

Gazette



President's Message

Sheila Briones, Garden Oaks Civic Club President

SPARK PARK DEDICATION, NOVEMBER 13

The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of our new Rick Englert SPARK Park is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th beginning at 9 a.m. on the grounds of Garden Oaks Elementary School, 901 Sue Barnett.

Scheduled to make an appearance are SPARK Park founder and former Houston City Council Member Eleanor Tinsley, Houston City Council Member Toni Lawrence (who is a Garden Oaks Elementary School alum), County Commissioner Precinct 4 Jerry Eversole, HISD Board Member Natasha Kamrani, architect Lauren Griffin and artist Carter Ernst, who donated the concrete "book" sculptures in the park.

Just to refresh everyone's memory, the new park will include two playground areas, one for 2-5 year olds and one for 5-12 year olds. There will be a tricycle loop, swings and a multi-level climbing structure that includes a bridge, slide and various play panels. Other areas of the park include a stage/amphitheater area for school and community performances with a raised grassy berm for seating. There will also be a stretching/exercise area, jogging trail and park/picnic benches.

Funding came from the several sources: Federal funds (\$50,000); Harris County Pct. 4 (\$10,000), HISD (\$5,000), SPARK Park Program (\$5,000), Garden Oaks students (\$4,100), Garden Oaks PTA (\$1,000). Additional funding came from the Garden Oaks Civic Club (\$3,000),

Washington Mutual Bank (\$600), the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (\$35,000) and City Council Member Toni Lawrence (\$12,000).

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony. Refreshments will be served immediately after inside the Multipurpose Building.

2008 CIVIC CLUB OPERATING BUDGET

The Garden Oaks Civic Club Board met October 16th to consider the proposed 2008 operating budget. As prescribed by our by-laws, the proposed budget must be published in the November Gazette and voted on by the members at the December 4th civic club meeting. Printed in this Gazette (page 12) is the proposed budget. Please review and I welcome any questions (in regards to the proposed budget) at the December 4th meeting.

2008 SLATE OF CIVIC CLUB OFFICERS

A recommended slate of civic club officers will be presented formally at the November 6th civic club meeting for election at the December 4th meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November and December civic club meetings.

Anyone interested in running as an officer should contact Mike Dishberger at 713-695-7916 or Chris Lindsay at 713-819-8412. Positions are those of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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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, November 6th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, November 6th 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

First and foremost, be aware of an increase in a number of similar incidents in nearby neighborhoods. Over the past 4 to 6 weeks at varying times of the daylight hours, residents have been approached in the same manner. A black man approaches asking for directions. He has either been in the car or stepped from the vehicle to ask for the directions. While the resident is distracted, one or two other black males exit the vehicle, sometimes armed, attempting robbery. The residents approached have been both male and female and ranged in age from mid thirties to the elderly. Please be aware of your surroundings and call Constable Dispatch immediately if you see anything suspicious.

The swift action by a section 1 Garden Oaks resident **DID** lead to the capture of two men while a burglary was in progress. After hearing a knock on her door, the resident answered only to see two Hispanic males bolt from her front porch. She quickly called the Constable Dispatch with a description of the males and their vehicle. Deputy Vest went on the "hunt" for the men. Combing the streets of the neighborhood, he found a similar vehicle back up to a residence on W. 38th. He pulled his car up blocking the suspicious vehicle in. Deputy Vest apprehended the driver. The other man ran from the residence. Deputy Vest pursued him on foot and apprehended him as well. Over \$6,000 in stolen goods were found. Both suspects had records and have now been booked with felony charges.

This quick call to Constable Dispatch and the pro-active policing by Deputy Vest ended a burglary in progress before the two could get away. **Take a moment NOW and program the Constable Dispatch number (713-755-7628) in your cell phone and home phone.** Your call could make a difference.

With these arrest on October 11th, Deputy Vest has now apprehended his 9th and 10th suspects while on patrol. As of the October 15th, his stop of a suspicious person on our streets ended with an arrest for outstanding warrants. Since joining our area constable program in August of 2006, Deputy Vest has provided proactive policing that has kept crime off our streets. The program is working for Garden Oaks!

In addition, Deputy McLain, who patrols the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., has arrested at least two theft suspects since joining the program in August of this year. The two culprits were in the act of stealing bikes from garages in the area. He may not be as visible to residents during the night patrol, but Deputy McLain is making a difference in our neighborhood security.

So it is now time for *your* action. Be on the look out for your Civic Club mailer including dues statements and a constable supporter form for 2008. The Constable Program form can also be found in this edition of the *Gazette* or online at **www.gardenoaks.org**.

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

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County Constable
- Vacation watch by Harris County Constable. Forms available at: **www.gardenoaks.org** 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 September Stats.

Miles Patrolled 2398
Court Citations 11
Alarm Responses 2
Written Warnings 3
Vacations Watches 41
Suspicious Vehicles 22
Park checks 110
Criminal Offenses 7
Arrests 1

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

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328 West 30th 508 West 34th
320 West 30th 1325 Sue Barnett
859 West 42nd 939 Gardenia
930 West 42nd

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

November Birthdays

Alex (the family pet)
McLean 10yrs on the 1st
Stacy Gross-2nd
Katie Swick-4th
Holly Veech-8th
Anthony Neiser-10th
Becky Jeanes-11th
Caroline Padon-12th
Sean McLean-13th
Sheila Briones-14th
Colby Bell-20th
Kit Schoenfield- 23rd
Lucy McLean-25th
Cheryl Cohon- 28th

Happy Anniversary

Mark & Katie Swick – 10th
-Tom Peden & Margaret Rudd - 29th

In Memoriam:

for two of our neighbors who recently lost their battles with cancer,
Lois A Henson Gantt 9/22/07
Lillian Cheges 10/14/07.

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

Garden Oaks Sisterhood

Our very own Garden Oaks Sisterhood is off to a great start! We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7pm.

For November, Allison Kirby has offered her home for our meeting on the 15th. Please bring a snack or a beverage (wine seems to be a favorite) to share and join in the fun. Our focus is meeting other neighborhood women and learning fun things to see and do in our area.

Mark your calendar for the December meeting on December 13th. Susan Kostelecky at 1318 Sue Barnett is our hostess -- come and bring ideas for our 2008 meetings! Questions? Just send me an email at dealarson@aol.com or call me at 281-920-0325.

GO Kids News

Tonya Knauth

Moms, get ready to express your creativity! Moms' Night Out this month will be at Young at Art Pottery Studio, 244 W. 19th St., on November 1 at 7 pm. For \$5 plus the cost of your choice of pottery, you can paint it and they will glaze it for you -- all while having fun with the rest of us! Bring your choice of beverage (including alcoholic), and some cash to pitch in for takeout.

School news: On 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.

November's Family Potluck will get us ready for Turkey Day, with a Pre-Thanksgiving side dishes and appetizers trial. Bring your dish, and get new ideas or perfect your favorite! Please also bring contributions for a canned food drive, to share the spirit of giving with our kids. The party will be on Saturday, November 17 from 4 to 7 at the Acosta home, 1354 Sue Barnett Dr., on the corner of Alba. Drinks will be provided.

Want to play? GO Kids has regular playdates for all ages at Graham Park, 34th and Lawrence (Section 1), on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

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 Held

Our Annual Meeting was held October 17th in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria. The meeting was very brief, approximately 35 minutes, and all matters of concern to the attendees were discussed.

GOMO presented Emily Thomas, Principal of Garden Oaks Elementary School, a check for \$35,000 for the GO SPARK Park, the construction of which is currently underway. These funds were approved by the membership at the Special Meeting held last May.

Election Results

All of the members who volunteered to run for the open director positions were elected by acclamation.

Section 1:

Graham Gips, currently GOMO Secretary, re-elected, term ending in October 2010

Section 2:

Edward de Alba, currently GOMO President, re-elected
Lori Kennedy, elected
Jason Mercer, elected

During the September business meeting the GOMO directors decided to re-implement staggered terms as the current terms end. This way there will be at least one position from each section to open on the board each year. The terms of the Section 2 GOMO directors will be determined at the November business meeting.

Surplus Funds Expenditures and Bylaw Changes Approved

Preliminary vote results were that more than 90% of the ballots received approved the expenditures and bylaw changes.

GOMO proposed two expenditures, the funding of an additional constable patrol from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, and the extension of the current nighttime constable patrol from August 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. The anticipated costs of these programs are approximately \$65,000 and \$27,000 respectively.

The bylaw changes were also adopted. Now all paragraphs that mention proxies agree on the maximum term of the proxy. This also brings our proxy terms into alignment with Texas State law, which limits a proxy to a term of 11 months from date of signature.

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.

October Meet and Greet

Dian Austin

The 3rd Civic Club Meet and Greet of 2007 was another successful gathering! About 35-40 Garden Oaks friends and neighbors met once again at the Rainbow Lodge on Thursday evening, October 11th.

Rainbow Lodge owner, Donnette Hansen, provided complimentary appetizer trays that were passed around. We dined on shrimp, pork, beef, and artichoke appetizers, all of which were very tasty.

Most of the evening was spent inside the Tied-Fly Bar as our Houston humidity was ever-present, but the spacious (and non-smoking) bar area was an air-conditioned paradise. Everyone enjoyed visiting and meeting some new folks.

Thanks to our Garden Oaks neighbor, Trish Ricklesen (Keller Williams Realty Metropolitan), several door prizes were handed out during the evening. Winners of \$50 Rainbow Lodge gift certificates were:

Paul Hager (Section 1)
Sandy Altman (Section 2)
Melanie Butts (Section 2)
Tina Beddow (Section 3)
Terry Jeanes (Section 4)

Donnette Hansen provided the Rainbow Lodge t-shirt, which was won by Hayley Gillen (Section 3).

This will be the last Meet and Greet for 2007, but the Membership Committee of the Civic Club will host more of these gatherings in 2008. If anyone would like to suggest a venue for our next Meet and Greet, or would like to be a sponsor (providing door prizes), please call Dian Austin at 713-691-6505.
Hope to see you next time!



Beautification Update

Ed and Brenda de Alba

Upcoming Workday to put on your calendar:

Garden Oaks Blvd. – November 10th, 9:00 AM, Sue Barnett and GO Blvd., Section 2 – weeding, tree trimming, and path maintenance

The Gazebo Park received its fall trimming and weeding on October 13th. Gazebo Park captains, Bill Holden and Scott Easterly, were joined by Sandy Altman, Dian Austin, Tina Nieto, Shelley Rogers, Sheila Briones, along with Lewis Goodkouski and both of the de Albas. Sunday afternoon while Ed was mulching some of the beds with pine straw, Mark Polasek was kind enough to stop while passing by and help with the task. Mark and Ed finished just as the rain started.

Brenda Beust Smith The Lazy Gardener

Speaker for
November 6 Civic Club
Meeting
7:30 p.m.

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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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\$_____ 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!

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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters Jr.

Over the past couple of months there has been an increase reporting of armed robberies in the area. Some have occurred in Garden Oaks and others in nearby neighborhoods. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and report any suspicious activity to the Precinct One Constables Office and/or the Houston Police Department. What is suspicious activity? Anything that makes you think "hmm... that doesn't look or seem right," or anything else that makes you curious about why it is happening.

The neighborhood Citizen Patrol Program needs more volunteers. Currently we have about half a dozen volunteers who routinely patrol the neighborhood trying to keep it safe. With the number of homes we have in Garden Oaks we should have a much higher participation rate. Why bother, we have the Constable you might ask? The reason for the Citizen Patrol Program is to put more eyes out on the streets. The Constable is only one person and can only be in one place at a time. The more volunteers we have the more eyes we have on the streets to observe and report crimes and hopefully keep the bad guys away.

Patroller requirements are: you must at least 18 years of age, be able to pass a background check by the Houston Police Department, a resident of Garden Oaks and willing to patrol one to two hours a month once you are trained. Of course we would love it if you did more hours each month.

August Crime Statistics (7)

Robbery (1)
800 block of W. 42nd St on
Wednesday, August 22nd at noon
(driveway).

Burglary (2)
200 block of W. 31st St on Friday,
August 10th at 7:45 p.m. (residence).
300 block of W. 30th St on Friday,

August 17th at noon (residence).

Burglary of Motor Vehicle (2)
200 block of W. 33rd St on
Wednesday, August 15th at 10:00 p.m.
(driveway).
400 block of W. 32nd St on Sunday,
August 19th at 8:00 p.m. (driveway).

Auto Theft (1)
2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr on
Thursday, August 9th at 9:00 p.m.
(driveway).

Driving While Intoxicated (1)
3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr on
Friday, August 3rd at 11:00 p.m. (public
street).

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.



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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.

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.)

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GO September Civic Club Minutes

Cindy Bartos

Welcome:

President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She then introduced the officers present: Mike Dishberger, Vice President, Jerry Butler, Treasurer and Cindy Bartos, Secretary. Garden Oaks Elementary Principal, Emily Thomas introduced the faculty members present. President Briones introduced the special guests from the Houston Independent School District in attendance: Adriana Tamez, Regional Superintendent; Moses Diaz, Assistant Principal Garden Oaks Elementary; Marilyn Cruz, Executive Principal; and Richard Lindsay, Senior Project Executive. A motion was made and the July minutes were approved as they appeared in the Gazette.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Standing Committee Reports:

- Beautification: Ed DeAlba announced the two work days in September at the Rose Garden and The Gazebo Park. He encouraged all to come out to weed, mulch and beautify.
- Constable Program: No report
- Gazette: No report.
- Website: No report
- Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol: Carl Waters described the purpose and goals of the program. He announced the addition of the nighttime constable patrol officer, Robert McLain, paid for by surplus GOMO funds. The month of July had 7 crimes reported. We have had 66 crimes reported this year through the month of July, which compares to 57 reported through the same time in 2006.
- 2008 Home and Garden Tour: Homes and gardens have been selected, including Garden Oaks Elementary school's garden. The locations are listed in the September issue of The Garden Oaks Gazette.

- Membership: Reporting for Dian Austin, Sheila Briones announced we have 338 paid members through September 4th. She also reported that the next "Garden Oaks Meet and Greet" will take place at The Rainbow Lodge, Thursday October 11, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:30.
- Carter's Grove Task Force: Shelly Rogers reported that there is a development company from California expressing interest in the property and has had discussions with the owner.

SPARK Park: Principal Emily Thomas announced that work has begun on the new design and plan for the park. The Bookscapes are in place and more materials are arriving daily.

Garden Club: No report

Garden Oaks Maintenance

Organization (GOMO): Ed DeAlba announced the GOMO annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 17th. There will be an election of 4 directors as well as discussions on the spending of surplus funds and a modification of the wording in a section of the By-Laws.

Old business: none

New Business: Isela Villarreal, Membership Chair of the Garden Oaks PTA described the purpose and goals of the PTA and encouraged parents and community members to join.

President Briones introduced HISD Superintendent, Dr. Abe Saavedra as the guest speaker. Dr. Saavedra addressed the HISD bond proposal which will be on the November 6, 2007 general-election ballot. He then answered questions submitted from the audience.

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 p.m.
Attendance: 70

Refreshments were provided by:
The Garden Oaks Civic Club



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Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Thanksgiving will soon be here. This is a day set aside to give thanks for our blessings. Giving thanks is a powerful tool that can dramatically improve your life and the lives of those around you. Start by embracing gratitude's special day, and then make it a habit! Happy Birthday to Mau Mau who is 19 years old this month and still the picture of health. This month we talk about dreaming and our Pet of the Month is a trio of Cocker Spaniels.

Pet of the Month: The November Pet of the Month is the Munoz trio of Cocker Spaniels. Buster (black/white) is 11 years old; Angus (black) is 6 years old, and Lady (light brown) is 5 years old. They live with their parents Juan and Laurie in Section III. Their favorite toys are pine cones and tennis balls. Buster likes to play catch but Lady usually beats him to the ball. If Angus gets the ball then the game changes to keep away. They like biscuits and liver treats and go to the groomer on a regular basis. When all three are sleeping there is a whole lot of snoring and dreaming going on.

Juan says having three dogs is like having a party all the time. Party On Munoz Family!

Critters 101: Do Animals Dream?

If you are a pet owner, you have probably already guessed that the answer to this is YES! But are they really dreaming – and if so, what in world do they dream about?

Many scientists say there is evidence to support the notion that dogs, cats, and in fact, every mammal that's been studied, does experience dreams.

There are two main types of sleep: rapid eye movement (REM) and slow wave sleep (SWS). SWS and REM sleep in pets are very similar to that of humans. During this time, the brain processes information learned during the day. Think of it as sorting new information into different mental file folders.

At some point during these two kinds of sleep, dreams take over. Thus, the

twitching, tail wagging, yipping, and pawing is likely a reliving of whatever experiences your pet has had while awake.

Adult dogs spend about 10 to 12 percent of their sleeping time in REM sleep. Puppies and kittens spend a much greater proportion of their sleep time in REM sleep, which makes sense since they have been so busy all day exploring their new world. They have tons of new data to process, sort and store into their memories.

So the next time your pet has had an unusually exciting experience during the morning, pay special attention to the behavior while he naps that afternoon. You might just catch your pet reliving the past – in dreams!

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**.



Holiday Poinsettia Sale



Benefiting the Garden Oaks Elementary School
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**Receive a Holiday Poinsettia, and support the GO Montessori
Program, for ONLY \$10.00!!**

Plants are 15" with at least 5 beautiful red blooms
and are in a 6" pot with decorative wrapping

Please pick up your plants on Dec. 4th at the GO Civic Club Meeting
7 p.m. in the school Cafeteria or at the school by the circle drive
between 2:30 and 3:30 the afternoon of Dec. 4th.

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Qty _____ x \$10.00 = Total _____

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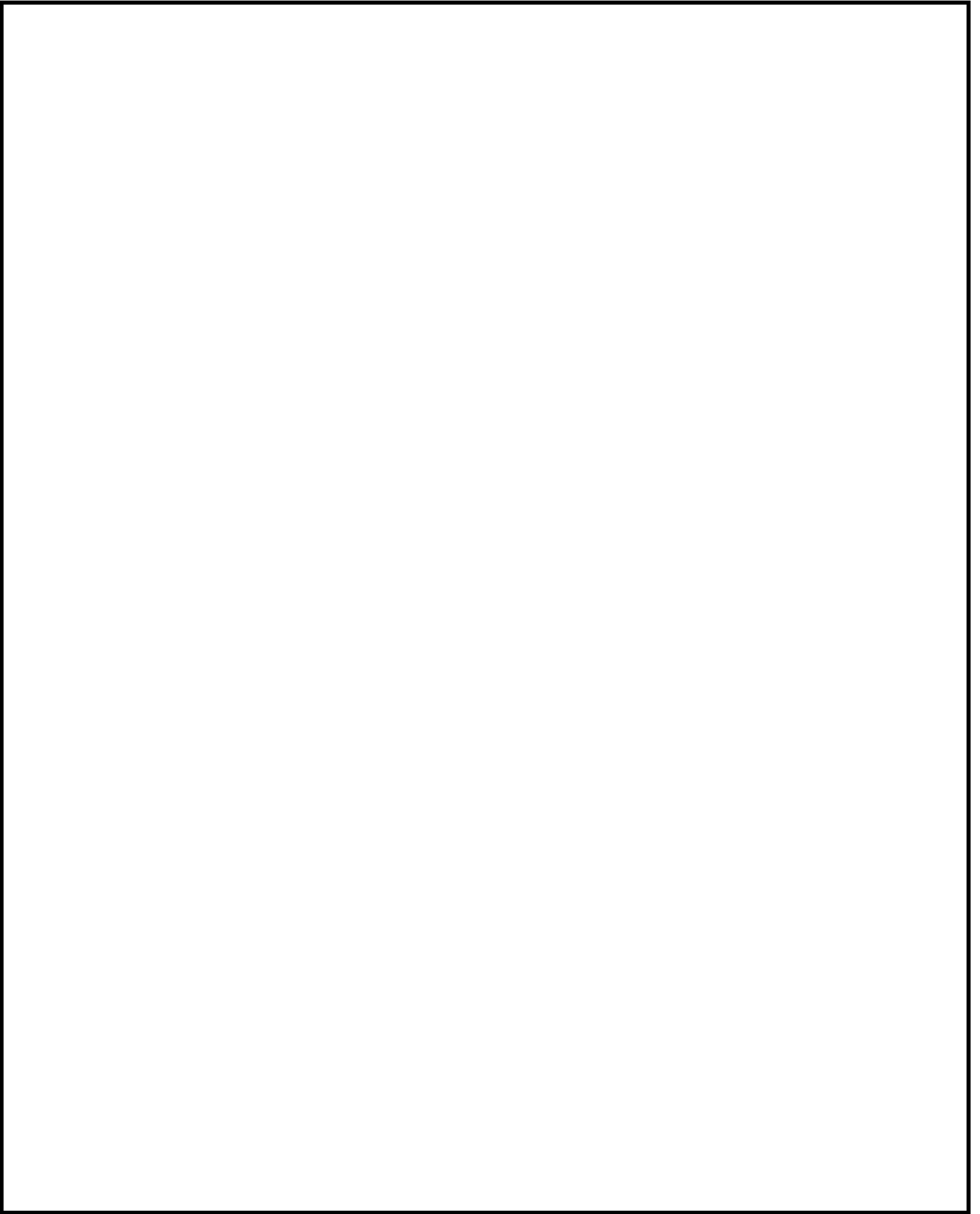
FOM at Garden Oaks Elementary School,
901 Sue Barnett, Houston, Texas 77018

(Make checks payable to FOM or Friends of Montessori)

Please turn in your orders by November 16th!

Please include payment with all orders. We thank you in advance for
your support of our neighborhood program!

Questions or comments contact Gisele Andrews 713-882-5568 or at grojand@wt.net



GO October Civic Club Minutes

Cindy Bartos

Welcome:

In the absence of President Sheila Briones, Vice President Mike Dishberger called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He then introduced the officers present: Jerry Butler, Treasurer and Cindy Bartos, Secretary. A motion was made and the September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Beautification:** Ed DeAlba announced the next work day on Saturday, October 13th at The Gazebo Park
- **Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes reported there will be a membership mail out soon and will need volunteers to prepare materials for the mailing. Contact Terry if you are interesting in helping. Deputies Vest, McLain and Martin were in attendance. The officers stressed the importance of being aware of your surroundings outside your home and in local parking lots. Residents were encouraged to report suspicious activity to the Constable's office. Residents were also encouraged to contact the Mayor's office and Councilmember Lawrence's office to let them know your concern about the increase in crime in our neighborhood. Residents were asked to talk to their neighbors, especially the elderly, who may not be aware of the recent reports of crime. Deputy Vest cruises the Kroger's parking lot as part of his route. Deputy McLain, the night time patrol officer, urged residents to add additional lighting around their house and to watch for non-neighbors riding bicycles. He said the bikes can be easily stashed while someone searches around our houses – not drawing attention as a parked vehicle would. The officers also reminded the members not to put boxes out for the trash that advertise a recent purchase for the house (plasma TV's, computers, etc.).
- **Gazette:** No report.
- **Website:** No report

- **Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol:** Carl Waters said 7 crimes had been reported in the last month with 73 crimes reported for the year. This is an increase of 10 crimes over the same time period last year. The Citizen's Patrol program needs volunteers to patrol. Contact Carl if you are interested.
- **Membership:** The drawing of the \$25 gift certificate for Tony's Restaurant was won by Jessica Modad. Mike Dishberger reminded the members of the next "Garden Oaks Meet and Greet" that will take place at The Rainbow Lodge, Thursday October 11, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:00.

Garden Club: Chris Lindsay announced the annual plant swap that will take place on Thursday, October 11 at the SPARK Park.

Garden Oaks Elementary and SPARK Park: no report

Garden Oaks Maintenance

Organization (GOMO): Ed DeAlba announced the GOMO annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 17th. The business to be transacted includes the election of several directors, the spending of surplus funds, and a modification of the Bylaws.

Old business: none

New Business: The nominating committee for the slate of the 2008 Civic Club officers will be chaired by Mike Dishberger, current Civic Club Vice President with assistance from Chris Lindsay, former Civic Club President. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact Mike or Chris. Jessica Modad announced and promoted the upcoming Garden Oaks Elementary Fall Festival. She requested a donation of \$2300 from the Civic Club to help pay for the event. Following a discussion of the Bylaws by the Civic Club members a motion was made and seconded to donate \$250 to the Fall Festival. The motion passed. Vice President Dishberger introduced Ivan Mayers, Garden Oaks resident and former Houston City Council

candidate as the moderator for the presentation of the current City Council candidates for the November 6th election. Candidates in attendance (in order of their presentations) were: At-Large Position 5: Joe Trevino; Jack Christie; Zaf Tahir; Tom Nixon and Jolanda Jones
Position 3: Roy Morales and (incumbent) Melissa Noriega
A question and answer period between the members and the candidates followed the presentations.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31p.m.
Attendance: 37

Nominations for 2008 Civic Club Officers *Chris Lindsay*

The GOCC Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of candidates for the 2008 Civic Club officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Committee members Mike Dishberger and Chris Lindsay have talked to numerous residents in the neighborhood and recommends the following slate of candidates:

President - James Flowers
Vice President - Ivan Mayers
Treasurer - Jerry Butler
Secretary - Cindy Bartos

These candidates will be presented at the November Civic Club meeting on Tuesday, November 6 with elections held at the December 4 Civic Club meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken as well.

Officers elected will take their positions effective January 1, 2008 and serve the entire year of 2008.

Please join us at the November and December meetings and be part of the election process. To be eligible to hold an office and to vote, you must be a member of the Civic Club and live in the neighborhood.

If you would like to be considered for a civic club position, contact Mike Dishberger at 713-695-7916 or Chris Lindsay at 713-819-8412.

2007 Garden Oaks Constable Program Contributor Application & Contact Information

*Please print or write legibly • All information is held strictly confidential • Mail completed applications to
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M1 WORK PH: _____ M2 WORK PH: _____

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Enclosed find my payment for 2007 Of \$140.(Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club)
- I/We cannot contribute \$140 now; however, enclosed please find my/our check for \$_____.
- I/We will participate via bank draft. (Complete DRAFT AUTHORIZATION FORM below only if NEW)

Many of our neighbors live on limited, fixed incomes. Are you willing to adopt a neighbor?

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- Please take \$15 out of my account monthly for the Garden Oaks Constable Patrol Program.
- This authorization includes a debit for an additional \$_____ monthly gift to the program.
- This authorization includes permission for a \$15 cancellation fee.

Printed Name Date

Signature Telephone

*******Attach voided check & mail to Garden Oaks Constable Program PO Box 10273 Houston Tx 77206**

Scoop Du Jour

Sharon Info*

Dining with no whining:

Starbucks has signed the contract and building has commenced on the new location in the Shops at Oak Forest . Did you know that if you bring your own roadie cup to have filled with your favorite Starbucks drink you will receive a discount of about 15%? Try it; you'll like it!

Williams Smokehouse is a hidden gem between Garden Oaks and Acres Homes. North of Pinemont on Ella which becomes Wheatley, this family owned restaurant serves ribs, brisket, links, potato salad, etc. in an extremely clean small restaurant. They have wonderfully smoked meats; try it! 5903 Wheatley. 713/680-8409. Tues-Thurs. 11-7, Fri. & Sat. 11-8. Closed Sunday and Monday.

The Holidays Are Coming!

A wonderful shopping event is sponsored by the Junior League of North Harris and South Montgomery Counties. **The Holiday Market** is held Nov. 16-18 at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott. A 3 day pass is \$10. Friday and Sat. 9-6; Sunday 10-4. A wide variety of quality gifts, decorations, food products, children's items, clothing and home décor is

available. Cash bar is provided. For a list of participating vendors, visit www.jlnhsmc.org.

Twins' Design is a large and open space located at 5005 Larkin, near I-10 and TC Jester. Filled on both floors with dramatic Christmas items for display including gifts, ornaments, wreaths, candles, garland and more. Beautiful arrangements in all sizes for doorways, centerpieces, etc., They also provide custom seasonal decorating services. Open M-F 10-5. Open some weekends near the holiday season. 713/426-1166.

Cars & Home Repair

If you appreciate personalized service in a smaller scale home improvement store, try **TJ's Ace Hardware**. 1515 W. 18th St. 713/802-1001 Open 8-8 M-F, 8-6 Sat., 10-5 Sunday. Helpful and plentiful staff, a nice selection of gifts for the home and garden and plenty of home improvement and storage products.

Freedom Paint & Body Shop. 4732 N. Shepherd. 713/692-9800. M-F 7:30 – 6; Sat. 8-2. Freedom offers efficient, reasonably priced and

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Car Entertainment Center. 17717 Highway 59 N., Humble. 281/446-0259. Open M-Sat. 9-6. If you need to replace your car stereo or speakers and prefer to support a non-chain business, this 30 year old company provides excellent work in a timely manner. From basic, lower end equipment swap outs to very expensive systems, CEC offers professional services. It's worth the drive!

* Sharon Info is this month's secret identity for Susan Kostelecky

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	Civic Club Meeting 7pm	7	Garden Oaks Sisterhood 7pm	9	Workday @ GO Blvd 9am
11	12	13	GOMO Business Meeting @ 7pm	15 Deadline for Gazette Submissions	16	17
18	19	20	21	Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Emergency Services **911**

Constable Precinct 1 Dispatch **713-755-7628**

HPD Non Emergency Services **713-884-3131**

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