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President's Message

Sheila Briones, 2006 Garden Oaks Civic Club President

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

On Tuesday, November 7th the Civic Club will honor nine (9) veterans living in our community with a small reception immediately following the monthly civic club meeting which begins at 7 p.m. and held at the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria, 901 Sue Barnett.

Those being honored are: James J. Doyle, Clyde Newton Dyer, Alvin T. Froehlich, Ralph McCollough, Woodrow B. Mehrkam, Dean D. Sauberli, Glen H. Shepperd, Lampros Vrinios, and Ray Wilkins. A bio on each honoree can be found on page 10 of this *Gazette*.

The program will include a patriotic song repertoire by the Salvation Army Harbor Light Choir. The Choir represents the Salvation Army as ambassadors of hope throughout Houston and internationally, performing at concerts annually. The Choir has performed as far away as Scotland and England.

So please join us as we honor these nine veterans on Tuesday, November 7th.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dian Austin, is up and running and looking for candidates to run for the positions of 2007 President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Any Civic Club member interested in running for one of the four positions should contact Dian Austin at 713-691-6505 or any member of the Nominating Committee which includes John Bartos, Terry Jeanes, Craig Lee, and Trish Ricklefsen.

As prescribed by the by-laws, the slate will be presented formally at the November members' meeting with nominations accepted from the floor at the November and December members' meetings.

2007 CIVIC CLUB OPERATING BUDGET

The Garden Oaks Civic Club Board met on October 12th to consider the proposed 2007 operating budget. Printed in this *Gazette*, on page 13, is the proposed budget. A detailed budget showing line items of expenditures and income will be available at the November 7th Civic Club meeting. As prescribed by our by-laws the proposed budget must be published in the November *Gazette* and then voted on by members at the December 5th meeting.

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GOCC Election December 5, 2006

The nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of officers.

Interested persons should contact the committee for consideration. Nominations from the floor will also be considered. Contact Dian Austin 713.691.6505

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Friendly Reminder

Deadline for Submission is the 15th of Every Month
No exceptions, no submissions will be accepted after this date.

This allows us to proofread, edit, and the printing to be done

Next Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, November 7th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, November 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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President's Message

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Three volunteers are needed for the following:

Sign Coordinator – This person is in charge of keeping a database of those residents that have GOCC meeting signs and/or heavy trash pick-up signs and reminding those individuals to post signs as needed on a monthly basis. Tina Rowe has been doing this job for the past year and I want to thank her for a job well done. Contact Tina Rowe if you are interested in volunteering at 713-922-2026 or email her at tnarene@sbcglobal.net

Refreshment Coordinator – Terry Jeanes of ReMax/Metro has been supplying our refreshments at Civic Club meetings in excess of 10 years and she now needs to hand it over to someone else. Thank you Terry for your contributions all these years. If anyone is interested in supplying the refreshments at the monthly meetings contact me at 713-861-8091 or email me at sbriones@hotmail.com

Section 1 Entrance Sign – A skilled carpenter is needed to repair minor trim work on the entrance sign which was destroyed by a vehicle in the middle of the night approximately 18 months ago. Thanks go to Ed de Alba who took the sign remnants and put the sign back together. Another volunteer is also needed to oversee the installation of the sign, involving (among other things) setting the posts in concrete. Contact Ed at **713-694-5934** or email him at alba@houston.rr.com if you are interested in coordinating this effort.

Sleigh Bells Ringing Are You Listening? *Bill Holden*

Would you believe the holidays are almost here? Thanksgiving is this month and Christmas the next. For all of you that look forward to Christmas, start planning now to decorate Gazebo Park for Santa's visit. If you enjoy all the decorating, and excitement of the season, then join us at Gazebo Park on Saturday, November 2nd. We will decorate from 12 noon until 4pm. Any help will be appreciated. Lets make Gazebo Park look festive for the arrival of Santa Claus on Tuesday, December 19th and Wednesday 20th from 7:00 until 9:00pm. Bring your kids and a camera for photos with Santa. Bring your favorite cookies or brownies and punch to share with Ms. Claus and Santa's helpers. Any questions, please call Bill Holden @ 832-443-8593. Gazebo Park intersects at Sue Barnett and 42nd St.



The Garden Oaks
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James J. Doyle, U.S. Army
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Tuesday, November 7, 2006

7:30 p.m.

(immediately following the Business Meeting of the Civic Club)
Garden Oaks Elementary Cafeteria
901 Sue Barnett

Performance by the
Salvation Army Harbor Light Choir

*Refreshments will be provided
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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

962 West 43rd
1031 Lamonte
718 Sue Barnett

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

Congratulations on these November **birthdays and celebrations:**

Happy Birthday

Stacy Gross-2nd
Katie Swick-4th
Holly Veech -8th
Anthony Neiser- 10th
Caroline Padon – 12th
Sheila Briones – 14th
Steve Lopez—15th
Colby Bell – 20th
Kit Schoenfield – 23rd
and Cheryl Cohon – 28th

Happy Anniversary

10th Mark & Katie Swick and on the 29th Tom Peden & Margaret Rudd.

Additional Celebrations Many Garden Oaks residents helped George Appling and Brian O'Leary celebrate a decade together at a grand party on Garden Oaks Blvd.. In the crowd, Sue Schmidt, Ed de Alba, Tina Nieto, Janet Combs, Terry Jeanes, Tina Sabuco, Shellye Arnold, Shelley Rogers, Pat Buron, Joe Muscara, Lori Kennedy, and the newest resident who had just closed on her property earlier in the day...Gale Roanoake.

New Arrivals

Jimmy and Donna Clyde welcomed their twins Lucas Jackson Clyde and Carson Marie Clyde on September

9th.. Proud siblings are Owen, Eli, Scout, and Riley.

Seen in the Travel section and other related news..Sandy Altman and Dian Austin just returned from a grand trip for 10 days in Greece, including 3 on the island of Santorini, in the Mediterranean. The pictures looked great! Patty Walters recently returned from a trip to Santa Fe, following the stupendous premiere of her 4 woman variety show called Broadway on the Bayou which debuted at the new Third Coast Comedy Theater, 2417 West 34th. Patty's very own character, Flo, is a rising star moving up from her job at Buddy's local Tasty Freeze. There will be an upcoming show in the first week of December.

Tina Parks and Terry Jeanes were among other Garden Oaks shoppers, like Holly Veech, and Caroline McLean, at Round Top and Warrenton Antique Festival, with the exception that these ladies joined among many others for the Junk Gypsy's Semi – Annual Prom-O-Rama.

To highlight an event, celebrati,on or other tidbit, contact

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Constable Program- Supporter Forms on their way!

Terry Jeanes & Susan Love – Saranie

Please note that the supporter forms for the upcoming year will soon be on their way. Please take the time to complete the form and mail in your support contribution. Since the reinstatement of our program in early 2005, the crime stats in our area experienced a 15% reduction, yes a reduction over the prior years statistics. These figures were compiled by our area Citizen's Patrol director Carl Waters. The program works but we need your support to keep our dedicated Deputy David Vest on our streets for 40 hrs. per week of dedicated coverage.

A special thanks to Deputy Vest and fellow Precinct One Deputy Chris Kendrick who were very instrumental in the capture of at least 20 loose dogs in the area. Since the rash of killed, mauled, and missing cats in the area and the viewing by neighbors of many loose dogs being responsible for such attacks, the concerns of area residents were answered. These dogs were captured and most sent to the SPCA where many have been adopted. Additional thanks go to the neighbors who worked on this effort also. In addition Deputy Vest has worked to remove a number of parties from neighborhood streets upon traffic stops, finding outstanding warrants and possession of controlled substances.

Again a reminder to help stop opportunity for the bad guys... Deputy Vest reminds neighbors to limit opportunity for culprits by doing some basic things. Limit access to your outbuildings and garages. Lock all sheds and outbuildings. In addition remove items from your vehicles and park off the street if at all possible. And by all

means if you see something unusual or something that you are not quite sure about, make the call to Constable Dispatch at 713 755 7628. No matter the time of day. Your call could make the difference. **Join today via the insert included, the form in the mail, or on the [gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org) website!**

Constable Program benefits include:

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County Constable.
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- Security check for insurance discount.
- Alarm contact/ response by Harris County Constable.
- Perceived value by prospective new neighbors considering buying in Garden Oaks because the neighbors work collectively to make the neighborhood safer.
- Low Cost. The annual fee is \$140 per year, which is less than 40 cents per day. There are two payment options. An annual check of \$140 or a bank draft option of \$15 per month. Contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com with any question

September 2006 Stats.

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Toys for Tots is a priority for Keller Williams Realty and Houston Metro Properties, LLC. Share some holiday cheer and drop-off a new unwrapped and unopened toy at the annual Garden Oaks collection site located at SPARK Park next to Garden Oaks Elementary, on December 9th..

The **Toys for Tots** program provides Christmas gifts for children who are less fortunate. **Toys for Tots** has been in operation since 1947. It was begun by Marine reservists and has grown to include many supporting organizations throughout the country. **Toys for Tots** delivers a message of hope to children who have little reason to have hope for the future. The shiny new toy at Christmas lets these youngsters know that someone cares. The goal is to motivate economically disadvantaged children to grow into responsible, productive and patriotic citizens and community leaders. The good news is that Marines have been accomplishing this goal for 59 years. Since its beginning, millions of toys have been distributed to needy children throughout the country.

Share the joy of the holidays by bringing an unwrapped gift to the collection site on December 9th. More details to follow. Volunteers needed to solicit corporate sponsors, block walk, face paint and work at the collection site. Contact Trish Ricklefsen at 832.618.1606, Kristin Ricklefsen at 832.618.1607 and Sue Schmidt at 832-563-3402

Mark your calendars! Santa is expected to be in the Garden Oaks Town Tuesday and Wednesday nights December 19th and 20th, 2006.

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Year in parenthesis.

Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Brown-Farris

Hi Neighbors! Remember last month we talked about the stray dog problem in Garden Oaks? Well, the SPCA trapped 14 stray dogs and found homes for all of them. The hunting and attacking came from a "pack" instinct. The dogs are in a good home and are not allowed to roam at night, we wouldn't expect the hunting to continue. We haven't had any cat attacks in several weeks. This is a huge triumph over tragedy for the people of Garden Oaks! Anytime you encounter a stray dog you should use caution. After all, you don't know the dog or what he has been through, and any dog in pain or fearful of pain can and will bite. This month I want to discuss how to avoid a dog attack. Most dog bites happen to children especially little boys between the ages of seven and nine years old. Please sit your children down and practice the steps outlined below.

Pet of the Month: "Mr. November" is Simon Clark Dilley. Simon is a 12 year old Maltese mix who lives in Section 1A with his parents, M'lissa and Craig. Simon is a happy little fellow who is quite active. When the back door is opened he shoots out and patrols the yard at a run to make sure there are no intruders such as squirrels or birds. Once that is accomplished then Simon can settle in to playing with his toys or just carrying them around. Right now his favorite toy is a gingerbread man. He enjoys most treats but his absolute favorite treat is scrambled eggs so that is what he usually eats for breakfast. Simon is sweet, affectionate and playful – just an all around delight!

Critters 101: How to Avoid Dog Attacks

Any dog may bite if it is threatened, angry, afraid, or in pain. When properly socialized and trained, dogs are safe, reliable, and joyful companions. However, all strange dogs should be treated with caution and a person should not approach or stroke a dog unless invited to do so by its owner. Then the dog must be approached slowly, allowing time for it to sniff the person or make friendly contact with

them. Speaking to the dog gently, avoiding eye contact, and patting around the chest or neck region are all non-threatening actions. Approaching suddenly, bending over the dog or patting it on the head or back are dominant and threatening gestures and may cause a dog to react by biting. Each dog has a different social and personal distance that a stranger is permitted to enter. This is why a dog that is tied up, outside a shop, may snap or bite when someone tries to pat it. The dog cannot escape when there is a sudden invasion of its personal space. Here are some dos and don'ts if you encounter an aggressive dog.

- Do not run when confronted with a threatening dog. Running only stimulates the dog to increase its aggression. Keep still and try to remain calm. Tell your children to "be a tree," with feet together, elbows against your chest and hands under your neck.
- Don't turn your back on the barking animal or face the animal. Keep the side of your body closest to the animal.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which the dog interprets as a challenge.
- Hold your ground and demonstrate moderate dominance by telling the dog in a calm but firm voice to go home. "No" and "sit" may also work.
- Let the dog sniff you. In most cases, it will leave as soon as it realizes that you aren't really a threat.
- If you are carrying something, offer it to the dog. If the dog is truly aggressive he will grab the object and hold on. Do not let go of the object; if you do, he will soon realize that it is not you and will likely attack again. Normally after he realizes he is having little or no effect he will stop the attack or at least give you time to plan your next move.
- If knocked down, curl into a ball, and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- When the dog begins to back away, slowly retreat also, keeping the dog in view. If the dog begins to come back, stop and wait until it moves off again.

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Critter Corner *continued*

We are all susceptible to dog attacks and dog bites so learn the signs of an aggressive or fearful dog and practice how to act if you were to have an encounter. If you are bitten, seek immediate medical attention. Report all aggressive loose dogs or incidents of actual bites to the Bureau of Animal Regulation & Care (B.A.R.C.) 713-238-9600. If minor incidents are reported, major incidents can be prevented.

Casey Brown-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**. Mau Mau is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@GoDogUSA.com or call 713-688-6363.

Signs, signs, everywhere

Six new "Garden Oaks" signs have been ordered for Sections 1 (Randall Park & Ashland), 2 (Garden Oaks Blvd), 3 (Alba), and 5 (Althea & Golf) to be placed at locations as you enter Garden Oaks. They will be similar in color and design to the current signs in other locations. Look for them in late November. The funding was provided by The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization as part of the 2004 member's vote. The total cost will be \$4164.

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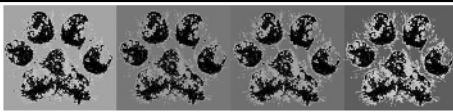
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Let's start this month with a big thank you to Precinct One Deputy Constables David Vest, Kris Kendrick and the SPCA for responding to our calls regarding stray dogs roaming through the neighborhood. At the October Civic Club meeting it was reported the Constables and the SPCA had captured approximately 20 dogs. It was also reported all but two of the dogs had been cleared by the SPCA for adoption by new owners.

The holidays are once again upon us. Remember to exercise caution when you go out shopping for holiday presents and during other shopping trip. When possible shop during the day or park in well lit parking lots when shopping at dusk or in the evening. If possible make use of package pickup services and always have your keys ready when you return to your vehicle.

August Crime Statistics (6):

Burglary (2):

3000 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Saturday, August 6th @ 6:00 p.m. (residence).

900 block of W. 42nd St. on Friday, August 18th @ 2:00 p.m. (apartment).
 Burglary Motor Vehicle (2):

3000 block of N. Durham Dr. on Tuesday, August 8th @ 12:10 p.m. (street).

700 block of W. 42nd St. on Monday, August 28th @ 11:15 p.m. (driveway).

Auto Theft (1):

3200 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m. (service station).

Narcotics (1):

500 block of W. 33rd St. on Wednesday, August 2nd at 2:25 a.m. (street).

That makes total number of crimes reported to HPD for the first 8 months of this year to be 63. This is five more than reported for the same time period in 2005.

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 :

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or by phone at: 713-864-1992.

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GO Elementary Update

Fall is here at Garden Oaks Elementary School and young minds are filling up with new ideas and ways of learning. Urban Harvest, a local nonprofit supporting the Houston area for more than ten years, has awarded GOES a grant in partnership with Houston Garden Club to begin an after school gardening program. This is a hands-on program with activities in science, math, and other core subjects as well as encouraging good nutrition and teamwork skills. These classes provide opportunities for the creation and exploration of the habitat gardens, pond, vegetable, and fruit gardens. Lessons are connected to state objectives, and garden instructors utilize many curricula in the fields of environmental education, nutrition and science. We are thrilled to begin this process of sharing basic Math, History, Science and Cultural arts lessons through the garden and habitat. Many teachers have been using the outdoor classroom for enrichment. Now, even more students will have access to hands on learning that the Habitat and new Vegetable Garden will provide.

The Butterfly Garden and new arbor are set for Eagle Scout candidate James Sayer to be completed the end of October.

The SPARK Park plans continue to move forward. Local and noted artist Carter Ernst has been working in tandem with GOES Art teacher Ms. Oswald to create new student artwork to incorporate into the new design. Fifth graders have completed the first round of tiles. We're also working hard on our commitment to raise extra money for our SPARK Park with the "Fill the Money Jar" campaign of bringing change to put in the jar. Through the Kroger Share Card program, we are urging our parents and community members to use the PTA Kroger Share

card rather than the SPARK share card to ensure that all the money will go specifically to our SPARK Park. Stop by the school office and pick up a card, or call the school at 713-696-2930 and we will get one to you.

Save these Dates!

1) The Math Curriculum night is planned for Thursday, November 2nd. This event is open to all interested in learning more about Montessori. The Montessori teachers will present the Math materials and manipulatives used from age three through 6th grade to show the spiraling curriculum and interconnections. Please plan to join us and learn more about your community program.

2) GOES first Fall Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, November 3rd at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Admission is free. Snacks and drinks will be available for sale. Movie to be shown is "Herbie, Fully Loaded".

3) Open House tours of the Montessori Program will be held during Magnet Awareness Week, November 6th-10th, between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. Applications for the 2007-2008 school year will be available through the school starting November 6th.

4) The 14th Annual GOES Montessori Community Pancake Breakfast is planned for Saturday February 10th 2007. Marching bands, crafts for kids, fantastic silent auction items, and good food are all part of the morning's fun. This event supports the GOES Montessori program.

Come by the campus some time to see all these great changes or better yet consider volunteering your time. We are always in need of talents you may have to share!

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Salutes Our Local Veterans

Sheila Briones, 2006 Garden Oaks Civic Club President

James J. Doyle, U.S. Army

Rank: Colonel

James served as an officer for five years in World War II and was in combat with the 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion in all five major battles in the European Theater of Operations. After the war, James continued serving in the Army Reserve until his retirement.

Clyde Newton Dyer, U.S. Army

Rank: Sergeant

Clyde N. Dyer joined the army at 19 years of age along with his brother. Clyde became a medical technician and his brother went on to become a B-25 bomber pilot.

After his training at Ft. Sam Houston, Clyde was assigned to the 29th Infantry Division assembling in England in preparation for Operation Overlord – the great assault on Europe that would famously commence with D-Day, June 6, 1944 and the start of the Normandy campaign. On August 1, 1944 the 29th Infantry was assigned to the newly constituted 3rd Army under Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr. and thus began the famous Normandy breakout at St Lo and Avranches, France in which the 3rd Army began to build its reputation and fame.

Clyde will celebrate his 86th birthday on November 2. He has live in Garden Oaks since 1971.

Alvin T. Froehlich, U.S. Army

Rank: Corporal

Alvin served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, headquartered at Stuttgart, Germany. He and his wife, Nora Lee, moved to Garden Oaks in 1964 and have three children and three grandchildren. Alvin is retired, an avid gardener, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and loves sports, fishing and hunting.

Ralph McCollough, U.S. Navy

Rank: Lieutenant

Ralph served in the Navy from 1963 to 1973. His assignments included serving on the USS Bexar, USS Rankin, USS Northampton, and the USS Shenandoah. He attended Garden Oaks Elementary and Hogg Middle School, graduated from Reagan High School and Texas A&M. Ralph is a native of Houston and his family has lived in Garden Oaks since 1946.

Woodrow B. Mehrkam, U. S. Air Corp

Rank: Sergeant

Woodrow was with the 433rd Troop Carrier Group and served in the South Pacific as a radio operator. He also was a printer and pressman with the U.S. Air Corp now known as the U.S. Air Force.

Dean D. Sauberli, U.S. Marine Corp

Rank: Sergeant

Dean served in the U.S. Marine Corp from January 1963 to January 1967 and part of that service was in Vietnam from August 1965 to September 1966.

Glen H. Shepperd, U.S. Air Force

Rank: A12C

Glen was stationed at Biggs Air Force Base with the 95th Bomb Wing. From 1955 to 1959, Glen served during the Cold War period and was a member of the Strategic Air Command. He is retired from the Houston Fire Department.

Lampros Vrinios, U. S. Marine Corp

Rank: E-3

Lampros served the U.S. Marine Corp from 1964 to 1967 stationed at Camp Pendleton and Okinawa, Japan. He has lived in Houston since 1976 and is a real estate broker, general contractor and investor.

Ray Wilkins, U.S. Army

Rank: Spec 4th Class

Ray served the U.S. Army, 4th Division, 3rd of 12th Infantry in Vietnam. He went to Jack Yates High School, University of Texas and Texas Southern University. He is a native Houstonian, music lover, and astronomer and is always watering and taking care of his yard.

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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.

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Volunteers Needed!!!

The Garden Oaks Community Garden has twelve well-kept vegetable beds used for growing healthful, organic food for underprivileged families. We need several Garden Oaks residents to help in the garden: weeding, watering, digging beds, planting, harvesting and delivering vegetables to the local pantries.

The produce is taken most often to food pantries at St. Rose of Lima Church on Brinkman and MANNA on W. 34th as well as other locations that serve the underprivileged when we have a large crop. Active volunteer gardeners are allowed to take home a portion of what they grow as a reward for their work.

The garden was started in the late 1980s by former Garden Oaks resident Jan Koenig with help from Dr. Bob Randall of non-profit Urban Harvest. Old age and illness have caught up with two avid farmers who have worked the garden all these years.

If you will take responsibility for just one garden bed (you may want to do more than one) you will enjoy the benefits and fun of growing some vegetables you really like. And, if you have never done this kind of work before, there are experienced folks to help and advise you.

The garden is located on Alba between Sue Barnett and Chamboard, and there are folks there on most Tuesday mornings between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**For more information
please call: Juanita Rasmus
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2007 Civic Club Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of candidates for the 2007 Civic Club officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Committee members Dian Austin, Craig Lee, Terry Jeanes, Trish Ricklefsen, and John Bartos have talked with numerous residents in the neighborhood in an effort to find those who will bring experience, commitment, enthusiasm, and good ideas in 2007 to carry out the mission of the Civic Club.

The recommended slate for 2007 is as follows:

President – Mike Hess

Vice President – Mike Dishberger

Treasurer – Jerry Butler

Secretary – Cindy Bartos

The above candidates will be recommended at the November Civic Club meeting. Elections will be held at the December Civic Club meeting. Nominations from the floor are permitted as well. The officers elected will take their positions effective January 1st and will serve for the entire year 2007.

Please join us at the November and December meetings and be a part of the election process. Remember, to be eligible to hold office and to vote, you must be a member of the Civic Club. Contact Dian Austin (713-691-6505) for information on becoming a member of the Civic Club.

2007 Garden Oaks Civic Club Budget(proposed)

Income		Expenses		Net
Membership	\$10,000	Membership	\$1,800	\$8,200
Spring Festival		Spring Festival	\$800	-\$800
4th of July Event	\$0	4th of July Event	\$400	-\$400
Home Tour		Home Tour-Start up	\$1,800	-\$1,800
Beautification	\$1,225	Beautification	\$17,280	-\$16,055
Gazette	\$11,400	Gazette	\$11,400	\$0
Constable*	\$33,500	Constable	\$59,450	-\$25,950
Garden Oaks Elementary	\$0	Garden Oaks Elementary	\$600	-\$600
Website	\$0	Website	\$900	-\$900
GOCOP		GOCOP	\$1,000	-\$1,000
Garden Club	\$1,000	Garden Club	\$1,000	\$0
Spark Park*	\$3,000	Spark Park*	\$3,000	\$0
Cat Catchers*	\$500	Cat Catchers*	\$500	\$0
Bank Fees		Bank Fees	\$600	-\$600
Credit Card Fees		Credit Card Fees	\$384	-\$384
Other		Other	\$250	-\$250
Insurance		Insurance	\$400	-\$400
Tax/Accounting Fees		Tax/Accounting Fees	\$200	-\$200
Interest	\$3,200			\$3,200
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,825	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 101,764	
		NET		-\$37,939
		NET w/o		
		Constable		-\$11,989

notes:

* Home Tour Donation from 2006, total of \$5000

Membership and Constable Income collections are in the Fall of previous year

Current Bank Balances

Civic Club \$58,400

Constable \$29,500

Mike Dishberger, Treasurer

Minutes of the October 3, 2006 GOCC Meeting

Warren E. Carlson, Secretary

WELCOME

The meeting was convened in the cafeteria of the Garden Oaks Elementary School. President Sheila Briones opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Warren Carlson motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting as printed in the October edition of the Gazette. The motion was seconded by Terry Jeanes and the minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mike Dishberger gave a verbal report and made available an income statement and balance sheet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee has a workday planned for Saturday morning, October 21st, as reported by Sheila Briones. Volunteers are greatly needed.

Constable Program Chair Terry Jeanes made the following announcements: Renewal applications will be sent via mail in November. Volunteers are needed to help with the mass mail-out. To join for the remainder of 2006, the fee is reduced to \$15/month. Please call Capt. Scott (713.697.3600) to report stray dogs in the neighborhood. Deputy Vest reported that between 16 and 20 stray dogs have been caught so far. Deputy Vest also reported the following: A student at Waltrip High School attempted to resist arrest by assaulting an officer. The student was arrested. The school SPARK Park has become a hotbed of illegal activity for minors after dark. Slow down on 43rd street! The Constable's office is open to suggestions where to place a radar trailer for crackdowns on speeding. Also, Terry Jeanes added that the committee is researching the cost of a radar gun devoted to use by our constable on patrol. Currently, our constable shares a radar gun with other deputies.

Citizens on Patrol (GOCOP) Chair Carl Waters reported 46 crimes in our neighborhood during the month of August. The GOCOP program can only

be effective with volunteer participation. To be eligible to participate, one must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of Garden Oaks, have a working vehicle, a minimum 1 hour per week of spare time, attend 1 hour of training by the Houston Police Department, and be subject to a criminal background check and driving record check. GOCOP volunteers only report suspicious activity to law enforcement. As neighbors looking out for one another, should you witness any suspicious activity, please do go ahead and call the police department's non-emergency number (713.884.3131) and the Constable's office (713-755-7628). Please contact Carl Waters (gocop77018@aol.com or 713-864-1992) to join the GOCOP volunteers.

Gardenoaks.org is now being hosted on a new server and is working fine, as reported by Webmaster Joe Muscara.

Membership Chair Dian Austin reported membership to be up to 315 household members!

Nominating Committee Chair Dian Austin is heading up the effort to develop a slate of candidates for next year's Civic Club officers. Please contact Dian Austin (membership@gardenoaks.org) if you're interested in a position.

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club member Tina Nieto reported their next meeting would be Wednesday, October 11th. Please contact President Chris Lindsay (713.819.8412) for more information.

GARDEN OAKS MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (GOMO)

GOMO President Ed de Alba reminded us that the annual GOMO member's meeting was scheduled immediately following the Civic Club meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila Briones reminded us that there will be upcoming fundraisers to finance the re-development of the

SPARK Park.

SPECIAL GUEST

Mark McDavid, Democratic candidate for Texas State House of Representatives, District 138, a resident of Oak Forest, distributed fliers and expressed his concern for cleaner air and cleaner waters. More information can be found at www.votemcdavid.com.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sheila Briones introduced Yolanda Navarro Flores, Vice Chair, Houston Community College (HCC) Board of Trustees. Ms. Flores announced that Northline Mall, a former HCC campus, has been sold and HCC has vacated the building. A strip center, including a Wal-Mart and a sectional storage facility is slated to be constructed on the site. HCC, however, has purchased land directly behind the site to build a new campus. Ms. Flores introduced Bill Mack, HCC Associate Vice Chancellor for Construction, Randy Sahni, President of Llewelyn-Davies Sahni, AIA, and chief architect for the project, Rick Gremillion, HCC Executive Director of Facilities Management, who outlined the following details: There will be 8 to 10 new buildings constructed on the site with the first building opening in the summer of 2008. There is a goal of awarding 35% of the project contracts to Small Business Enterprises. Building materials are being recycled from the demolition of existing buildings on the site. Mr. Gremillion also presented elevation drawings and discussed the philosophy behind the architectural style.

DOOR PRIZE

Section V resident Tom Cronin won a gift certificate to Home Depot. Congratulations, Tom!

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was attended by members of 50 households.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Terry Jeanes of Re/Max Metro graciously provided refreshments.

Dinner's on Us! The GO Winer's and Diner's Report

Sue Schmidt

October seemed to be a time of celebration for many of our local foodies. Several birthdays and an anniversary were taking place so we thought we would continue the revelry at a restaurant known for bringing joy to any special occasion. The majority ruled, and T'afia at 3701 Travis in Midtown was the restaurant of choice. Chef Monica Pope, previously of Boulevard Bistro, opened T'afia in 2004 with an inspiration of Coastal Mediterranean food with a regional flair.

The waiter greeted us with enthusiasm and a willingness to decipher the menu. The first thing that caught the attention of several in the group was the local market tasting menu (\$45 for a five course meal, \$65 with a Texas wine with each course, 3 oz. each). We wanted a variety of menu items though, and continued to peruse the menu and designate "who would try what" items on the menu. The waiter once again appeared and asked if he could offer suggestions. After relaying to him that we were a "dining club", he suggested we let the Chef prepare a medley of "market tasting menus" in order to experience a wide variety of menu choices. This gained *great* appreciation from the group. With his wonderful accent and attention to detail, this waiter had us from the get go!

Our first course was a variety of appetizers from the menu. We decided right then and there we *must* all experience every item presented at the table. After sampling all the delectable choices before us we all "voted" our top selection. Both the Mejool dates stuffed with chorizo, wrapped in bacon and the pure luck goat cheese with two purees won

top honors. It was love at first bite. Next two soups were delivered to the table. Once again everyone tried a little of both. Delicata and acorn squash soup was a favorite.

Service slowed just a tad by the third course. However, with the special selections being prepared for our table, everyone was more than willing to wait for the entrees to be delivered. Although the restaurant has a very "minimalist" feel with concrete floors, brick walls and industrial ceilings, it was still easy to carry on a conversation and enjoy the ambience. At this point though, several of us wished we had opted for the Texas wine selection to go with our market tasting menu. It certainly would have made it interesting to see what selections would have been made with each course. Several at the table had either started with a cocktail or shared a bottle of wine before we ordered. In hindsight, we probably would have opted for the wine selections had we known what we would order. The third course was a seasonal cheese selection with hardtack and sage cracker.

The entrees were well worth the wait. A feast of halibut with lime-soy misognonette, pistachio crusted trout, balsamic caramel beef cubes with sticky rice, red snapper and 2 Texas cross quail with braided cabbage, apples and hazelnuts were delivered to the table. The presentation was very pleasing. Some were very hesitant to "pass" their plate to share the experience (okay, I confess!). Hands down the beef cubes with sticky rice and the pistachio crusted trout were our top

selections. Several mentioned the richness of the generous portion of trout, and felt like they could not have finished an entire portion, but it certainly was a crowd pleaser. The halibut with the lime-soy sauce was simple and delicious as well.

By this time we wondered whether our palettes could endure one more attack of pure pleasure that the desserts were sure to bring! Since there were no desserts listed on the menu, we wondered whether a dessert tray would be presented or we would all get the buttermilk panna cotta listed under the market menu. Not to be disappointed, 6 fabulous selections were presented to the table. Once again, it was hard to share our favorites. We had to pry a couple of hands loose from their dessert dishes. Three of the desserts were savored, even on the ride home. The chocolate bread pudding with dried sour cherry compote and crème anglaise, the white chocolate cheesecake with ginger-nut crust and key lime syrup and the caramel semi-freddo, with candied lemon and balsamic syrup were all sinful. We all agreed that the crème brulee and lemon mousse were disappointing after experiencing the others. By the time we left it was well past 10:00. I think all agreed that T'afia restaurant was a relaxing way to celebrate and enjoy good company. Several plan on returning to the organic Farmer's Market held each Saturday in the parking lot. Fresh produce and items prepared by Chef Monica Pope are popular wares each Saturday. Open Tuesday through Saturday evenings and Friday for lunch, T'afia is an anchor for the growing Midtown restaurant district.



November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		GOMO Plan Review	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 GO Civic Club Meeting @ GO Elm. School @ 7 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 GOMO Mtg. 7 PM GOMO Office	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Deadline for Gazette Submissions	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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