

Gazette



President's Message

Sheila Briones, Garden Oaks Civic Club President

Candidates for City Council At-Large Positions

Candidates for at-large council seats have been invited to speak to Civic Club members at the October 2nd meeting. A total of 12 candidates are running for three at-large positions in the November 6 election.

Candidates that have been invited are as follows:

Position #2 – Private investigator Michael "Griff" Griffin & incumbent Sue Lovell

Position #3 – Retired Air Force office Roy Morales & incumbent Melissa Noriega

Position #5 – Mortgage company owner Marlon Barabin, minister John Gibbs, lawyer Jolanda "Jo" Jones, former Houston police officer and lawyer Tom Nixon, Ray Ramirez, Joe Trevino, engineer Zaf Tahir

Three minutes will be given to each candidate to introduce themselves and present their positions. This will be followed by a Q&A session moderated by Garden Oaks resident, Ivan Mayers. All have been encouraged to bring campaign materials for distribution.

See you at the October 2nd Civic Club meeting. Remember meetings are always held in the cafeteria of Garden Oaks Elementary School, 901 Sue Barnett @ Garden Oaks Blvd.

Attacks on Our Elderly Neighbors

Please be aware that there have been two attacks on elderly neighbors in just the past month. One happened right here in Garden Oaks and the other in another neighborhood close to Garden Oaks.

In the Garden Oaks incident, a 90-year-

old female neighbor was attacked in her own driveway. She had just returned home, around 12:30 p.m., from a trip to the Kroger on W. 43rd when it happened. She was jumped as she walked up her driveway with armloads of groceries.

The attacker got away with her purse. The Houston Police Department is investigating at least six other similar attacks.

Channel 13, in one of their last postings on their web site, reported that investigators say that they have somebody under arrest who may be the suspect in this string of elderly attacks. Police won't say if the person in custody has been charged with these specific crimes.

Please, please, please keep an open eye on your neighbors and call the constable immediately at **713-755-7628** if you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee for the slate of 2008 Civic Club officers will be headed by Mike Dishberger, current Civic Club vice president. Helping Mike is Chris Lindsay, former Civic Club president. Mike and Chris will be busy the next few months coming up with a slate of officers for each of the following slots: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The slate will be announced in the November Gazette and voted at the December Civic Club meeting.

Anyone interested in running for any of these positions should email Mike at dishberger@aol.com or Chris at chris@houstoncec.org.

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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, October 2nd

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of GO Elementary, 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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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes & Susan Love – Saranie

Helpful Security Hints provided by Deputies McLain and Vest:

Deputy Robert McLain has made note that many of our homes are pretty dark at night. He suggests residents add and/or use exterior lighting to deter crime. Deputy McLain also suggests trimming back bushes that may hide unwelcome visitors.

Deputy David Vest reminds us of the importance of parking vehicles close to your home or garage rather than closer to the street. Making sure vehicles are locked and items of importance removed from the vehicle will help prevent break ins.

Most importantly, watchful eyes are the key to crime prevention. **Take a moment NOW and program in the Constable Dispatch number in your cell phone and home phone. 713-755-7628** Be aware of your surroundings! Your call could make a difference.

In the coming 4-6 weeks be on the look out for your civic club mailer complete with dues statement and constable supporter form. Your contribution can help keep our Constable Program strong. This program keeps Deputies Robert McLain and David Vest patrolling our streets. You can always support the program by completing the form here in the Gazette or on the website at the link, www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm.pdf.

Constable Program benefits included in the \$140 per year donation:

- 40 hours of patrol by a designated Harris County Constable
- Vacation watch by Harris County Constable. Forms available at: www.gardenoaks.org/Resources Security Checks for insurance discounts.
- 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 (Jan-Dec), 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

And remember you are an additional set of eyes and ears!!!! Constable Dispatch at 713 755 7628. No matter the time of day. Your call could make the difference.

2007 August Stats.

Miles Patrolled **3141**
Court Citations **10**
Alarm Responses **8**
Written Warnings **4**
Vacations Watches **44**
Suspicious Vehicles **16**
Park checks **131**
Criminal Offenses **4**
Arrests **0**

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

503 West 30th 822 West 32nd
304 West 32nd. 1042 West 43rd
1566 Sue Barnett 219 West 31st
705 West 41st 815 West 41st
725 West 42nd 811 West 41st
963 Lamonte 803 West 43rd
826 West 31st

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

Congratulations October Birthdays

Dian Austin 1st
Sue Schmidt 3rd
Tania Chaix 6th
Tina Sabuco 9th
Michael Padon 12th
Rita Donaldson 15th
Jack Runge 28th

Happy Anniversary

Debbie & Tony Padon 6th
Gig & Betsy Runge 9th

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

The 2007 Garden Oaks Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 27th, at Garden Oaks Elementary, from 11:00am-2:00pm. There will be food, fun and games for all ages. Choose a pumpkin in the Pumpkin Patch, benefiting Friends of Montessori. Have your pie, cake, or special dessert voted on by a celebrity judge in the Dessert Contest. Enter the costume contest for a chance to win a prize. Get a jump on holiday shopping at the Craft and Holiday Sale. If you have something great to sell please contact Deanna Zugheri at: Deanna@GardenOaksHomes.com to purchase a booth space for \$25. Come out and meet your neighbors at this fun filled Garden Oaks event!

GO Kids News

Tonya Knauth

October's Moms' Night Out will officially kick off the spooky season! Join us at Alisha Cunningham's house, 950 W. 41st, on October 4 at 7 pm. We'll have monster movies, creepy conversation, and ghoulish games. Bring your favorite beverage and some cash to pitch in for Thai takeout. And of course, come in costume if you are so inclined!

The Halloween-themed October Family Potluck promises to be frighteningly festive, featuring a ghost hunt and a haunted house. The ghostly gala will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 4 to 7 at 1567 Sue Barnett, the home of Evan, Angela and Tim Weltin. Please bring your favorite Tex-Mex item to add to the potluck buffet. Drinks will be provided. Don't be scared to stop by for some family fun.

Please mark your calendars now for November 12, 6:30 pm at the Garden Oaks Elementary School library. Emily Thomas, Garden Oaks principal, will meet with GO Kids parents in an open forum to talk about the school and answer questions. All are welcome. That week will also be open house week for the Garden Oaks Montessori Program, with guided tours and information available at the school.

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@comcast.net.

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

GOMO Notes

Ed de Alba

Annual Meeting to be held October 17th at 7:00 PM in the Garden Oaks Elementary School Cafeteria.

On Wednesday October 17th GOMO will hold its annual meeting in the Garden Oaks Elementary School's Cafeteria. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The business to be transacted includes the election of several directors, the spending of surplus funds, and a modification of the Bylaws.

Director Positions Open

Section 1

The term of the position currently held by Graham Gips ends on October 31st. Graham was elected as an interim director when Sheila Briones resigned her seat to become Civic Club President. The term for this position runs through October of 2010.

Section 2

All 3 director positions are open in Section 2. The terms for the seats held by Jay Tatum and Ed de Alba end as of October 31st. Both Jay and Ed were elected in 2004. The terms for these 2 positions will be staggered with one to run through October 2009 and the other through October 2010.

Todd Prince, elected in 2005, is resigning his seat as of August 31st. The term for this position runs through October 2008.

Sections 3 & 5

No positions are currently open in either Sections 3 or 5.

If you are interested in running for any of the positions available in Sections 1 or 2, please contact any of the GOMO Directors listed in the Gazette.

The requirements of the positions are:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must own property and live within the Garden Oaks section for the Director's position that you are volunteering to stand election for

- If no Member residing in the Section stands for election, then a Member who is an owner in that Section, but lives in another Section, may stand for election as a "Non-Section Director", whose term is 1 year
- All property owned in Garden Oaks must be in compliance with the Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions, excluding violations that existed before your ownership of the property
Must sign a statement attesting to the above

Surplus Funds

GOMO proposes two expenditures:

To add an additional daytime constable patrol of Garden Oaks, 40 hours per week for the period January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008. This supplements the current daytime patrol already provided by the Garden Oaks Civic Club. Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization will pay for the service and the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be in charge of scheduling. Anticipated cost is \$65,000 for the year.

To extend the current nighttime constable patrol of Garden Oaks, 40 hours per week for the period August 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008. This will bring all the contracts for our patrols into step. Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization will pay for the service and the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be in charge of scheduling. Anticipated cost is \$27,000.

Bylaw Changes

Currently there is a disparity in the Bylaws relating to the period of time a proxy is valid.

Paragraph 3.08 currently reads, "At any meeting of its Members, the Member(s) representing a Parcel entitled to vote may vote by proxy executed in writing by the Member or by his or hers duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy will be valid after 11 months from the date of its execution, unless other wise provided in the proxy."

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GOMO Notes

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Paragraph 2.02 (paragraph 5) reads, "Proxies may not be effective for a period exceeding 11 months." GOMO proposes a modification of the Bylaws: To delete the last 6 words in Paragraph 3.08, "unless other wise provided in the proxy".

This will bring the paragraphs into agreement and also bring the time period that proxies are valid into agreement with Texas State law.

Signs

GOMO has replaced two community signs that were hit by cars. The first at 43rd and Ella, the second at Ashland and 610. GOMO originally purchased signs for Garden Oaks and will continue to maintain and repair them as required.

An Open Invitation to our Meetings

We would like to personally invite all GOMO Members to all of our meetings. Democracy works best in an open environment and that is as true at the neighborhood level as it is at the Federal and State levels. There is no better way for the people of our community to see for themselves how we evaluate the building plans brought to us and how we reach consensus.

It is also the best way to get your questions answered. The GOMO Board is made up of 12 people and the Board doesn't have an "opinion" about a topic unless a majority of a quorum forms a consensus view. So no one Board Member is able to tell you what GOMO "thinks" about an issue or idea until we have an opportunity to deliberate and form a collective opinion. The formation of GOMO policy and opinion takes place every third Wednesday of the month at our business meeting held at the GOMO Office, 7:00 PM, Garden Oaks Professional Building, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216. You are very welcome to attend, make suggestions, propose ideas, ask questions, clarify rumors, or simply observe the process.

Beautification Update

Ed and Brenda de Alba

Upcoming Workdays to put on your calendar:

Gazebo Park – Rescheduled from September to October 13th, 9:00 AM, Sue Barnett and W. 42nd St., Section 2 – weeding and mulching the beds with pine straw

The Rose Garden received its fall trimming and weeding on September 8th. Rose Garden captain, Sheila Briones, was joined by Marc, Jane Ann, and Emily Roberts, along with Shelley Rogers and both of the de Albas. Emily Roberts is a student at Garden Oaks Elementary who has recently become interested in gardening through the active gardening program at the school. Shelley Rogers adopted the planting bed containing the Garden Oaks sign in this park a number of years ago and has kept it weeded and full of color throughout the year. A special thanks to both Sheila and Shelley.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

January - December 2007

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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.

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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters Jr.

Here are a few safety reminders for those partaking in Halloween activities this year:

- Parents or older children should accompany youngsters while they are out trick or treating.
- Children should wear light colored costumes or place reflective tape on them.
- Consider face paint instead of a mask for better vision.
- Accept treats from people you know and do not enter homes of strangers.
- Check treats out at home before allowing your children to eat them. Don't eat any unwrapped treats.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

900 block of Althea Dr. on Tuesday, July 10th at 8:45 p.m. (public street). This makes our year to date total 66 which is 9 more than the number of crimes reported through July of last year.

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.

July Crime Statistics (6)

Robbery (1)

2900 Block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Tuesday, July 17th at 2:44 p.m. (specialty store).

Assault (1)

900 block of Althea Dr. on Saturday, July 7th at 8:00 p.m. (residence).

Burglary (3)

1000 block of Gardenia Dr. on Tuesday, July 10th at 11:46 a.m. (residence).

900 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Sunday, July 15th at 12:37 a.m. (elementary school).

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, July 25th at 12:05 a.m. (restaurant).

Reference Numbers

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

Advertising rates are shown to the right. If you would like to purchase ad space, please contact the Editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

All articles must be submitted by the 15th of each month for publication the following month. Contributing articles will be printed at the Editor's discretion and edited according to space availability. Publication of any article not related to the Civic Club does not imply endorsement by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is solely the opinion of the author.

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GUESS WHAT'S COMING?! Cedar Creek, a dining and drinking establishment is being built by the same owners of Dry Creek and Onion Creek. Located at 20th and Beall St. in Shady Acres, this location will also feature an outdoor deck.
Coming soon!

Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

October at last! During Halloween events, please take a few extra measures to insure the safety of your pets. Bring outdoor pets inside and puppy gate your pets in a room where they can see the Trick or Treaters. The costumes of the children are frightful to dogs because they have no depth perception. And remember it is natural for the dogs to bark. This month we will discuss dogs and humor. Our pet of the month lives for laughs.

Pet of the Month: "Mr. October" is a 10 month old, black Terrier mix named Shadow Richards-Talley. Shadow lives in Section 3 with his parents, Ann Marie Richards and Katy Talley. Shadow is always smiling and instigating play. He will cram his mouth with as many hibiscus blooms as possible and then look at you to get a laugh. On his walks he will pick up cigarette butts to look silly and hopefully get chased. He is enrolled in basic obedience school and you guessed it, he is the class clown. Shadow's favorite toy is "Baby" his Blues Clues stuffed puppy. The two of them like peanut butter treats but hate the water and don't want anyone near the pool. It is pretty obvious that Shadow knows he is being funny and loves to make others laugh. Shadow was rescued as a wee pup but his jokes rescue us on a daily basis - for he's a jolly good fellow, which nobody can deny.

Critters 101: Do Dogs Have a Sense of Humor?

Does your dog ever make you laugh – on purpose? Does he know he is being funny? An even stranger question – does your dog find things funny?

There are countless stories of dog antics and behavior that are funny, but most of those you would have to say are unintentional. Humorous behavior may be repeated because of the positive reaction received. In this case, you cannot say the dog has a sense of humor, but is acting on positive

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reinforcement.

But dogs may be a little smarter than that. Just as some people enjoy making others laugh, it would seem, so do some dogs.

Now there are many levels of humor. There is basic physical humor like slapstick, up to very high-level humor that requires visualization and imagination to appreciate. A dog's world of humor would have to be mostly on the physical level, through simply behaving in a goofy manner, or playing little tricks on you. Of course, some really intelligent dogs may even enjoy a little psychological humor. A friend of mine has a dog with a wicked sense of humor. The dog thinks it is funny to ambush her from the shower stall.

It is really not so hard to believe that dogs have the mental prowess to grasp humor, since they so readily grasp the concept of play. Dogs completely understand the difference between play and something more serious, and are careful to make the distinction.

W. H. "Hank" Halliday, of Wolf Awareness Inc. in Ontario, Canada contends that if dogs have a personality, why not a sense of humor? "Since personalities are a fact in these dogs and wolves, I would suggest humor cannot be far behind. When my dog plays, it is not mechanical. He changes the rules to have "fun" with me. He certainly teases me and I would suggest that teasing is a form of humor."

If you have ever suspected your dog was making you the punch line to his joke . . . you were probably right.

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

School News

Jessica Modad

We can now say farewell to summer, as the streets are Garden Oaks are quitter now with the school year underway. Already there has been excitement on the school campus with a visit by HISD superintendent Dr. Abelardo Saavedra and the first glimpse of the new SPARK Park starting to show. We are pleased to have the bookscape by local artist Carter Ernst on our campus and look forward to more additions in the coming months.

This year Garden Oaks Elementary is pleased to announce that its

Montessori program along with Wilson Elementary (an all Montessori campus) will participate in the Montessori Global Village and Children's Festival at the University of Houston on Saturday, October 6th.

The festival is a free event open to the public from 10am until 3pm on Saturday at the University of Houston Main Campus. Later in the evening there will be performances celebrating peace and culture in the Cullen Performance Hall. Tickets for the evening performance start at \$25 per person.

Excitement is brewing over the upcoming Fall Festival. Members of the Garden Oaks PTA along with Civic Club members have been hard at work preparing for this year's fall festival. Come out on Saturday, October 27th and enjoy games, silly string arena, food, contest and more. And don't forget to visit the Friends of

Montessori Pumpkin Patch where you can purchase the perfect holiday pumpkin or just have your little princess or power ranger's picture taken as a keepsake. All money raised from the pumpkin patch will benefit the Friends of Montessori on Garden Oaks Campus.

Garden Oaks Elementary is a nurturing learning environment where children grow. We welcome you to come and take a tour of our school or join us during any of the listed events.

October

6th—G. O. Montessori participates in the Montessori Global Village and Children's Festival at UH Main Campus

9th—Garden Oaks Elementary PTA Meeting featuring "Parenting with Love and Logic" (7pm)

27th—Garden Oaks Fall Festival 11-2pm featuring Silly String Arena, Giant Slides, Games, Food, Contest and More

November

8th—Come and see the Math curriculum for the Montessori program @ 6pm

12-16th--Take a tour of our school's campus and our Montessori classrooms during open house week. Tours begin promptly each morning at 9:00am.

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Join Your Neighbors for a Meet and Greet

Thursday, October 11th, 2007 • 6-8 p.m.

“Tied Fly Bar” of The Rainbow Lodge

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(former location of La Tour d’Argent)

Complimentary food, cash bar, valet parking

Mingle with your neighbors and find out all the happenings in Garden Oaks. Meet new folks in the neighborhood. Throw your name in the hat for some great door prizes.

Donnette Hansen, owner of the Rainbow Lodge, has once again generously offered this extraordinary venue and complimentary food. Thanks Donnette!

Trish Ricklefsen, MBA, Broker Associate with Keller Williams Metropolitan and Garden Oaks resident - also has once again generously donated several \$50 gift certificates for a night of fine dining at Rainbow Lodge. Thanks Trish!

The Garden Oaks Meet and Greet is sponsored by the Garden Oaks Civic Club Membership Committee. This is the third "social" we have done this year. Join us again (or for the first time!) and help us make this another successful neighborhood gathering!



Garden Club to Host Plant Swap

Robert De Veau

He who shares the joy in what he's grown, Spreads joy abroad and doubles his own.

— Author unknown

The annual Garden Oaks Garden Club Plant Swap is an informal event for gardeners new and experienced alike. It's a chance to trade extras from your garden for goodies that others want to share. Above all, it's the perfect way to obtain free plants in exchange for some of your garden excess. The fun and festivities will take place at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 11th when we gather at the Rick Englert SPARK Park on the corner of Sue Barnett and W. 41st St.

To trade, bring anything that you think another gardener might want. This includes mature plants, divisions, or seedlings of perennials, annuals, vegetables or herbs; rooted and unrooted cuttings, bulbs and such, shrubs and trees, seeds, and houseplants. You can bring several of the same plant or several different items or even just one item. Don't overlook any garden tools, pots, books, and so on that you no longer want. Just be sure that your plants are labeled clearly with at least the common name, color of bloom, and light requirements. Be sure to bring an extra box or flat for taking home your new treasures. Please don't bring anything to sell.

Our plant swaps are not the most organized events and I guess that's the way we like it. Folks come to the swap with plants they don't have the nerve or desire to throw away or plants they want to share. We're here to help them deal with their guilt and to give them the deadline or motivation they were looking for to dig things up and change things around. Maybe the plants have outlived their usefulness. Maybe they took over a corner (that can happen!) or they

didn't fit into a color scheme or "they just never did anything for me."

This will be a "buffet-style" swap. You will be asked to sort your goodies according to category (flowers for shade, flowers for sun, shrubs and trees, vegetables and herbs, houseplants, etc.). After a brief description of what is available, the swap will begin. During each round, we will help ourselves to one plant each until everything is gone. This is not a money event. Nothing costs anything. It's about having a little too much of this and not enough of that. It's not scientific, although every once in a while we get someone who is 100 percent certain about the botanical name of a plant (we like that!). It's just an informal way to exchange information, seeds and stories. It's a great way to come across old-fashioned plants we can't find in catalogues or plant stores.

Garden Club meetings are open to all residents and friends of Garden Oaks. If you would like to become a member of the Garden Club, annual dues are only \$25.00. For more information about the Garden Oak's Garden Club you may call club President Chris Lindsay at (713) 819-8412. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. (with the exception of this meeting which will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month). Most meetings take place in the Garden Oaks Professional Building, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216, which is the GOMO office. Each meeting typically features a guest speaker followed by a brief business meeting. In addition, the Garden Club is responsible for the maintenance of Friendship Garden and we conduct 2 workdays (spring and fall) when we add new plantings, replace the mulch and tidy up the beds. If you would like to participate in our plant swap, we invite you to visit with us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 11th when we meet at Rick Englert SPARK Park.



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7	Columbus Day	9	10	Garden Club Plant Swap 7pm SPARK Park	12	Workday @ Gazebo Park 9am
14	15 Deadline for Gazette Submissions	16	GOMO Annual Meeting @ GO Elementary 7pm	18	19	20
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