on at the December 6th Civic Club meeting.
7. Beautification Committee announced the next workday will be November 2nd, 9 a.m. at Gazebo Park.
8. Terry Jeanes asked for volunteers to help with the mail out of the Constable Program and Civic Club dues statements. She also reported that more than 150 children were fingerprinted at the Fall Festival.
9. Garden Oaks resident and precinct election judge Shelley Kennedy asked for volunteers to serve as precinct judges in the upcoming election.
10. Chris Lindsay thanked everyone who worked on the Fall Festival as it appeared to be a great success. Sheila Briones reported that preliminary results indicated close to \$4,000 was raised for the Garden Oaks Elementary School.
11. Attendance count at the Civic Club meeting was 35.
12. We adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Festival Doesn't "Fall" Short of Fun & Activities

Sheila Briones

Saturday, October 29th wasn't your typical "fall day". The sun was out and it was a perfect 84 degrees for the 2005 Garden Oaks Fall Festival. It's estimated that 500 people attended the festival with the majority of children wearing Halloween costumes. According to the Fall Festival Committee the festival netted \$3,000. The proceeds will be used to purchase new books, a computer in the library and campus beautification.

The festival was a huge success because of the countless number of volunteers and underwriters. They included:

Fall Festival Committee

- * Deanna and Will Zugheri, Chairs
- * Sheila Briones & Mary Zimmermann - Publicity Chairs

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Festival Doesn't "Fall" Short of Fun & Activities

Sheila Briones

- * Lisa Rentschler – Donations Chair
 - * Casey Farris – Booth Rentals and Dog Contest Chair
 - * Laurie Clothier – Food Chair
- certified

Volunteers

Stacy Gross, Terry Jeanes, Jennifer Moreno, Katie Assad, Carmela Holmes, Shana & Jay Tatum, Lucy Lopez, Vickie Vaughn, Steve Lopez, Kim Davidson, Deputy Richard Smith, the Oswald family, the Morris family, the Wood family, the Dore family, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Johanson, Garden Oaks Elementary parents, Garden Oaks Montessori parents, and Garden Oaks Elementary School faculty. Special thanks to our grounds crew: Dennis, Tony and Jose.

Underwriters

- * Mike Hess/AMS Remodeling
- * National Pet Center
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- * Vickie Kollaja
- * Urban Tails
- * Arts ALIVE!
- * Go Dog USA
- * Bone Voyage Pet Sitting
- * Terry Jeanes, ReMax/METRO
- * Hartman & Associates
- * First Houston Mortgage

Here is a recap of all the contest winners:

Dessert Contest Winners

1st place: Stacy Gross, "Cake-O-Lantern"

2nd place: Alizé Martinez & Samantha Munoz, "Carrot Cake Cupcakes"

3rd place: Terry Jeanes, "Apple Pie"

Honorable mention: Terry Jeanes, "7-Layer Cookies"

Thank you to celebrity "dessert contest" judges: Councilmember Toni Lawrence, State Representative Dwayne Bohac and son, Channel 11 reporter Jeremy Desel, and Garden Oaks resident Shellye Arnold.

Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners

1st place: Daniel Morgan, "Kiss Me You Silly Gourd"

2nd place: Jacob Morgan, "Pumpkin King"

3rd place: Mrs. Blanco's Eagle Scouts, "Vampire"

Honorable mention: Johnnie Gonzales, "Happy Hours"

Thank you to "pumpkin carving" judges: Brenda de Alba and Susan Saranie.

Costume Contest Winners (0-3 years)

1st place: Kassandra Rodriguez, "Raggedy Ann"

2nd place: Leila & Chris Bargas, "Clown"

3rd place: Avery Gideon, "Lil Devil"

Honorable mention: Daniel Ortiz, "Lion"

Costume Contest Winners (4 and up years)

1st place: Danielle Rena, "Butterfly"

2nd place: Arturo Moreno, "Angel from the Heavens"

3rd place: Leonel Elias Blanco, "Zombie"

Honorable mention: Bailey Johnson, "Horse & Rider"

Thank you to "costume contest" judges: Sandy Altman and Dian Austin.

Dog Costume Contest Winners

1st place: Meade Briones, "SuperDog"

2nd place: Teddy Briones, "Pimp Daddy"

3rd place: Nubie Muecke

Dog Treat Eating Contest Winner was Abby King.

2005 Garden Oaks Fall Festival



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Terms expire at end of October of the Year in parenthesis.

Constable Program Supporter Invoices are on the way!
Terry Jeanes and Susan Love - Saranie

Garden Oaks Neighbors please take note you will soon be receiving an supporter form in the mail to keep our constable program active in Garden Oaks. Your support is important. Please take the time to complete your form and return it promptly. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with our mail out.

Thank you to Deputy Smith who participated along with Terry Jeanes, Constable Co-Chair and Carl Waters, GOCP coordinator, at the Garden Oaks Fall Festival. 150 and 200 children participated in the Kid Safe Fingerprinting program. Additional children were fingerprinted prior to the November Civic Club meeting.

Become a supporter of our Constable Program You can join today if you have not already for an \$50 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

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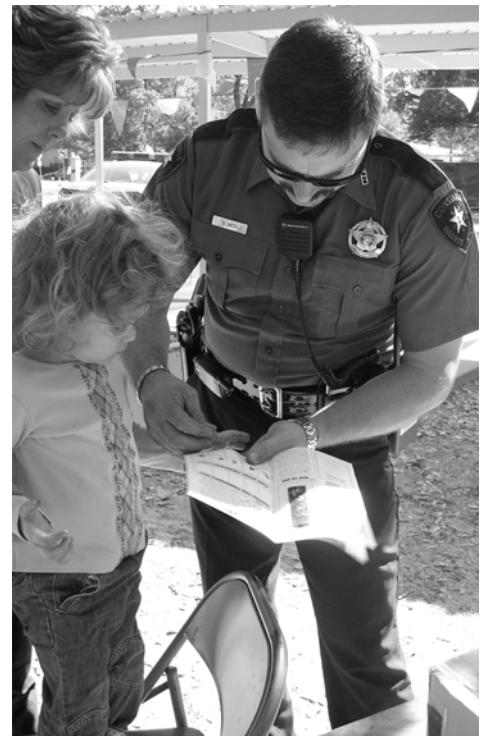
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\$140, or the draft option of \$15 per month) For any added questions, please contact Terry Jeanes, 713-812-9154, or terry@terryjeanes.com.

Here are some updated stats from October...

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| Miles Patrolled | 1423 |
| Verbal Warnings | 0 |
| Written Warnings | 7 |
| Court Citations | 1 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 6 |
| Arrests | 0 |
| Criminal Offenses | 0 |
| Alarm responses | 1 |
| Vacation watches | 19 |



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Critter Corner

Casey Farris and Mau Mau Farris

Hi Neighbors and Happy Holidays! The allure of Christmas – as most people know – is not restricted to the human species. Dogs and cats love Christmas! For pets, giving gifts knows no season, but we people are busy right now planning how to honor our loved ones (human and animal alike) with special gifts. While a new toy or cozy bed is sure to please your pet, remember the intangible gifts you can give. Our Pet of the Month pair is really looking forward to the Holidays.

Pet of the Month: “Mr. and Miss December” is Rhett (Yellow Lab) and Cali (Black Lab) Hruby. They live in Section 1 with their mother Kelly. Rhett is almost three years old and Cali is almost two years old. They both love walks, apples and peanut butter treats. Rhett likes to play with toys but Cali likes to hide them. When they are not playing hide and seek this pair of retrievers like to lounge on the sofa and look out their picture window. The only thing better than having a Lab is having two. Happy Holidays to the Hruby pack!

Critters 101: Giving and Receiving – The Four-Legged Way

What gifts has your pet given you lately? Maybe the goofy face it makes during a good scratch gave you the best laugh of your day. Maybe a nudge from its wet nose and furry head comforted you at just the right time. Or perhaps a bright-eyed invitation got you out of bed or away from the TV and out on a healthy walk. Our pets give us loyalty, joy and comfort year-around and no doubt your pet is listed on your holiday shopping list. There are many toys, beds and accessories on the market but the best gifts you can give are the intangible ones.

First on the list is keeping your home safe for your pet during the season's festivities. Beware of bread dough. If a dog eats unbaked dough, the dough continues to rise inside its stomach and could cause severe problems. Do not put

bowls of grapes, raisins and macadamia nuts on coffee table or other surfaces your pet can access. Also put potpourri and candles out of reach. Never put gifts containing food or other temptingly aromatic items under the tree. Don't leave alcoholic drinks unattended. An ounce of alcohol can poison small pets. Keep holly and mistletoe up high. These plants, along with poinsettia and Christmas cactus are poisonous. Keep holiday chocolates in the refrigerator or inside a closed pantry. Skip the table scraps and tidy up all the ribbons and bows and wrappings. Prevent the tree water from becoming an auxiliary water bowl. Pinesap and fertilizers may make the water poisonous. Stagnant tree water can also harbor bacteria. Pick pet safe ornaments. One tail swipe against the Christmas tree can cause glass ornaments to fall and shatter, leaving glass shards on the floor. Avoid using tinsel and never use edible ornaments that might tempt a hungry pet.

Another great gift is preventative healthcare including a thorough veterinary exam, heartworm protection and a consistent regimen of dental care. Or you could schedule extra grooming time each week. A bath with a quality pet shampoo and a good brushing to distribute natural oils, ear cleaning, and a few minutes of gentle massage are simple ways to help your pet feel its best.

Other winning gifts for canines are new activities like agility, freestyle obedience, becoming a therapy dog, fly ball, and mastering new tricks. The simplest gift of all is to take your dog hiking in the woods or to a park or run at the beach. Anything that involves physical activity and more time with you is sure to be a great gift for your dog.

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services and Go Dog USA, Home of the Go Dog Social Club. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@goDOGusa.com or call 713-688-6363.

GOMO Meetings

May - December
All meetings are at 7pm
GO Professional Bldg.
Corner of Shepherd/GO
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- MAY 18
- JUNE 22
- JULY 20
- AUGUST 17
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Citizens on Patrol

Carl Waters Jr.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas to all the good little boys and girls (and the big ones too!) of Garden Oaks. Here are a few more crime prevention tips to keep your season safe: Keep the outside of your home well lit. Lock your doors and keep the curtains drawn.

If you display gifts beneath the Christmas tree, do so in a manner where they are not visible from outside. Cut up gift boxes and put them in nontransparent trash bags to avoid advertising all those wonderful presents you received.

Make sure to keep fresh cut trees well watered to reduce the possibility of fire in your home.

As you may know some not so nice persons came through the neighborhood in the early morning hours of November 7th. In their wake they left several damaged vehicles and at least one homeowner with a broken front window. HPD and the Constable are working on the case and hopefully they will catch the culprits so Santa leaves them a lump of coal and some switches in the Christmas stockings.

September Crime Statistics (6):

Assault (1):

3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Saturday, September 17th at 8:00 a.m. (Street).

Burglary (1):

1000 block of Lamonte Ln on Sunday, September 18th 7:00 p.m. (Garage).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1):
900 block of Lamonte Ln on Friday, September 9th at 9:50 p.m. (Street).

Auto Theft (2):

3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, September 16th at 3:00 a.m. (Street).

1500 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Sunday, September 25th at 3:30 a.m. (Driveway).

Narcotics (1):

700 block of W. 39th St. on Sunday, September 25th at 10:47 p.m. (Street).

This makes the year to date total 64 as compared to 79 through September of 2004. Here's hoping we will ring in the New Year with less reported crime in Garden Oaks than we had in 2004.

As always inquires about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the COP email account at GO-COP77018@AOL.com. or by phone at 713-864-1992.



Dear Garden Oaks,

I can remember when I chose Garden Oaks as the area that I wanted to live and build my business. There was no new construction going on at all, and very little remodeling.

Good things are happening in Garden Oaks. We appreciate your support, and hope to be a part of the good things for many years to come. We have strived to preserve the character of Garden Oaks with our building and designs, and will continue to do so, with or without governing,

Have a safe, prosperous and a fine New Year!

Harry James, Builder



GO Elementary Says "Thank you!" to Garden Oaks

Kathy Drago, Assistant Principal, Garden Oaks Elementary

"It was the best festival I've ever gone to!" Samantha Rivera declared, describing the Garden Oaks Fall Festival. Games, arts and crafts, costume contests, music, food, and even a fire truck covered the Garden Oaks Elementary campus and the SPARK Park from 11:00 – 4:00 on October 29th. Volunteers from the Civic Club and Garden Oaks Elementary School worked together to make it a fantastic festival. And, best of all, the Garden Oaks Civic Club generously donated all the profits to the Garden Oaks Elementary PTA. PTA board member Mary Zimmerman said, "We made double what we have in the past. Usually we make about \$1500 profit. So, \$3000 is just wonderful!" The Garden Oaks Civic Club donated \$800 to fund the festival and the PTA contributed about \$750 for banners, signs and such.

The money will be used for instructional materials, campus beautification, tools for the pond habitat, and more benches and trash cans for the school campus. Garden Oaks Elementary children and staff sincerely thank the Civic Club for their generous gift and volunteer spirit.

Some of the Garden Oaks Civic Club volunteers included:

Deanna and Will Zugheri – festival chairs

Sheila Briones - publicity and the pumpkin, dessert, and costume contests

Lisa Rentschler - donation and prize solicitation

Casey Farris - booth rentals and dog activities

Laurie Clothier - food

Stacy Gross- hay bale donations

Terry Jeanes – fingerprinting program for the children & clown underwriting

Mike Hess – moonwalk underwriting & loan of generators

Recognition is also due to:

AMS Remodeling, for a generous

donation

National Pet Center, for their donations of fish coupons
Our celebrity judges, **Toni Lawrence** and **Dwayne Bohac**

Garden Oaks Civic Club & Garden Oaks Elementary PTA, for the planning and execution of this wonderful event

Garden Oaks Elementary faculty and staff, for manning the game booths and managing food sales

We also had many other contributors donate prizes!

Garden Oaks Elementary School News

Sheila Briones

We would like to welcome new principal, Ms. Emily Thomas, to Garden Oaks Elementary School (GOES). Mr. Jeff Amerson, who served as GOES principal for five years moved to Sharpstown Middle School as principal. This was a great opportunity for Mr. Amerson and we wish him the best in his new position. Ms. Thomas comes to GOES from Waltrip High School where she served an assistant principal. We look forward to introducing her to the community at an upcoming Civic Club meeting.

Mark your calendars now, as you plan for next year. The 12th Annual Community Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for February 11, 2006. It promises to be a great time for all. More information forthcoming!

GOES Montessori applications are now available in the school office. The program serves children ages three through 6th grade. The program is open to all students zoned to GOES as well as those outside the zone by space available transfers. Call the school office at 713-696-2930 for more information.

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GOMO Election Results

Brenda de Alba

The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is like most homeowners associations that enforce Deed Restrictions, an organization that many love to hate. It is one of the worst volunteer jobs to have in any neighborhood and yet it is one of the most important and essential positions for keeping the look and charm of our neighborhood. When I first learned what it meant to live in a Deed Restricted Neighborhood, I said "What! You mean I can't do what I want to do with my land! It's my land!" Since then I have learned that certain covenants run with the land in addition to those imposed by the City, State, and Federal Governments. I have also learned that the Deed Restrictions that we have in Garden Oaks are among the least restrictive, simplest, and least punitive and that they are the heart of why Garden Oaks is one of Houston's most attractive neighborhoods.

Our homes are for many of us the largest investments we have. And it is not just a financial investment; it is also a huge emotional investment. Garden Oaks turns 70 next year and she is one fine looking Grande Dame. Starting with the vision of Edward Lillo Crane (He was the Edloe long before the J-Lo) and his Garden Oaks Company in 1936, and succeeded by the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees in 1955, followed now by GOMO, scores of volunteers have taken up one of the most demanding and least appreciated jobs. Garden Oaks looks as good as it does today and is one of the most desirable locations in Houston, largely because of the volunteer efforts of a few score neighbors over the last 5 decades.

It is my pleasure to announce the GOMO Directors elected December 1st.

Section 1:
Jeff Toxey - He joins Sheila Briones and Gig Runge

Section 2:

Todd Prince - He joins Ed de Alba and Jay Tatum

Section 3:
Mike Dishberger
Lynn Sievers
Rich Stark

Section 5:
Malcolm Taylor - They join Blake Woods
Tim Weltin

Please join me in welcoming them to GOMO.

Beautification Update

Brenda & Ed de Alba

We wish to thank all of the folks who gave up part of a precious Saturday morning on November 12th to help us clean up the Gazebo Park. Even those who were only able to join us for an hour or so made a huge difference digging out the trash trees, freeing the azaleas from a dense killing cover of potato vine, and planting a large number of perennial color plants. Many thanks to Carol Hazel, the park's captain, her husband Tom and son, Thomas, and a host of people from the Garden Oaks Garden Club including Tina Nieto, Margie Dalton, Shawn Spear, Shelley Rogers, Robert and Cameron Carlin, and Janet Cones. Thank you all for coming out and making this little memorial park look so good. Were sure Santa Claus will be very pleased when he visits in mid-December.

Future plans for this park include a total revamp to the sprinkler system, a new rose bed, and several large camellias to take the place of some of the many bedraggled Azaleas. We'll try to get some of this in place this year but with the holidays upon us time will be short.

Thanks again to all who made such a positive contribution. If you'd like to help make a positive visual contribution in any of the many greenspaces of our beautiful neighborhood, please call us at 713 694-5934.

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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. It is hand delivered to 1,550 homes the first week of each month.

The Gazette's primary purpose is to disseminate information about Civic Club activities and community events.

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“Holiday Activities for Families Made Easy”

Megan F. Salch

Sleigh bells ring. Are you listening?

The holidays are upon us and your to do list is growing faster than a speeding bullet. In the mad dash to buy the right sweater for Aunt Myrtle, what happens to quality family time? Remember the little ones who remind you about Santa coming to town?

Many students will be out of school for the holidays mid-month. How can you keep them entertained without adding to your load? The movie “A Christmas Story” is a seasonal tradition in our household but let’s face it. Few parents want to sit their kiddos in front of the tube for hours on end. You could flip through the paper to find some good events, but then you’ll need to research the activity further to determine if it’s appropriate for your child. Save yourself the trouble. I’ve researched numerous family-friendly activities in Houston. Here are a few favorites to help you spend more time with your family and less time in chaos.

Seasons of Sharing runs at the Children’s Museum of Houston through January 8. This annual exhibit celebrates Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Diwali, Christmas, Las Posadas, Hanukkah, and Lunar New Year. This gives children a chance to learn how the holidays are celebrated around the world. Open your kids’ eyes to cultural differences and discuss the reasons why you celebrate the way you do. Then, spend time enjoying the Museum’s fantastic other features like KID-TV, the Bubble Lab and the Expressions art studio. Admission is \$5, but Thursdays 5-8 p.m. are free or visit Tuesday – Sunday 3-5 p.m. for only \$3. Children under 2 are free daily. The Museum is located at 1500 Binz in the Museum District. www.cmhouston.org 713-522-1138

The Houston Symphony shares holiday cheer with **A Very Merry Pops**, evenings December 9-12 at Jones Hall. Kids age five and up can indulge in some fantastic holiday music. Photographs of children enjoying the holi-

days will be projected on two large screens during one musical piece. Families can e-mail photographs of their children to holiday.photos@houstonSymphony.org but see the details online first. Purchase tickets, \$27 and up, online at www.houstonSymphony.org or call 713-224-7575.

Looking for some free fun? There’s just nothing like packing the car full of kids, blankets and hot cocoa to drive around town looking at **holiday lights**. Besides the beauties in our own neighborhood, check out the themed streets in **Shepherd Park Plaza** and **Candlelight Plaza**, north of Garden Oaks. Foley’s department store on **Main Street** in downtown decorates with moving tin soldiers, garland, and stars. These huge decorations remind Houstonians of former holidays when so many went all out for the season. Good job!

Count your blessings. No matter what your religion, all can recognize how blessed we are. This holiday season, **give back to your community** by encouraging children to participate in the giving (not just receiving). Kids can do extra chores to earn money to donate to the Salvation Army collection spots around town. Load up non-perishable goods and take them to the Houston Food Bank so others have plenty to eat this season. Do a good deed just to help another and reap the reward of knowing you made someone else feel special.

www.salvationarmyhouston.org/
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Megan F. Salch is the author of *100+ Activities for Houston Kids* (2006), a book available this holiday season at www.TellYourTale.com/kids. Megan is a member of the Society of Children’s Books Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) and volunteers regularly with children’s activities throughout Texas.



December 2005

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