

The Garden Oaks

Gazette



President's Message

Sheila Briones, 2006 Garden Oaks Civic Club President

CENTERPOINT ENERGY SCHEDULED AT JUNE 6TH CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Have you ever wondered what future plans CenterPoint Energy has for our area in terms of electrical distribution? How many power outage calls from Garden Oaks has CenterPoint Energy received during the last year? How does that compare to other subdivisions? What have been the causes of those power outages? How is CenterPoint Energy preparing for hurricane season?

Answers to all these questions will be covered at the June 6th Civic Club meeting by CenterPoint Energy Service consultants Donice Shilling and Shelton Mitchell. The meeting will be held at the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. Make plans to attend!

SPARK PARK PROGRAM UPDATE

Last month Garden Oaks Elementary principal, Emily Thomas, and I attended a SPARK School Park Program meeting at which eleven (11) HISD schools slated for a SPARK Park in 2007 were announced.

Besides Garden Oaks Elementary, the other schools chosen were Energized for Excellence Academy, Hogg Middle School, Sam Houston High School, Kashmere High School, Liestman Elementary School, Marshall Middle School, McReynolds Middle School, Meadow Wood Elementary School, Stevenson Middle School, and Waltrip High School. Total proposed budget for the Garden

Oaks Elementary SPARK Park is \$75,000. Of this, federal funds will contribute \$50,000, Harris County Precinct 4 \$10,000, HISD \$5,000, SPARK Park program \$5,000 and Garden Oaks \$5,000.

Currently, Ms. Thomas and I are forming a Garden Oaks SPARK Park committee made up of representatives from the PTO/PTA, civic club, parents, teachers, local businesses, and community volunteers to determine what type of park will be built and to decide how our \$5,000 contribution will be raised. The committee will also have the opportunity to tour existing SPARK Parks, work with a landscape architect, solicit corporate sponsors, decide on playground equipment, and decide the best possible ways to integrate art and landscaping into the design. As a result, the Garden Oaks SPARK Park will emerge unique, reflecting the needs, interests and creative efforts of our community.

Once formed, the SPARK Park committee will work for the next 16 months meeting established timelines. During June, July and August the committee will work with the landscape architect toward completing a park design. Approval of plans by committee is slated for September/October. Two sets of construction plans are due to HISD for approval in November/December. Bids will then be advertised and opened November 2006 through February 2007.

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Next Civic Club Meeting
Tuesday, June 6th
The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th 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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Construction groundbreaking runs February 2007 through April 2007. Construction completion is slated during the months of July/August 2007 with the dedication ceremony November 2007.

As you can see, it takes many volunteers and many hours for the SPARK Park to become a reality. The mutual participation and cooperation of the school, school district, city and county government, corporate sponsors and involved citizens is what truly sets the SPARK Park program apart.

JULY 1ST BICYCLE PARADE

Join us on Saturday, July 1, at 9 a.m., as we honor our veterans and celebrate Independence Day with the "Spirit of America" bicycle parade at the Rick Englert SPARK Park, located at 901 Sue Barnett. Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m. (See more information in flyer inserted into this Gazette).

Thanks to Hartman & Associates for generously underwriting this event.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING JULY CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Since July 4th falls on the first Tuesday of the month, the **July Civic Club meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, July 5th** instead of Tuesday, July 4th. Please note that on your calendars.



Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

1014 Lamonte 713 West 38th
1108 Sue Barnett 1086 Lamonte
914 Lamonte 823 Lamonte
843 West 41st 1006 Sue Barnett
701 West 31st 983 West 42nd.
935 West 42nd 926 Gardenia
Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

Congratulations on these Birthdays and Celebrations. Andrew Joseph Balance 6/1, Stephen Wesley Syzdek 6/4, Rebecca Stark and Tina Parks Rowe 6/5, Evie Sabuco 6/12, Stacey Wood 6/14, and Christopher Lee 6/18. A special belated birthday wish to Reba at Garden Oaks Cleaners who turned 100 on 5/10.

Happy Anniversary to Janice & Warren Walden 6/22

Congratulations go out to Caroline McLean the Varsity Coach of Bellaire's High School Girls Lacrosse team which finished the season 12-3 (best ever showing in approx 10 years!), placed third in the Houston Area League and overall, placed fifth in Texas out of approx 40 teams

Hooray for Tina Rowe and Kat Theriot who each rode the MS 150 to Austin.

Congratulations to Miranda Leonard who graduated from High School for The Performing and Visual Arts. She will be attending TCU in the fall.

Seen in the Travel section and other related news..... Sandy Altman and Dian Austin enjoyed to trip to Cloudcroft, New Mexico. Ed and Brenda de Alba visited London.

And did anyone catch that national spot on the Today Show featuring Garden Oaks own Patty Walters who along with her Chicks on Tour group were featured in a recent NBC Today Show's segment on what is sexy. The most recent show of Chicks on Tour played to a sold out crowd at ovations, audience members included Terry Jeanes, Frank Cupal, Tina Rowe, and Susan Shipman.

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

Garden Oaks Elementary School... Ending the 65th School-Year on a High Note *Shana Tatum*

What a wonderful year this has been at Garden Oaks Elementary School. As we look forward to summer vacation, we want to remember the fun we had this year.

- We celebrated our 65th anniversary with a birthday party.
- The bond program, which is almost complete, brought new infrastructure to our buildings improving classrooms, the library and the gym.
- The fall festival, in partnership with the Civic Club, brought record numbers out for a fun fall day.
- New principal, Emily Thomas came to lead our school into better academics with more community spirit.
- The Annual Community Pancake Breakfast served over 400 plates of hot-cakes to neighbors and friends. Children learned new ideas at the water habitat and watched it grow with the expansion of an orchard. (*Parent, Vena Golt and Boy Scout, Chris Roberts headed up the orchard project*).

The following were responsible for the many contributions that helped our school throughout the year. Thank you to:

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Some exciting things to look forward to next year is the opening of a new Montessori classroom. The program is expanding to add another 3-5 yr. old pre-primary class due to the overwhelming response of applications from our neighborhood. To do this will require the help of many. We are soliciting help to raise money and make materials. If you have any connections with foundations or corporations or would like to join our small team of fundraisers, we would love to hear from you. Sewing, copying, cutting, coloring, and building shelves are things many parents will be doing over the summer to prepare this new classroom. The Friends of Montessori organizes these efforts to ensure the Montessori method is consistent with American Montessori Society guidelines. Any amount of time you have is greatly appreciated. You may contact Shana Tatum at 713-699-4166 or ssatum@earthlink.net for more information.

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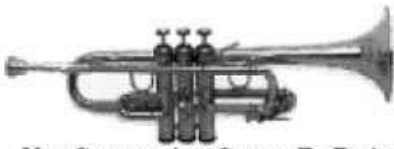
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Garden Oaks Elementary *Continued*

Garden Oaks Elementary will also have two new campus playgrounds to begin the school year. The Rick Englert SPARK Park will be "re-sparked" as a joint program between the City of Houston and HISD. The old SPARK Park equipment was demolished because of safety concerns. City block grants are earmarked for a new playground and funds will be released in the fall. If you are interested in being involved in the planning of this new playground, please contact Ms. Thomas at 713-696-2930. The school is asking for community input and would appreciate such collaboration.

So, as we head off in new directions for the summer we thank the community for supporting our neighborhood school. Without your help and gentle guidance the accomplishments we reach would not be as great. Have a safe and happy summer!

New Group in Garden Oaks *Tonya Knauth,*

A new group has formed in Garden Oaks - GO Kids! Our mission is building a family-friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together. We are establishing playgroups, sharing resources and information, and looking forward to many opportunities for families in Garden Oaks, including improving our parks and schools. Please join us!

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Data Recovery

Jonathan Lanz

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Hard Drives:

The first step is to dismount the hard drive from the PC and attach it to another PC as a slave. This will allow you to remove your data files to the healthy hard drive.

Secondly, if you are unable to read the hard drive when connected as a slave, then it's probably because the controller card (the mechanism that reads and writes the information to the disk platters) has gone bad. Only if you have another identical controller card will you be able to read the data on the platters. At this point, the platters have to be removed from the casing and sent to a media recovery center to extract the data.

Server Raid:

This is one of the hardest and most expensive data recoveries. In order for anyone to help you, you will need to know the raid configuration, and the controller card type. All the raid hard drives and the controller card will be needed by a media recovery center in order to try to retrieve the data.

Back-up Tapes:

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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters Jr.

School's Out for Summer so let's be extra careful driving through the neighborhood as more children may be out at play.

February Crime Statistics (8):

Burglary (2):

3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Sunday, February 12th at 10:00 p.m. (residence).

800 block of W. 31st St. on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 a.m. (residence).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (5):

800 block of W. 42nd St. on Friday, February 17th at 9:00 p.m. (driveway).

800 block of Azalea on Monday, February 20th at 9:00 p.m. (driveway).

1000 block of W. 42nd St. on Wednesday, February, 23rd at 11:00 p.m. (driveway).

1000 block of Lamonte Ln. on Wednesday February 23rd at 11:00 p.m. (driveway).

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, February 24th at 11:55 a.m. (restaurant parking lot.)

Auto Theft (1):

1500 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Sunday February 19th at 10:30 a.m. (residence).

March Crime Statistics (10):

Burglaries (4)

800 block of W. 42nd St. on Saturday, March 11th at 11:00 a.m. (garage).

700 block of W. 41st St. on Sunday, March 12th at 8:30 a.m. (residence).

700 block of W. 38th St. on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. (residence).

1400 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on

Thursday March 23rd at 2:00 (residence).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2):

800 block of W. 31st on Monday, March 20th at 8:30 p.m. (driveway).

1400 Sue Barnett Dr. on Sunday, March 26th at 5:00 p.m. (driveway).

Auto Theft (4):

900 block of Gardenia Dr. on Monday, March 13th at 9:00 p.m. (driveway).

500 block of W. 33rd St. on Monday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. (street).

800 block of W. 41st St. on Tuesday, March 21st at 11:30 p.m. (driveway).

1000 block of W. 41st St. on Thursday, March 31st at 9:30 p.m. (driveway).

The total crimes reported through March is 21. This is 3 fewer than for the first 3 months of 2005. 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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All other City Services
311

Constable Dispatch
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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes and Susan Love - Saranie

HPD vs. Constable? A Neighbor's Story

Jeff Toxey, Section 1 resident, came home to find a green Jeep Grand Cherokee sitting in his front rose bush, with its engine running and in gear.

What had transpired earlier:

About 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd, Jeff's neighbor watched a man jump out of a moving Jeep Grand Cherokee truck at W. 34th @ Ashland. The neighbor asked the man what he was doing. The man responded with "Who are you?" The neighbor answered, "I'm the guy who's calling the police!" At that point, the man began walking east on W. 34th, turning north on Yale towards Independence Heights.

The neighbor immediately placed a call to 911 whereby dispatch began to argue whether the car was stolen or not. About then Jeff pull into his driveway and found the abandoned vehicle on top of a rose bush in his front yard.

After surveying the situation and speaking to the neighbor, Jeff immediately called the Constable. Two units were dispatched arriving within ten (10) minutes of the call. One searched for the suspect and one checked the house. After 35 minutes, HPD finally arrived. By then the constable had called in the situation, looked for the suspect, taken statements and sent several tow trucks away. The Constable found that the car was in fact stolen even before the owner, who lives in the Woodlands, knew.

As you can see, the Constable responded very quickly and got the situation under control. Won't you be a part of the Constable Program? To become a supporter, log on and fill out the form at

<http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm.pdf>.

Constable Program benefits include:

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County Constable
- Vacation watch by Harris County Constable. Forms available at: <http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm.pdf>

- Security check for insurance discount
 - Alarm contact/ response by Harris County Constable
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Constable Program Statistics from April 2006

Miles patrolled ... 1526

Court Citations...36

Alarm responses...2

Verbal warnings...0

Written warnings...2

Vacation watches...8

Suspicious Vehicles...5

Criminal Offenses...0

Arrests...0

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Report Regarding Recent "Tagging" Incident

Recently Garden Oaks, Section 1 especially, experienced a rash of gang-related graffiti or what is commonly referred to as "tagging". The letters "BTW" were sprayed painted on construction site dumpsters, port-potties, speed humps, and realtor signs.

Deputy Smith contacted both the HPD Gang Task Force and a national organization. It was determined that the graffiti was not from a recognizable organized gang, but considered to be the work of common taggers, who simply paint and mark up areas. Should you see further graffiti activity, contact the Constable dispatch or the HPD Gang Task Force.

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Bicycle Parade
Sheila Briones

Join us on Saturday, July 1, at 9 a.m., as we honor our veterans and celebrate Independence Day with the "Spirit of America" bicycle parade at the Rick Englert SPARK Park, located at 901 Sue Barnett. Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m.

This year's parade has been generously underwritten by Hartman & Associates. Serving as Grand Marshal is District A city councilmember Toni Lawrence. Lawrence will be leading Uncle Sam's parade of red, white and blue wheels.

Everyone will receive patriotic souvenirs and refreshments will be served after the parade. Also, participants don't need to register ahead. Just come decorated in red, white and blue and line up according to the following categories: strollers, tricycles, wagons, groups, walkers/foot, skates, kids bicycles (ages 0-6, 7-12, 13-17), adult bicycles and pets.

Judging for the best in each category will be held before the parade with winners announced after the parade.

The parade will follow two routes: a short one for the "wee ones" from the SPARK Park to the Gazebo Park and back, and a longer route from the SPARK Park to Alba, down West 41st, back on West 42nd, and then back to the park. If you don't plan to participate in the parade, get out your lawn chair and watch it at the park or along the parade route.

Volunteers are needed to serve as judges and parade marshals. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sheila Briones at 713-861-8091 or email her at sbriones@hotmail.com.

Now get to work on those floats, enter your restored classic car or truck, get your bicycles oiled, and get some fresh wheels on your board, roller skates or in-line skates. Let's show America what a red, white and blue parade really looks like.

Home and Garden Tour
Promises to be Record Breaking!

As the deadline approached for the June *Gazette*, I was hoping to have a final total for the Home Tour held April 23rd. At this time there are a few more outstanding items that need to come in before final figures can be determined, but this much is a fact. The Sponsorship and Underwriting Committee determined a record breaking \$17,000 was collected from the many generous sponsors that participated this year! This far surpassed the previous total of \$12,500. The Live/Silent Auction had calculated \$16,400 in funds was raised through the hard work of the Auction Committee. Another record breaking total for the 2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour!

Thanks to Susan Kostelcky for revamping the sponsorship levels and working tirelessly to accomplish this amazing feat. Each and every sponsor deserves a huge Thank You for their generosity. The list of sponsors is included once again in this month's *Gazette* and Thank You insert. Many are advertisers in our monthly newsletter as well. When looking for the services of a professional, I ask you to keep this list near and call those who support our neighborhood. Remember, all of the funds raised by the Home and Garden Tour go back in to our neighborhood through support of our parks, The Constable Program, Garden Oaks Elementary, Citizens on Patrol and the *Gazette*.

The Auction Committee co-chaired by Tina Sabuco and Becky McCullough worked so hard to beat their previous best of \$14,400. The challenge was issued early on to try to match this number. The committee knew going in that this would take a great effort on everyone's part. Special thanks go to Brian O'Leary, Tina Sabuco, Dian Austin and Joe Muscara for working so diligently to get the auction up and running online. Over 200 items were donated—each individually listed and categorized—not to mention stored in Brian's home!

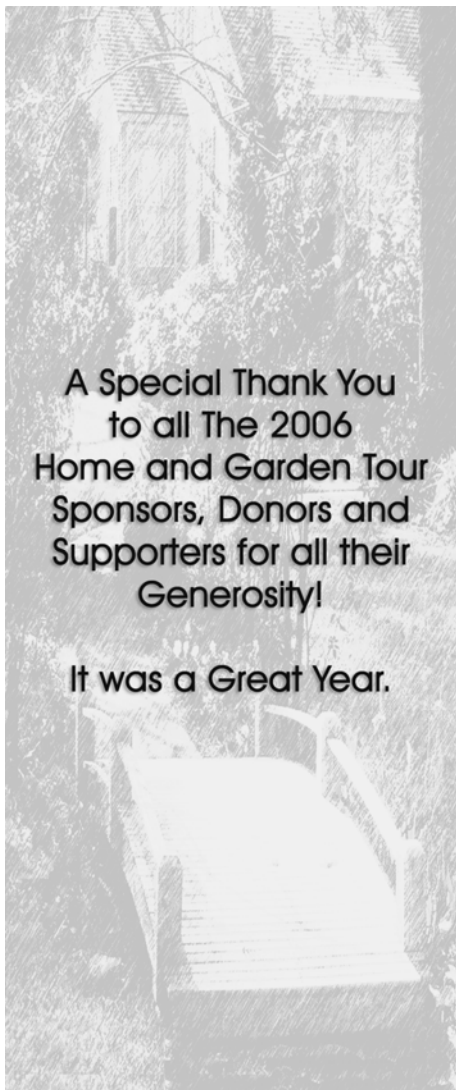
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Home and Garden Tour Continued

separate Thank You insert this month. Without each and every one of you we could not have done it. We had auction wonderful items and lots of spirited bidding! Thanks again to all who made it such a success.

The final numbers should be in by the June 6th Civic Club meeting. I look forward to announcing the success of the 2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour at that meeting. Final numbers will be printed in the July issue of the *Gazette*. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Home Tour a wonderful event that benefits all of us who call Garden Oaks home!

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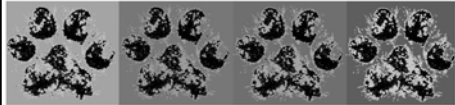
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Home and Garden Tour Auction Amazes All!

Brian O'Leary & Tina Sabuco

Ladies and gentlemen... brace yourselves! The results are in, and we are proud to announce that his year's Silent and Live Auction brought in a whopping **\$16,410!**

We could not have done this without three groups of people - - **our generous donors**, who you will find listed elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette; **our hard working and tireless auction committee**; and of course thanks go to **our benevolent bidders**, who so obligingly opened their wallets and pocketbooks! (Thank goodness no one was giving out tickets for "BUI" - *bidding under the influence* - that evening!); All of the funds raised go straight back into our community, so set that buyer's remorse aside!

Our Live Auction items brought in a total of \$4775, selling as follows:

Hill Country Happening (donated by Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold of Abundance - - A Hill Country River Retreat) High bid - \$1250
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Live in' it Up on Lake Livingston (donated by Jack and Margaret Welker) High Bid - \$500

The Silent Auction brought in a total of \$11,635. Some of the top sellers and their high bids are as follows:

Starter Wine Cellar - \$450

Tag's Retreat in Galveston - \$375

House Portrait - \$325

Astro's Package/Private Suite - \$300

Tova's Pamper Package - \$280

Potting Bench - \$265

Tree Bench - \$250

Financial Planning - \$200

Teeth Whitening - \$200

BBQ Bonanza - \$175

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Glass Table Top - \$170

Arturo's Chef's Tasting Dinner - \$150

Vintage Cigar Mold - \$160

Thai Dinner - \$140

Astro's Package/Club Seats - \$145

Canoe Trip - \$130

Fairy Chair - \$125

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A Year of Desserts - \$120

Pot Roast Dinner - \$120

Mexican Dinner - \$120

Italian Dinner - \$110

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Critter Corner

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Hi Neighbors! School is out and summer is officially here. Are you ready for the next four months of chasing the shade? It is already hot enough for heat exhaustion so make sure your pets are protected from the soaring temperatures. When you are outside watering don't forget all of the other little creatures that need water too.

Pet of the Month: "Ms. June" is Condesa Pandora de Alba. The Condesa is a seven year old Tabby Manx of Spanish feline nobility. Ms. June likes to be called "Condesa Pandora de Alba" and once you get that straight then she is quite friendly and warm-natured. She lives in Section 2 with her parents, Brenda and Ed, along with Clyde (Border Collie) and her littermate, the Conde AJ (orange/white Tabby), Snow (gorgeous white American Domestic), and Elvis (spunky brown Tabby). Condesa Pandora de Alba likes to entertain visitors (hold court), have treats served, and hunting expeditions in the backyard with her parents. It is an honor to be in your acquaintance Your Excellency.

Critters 101: Preventing Heat Exhaustion

During summer pet owners must take special precautions to ensure that their pets are adequately protected from soaring temperatures. Animals with short-muzzles have even more of a difficult time breathing during hot, humid days. All pets should have access to cool, shady areas. For dogs and cats this can be large, thick foliated trees. In the case of other pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs or birds, their cages must never be in direct sunlight. Be particularly careful with bird cages and aquariums that are near windows where the sun may stream in at certain times of the day, as even on a moderately sunny day the sun shining through the glass may be hot enough to be dangerous to the pet.

All animals must have an adequate supply of cool, clean water. If pets are alone during the day it is best to

leave them with more than one container of water in case the container is knocked over and spilled. When outdoors your dog may enjoy lying in a baby pool filled with fresh water. If pets are locked in a house it is essential that the area is well ventilated. Never leave pets in a car as temperatures within cars can cause death from heat exhaustion in as little as five minutes. When the temperature is 85 degrees, the temperature inside your car can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and to 120 degrees in 30 minutes. And that's with the windows open and parked in the shade.

Animals suffering from heat exhaustion may pant, lie on their side, and be listless and disoriented. Other signs include rapid pulse, glazed eyes, excessive salivation, elevated body temperature, excessive whining or agitation, staring or vomiting and white or bluish gums. Only one of these symptoms has to be present to indicate your pet may be in trouble. If you think your pet is suffering from heat exhaustion it must be cooled immediately. Put the animal in a cool and shady area. Damp it down with tepid water and fan the animal. Contact your nearest veterinarian and transport it in a vehicle which has air conditioning. If the animal is conscious offer cool, not cold, drinking water. Do not allow the animal to gulp large amounts of water.

Old, overweight, and very young animals are most susceptible to heat and should be provided with special care during hot weather. Although many dogs look forward to their regular walk late in the afternoon they should not be walked until the sun goes down during hot weather. Also be aware that concrete and footpaths may be hot enough to burn the dog's feet.

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Protecting the PC from the AC

Marc Anthony

You can control a lot of things in your environment, but you have little control over one aspect of the PC environment: the power delivered by the electric company. For various reasons, it may not come out clean and regular like it's supposed to. Worse yet, you can't always blame the power company -sometimes it's your fault or your building management's fault.

Do You Have Power Problems?

Power or wiring problems can show up as:

- The computer mysteriously "freezing up"
- Random memory errors
- Lost data on the hard disk
- Damaged chips on a circuit board
- Data transmission noise and peripheral errors

Recently, we helped a customer with her desktop computer. The PC suffered from the typical freezing up behavior. We brought it for service to our shop, ran a battery of tests to see what was causing the behavior but we were unable to recreate the error. We reinstalled the operating system and returned it to the customer's home.

Soon after we left the customer's home we got a call from the customer complaining about the same freezing up problem.

We were stumped by the behavior. During our testing at her home we setup the computer in the den and when the overhead lights were switch on, the computer would freeze up. We then setup the computer in a different room and the freezing up problem disappeared. Apparently there was an electrical issue in that room. The customer called an electrician that corrected the problem.

What was the problem?

The "old home wiring problem". When the lights were on, the PC would freeze up. Additionally, the PC was plugged into a very old power strip, not a surge protector. There was a copy machine, a printer and a few other old office machines in the same electrical circuit.

What can you do about power problems?

The four steps to power protection are:

- Check that your outlets are wired correctly.
- Find out what else is on the power line.
- Provide a common ground for all devices.
- Protect against noise -surges, spikes, under- and overvoltages

This article is based on "The Complete PC Upgrade & Maintenance Guide" by Mark Minasi. Sybex 10th Edition

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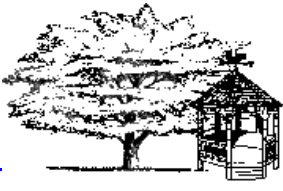
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