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Pathways Thru the Oaks 2006 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour

Planning for the 2006 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour, "Pathways Thru the Oaks", is hitting high gear! The executive committee is working overtime to get set for the bi-annual Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour. The date is set for April 23 and hopefully the gardens will be in full bloom! Six wonderful homes, three gardens and the garden at Garden Oaks Elementary School will be showcased.

Prior to the Home and Garden Tour, a Preview Party will be held to honor our sponsors and homeowners. The party features our silent/live auction which is set to go live online at www.gardenoaks.org on March 15th. Watch for details in the March newsletter. Indian Summer Lodge, at 605 Columbia, will be the location for this year's Preview Party. An eclectic setting on the grounds with October Gallery in the Heights, it promises to be the perfect backdrop for a good time. A self guided tour of the home and gardens, dinner, dancing, and our lively auction promises a night of fun prior to the Tour.

The homes and gardens chosen this year are representative of the great variety of homes found in Garden Oaks. From newlyweds renovating their first home, a wonderful remodel providing an *on the go* couple the space they need, a renovation with great use of space and design to maximize the beauty of the garden, a great 1940's brick home on a double lot with lots of pizzazz, a wonderful

home with beautiful pool and grounds for the active and social family, to new construction that blends with the beauty of the neighborhood...this year's tour has something for everyone.

As always, this is a hands on project for Garden Oaks. It takes many "hands" to make this happen. We are gearing up and putting out the all call for volunteers to set up, act as docents, prepare for the preview and volunteer parties, solicit auction items, spruce up parks and showcase Garden Oaks at its best. We look forward to a wonderful journey on our "Pathways Thru the Oaks". If you would like to participate by volunteering, sponsoring, or donating an auction item or for further information, please contact committee members listed below.

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Next Civic Club Meeting **Tuesday, Feb. 7th**

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th at 7 p.m. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria, 901 Sue Barnett @ Garden Oaks Blvd. Babysitting services are available at a cost of \$1.00 per child. Hope to see you there!

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors ...

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

Congratulations to Cameron Carlin who ran in the 2 mile Texas Children's Hospital Kids Fun the day prior to the Houston Marathon. And to all Garden Oaks participants...in The Houston Marathon and Half Marathon... Half marathon participants...

Cat Theriot, Kirstin D'Amico, Jim Janssen & son Andrew, Sheila Briones, Patty Walters, Terry Jeanes, Linda Reichle, and Brian Ballance (meeting his goal of under 2 hrs.). Full Marathon participants....**Alaina Metz, Nelda Prince**, and a special congrats to **David Scarbrough**- his first full, after an incredible story of one year ago weighing 350 lbs and now marathon weight of 220...Congratulations David and all your fellow Garden Oaks marathon participants.

Birthdays and Celebrations...
Eddie Battenfield Jr. for February and *Belated wishes* to **Garrett Langdon Crownover** 1/3 and **Tom Peden** 1/30.

Anniversary Celebrations and Congratulations...
The Carles - 2/8 - should be 63rd, **Dave & Vanessa Groves** 2/13, and on the 3rd of Feb **Erica & Darin Duncan**.

Recent Travels...
Both **Robert Deveau** and **Rebecca Stark** were in Las Vegas for business...I am sure there had to be some play involved.

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

2006 GO Tour Homes & Gardens

Homes:

Section 1
307 W. 33rd

Section 2
730 W. 43rd

Section 4
942 Lamonte

Section 5
1047 Gardenia

Section 5
1002 Gardenia

Section 5
W 41st Street

Gardens:

Section 1
416 W. 34 Street

Section 3
859 Azalea

Section 4
1047 Gardenia

Bonus:

Garden Oaks Elementary
School Garden
901 Sue Barnett

Garden Oaks Civic Club January Meeting Minutes

Gale Gorman, Civic Club Secretary

January 3, 2006

Meeting was convened in the cafeteria at Garden Oaks Elementary School.

President Sheila Briones opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

First item on the agenda was the introduction of 2006 officers and Committee Chairs.

Minutes of the December meeting were printed and available at the sign-in table. Minutes were approved as written. (December minutes printed on page 5.)

In the President's Report, Sheila Briones listed the 2006 Civic Club monthly meeting topics and asked for suggestions for other topics. She then asked Lori Kennedy to give an overview of the proposed changes to our bylaws.

A motion was made to discuss the bylaws at our February meeting and then vote on the changes in March. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Dishberger presented his Treasurer's Report.

Ed de Alba pleaded for help in his Beautification Committee report. We have a lot of parks to spruce up before the Home and Garden Tour.

Terry Jeanes offered the Constable's report.

Carl Waters enumerated several recent crimes in his report on Garden Oaks Citizens Patrol.

Sue Schmidt pleaded for volunteers to help with the Home and Garden Tour. Dian Austin announced it was time to pay dues for 2006 in her report for the Membership Committee.

Under "New Business," an objection was made by Alex Martinez, a Civic Club member, to the recent notice printed in the Gazette of a new social group that was forming for gays and lesbians to meet informally for a monthly potluck social. Mr. Martinez stated he would have second thoughts about paying his dues if the GOCC supported this type of notices. President Briones responded that the notice was for "information purposes" just like any other group wanting to put in a notice about their social activities. Furthermore, the GOCC embraces all types of groups and individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or age. Several more members spoke from the floor in support of any social group wanting to put notices in the Gazette.

Ed de Alba announced the next meeting of GOMO will be Wednesday, January 18th.

Vice President Chris Schmidt introduced a guest speaker, Barbara Parrott McGinity. She is the Program Director for the Better Business Bureau Education Foundation and her topic was "Understanding the New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage-Part D."

There was an informative question and answer session following her talk. Attendance count was 32. We adjourned at 8:10pm.

The Garden Oaks Civic Club would like to thank Terry Jeanes of Remax Metro for providing refreshments.

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A Letter to the Editor

Maybe It's Time

An Open Letter to the Garden Oaks Community

The opinions expressed therein are those of the writer and are not necessarily the opinions or views of the Garden Oaks Civic Club or any particular member or members, other than its author. This letter has not been altered in any way and is being printed as it was received.

In last months Gazette (January), there was a notice titled "Gay and Lesbian Social Club Forming" and for more information it directed you to an email address of "gohomo2006@yahoo.com..." At first I thought this was a joke, I then quickly realized that it wasn't. "Go homo?" Doesn't "go" stand for Garden Oaks? Let me get this straight; the Garden Oaks Civic Club publishes a newsletter called "The Garden Oaks Gazette" and runs a notice that directs you to a Garden Oaks Homo? What the heck is going on? Had the civic club changed hands and become the "Garden Oaks Gay and Lesbian Civic Club?" I decided to go to the civic club meeting to find out and to express my disapproval, because to me, this notice was insulting and inappropriate for our neighborhood newsletter.

At the meeting I asked if the notice had been paid for, and the answer was no. I then asked if we had more of this type of stuff to look forward to, as in promoting this type of an agenda. This is when I couldn't believe what I was hearing. President Sheila Briones and prominent civic leaders Terry Jeans and Ed and Brenda de Alba, defended its printing with the reasoning that it was no different than notices about jogging, tennis, baby-sitting, pet-care, or even church, and that they could not discriminate.

I found their answers to be disturbing, disappointing, and unacceptable. When I see words like "gay", "lesbian", and "homo", I think of the word "sex" or "people having sex". I don't think of "sex" or "people having sex" when I see the words jogging, tennis, baby-sitting, pet-care, or church. As for the discrimination issue, the editor has the latitude to edit

or refuse to print when articles or notices may be inflammatory. In this instance, I think he used poor judgment. Furthermore, where do we go from here? Based on their reasoning, this opens the door for similar notices from groups like "wife swappers", "three-wayers", "transsexuals" or any other. How about a "White Supremacist Social Club?" Do you get the picture? Do we really want to go down this road? I think this club needs to set some higher standards. Do you want your dues money and other contributions to be used in this manner? I don't! I just don't see the benefit in the civic club promoting distinctions between groups when they should be an all inclusive organization, and I don't think it's healthy for Garden Oaks. Why couldn't the notice have just said "GO Social Club Forming?" Some things are better left unsaid.

Anybody out there feel like I do? If so, I'd like to hear from you. My email address is zandermtz@aol.com and my home phone number is 713/862-1927. Who knows, maybe it's time to form a new civic club.

Alex Martinez
Section One Resident

Reply from the President and Editor Regarding Mr. Martinez's Letter

The group submitted their article to run in the January issue of the Gazette. The group is not sponsored by or financially supported by the Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) and in our opinion, there was nothing improper or salacious about the content of the notice for a monthly potluck supper. The notice came from the very best intentions with no inappropriateness.

The GOCC endeavors to avoid discriminating against groups or individuals on the basis of race, natural origin, gender, age, or sexual orientation. All articles, notices, letters, submissions (even paid ads) are printed at the sole discretion of the Editor, and subject to editorial corrections and revisions.

GOCC December Meeting Minutes

Gale Gorman, Civic Club Secretary

December 6, 2005

Meeting was convened in the cafeteria at Garden Oaks Elementary School.

We ate a potluck dinner and there was more food than people to eat.

President Chris Lindsay opened the meeting at 7:25pm.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as listed in the Gazette.

Brenda de Alba offered the Beautification Committee report.

Terry Jeanes gave the Constable's report.

Carl Waters spoke briefly about Garden Oaks Citizens Patrol.

Sheila Briones announced a meeting for the Home Tour Committee will be held December 13th.

Sheila also reported for the Membership Committee that membership forms are in the Gazette.

Ed de Alba announced the next meeting of GOMO will be Wednesday, December 14th.

Treasurer's report was not available.

We voted on the budget for 2006 and the submitted budget passed unanimously.

We also voted to allow the Home Tour Committee to use any monies above the expected net at their discretion.

Elected the GOCC Board of Directors. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented in the Gazette.

This passed without a "No" vote.

The gavel was passed to Sheila Briones and her first act as president was to present a certificate of appreciation to Chris

Lindsay for her hard work and dedication.

Attendance count was 21. Only 7 of those were voting members.

We adjourned at 8:00pm.

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

President's Message

Sheila Briones, 2006 Garden Oaks Civic Club President

FEBRUARY 7th CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Unfortunately, we will not have a guest speaker at our February meeting. Initially Mr. Clifford Halvorsen, P.E., Central Houston Area Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, was scheduled to speak on the reconstruction plans for the 610 North Loop, but it seems that the project has been pushed to 2007. Mr. Halvorsen will be rescheduled for a later date.

Major topic for discussion will center around the proposed civic club bylaw revisions. Bylaws and operating rules were consolidated to be in line with the general practices of the civic club.

At the January 3rd meeting, the membership decided to delay voting on proposed bylaw revisions until the March 7th meeting giving us the opportunity to discuss the proposed revisions in more detail at the February 7th meeting. Lori Kennedy, who spearheaded the bylaw revisions, will be at the meeting to answer any questions. Copies will be available at the meeting and also currently available for download at: www.gardenoaks.org

For an overview of the major revisions, read Lori's article on page 10.

The February 7th meeting begins at 7 p.m., Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria, 901 Sue Barnett @ Garden Oaks Boulevard.

ADDITIONAL CIVIC CLUB TOPICS

Thank you to those members that sent in their suggestions for monthly Civic Club topics along with their membership dues. In some cases, I will be forwarding suggestions to the responsible committee (as noted).

Here's the summary of what we've received to date:

- Road/speed bumps on W. 30th and Althea between Ella and Golf
- Public safety, clean-up of bordering streets along Yale & N. Shepherd (Beautification Committee)
- Quality of life, environment, conservation

- Having the city install culverts or have drainage ditches scraped for better water flow
- Neighborhood sustainability--i.e. development, environmental effects, cooperative things that the neighborhood can do together
- Plant trees, maintain common areas (Beautification Committee)
- Joining some types of cooperatives to increase buying power and savings on various goods and services
- Security (Constable Program)
- Preserving the character of the neighborhood
- Excessive speeding in the neighborhood, particularly on weekends (Constable Program)

Special "thank you" to the member that sent in the following message: "Thank you! Keep up your good work. (Resident since 1965)"

"Flip Over" the Upcoming Pancake Breakfast

Come join your friends and neighbors at the 12th Annual Garden Oaks Elementary Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 11th, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the school cafeteria located at 901 Sue Barnett. This pre-Valentine event is a fundraiser benefiting the Montessori program.

Featured items at this year's Silent Auction are chairs decorated by different classrooms. Children will be entertained by a moonwalk and will be able to create fun valentine crafts.

This community event is FREE however donations are appreciated. Thank you to Hartman and Associates for underwriting this event and to Deanna Zugheri and Petrol Station for donating coffee bar items.

Many more volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, cleaning, etc. To volunteer, sponsor, or donate an item, contact Jessica Modad at 713-516-0095 or email her at jessica.modad@sbcglobal.net

In addition, for those that are interested in applying for the Montessori program, applications will be available at the Pancake Breakfast. Applications are due February 28 and a parent orientation (both in English and Spanish) is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. during the Pancake Breakfast. For those "out of the zoned" area, "space available transfer" may be available.

Critter Corner

Casey Farris and Mau Mau Farris

Hi neighbors and Happy Valentine's Day! February is National Pet Dental Health Month so take a minute and have a look at your pets' teeth. Did you know that oral disease is the most frequently diagnosed health problem for pets? Many people get puppies during December and January so this month we discuss the importance of puppy socialization. Our Pet of the Month is a real sweetheart, loves dental bones and is quite the social butterfly.

Pet of the Month: Miss February is Molly Terrell (Rat Terrier). Molly will be eleven years old in March and she lives in Section V with her mother, Liz, and two kitty cats, Charlie (Tuxedo) and Beau (Brown Tabby). Molly was adopted from the Houston SPCA, Charlie was born a stray around Greens Road (SHHH – he thinks he came from royalty) and Beau came from the Dallas Humane Society. Molly is very social and often has other dogs from the block over for parties. Molly also likes to dress up and has an outfit for every occasion. For Halloween she dressed like Jackie O with a pillbox hat. Besides parties, Molly likes walks and Greenies. Happy Valentines Day to the whole Terrell family!

Critters 101: Puppy Socialization – Why It Is So Important

As a puppy matures, it is important that he is familiarized with humans and the world outside his immediate home. If one doubts the need for proper puppy socialization, you need only to visit a local animal shelter. Many of the dogs there have been unable to fit into their homes due to lack of proper socialization; a failure of humans, not the dogs. Puppy socialization includes interacting with people in the puppy's immediate family and also with people outside the family unit. He should be comfortable with men, women, children, other dogs and cats. If a puppy fails to be properly socialized with any of these groups, it can be disastrous for the rest of the dog's life. A puppy that is

not properly socialized can grow up to be a fearful dog. Unfortunately, a frightened dog that is pushed too far can end up attacking out of that fear. He can attack the dog that he fears; worse yet, he could attack a human.

Socialization begins at birth, and continues for most of the dog's life. The socialization of puppies comes from two sources, human and canine. The first acts of socialization come from the interaction between mother and puppies and between littermates. Once the mother's work is well underway, it is our turn to assist the process. Exposure to as many different noises, sights, smells and experiences is vital to producing a stable, well-tempered puppy. Car rides, collars, walking on leash, cats, other breeds of dogs, children, high pitched voices and crates all are seemingly simple, everyday stimuli that we expect our dogs to respond favorably to. We often take these things for granted but these are all new and therefore potentially threatening experiences for a puppy. When some one they have learned to trust exposes them to the new experience, it reduces the stress and can be quickly viewed in a favorable light.

Puppy kindergarten is a wonderful chance for puppies to meet other young dogs of different breeds in a new and different environment. Trips to the various pet stores that allow dogs inside is another opportunity to experience new sights, smells and sounds.

A well socialized puppy is one that is happy, confident and reacts favorably to any situation he encounters on his journey through life.

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

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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters, Jr.

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October Crime Statistics (6):

Burglary (1):

700 block of W. 31st St. on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 a.m. (residence).

Burglary Motor Vehicle (3):

300 block of W. 33rd St. on Monday, October 31st at 1:20 a.m. (driveway).
3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, October 19th at midnight. (public street).
2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Tuesday, October 25th at 1:20 p.m. (parking lot).

Auto Theft (2):

200 block of W. 32nd St. Saturday, October 15th at 5:30 p.m. (driveway).
300 block of W. 34th St. on Monday, October 24th at 5:10 p.m. (driveway).

November Crime Statistics (5):

Burglary (1):

3000 block of N. Durham Dr. on Sun-

day, November 27th at 11:33 p.m. (restaurant).

Burglary Motor Vehicle (1):

200 block of W. 33rd St. on Monday, November 14th at 11:30 p.m. (driveway).

Auto Theft (2):

400 block of W. 34th St. on Tuesday, November 22nd at 11:00 p.m. (driveway).
2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, November 25th at 5:00 a.m. (parking lot).

Narcotics (1):

1500 block of Sue Barnett on Friday, November 25th at 11:40 p.m. (public street).

According to my calculations this gives us a total of 75 crimes reported by the Houston Police Department through November. That is 19 fewer crimes for the same reporting period in 2004.

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 GOCOP77018@AOL.com. or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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Coming soon to the Gazette will be our community's supporter households. To be assured your name appears please take the time to return your supporter form and aide in support of the program for 2006... keep our constable program active in Garden Oaks. Your support is important.. Please note whether Deputy Smith is present or not, a call to constable dispatch at 713-755-7628 will dispatch an officer promptly. So no matter your suspicion make the call!. Our Constable Contract does make a difference and you are the difference in keeping the program active so send your supporter dues today and be recognized! Please note vacation watch forms will soon be available on line on the www.gardenoaks.org web-site.

Become a supporter of our Constable Program for the \$140 per year. Take the time now to fill out the form in the Gazette, on www.gardenoaks.org , or the invoice mailed in November.

REMEMBER THESE PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- 40 hrs of our own designated Harris County Constable
- Vacation Watch by Harris County Constable (forms available to supporter households) contact terry@terryjeanes.com with your fax number
- 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)

For any added questions, please contact Terry Jeanes, 713-812-9154, or terry@terryjeanes.com.

Here are some updated stats from December...

Miles Patrolled	1481
Verbal Warnings	0
Written Warnings	5
Court Citations	13
Suspicious Vehicles	1
Arrests	0
Criminal Offenses	5
Alarm responses	2
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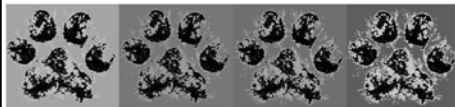
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February Beautification Update

Ed and Brenda de Alba

As the new year begins, our near term objective is cleaning up and prepping the parks for the Home Tour which will be held April 23rd. Following is a list identifying the captains and scheduled spring work days for each park. If you live near one of these green spaces, please consider volunteering to help on the scheduled work day. Even one hour of your time can produce results!

Rose Garden

(W. 34th and Lawrence)

- Captain: Sheila Briones
(713-861-8091)
Work Day: Feb. 11th at 9 AM

Gazebo Park

(Sue Barnett and W. 42nd)

- Captains: Carol Hazel
(713-695-5358) & Bill Holden
(713-691-3087)
Work Day: Mar. 25th at 9 AM

Triangle Park (Alba and Azalea)

- Captain: Tina Nieto
(713-956-4822)
Work Day: Apr. 1st at 9 AM

GO Esplanade

(Garden Oaks Blvd. and Sue Barnett)

- Captain: Shana Tatum
(713-699-4166)
Work Day: Apr. 1st at 9 AM

Randall Berm (Randall and W. 30th)

- Captain: Matt Roesler
(713-861-5568)
Work Day: Mar. 4th at 9AM

Art Park (W 43rd and Sue Barnett)

- Captain: Ed de Alba
(713-694-5934)
Work Day: To Be Decided

Garden Oaks Community Garden:

If you have an interest in growing food organically we have a community garden in the neighborhood. Located on Alba just past Sue Barnett. Most of the produce goes to local food banks, the rest to the volunteers who grow it.
Captain: Bob Gabrych (713-686-5493)

Update on the GOCC Bylaw Revisions

Lori Kennedy

Back in July 2005, then-President Chris Lindsay asked me to overhaul the GOCC bylaws; to simplify them and consolidate and coordinate them with the GOCC operating rules, which were approved in 2000 and often conflicted with the bylaws. For this task, I reviewed the GOCC bylaws and amendments, the GOCC operating rules, the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, and the bylaws of two other corporations. I also coordinated the bylaws' revisions to remain in line with the general practices that the GOCC is and has been using. I submitted the new set of bylaws to the GOCC President in October 2005, as requested. In December, the new President and board met, made a few additional modifications and then approved the new bylaws to be submitted to the membership for a vote.

During the January Civic Club meeting, a Civic Club member requested to delay the vote on the bylaw revisions from February to March so the members could have more time to review the changes and the February meeting could allow for discussion of changes if needed. The membership voted unanimously to reset the bylaws vote to March.

The proposed revisions are available for download and review on the Garden Oaks website at: <http://www.gardenoaks.org>. Hard copies were available at the January Civic Club meeting and will also be available at the February meeting.

Roughly, the major changes are as follows:

- clarification of membership types, meetings and notices, voting, officers and their duties, and budget processes;
- specifically defining the Board of Directors and standing committees;
- allowing the Board and committees to adopt guidelines and procedures for their operation (not inconsistent with the bylaws) and indemnification.

We invite you to attend the February Civic Club meeting for further discussion on the proposed revisions to the bylaws.

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February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		GOMO Mtg. After Civic Club Mtg.	1	2	3	12 th Annual Garden Oaks Elementary Pancake Breakfast
5	6	7 GO Civic Club Meeting @ GO Elm. School @ 7 PM	8 Garden Club Mtg. GOMO Office 7 PM	Home Tour Executive Committee Meeting	10	11 Work Day Rose Garden (W. 34 th & Lawrence)
12	13	14 Valentines Day	15 GOMO Mtg. 7 PM GOMO Office	16 Deadline for Gazette Submissions	17	18
19	Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

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 Emergency Services 911
 Constable Precinct 1 Dispatch 713-755-7628
 HPD Non Emergency Services 713-884-3131
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 Recycling Hotline 713-837-9130
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Make Checks payable to : Garden Oaks Civic Club

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Suggestions for Monthly Meeting Topics: _____
