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# Gazette

### President's Message Sheila Briones, 2007 GOCC President

The first meeting of the 2007 GOCC Board, held in January, was quite productive. I got to test a new taco recipe and frozen margarita recipe on my unsuspecting colleagues. I'm happy to report that all survived!

We had a very lively meeting (I'm sure the margaritas had something to do with it) and planned a years worth of programs. Here's a list of proposed topics:

February 6 – The Importance of Jury Service

March 6 – Latest on the Bayou Preservation Effort

April 3 – No planned speaker. GOMO Special Meeting to follow.

May 1 – No planned speaker. Meet & Greet event to follow.

June 5 – Better Business Bureau July 3 – Mayor Bill White (not confirmed)

August 7 – National Neighbor's Night Out (no Civic Club meeting) September 4 – Education Panel October 2 – No planned speaker. GOMO Annual Meeting to follow. November 6 - Gardening Topic December 4 – Annual Civic Club Meeting and Holiday Party

Again, these are "proposed" topics for the year and could change, depending on speaker availability. If you have an idea for a speaker or topic, please don't hesitate to call me at 713-861-8091 or email me at sbriones@hotmail.com

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you again as President.

# Pancake Breakfast Shana Tatum

Students and staff members at Garden Oaks Elementary School are busier than ever this month as we put final touches on the 13th annual Community wide Pancake Breakfast, February 10th celebrating the observance of the 100-year anniversary of Montessori Education. Garden Oaks Elementary School will be joining more than 5,000 Montessori schools across the U.S. and around the world, including over 200 sponsored by public school districts, recognizing Maria Montessori's contributions. The school is inviting members of the Garden Oaks community to come take a firsthand look during the Pancake Breakfast at the child-centered, individualized approach developed almost 100 years ago by Dr. Maria Montessori, the first woman physician in Italy.

"The Montessori system may be one of the best-kept secrets in education," says Friends of Montessori Chapter president Pamela Anderson. "We believe all parents should know about this education option, and paying us a visit during the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Community wide Pancake Breakfast will give

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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 in a timely manner for delivery to all Garden Oaks Residents.

### Next Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, February 6th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 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!

### **Civic Club Officers**

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# Pancake Breakfast Continued

them a good opportunity to find out." To schedule a visit or obtain information, Pamela advises parents to contact the school office at 713-696-2930. The Community wide Pancake Breakfast is an annual event designed to promote increased awareness and respect for all children, our most precious natural resource, Jessica Modad, event cochair explains. It raises needed funds for the neighborhood program not covered by the HISD school district. Also featured at the February 10th breakfast: A silent auction; an Arts Alive performance; special items designed and produced by the students; parent orientation for the upcoming session; and, of course, lots of free golden brown pancakes.

To help underwrite some portion of the breakfast, or to donate auction items, please contact Elizabeth Klein, 713/461-2009, or friendsofmontessori@yahoo.com. Applications for the program are available in the school office. Do come out to the school and celebrate this occasion with neighbors and friends Saturday, February 10th between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

#### **GO Kids News**

Moms' Night Out will be February 1, at Collina's on 19th, at 7 pm.

GO Kids was started by a group of parents who want to build a family-friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together -- all Garden Oaks families are welcome! Aren't on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Tonya Knauth at (713) 628-8243, or tknauth@houston.rr.com.

# Gardening in Garden Oaks Chris Lindsay

Did you know that we can grow apples right here in Garden Oaks? Yes, we can. You have heard the saying "chillout" meaning for a person to calm down and cool-off. In gardening terms it is "chill-hours", that is the minimum number of hours a plant requires in order to break dormancy and induce normal bloom and vegetative growth. Most fruits fall into this category. Chill hours are the cumulative number of hours of winter temperature below 45 degrees that certain plants, trees or shrubs need in order to bear fruit.

In the Houston region chill hours can vary from 350 hours in the Pasadena/ Clear Lake area up to 600 hours in the Cypress/Bear Creek area. Garden Oaks averages 400 – 450 chill hours in a year. That's plenty of chill time in order to grow two varieties of apples. the "Anna" and the "Golden Dorsett". The Anna requires only 200 chill hours and produces a sweet, crisp apple that stores for 2 months. It is self-fruitful, meaning it will bear fruit without another tree. However, it is recommended to plant the Golden Dorsett nearby to provide cross-pollination which will result in better fruit production. The Golden Dorsett needs 100 chill hours and is a golden delicious type apple.

The members of the Garden Oaks Garden Club learned this and much more at our January meeting from our guest speaker, Mr. Doug McCloud, a Master Gardner and member of the Harris County Master Gardner Program. We frequently have guest speakers who give talks or demonstrations on a variety of topics. Won't you join us?

Our meetings for 2007 will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Garden Oaks Professional Building, GOMO offices, Suite 214. We begin our meetings with a social from 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Then our program from 7:15 until 8:00 p.m. followed by our business meeting. Membership dues are \$25.00 per person for the year. The primary activity for which the club was founded is to care and maintain the Friendship Garden, located in Section 1 at 30<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence. Our members commit to two workdays per year (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) toward upkeep of the park. In addition, we provide funds for the monthly mowing of the park. To join fill out the application which is on the Garden Oaks website or just come to a meeting. We look forward to making your acquaintance.

### **Beautification Update**

Brenda de Alba

As 2007 begins, our near term objective is simply to continue maintaining the neighborhood parks. There is currently no new "capital improvement" beautification project budgeted with Civic Club funds for 2007. Following is a summary list identifying the volunteer captains for each park. If you live near one of these green spaces, please consider volunteering to help on work days scheduled several times per year in each park. Even one hour of your time can produce results!

Rose Garden (W. 34<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence) Captain: Sheila Briones (713-861-8091)

Gazebo Park (Sue Barnet and W. 42<sup>nd</sup>) Captains: Bill Holden and Scott Easterly (713-691-3087)

Triangle Park (Alba and Azalea) Captain: Tina Nieto (713-956-4822)

GO Esplanade

(Garden Oaks Blvd. and Sue Barnett) Captain: Shana Tatum (713-699-4166)

Randall Berm (Randall and W. 30<sup>th</sup>) Captain: Matt Roesler (713-861-5568)

Art Park (W 43<sup>rd</sup> and Sue Barnett) Captain: Ed de Alba (713-694-5934)

Garden Oaks Community Garden. If you have an interest in growing food organically we have a community garden in the neighborhood. Located on Alba, north of W 43<sup>rd</sup> St. 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)

### Recap of 2006:

Besides having at least two work days in all of our parks (except the Art Park), the following summary describes additional activity:

- A maintenance contract was signed with Luxury Lawns for quarterly bed maintenance and tree margin upkeep on Garden Oaks Boulevard.
- Irrigation system repairs and addi-

tional plantings for The Randall Street Berm Park

• A completely new, 7 zone irrigation system with automatic timers and a rain sensor was installed in the Gazebo Park during December. Rock edging was added to some of the beds along with additional plants and a small bed of Knockout Roses. A big THANK YOU to Mike Dishberger for assuming responsibility to have new neighborhood signs built and installed.

### **Upcoming Workdays:**

Rose Garden – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, 34<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence, Section 1 Gazebo Park – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Sue Barnett and W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Section

Garden Oaks Blvd. – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, 700 Block of GO Blvd., Section 2

# Wanted Block Captain's For:

- 800 Blk. of Lamonte
- 900 Blk. of 41st
- 3102-3310 Lawrence
- 4206-4219 Alba
- 701-752 W. 43rd St.
- 3004-3010 N. Shepherd
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### **GOMO Notes**

Ed de Alba

We've had a busy last few months with lots of plan approvals, some violations averted, and unfortunately, one violation that will go to trial. Since that one property is the subject of a lawsuit, GOMO is constrained from discussing it, but we are confident that our position will be upheld.

Special Meeting to be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Garden Oaks Elementary School Cafeteria following the Civic Club Meeting. There will be 2 main issues to be decided at this meeting- The Disbursement of Surplus Funds and the election of a Replacement Director in Section 1.

#### **Surplus Funds**

Early this month we will bring forward to all GOMO members our suggestions for the use of surplus funds. This will be in a separate mailing sent to each member household. Our spending plans reflect the sentiments overwhelmingly supported by you, the members, in the survey we sent out late last year. It was abundantly clear from the responses that Security, the SPARK Park and our Greenspaces top the list. Many thanks to all of you who returned the survey, in spite of our error of not including a stamped return envelope. We also appreciated the many additional comments and thank you's for the job we're doing.

#### **Section 1 Director Position Open**

Jeff Toxey, GOMO Director for Section 1, is taking an overseas posting to Jakarta, Indonesia. Jeff resigned his office effective January 20<sup>th</sup>. The term for this position runs through October of 2008. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact any of the GOMO Directors

listed in the Gazette prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>. On that date we will close the application process. Section 1 members will vote to fill this position at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **Audit Results**

The Audit Results are in and will be distributed to all GOMO members in the same separate mailing. As expected, we passed with flying colors. About the only criticism we received was a suggestion to use an accounting program such as QuickBooks to keep our accounts, and we are in the process of doing that.

### **Recent Plan Approvals**

Section 1:

415 W. 31st St

427 W. 34th St

228 W. 33rd St 805 W. 32nd St

730 W. 30th St

Section 3:

830 Azalea

819 W 41st St

Section 5:

1074 W 42nd St

1031 Gardenia

Section 4:

1406 Sue Barnett\* 966 W. 42nd St\*

\* These are Section 4 properties that were reviewed for compliance with the deed restrictions by request of the Builders and/or Owners.

# Critter Corner Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Hi neighbors and Happy Valentine's Day! February is National Pet Dental Health Month so Mau Mau and I want to talk about dental care for pets. Also, to heighten consumer awareness many veterinarians will offer discounts this month on dental services. Did you know that oral disease is the most frequently diagnosed health problem for pets? Our Pet of the Month has gorgeous chompers.

Pet of the Month: "Mr. February" is a 1 ½ year old Rottweiler named Jax Sanchez. He lives in Section I with his mother, Gale. Jax will tell you that the secret to his beautiful teeth is chewing on butcher bones and anything else he can find. Jax is a long-legged Rottie and he is very friendly and loves other animals and people. He does have a couple of jobs which he takes very seriously. His mother makes aromatherapy products like soaps, oils, and bath salts, one of which is called "Starry Night" and it is divine. Since aromatherapy is all about the nose and since Jax has the best nose in the house he aids in the production process and usually sniffs himself to sleep. Gale is also a massage therapist and while she was in school she would try out techniques on Jax. Even though Gale has graduated and has her own practice now Jax still expects his regular massages. For Jax every day is Valentine's Day. Ain't Life Grand!

# Critters 101: Who Else Needs White Teeth?

An astounding 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of oral disease by age three, according to the American Veterinary Dental Society. Poor oral health in dogs and cats can cause serious health problems in addition to painful tooth loss or gum disease. The buildup of plaque and tartar in a pet's mouth can cause periodontal disease, an infection that can spread through the bloodstream to the heart, liver and kidneys. Symptoms of gum disease in dogs and cats include yellow and brown build-up of tartar along the gum line, inflamed gums and persistent bad breath.

Periodontal disease is a common problem in dogs, particularly smaller breeds. Canine dentistry experts believe this is because small dogs' teeth often are too large for their mouths, forcing the teeth closer together. Bacteria, combined with saliva and food debris between the tooth and gum, can cause plaque formulations that accumulate on the tooth. As bacteria grow in the plaque and as calcium salts are deposited, plaque turns to tartar. If tartar is not removed from the teeth, pockets of pus may appear along the gum line and further separate the teeth from the gum, which allows more food and bacteria to accumulate. Without proper treatment, this plaque and tartar buildup may cause periodontal disease, which affects the tissue and structure supporting the teeth.

Periodontitis is irreversible and may lead to other health problems. Unlike the inflamed gums of gingivitis, which can be treated and reversed with thorough plaque removal and continued plaque control, periodontitis can only be contained to prevent progression. The disease causes red, swollen and tender gums, receding gums, bleeding, pain and bad breath. If left untreated, periodontitis can lead to tooth loss. The infection caused by periodontal disease may enter the bloodstream, potentially infecting the heart, liver and kidneys.

Common indications of oral disease include bad breath, a change in eating or chewing habits, pawing at the face or mouth and depression. If any of these signs are present, the pet should be taken to the veterinarian for a dental exam. February is Pet Dental Care Awareness month so many veterinarians will be running specials on oral examinations.

The first step in preventing oral disease is a routine physical examination including a dental exam. Pet owners should practice a regular dental care regimen at home, which may include brushing the pet's teeth with specially formulated toothpaste. It is best to start early, but grown dogs and cats can learn to tolerate brushing. Toothpaste for humans is not recommended because it may upset the pet's stomach.

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. Mau Mau is owner/ operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to

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# Dinner's on Us! Sue Schmidt

The Winers and Diners braved the "arctic" cold front to feast on innovative Indian cuisine at **Indika**, 516 Westheimer. Although several in the group were chuckling over our total city shutdown over a little cold front, the group *and* the crowd at this popular restaurant were sparse. This was all the better for those who made the trek for this creative take on Indian food.

Owner and chef Anita Jaisinghani brings inspiration and a modern twist to traditional Indian cuisine. Originally earning a PhD in microbiology in her native India and working in Canada, Anita moved to Houston and, lucky for us, made a career change into the food industry. She worked as a pastry chef at Café Annie before opening Indika on Memorial Drive. In 2006, the new, sleek Montrose location opened and the rest is history.

Upon arriving the group was greeted and both drink and wine selections were suggested by our attentive waiter. Selections of appetizers were ordered. There was great discussion as to whether to partake of the Goat Brains Masala, Millet Roti. YIKES! I was sure I had entered Fear Factor. With great hesitation (on my part), the brains were ordered. Creamy, adventurous and actually quite good is how the group would describe the delicacy. Another favorite was the Baked Eggplant with Paneer.

An assortment of salads was ordered, and once again our wonderful waiter came through. His suggestion of Corn and Mint Chaat Salad was an undeniably great combo of flavor. This selection definitely turned out to be a crowd pleaser. The Sweet Potato Samosa Chaat with Spiced Garbanzo was wonderful. The presentation was dramatic. One of the diners described it as "mountains of flavor".

By this time we wondered if there really was any room for the entrees that were coming! A great surprise was the Naan crusted Spiced Baby Goat Curry with Onion Pakora Salad and Eggplant Raita. It truly resembles a pot pie, but was delicious and a table favorite. One of the greatest pleasures of the dining club has been dedicated wait staff willing to jump in with unusual suggestions we may not choose on our own. Rarely have we been disappointed by the recommendations of dedicated wait staff. We were treated to such an experience this night as well. The Idaho Trout stuffed with Nuts and Herbs was a great mélange of flavor. For those with love a spicy "kick", the Shrimp Vindaloo had a definite delayed reaction. At this point the owner and chef, Anita Jaisinghani, ventured by the table to introduce herself and welcome us personally. Such a small touch that adds such a punch to any dining experience. We have enjoyed this part of the journey too.

As always, we could not leave without testing a dessert or two. So much for being carried out on a stretcher! We narrowed it down to a coconut flan and a bread pudding. The bread pudding was the hands down favorite. The flan was a bit ordinary in comparison. Once again our fabulous waiter surprised us with cardamom shortbread to finish the evening. Two of us swear we will return for the shortbread alone. All in all it was a funfilled flavor feast on a cold and rainy night. By the end of the evening with the restaurant to ourselves, the Garden Oaks Diners enjoyed yet another evening in the care of another creative Houston chef. The sheer volume of talent in this city within this industry is truly amazing. If you are an adventurous soul with a love of food, Indika is treasure to enjoy. Next month, a romantic celebration of Valentine's Day!

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## **Citizens Patrol Program**

Carl Waters Jr.

### **November Crime Statistics (6):**

### **Burglary (4)**

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 p.m. (restaurant).

200 block of W.  $32^{nd}$  St. on Tuesday, November  $7^{th}$  at 7:00 a.m. (residence).

200 block of W. 33<sup>rd</sup> St. on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (residence).

400 block of W. 30<sup>th</sup> St. on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 a.m. (residence).

### **Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)**

3200 block of Lawrence St. on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 a.m. (driveway).

#### Narcotics (1)

800 block of W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 a.m. (public street).

This make the year to date total 83 crimes 8 more than reported through November 2005.

Can you prevent becoming a crime victim? Sadly, no, but there things you can do to reduce the probably of becoming a crime victim.

At home, lock your doors and windows. Trim hedges to take away hiding places for thieves. You can also invest in an alarm system and for added protection it should be monitored by an alarm company who can call the police or the Constable's Office when you are away from home.

Your vehicle, take all your valuables out of the vehicle at night and lock the doors. Do not leave your wallets, purses, briefcases, sunglasses, CD or

even loose change in your car. Since we live in an ungated community people are able to walk through the neighborhood 24 hours a day. Those intent on criminal activity will act if they see something of value unprotected. Get involved, report suspicious activity to the Constable's Office or the Houston Police Department. Become a member of the Citizen Patrol Program or a contributor to the Constable Program.

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

## **Reference Numbers**

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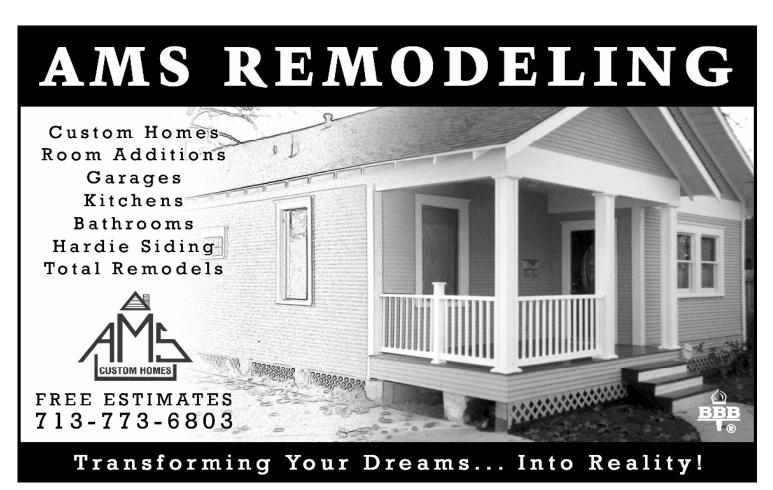
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### **Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes**

**Cindy Bartos, Secretary** 

#### Welcome

President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with an introduction of the officers present: new officers Cindy Bartos, Secretary and Jerry Butler, Treasurer and Mike Dishberger, new to the office of Vice President. Mike was also recognized for the work he did on placing the new Garden Oaks entry signs around the neighborhood. Thanks were also given to Walter Chance for his work in repainting one of the signs marked with graffiti. Also, Sheila introduced Chris Fruge, who is available to babysit during the Civic Club meetings. Babysitting charge is \$1.00 per child.

Motion made by John Bartos to accept the December minutes and seconded by Ed DeAlba; motion passed. *Treasurer's Report* 

Jerry Butler presented the current income and expense report and had detailed copies available at the meeting

### Standing Committee Reports

•Gazette: no report

- •GO Citizen's Patrol: Carl Waters described the program and the requirements to become a volunteer. He mentioned that we need more people to patrol and encouraged more people to volunteer. He also urged people to be aware of the items visible in their cars, to keep valuables out of sight.
- Website: no report
- •Membership: Dian Austin announced that as of tonight's meeting we have 189 paid memberships with some members contributing additional funds to the Garden Club and to the SPARK Park. Tina Nieto was the winner of the raffle drawing.
- •Beautification: Brenda DeAlba announced the irrigation project (funded in the 2006 budget) was completed in the Gazebo Park. David Bartula's company, Luxury Lawns, is handling quarterly maintenance for the Garden Oaks Blvd. Esplanade. The first workday of 2007 will be February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Rose Garden @ 34<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence. at 9:00 a.m. The Beautification

Committee is responsible for maintaining the 9 different parks in Garden Oaks.

- •Garden Club: Chris Lindsay explained the Garden Club's responsibility of maintaining the Friendship Garden at 34<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence. The Garden Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the GOMO offices in the Garden Oaks Professional Building. The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> with a presentation on citrus trees. The new officers for 2007 will be: Lynn Sievers as President, Janet Cones as Vice President, Robert DeVeau as Secretary with Kathy Wahren and Mary Lynn Porter sharing the office of Treasurer. Annual membership dues are \$25.
- •GOMO: Ed DeAlba announced the two meetings a month: one takes place after the Civic Club meeting and the other the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 at the GOMO office in the Garden Oaks Professional Building. The meetings are open to all homeowners and Ed encourages all to attend. A formal presentation regarding donating excess GOMO funds will be made at a future Civic Club meeting.

Constable Program: In speaking for our Constable, Terry Jeannes suggested vehicles not be parked on the street. She also encouraged people to make use of the vacation watch offered by the Constable. The vacation watch form can be found and downloaded on the Garden Oaks Website and faxed to the Constable.

Old Business: none New Business: none Announcements:

Sheila Briones encouraged all to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Oaks Pancake Breakfast on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast is free, however contributions/ donations will be accepted.

Check the Gazette for postings of Block Captains that are needed to deliver The Gazette.

Also check the Gazette for heavy trash pick-up dates for your area. The next Civic Club meeting will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with a presentation by the Houston Bar Association on the

importance of jury service.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

### **January - December 2007**

# TO: GARDEN OAKS RESIDENT

Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. Please choose the level you feel most comfortable supporting. While all memberships are voluntary, at a minimum you must contribute \$25 (or \$5 for Seniors 65 years or older) in order to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Membership dues are for the calendar year.

# Fill in Amount CREPE MYRTLE: \$25.00 (\$5.00 for Seniors) Basic Household Membership \_\_\_\_\_THE MAGNOLIA: \$50.00 (\$10.00 for Seniors) Intermediate Level – Household Membership \_\_\_\_\_THE GOLDEN OAK: \$75.00 (\$15.00 for Seniors) Patron Level – Household Membership OTHER (Contributions other than the levels above) Fill in amount you would like to contribute \$ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 (non-voting membership) \$ CONTRIBUTION TO GARDEN CLUB \$ CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPARK PARK \$\_\_\_\_\_TOTAL Membership dues go toward supporting all Garden Oaks Civic Club Activities: Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, The Gazette, Home Tour, Membership Committee and Website. The more you give, the more we can do! Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to: Garden Oaks Civic Club. P.O. Box 10273. Houston, TX 77206. THANK YOU! Name(s) Address: Email:









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# February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1			1	<sup>2</sup> Groundhog Day	3
4	5	Civic Club Meeting 7pm GOES	7	8 Garden Club Meeting at GOMO Offices 7pm	9	10 Workday @ Rose Garden 9:00am
11	12	Cafeteria & GOMO Plan Review Meeting	<sup>14</sup> Valentine's Day	15 Deadline for Gazette Submissions	16	Pancake Breakfast
18	President's Day	20 Mardi Gras	21 GOMO Mtg. 7 PM GOMO Office	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

#### 2006-2007 Bi-weekly Recycling Schedule - Week B Instructions: On Green Shaded Weeks - Your Garbage Day is also your Recycling Day **JULY 2006** AUGUST 2006 SEPTEMBER 2006 Exceptions: Pineloch Residents; Your recycling day is on the shaded Fridays) (4) 5 8 6 8 9 10 11 12 (4) 5 6 7 9 On Non-Shaded Weeks: No Recycling Collection; 13 14 10 11 12 13 14 15 13 14 15 17 10 11 12 16 18 19 15 16 Garbage & Yardwaste Collection Only 22 17 18 19 20 21 22 20 21 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 23 24 25 26 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 28 29 30 31 25 26 27 28 29 Circled Days = City Holidays: Solid Waste services 30 31 provided the following day Check your local newspaper or our website for possible changes OCTOBER 2006 **NOVEMBER 2006 DECEMBER 2006** to the holiday collection schedule Placement Time: Out by 7am, in by 10pm (on your collection day) 10 11 12 13 14 8 9 10 11 6 9 17 14 15 16 17 18 19 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Recyclable Materials Accepted 22 23 24 25 26 27 21 22 23 24 17 19 20 21 22 in the Curbside Program 30 31 27 28 29 30 24 (25) (26) 27 28 29 31 Mail, Envelopes Flattened Corrugated Home Office Paper Cardboard JANUARY 2007 FEBRUARY 2007 **MARCH 2007** No dark colored Flatten to a max. of 3 feet on each side or decorative papers (1) No foil packaging · No food, pizza or 9 10 11 12 13 cereal boxes **Plastic Bottles** No beverage cartons, (15) 16 17 18 20 19 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 #1 and #2 only gift boxes, styrofoam, 21 22 23 24 19 20 21 22 23 20 21 22 23 Bottles must have peanuts or packing 30 31 26 27 28 26 27 28 29 30 smaller necks than base Less than 3 gallons **Used Motor Oil** No lids!! Drain into original container Aluminum, Tin, Steel **APRIL 2007 MAY 2007** JUNE 2007 Clean, non-chemical/ & Empty Aerosol Cans non-detergent screwtop container okay No empty used oil containers Rinse & drain Labels are okay 10 11 12 13 14 8 10 11 12 8 9

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Note: No glass or plastic bags accepted in the curbside program. On windy days, secure recycling materials by placing full sacks of paper on top of bin.

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Place lids inside larger

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No anti-freeze liquid

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Telephone Books

· Loose dry & unsoiled · Remove plastic wrapping, rubber bands

or containers accepted