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The Garden Oaks Gazette

Beautification Update Brenda & Ed de Alba

As 2008 begins, our primary objective with Beautification is to continue maintaining the neighborhood parks. Garden Oaks is unique in the number and style of green spaces existing in our neighborhood and keeping them in good shape enhances property values for all of us.

Beautification will still schedule workdays but we are also procuring bids for more assistance with maintenance beyond just mowing in all of our parks. We are being forced to change our maintenance process because the number of volunteers at our workdays has seen a significant decrease for the last 2-3 years and the same, small group of people who consistently show up are getting burned out. If you are unable to volunteer or simply don't like doing this type of work, PLEASE consider making a monetary donation by sending a check made out to Garden Oaks Civic Club with a note earmarking your donation for Beautification.

When you meet or see one of the people listed below, **PLEASE** thank them for their continued commitment to keeping our parks beautiful.

Rose Garden Captain (W. 34th and Lawrence) Sheila Briones (713-861-8091)

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Randall Berm Captain (Randall and W. 30th) Matt Roesler (713-861-5568)

Art Park Captain (W 43rd and Sue Barnett) Ed de Alba (713-694-5934)

Garden Oaks Community Garden Captain

(Located on Alba, north of W 43rd St. just past Sue Barnett) **Beth Galiano** (713-682-0920)

If you have an interest in growing food organically we have a community garden in the neighborhood. Virtually all of the produce goes to local food banks, the rest to the volunteers who grow it. Two years ago more than 2000 pounds of tomatoes and hundreds of pounds of other produce were donated.

Recap of 2007:

Besides the scheduled work days the following summary describes additional activity:



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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 5th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5th 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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Beautification Continued

- Memorial Rose Garden two ornamental cherry trees (Taiwan & Okame) and two Chinese Fringe trees were planted last spring
- Triangle Park a flower bed was extended and trees were pruned
- Major tree trimming was done in the Memorial Rose Garden, Garden Oaks Boulevard, and Friendship Garden in December with money provided by Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization. A big THANK YOU to Mike Dishberger for having neighborhood signs repaired and reinstalled.

Upcoming Workdays & Other Beautification Activities:

- Rose Garden February 16th, 9:00 AM, 34th and Lawrence, Section 1
- Randall Berm make-over (sometime in February or early March) – this activity will be contracted to professionals

GO Kids News

Moms' Night Out this month will be at Tecate Mexican restaurant on Ella south of 610, on Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm.

February's Family Potluck will be at the Rick Englert Spark Park adjacent to Garden Oaks Elementary on Saturday, February 23, from 4 - 7 pm. Bring your family to play, and your favorite dish to share. 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 familyfriendly 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.

Presidents Message James Flowers

The January Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting was well attended. I appreciate all those who made the meeting and I am looking forward to meeting more of you at the February meeting. I'm making many calls to those who can offer interesting topics and information at our meetings this year. If you have any ideas for speakers, please let me know. I would also like to know what each of you would like to see happen in Garden Oaks. What's important to you, and what's on your mind, and what input do you have for the neighborhood?

The February Civic Club meeting is on Tuesday February 5, 2008. While this is not on Valentines Day, I invite you to come to the meeting and celebrate Valentines with us. Come meet your neighbors and learn more about what's going on in Garden Oaks. I'll bring the Valentines cupcakes; you bring yourself and let's get to know each other.

2008 Home and Garden Tour Beyond the Garden Gate

Mark you calendars!

April 19, 2008 Preview Party Silent/Live Auctions Details to be Announced in the March *Gazette*

April 20, 2008 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour Noon until 6:00 p.m.

Many helping hands are needed to make the 2008 Home and Garden Tour a success. Proceeds from the Tour support the Civic Club and many community projects supported by the Civic Club.

Many more details and contact information will we highlighted in next month's Garden Oaks *Gazette.* If you are interested in Sponsoring/Underwriting the event, call Home Tour Chair, Sheila Briones at 713-861-8091

Welcome:

President James Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. James thanked out-going President Sheila Briones for her work as president and for the support she has given him as the in-coming president of the Civic Club.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Vena Golt, Garden Oaks Elementary Beautification Chair described the partnership between Urban Harvest and the school in developing a model gardening program at the elementary school. The PTA Beautification committee is also conducting a "Sponsor a Tree" program in which participants can select from a list of native plants and trees to purchase as part of a special landscaping project at the school. Contact the school for more information.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Beautification: Brenda DeAlba re ported on the work completed by professional arborists in the Friend ship Garden, the Rose Garden and the esplanade on Garden Oaks Blvd.
- Constable Program: Terry Jeanes announced that the 2008 forms for participation in the Constable Pro gram have been mailed and are also available on the Garden Oaks website. She also announced that Deputy David Vest has received a promotion, gaining a larger patrol area. While Garden Oaks is still part of Deputy Vest's patrol, two new deputies will be working di rectly with the Garden Oaks Con stable program: CJ Mangano (day time patrol) and JJ Tudmon (night time patrol)
- Gazette: No report.
- Website: No report
- Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol: Carl

Waters described the qualifications for Citizen's Patrol and encouraged more residents to join. If interested, call Carl.

- Membership: Dian Austin announced we now have 200 paid members of the Civic club. The Membership Committee is currently re-working the new member packets. Let Dian know if you have information on a Gar den Oaks club or organization that you want included in the packet. Cindy Bartos was the winner of the Lowe's gift certify cate.
- 2008 Home Tour: Committee Chair Sheila Briones will need volunteers to help with the event on Sunday April 20, 2008. The next meeting for volunteers is Tuesday, January 8.

Garden Club:

No report

Garden Oaks Elementary and SPARK Park:

No report

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO):

Ed DeAlba announced there was not enough members present for a quorum so there would not be a meeting tonight.

Old Business:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December Civic Club meeting as they appeared in the Gazette.

New Business:

None

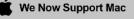
Meeting adjourned: 7:45 Attendance: 24





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

Heard Under the Oak Tree *Terry Jeanes*

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

943 West 43 rd	1059 West 43 rd
726 West 39 th	304 West 34 th
810 West 31 st	504 West 34 th
1066 Lamonte	

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

Special Welcome to the neighborhood...

Owen James Osowski, born December 3. His proud parents are new GO residents Jennifer and Jimmy Osowski. Owen James even had his visit with Santa in the Gazebo Park

Congratulations February Birthdays and Celebrations... Eddie Battenfield Jr. and Brenda de Alba – 17th

Happy Anniversaries... Erica and Darin Duncan the 3rd Dave & Vanessa Groves the 13th A special anniversary wish to the Carles, on the 8th

Guests, trips and adventures... Elle Gound from Santa Fe was visiting dad Ken Gound and Michael Chiasson from Canada joined by dad Billy Chiasson. Condolences to both Michael and Billy on the recent passing of Billy's dad.

What an interesting adventure for **Terry Jeanes** in New Orleans, joining friend **Patrick Kelley** for the BSU Championship Game LSU over Ohio State in January.

A big THANK YOU to all that helped on the Civic Club mail out.

Rebecca Stark	Dian Austin
Sandy Altman	Julie Gomez
Shelley Rogers	Lucy Gilmore
Trish Merkham	Katie Glenn
Megan & Trent Salch	Sandra O'Gwynn

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

Citizens Patrol Program Carl Waters Jr.

November Crime Statistics (6)

Burglary (1)

700 Block of W. 38th St. Wednesday, November 28th at 1:00 p.m. (residence).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2)

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr Tuesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. (strip center parking lot)

3300 block of N. Shepherd Dr Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. (other parking lot).

Auto Theft (1)

1400 block of Sue Barnett Dr. Monday, November 5th at 3:50 p.m. (street).

Driving While Intoxicated (2)

800 block of W. 34th St. Sunday, November 25th at 2:35 a.m. (street).

3300 block of N. Shepherd Dr. Saturday, November 17th at 12:10 a.m. (street).

Late last month a citizen reported graffiti on a fence and the garage of home under construction near the Garden Oaks Elementary School. Please report incidents like this to the Houston Police. The Constable's Office and the 311 City of Houston Help system to have it cleaned up. There is a city ordinance which requires the home owner to paint over or abate the graffiti in a timely manner or the home owner can receive daily citations until the graffiti is abated. Quickly covering the graffiti is also a way to inform those responsible we will not tolerate this behavior in our neighborhood.

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 Citizen Patrol email account at GOCOP77018@AOL.com or by phone at 713-864-1992.

Constable Program Terry Jeanes & Susan Love – Saranie

Thank you to all of those residents who have already made the commitment to support our neighborhood Constable Program. If you would like to join the many Garden Oaks neighbors who have stepped up and completed their 2008 Constable Supporter form, please see page 11 for a copy of the form. Contributors can also access the form at www.gardenoaks.org/resources/ contributorform. Community support is vital to maintaining a constable presence in Garden Oaks. Thanks again to all those who support the program.

It is also time to welcome two new officers to the streets of Garden Oaks. Deputies C J Mangano and J J Tud**mon.** Congratulations go to Deputy David Vest who has recently been promoted to a District unit. His diligence in patrolling Garden Oaks has been much appreciated. The new position will keep him in the general vicinity of Garden Oaks where he can continue to keep an eve on our area.

Deputy Mangano, our new daytime officer, joins us with 32 years of law enforcement experience. He has 25 years experience as a Houston Police Department Sergeant. He was also with the DWI task force as well. A native of New Orleans, Deputy Magnano is an ordained minister and has two grown children. His son is also with the Houston Police Department. Officer Magnano currently has one grandchild, and his daughter is expecting twins in the near future.

Deputy Tudmon is now patrolling our streets in the nighttime hours. A native Houstonian, he graduated from Prairie View A&M. Officer Tudman joins us in Garden Oaks after four years with Harris County. He is married and has a four year old daughter. His hobbies include drawing and artwork. Please welcome our new officers to the neighborhood and take the opportunity of introduce yourselves. Working together, we can keep the streets of Garden Oaks safe.

Please take a moment NOW and program in the Constable Dispatch numberin your home and cell phones. Your call could make a difference.

Constable Program benefits included in the \$180 per year donation:

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County Constable (in addition to the GOMO contract of 40 hrs. per week) A total of 80 hrs per week!!!!
- 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 \$180 per year (Jan-Dec), which is less than 50 cents per day. There are two payment options. An annual check of \$180 or a bank draft option of \$15 per month. Contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com with any questions.

2007 December Stats.

Miles Patrolled	1985
Court Citations	4
Alarm Responses	0
Written Warnings	0
Vacations Watches	3
Suspicious Vehicles	5
Park checks	38
Criminal Offenses	1
Arrests	0

Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628

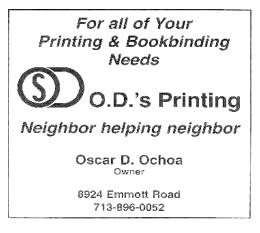
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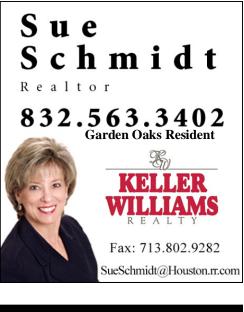
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Scoop Du Jour Val N. Tine*

It's the start of a new year, the decorations are gone and it's time to freshen up your home...here are some area businesses that provide excellent services.

Need reupholstering? Jack Johnson Upholstery

Located at 1115 W. 34th St. (across from Lutheran High North) provides excellent reupholstering services. Fabrics are available, or you can provide your own. Marilyn will help you determine the necessary yardage for your project and quote pricing over the phone (713/861-5872). They offer prompt pickup and delivery all across Houston and generally have a two or three week turnaround time. Custom furniture services are also available. Excellent, competent quality services at reasonable prices. Open Monday through Friday.

Cushions, foam, mattresses need updating? The Foam Store

Located at 2217 W 34th St., Suite A (across the street and just west of Doyle's restaurant) is a family owned business that offers foam for do-ityourself projects. They can show samples of foam thicknesses and density for your cushions, window seats, bench seats, etc. If you have a specialty shape, just provide a template and they will cut the foam to your specifications. Order on one day and pick it up the next day. Additional products: soundproofing foam for home studios and custom-made memory foam mattresses. These mattresses are made to your specified size and thickness. Perfect for any beds, but especially for difficult-to -fit sleeping areas such as motor homes, RVs, antique beds, etc. These mattresses will be ready 3-4 days from date of order. For more information visit www.thefoamstore.com. Monday-Friday 10-5:30 p.m.

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*Val N. Tine is this month's secret identity for Susan Kostelecky.

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Garden Oaks Sisterhood Dea Larson

February's meeting will be a special treat! Robin Goldstein, author of the "Fearless Critic" restaurant series will provide a wine tasting for the GO Sisterhood. He is also writing an expose on wines under \$15, so that is the purpose of the tasting...our opinions will be included in his next book. He wants all varieties of wine lovers, the knowledgeable and the amateur, just brutally honest reviews. Hopefully, he'll bring copies of his book on Houston restaurants so that the Sisters can buy them at a discount! Find out more about Robin Goldstein at www.fearlesscritic.com.

The February meeting will held on Thursday, February 21st and we will be meeting at the home of Caroline McLean located at 1051 West 42nd Street. Seating is limited so be sure to rsvp to Dea Larson at dealarson@aol.com or 281-920-0325.



Garden Oaks Garden Club

By Chris Lindsay, President

For those of you who made a New Year's Resolution to get out in your yard and do something with it, we can help. Our meeting topic on Thursday, February 14th (right, that's Valentine's Day) will be on gardening resources in Houston. Our very own Robert de Veau will be giving us a report on a new gardening book he recently read, "The Garden Lover's Guide to Houston". Robert will also be sharing his ideas on the various resources he has come to trust through his years of gardening. This would be a great class for those of you who are new to Garden Oaks or new to Houston. The meeting will be held at the home of Cathy Wahren, 971 Gardenia.

In March, our meeting topic and speaker will be from the organization "Trees for Houston", and the meeting will be at Kroger's on W. 43rd Street in the Community Meeting room on the upper level.

Most of our meetings for 2008 will be held at the Kroger's on W. 43rd Street in the Community Meeting room (upstairs) on the 2nd Thursday of the month. However, we sometimes change our meeting locations as we will for the **February meeting which will be held at the home of Cathy Wahren at 971 Gardenia.** Double check where the meeting that month is going to be held by calling one of the Garden Club Officers on the right.

We begin our meetings with social time and refreshments from 7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Our program is from 7:15 until 8:00 p.m. and is 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 for the Friendship Garden, located at W. 30th Street and Lawrence. Our members commit to two workdays per year (9:00 a.m. to noon) toward upkeep of the park. In addition, we provide funds for the monthly mowing of the park. To join the Garden Club simply fill out the application which is on the Garden Oaks website, www.gardenoaks.org, or just come to a meeting. Actually, you can come to any of our meetings without charge. You can join when and if you think the club is of benefit to you.

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Pancake Breakfast News Mark Klein

"Sowing the Seeds" at the 14th Annual Community-Wide Free Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction at Garden Oaks Elementary School, Saturday Feb. 9 from 8-10am

Garden Oaks, Houston, January 14, 2008 – It's become a neighborhood tradition, that Saturday morning in February when dads and granddads of children at Garden Oaks Elementary flip hundreds of free pancakes for a crowd hungry to help a unique public school program that serves students from all walks of life.

"Sowing the Seeds" is the theme of this year's Garden Oaks Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction – appropriate for a program that nurtures and grows bright minds, preparing kids for the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Now in its 14th year, the G.O. Pancake Breakfast is open to all. The funds raised thru the silent auction help keep alive an alternative school program that has doubled in size since a handful of longtime Garden Oaks residents launched an effort to improve public education.

The Pancake Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria - with pancakes, sausage and juice, plus locally roasted Katz coffee provided by Garden Oaks business owner Avi Katz. A silent auction – a key fundraiser for the school - full of interesting items and services donated by local businesses will be on display for bidding throughout the breakfast and not to be missed. Also, performing during the event is Houston singer songwriter, Leah White. Her folksy voice and acoustic guitar bring music alive for children and families. The December release of her debut album. Cake for Dinner, is fun and interactive music that all will enjoy while sending a positive message.

Children love hotcakes, of course, but they will also enjoy family crafts and entertainment. Also on the griddle: Garden Oaks Elementary student artwork, this year featuring handcrafted garden items – all available for auction plus a raffle for a FREE child's bike. Kid friendly art cars are welcomed. There is something for everyone.

Montessori Parent Orientation begins at 10:00 a.m., led by teachers in one of six Montessori classrooms, with an opportunity for questions and answers. Last year's event raised more than \$11,000 for the Friends of Montessori. The money is needed because HISD funding to support the education program is limited. Private funds must be raised to pay for Montessori materials, teacher assistant's salaries and continuing education for teachers, assistants and administration.

Many longtime residents of Garden Oaks worked diligently to see this program become a reality. Families like the Merkhams', Roberts', Harmons', Morris', Carters', Leonards', Sherwoods', Arbiters', Hoyers', Adams/Fruge', Bensons', Schwartz, Ebsteins' and Olga Antonetti, all believed in the children of Garden Oaks. The annual Pancake Breakfast has become a symbol of their efforts, rallying parents and neighbors behind a worthy cause: Guiding child development to its full potential.

Maria Montessori observed that just as things in nature flourish with the right environment, so do children: "This is the period...when work is perfected and multiplied, just as when the flowers in spring get their colors and prepare a distant harvest of sweet and nourishing fruit." (from The Absorbent Mind).

Come be a part of this growing neighborhood success and help us sow a few seeds for the future!

To underwrite a portion of the annual breakfast, or to donate auction items, please contact FOM parent volunteer, 713-320-7294, or email friendsofmontessori@yahoo.com.

Montessori program applications for the 2008-2009 school year are available in the school office. ou may call the school at 713-696-2930 for more information. Visit us at 901 Sue Barnett, Houston, TX 77018, or go online at www.fomhouston.org.

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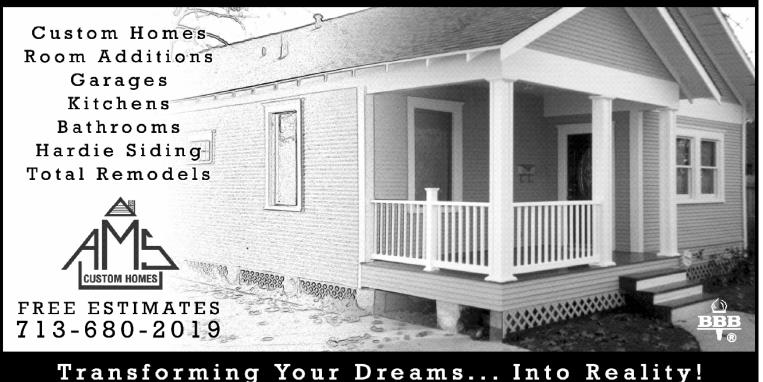
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Critter Corner Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Sean Hawkins, Founder and President of Saving Animals Across Borders is raising money to **Fix Houston**. This is a five year plan to end animal overpopulation in Houston. Please join in and be a part of the solution! www.savinganimals.org. Our Pet of the Month duo was once a pair of homeless animals but you would never know it now.

Pet of the Month:

"Mr. and Miss February" are Brownie (Visla mix) age 3 and Cassie (Border Collie mix) age 2. The Phillips dogs live in Section V with their dad, Tommy. Brownie was a homeless dog living on the streets when a coworker brought him to Tommy. After a year of Brownie chewing and ransacking the house Tommy went to the SPCA and adopted Cassie. Now the dogs love to tear up squeaky stuffed toys. Tommy runs or skateboards with his dogs rain or shine, 365 days a year. Brownie likes to play keep away and have Cassie and dad chase him but Cassie would rather chase dad. We all know how smart Border Collies are and how they like to outfox you. Cassie also likes to steal dad's pillow especially when he is ready to use it. Tommy says she wins at every game and she definitely wears the pants in their family. They go shopping on Saturdays for dog food and treats. Brownie and Cassie really like the doggie jerky especially the chicken flavor. How long did it take to go from homeless to spoiled rotten -Tommy says not long at all!

Critters 101: Fix Houston (a five year plan to end animal overpopulation)

Nearly 80,000 dogs and cats – most of them healthy and adoptable – are destroyed each year in Houston's animal shelters. There are too many homeless dogs and cats and not enough people willing to adopt them.

Fix Houston is Saving Animals Across Borders' five-year plan to end animal overpopulation by making Houston the first major American city where every dog and cat has a forever home. An estimated 125,000 dogs and cats entered Houston shelters last year and only 25,000 found new homes. Most of the animals were euthanized.



Five new Fix Houston sterilization clinics are the epicenter of the first community-wide plan to dramatically increase spaying and neutering in order to significantly decrease the number of homeless animals entering shelters, only to be destroyed. Data indicate that sterilizing an additional 50,000 dogs and cats yearly puts Houston on track to end animal homelessness by 2013. Reducing the need for animal sheltering and control programs in Houston will not only save lives but will also save an estimated \$15 million in shelter operation costs annually. Houston will become the model city for others to emulate.

Please consider making a contribution. Sean Hawkins, Founder and President of Saving Animals says, "We have a chance to be part of a truly historic, world-changing project. The effects of what we accomplish here will echo throughout other cities and illuminate what is possible when we work together to help our animal friends."

Overpopulation is the problem – be part of the solution! www.savinganimals.org Fix Houston

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3	4	Civic Club Meeting 7PM GO Elm.	6	Moms' Night Out Tecate Mexican Restaurant 7 pm.	8	Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction GO Elm. 9 AM
10	11	12	GOMO Meeting	GO Garden Club Meeting	Deadline for Gazette Submissions No exceptions.	Beautification Rose Garden 9:00 AM 34 th and Lawrence Section 1
17	18	19	20	Garden Oaks Sisterhood Meeting	22	GO Kids Family Potluck Rick Englert Spark Park 4PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	

Useful Numbers

All City Services (city information or services ranging from traffic court dates	
and sewer concerns to pothole problems and neighborhood complaints)	311
Emergency Services	911
Constable Precinct 1 Dispatch	713-755-7628
HPD Non Emergency Services	713-884-3131
One Call Program (Heavy trash and more)	713-956-6589
Recycling Hotline	713-837-9130
Deeds Restriction Violations City of Houston Legal Department	713-247-2000
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Dwayne Bohac	713-460-2800
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