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Beyond the Garden Gate: 2008 Home & Garden Tour Update Brenda & Ed de Alba

The 2008 Home & Garden Tour is just around the corner! This year's tour will allow us to share our neighborhood's great curb appeal and unique features with all who want to see what's "Beyond the Garden Gate." Six unique homes and four stunning gardens will be featured on Sunday, April 20, 2008 from noon until 6:00 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$13 and will go on sale April 1 online at www.gardenoaks.org or at the following locations: **Bell's My Own Cleaners** 1362 W. 43rd St. **Buchanan's Native Plants** 611 W. 11th St. **Olive Anne/The Pink Pokka Dot** 238 W. 19th St. The Petrol Station 985 Wakefield Dr. **Computer Wiz** 4001 N Shepherd #100 **Another Place in Time** 1102 Tulane St.

Tickets will also be available the day of the tour for \$15 at the Garden Oaks Home Tour Command Center located at Garden Oaks Shopping Center at the corner of N. Shepherd @ Garden Oaks Blvd.

The night before the Home & Garden Tour, make plans to attend the Preview Party at The Tuscany in Garden Oaks. This is shaping up to be a fun event that is sure to benefit our neighborhood. The Tuscany in Garden Oaks is the new banquet facility being built at 835 W.34th Street. This facility is now considered one of the top events venues in Houston and is available for wedding ceremonies, receptions, cocktail functions, banquets and meetings.

Our Preview Party will be held in The Wine Room, a beautiful building that makes you feel like you have escaped to an Italian villa for a night. Weather permitting; we will also be able to enjoy the outside courtyard with a beautiful 30 ft. water wall. In addition to a decadent menu and full bar, attendees will be entertained by the Eric Korb Trio, a local band who plays rock, blues, funk and a great mix of danceable music! The band will feature our very own Garden Oaks resident, Georgia Lister, whose home is on the Tour.

The Preview Party features an auction that is a fantastic fundraising event for our neighborhood. Proceeds from the auction and Tour support the Civic Club and the many community projects supported by the Civic Club. Please consider donating a bottle of wine or restaurant gift certificate to our neighborhood auction items: a Restaurant Lover's Basket and a Wine Basket. (Other baskets featured in the auction are being donated by Garden Oaks groups: GO Kids, GO Sisterhood, GO Bunco, GO Book Club and the GO Garden Club). Or, consider donating a weekend getaway at your vacation home!

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Friendly Reminder

Deadline for Submission is the 15th of Every Month. **No exceptions.**

Next Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, March 4th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4th 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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Deanna Zugheri is collecting contributions and can be reached at (281) 658-4514 or by email at deanna@gardenoakshomes.com or drop off your item(s) at 1054 Gardenia.

Tickets for the Preview Party are on sale now, and there are a limited number of seats. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$1000 for a reserved table for ten. If you purchase a reserved table you will have premier seating and a table with signage. To purchase tickets, please fill out the form *(inserted in this Gazette)* or contact Holly Veech at (713) 861-8093 / hveech@comcast.net. You may also purchase tickets online beginning March 15 at www.gardenoaks.org.

The Preview Party is the best way to enjoy the Tour since, with your ticket purchase, you are given a Tour ticket which allows you to preview the homes/gardens on a self-guided, leisurely tour from 5-7 p.m. (right before the start of the Preview Party).

Many thanks to the following Home & Garden Tour underwriters who have already stepped forward as of February 18:

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If you are interested in Sponsoring/ Underwriting the event, call Home Tour Chair, Sheila Briones at (713) 861-8091 or by email at sbriones@hotmail.com Of course, for a successful tour, a lot of docents are needed at each home and garden on Tour day. Docent shifts are 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering as a docent. email Nelda Prince at nprince@kingphillips.com or you can volunteer online at www.gardenoaks.org beginning March 15. All docents and volunteers are provided a free t-shirt, free ticket to the Tour and treated to a "thank you" party with food and drinks immediately after the Tour. This year the volunteer party will be held in the backyard of local Garden Oaks resident. Tina Parks.

Garden Oaks Sisterhood Dea Larson

Our meeting this month will be held on the third Thursday, March 20th at 7:30PM at the home of Olga Marruffo located at 1566 Sue Barnett. In addition to our usual "getting to know our neighbors" gathering, we will be planning our participation in the upcoming GO Tour of Homes as well as Spring and Summer activities. All Garden Oaks women are welcome to attend as we always have a great mix of newcomers and regulars!

Please bring a beverage (wine seems to be a favorite) or snack to share. Questions? Call Dea Larson at 281-920 -0325 or email at <u>dealarson@aol.com</u>

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Cindy Bartos, Secretary

Welcome:

President James Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January minutes 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 next work day would be February 16 at 9:00 in the Rose Garden.
- Constable Program: Terry Jeanes introduced Constables Marshall and Hillman. Deputy C.J. Mangano reported on a burglary of a radio from a motor vehicle and the recovery of a stolen vehicle. He encouraged residents to call the constable's office if we notice any suspicious activity.
- Gazette: No report.
- Website: Joe Muscara requested contact information from the new officers to place on the website
- 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: Betsy Stein was the winner of the Lowe's gift certificate.
- 2008 Home Tour: Committee Chair Sheila Briones asked anyone interested in becoming an Underwriter for the Home Tour to contact her. She will also need docents, auction items for the Preview Party and other volunteers to help with the event on Sunday April 20, 2008. Several sponsors have been named, but the committee is looking for more. The Preview Party will be held at "The Tuscany in Garden Oaks" on Saturday, April 19 and will have a live band and silent auction. Tickets for the Preview Party will be \$75.00 which includes dinner and open

bar. Sheila also announced the winning entry, "Beyond the Garden Gate," submitted by resident Renee Shaver as the theme of the home tour. Sheila presented Ms. Shaver with a \$75 gift certificate from The Rainbow Lodge.

Garden Club:

Chris Lindsay announced the time, location and topic for the next meeting.

Garden Oaks Elementary and SPARK Park:

Principal Emily Thomas announced the participation of the elementary school as one of the Gardens on the Garden Oaks Home Tour. She also said they would be moving the Rose Fitch memorial stone from its present location to the school's Memorial Garden. Principal Thomas reminded those present of the Pancake Breakfast on February 9th and thanked everyone for their help and donations for the auction.

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO):

Ed DeAlba announced there would be a meeting to review plans immediately following the Civic Club meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Virginia McDavid, candidate for Texas House District #138, presented her views on various issues of the state and encouraged all to visit her website: http://www.votemcdavid.com/

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 Attendance: 35

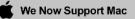
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Volunteer docents needed for the 2008 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour!

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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.

846 Lamonte
4210 Alba
907 Lamonte
974 West 41 st
959 Lamonte

963 Lamonte

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

Congratulations March Birthdays and Celebrations... Sydney Grace Null 3rd, Lori Kennedy 5th, Taylor Langdon-

Crownover 8th, Dodie Davis 11th, George Appling 13th, Curtis Hall 15th and Susan Kostelecky 26th.

Anniversaries ...

Mark and Susan Saranie the 24th *Belated anniversary wishes* to **Woody and Lucille Mehrkam** who celebrated their 62nd December 14th.

Get well wishes to Lucille Mehrkam

also who recently suffered a fall. Speedy recover.

Special Visitors...

Caroline McLean's parents visited from Scotland just in time to see Caroline run the ½ marathon in January.

Hats off to the Montessori Pancake Breakfast Committee (too many to mention)...this year's breakfast was one of the most successful ever. The cafeteria and grounds were packed. A thank you to all who supported. It was definitely a place to see and be seen!!!

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.

We are happy to welcome back to the active patrol roster Bob and Jo Bewley. Bob's work assignment which kept him from patrolling has ended, and they completed re-certification in January.

December Crime Statistics (9)

Burglary (3)

4300 block of Apollo St. on Wednesday, December 12th at noon (residence).

800 block of W. 43rd St. on Thursday, December 27th at noon (residence). 900 block of W. 43rd St. on Friday, December 28th at 1:30 p.m. (residence). **Robbery** (3)

3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, December 5th at 9:00 p.m. (street).

800 block of W. 43rd St. on Friday, December 14th at noon (bus Stop). 400 block of W. 34th St. on Sunday, December 23rd at 3:30 a.m. (parking lot?).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2) 3200 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, December 14th at 2:10 p.m. (church parking lot). 3000 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Sat-

urday, December 15th at 12:30 p.m. (restaurant parking lot). **Driving While Intoxicated** (1)

800 block of W. 43rd St. on Monday, December 24th at 11:50 p.m. (street).

The total of 9 crimes reported in December is the same as reported in 2006. It also means an increase of 10 crimes reported on the Houston Police Department website in 2007 than in 2006. This would reflect a crime increase of approximately 11% during the past year.

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 GO-COP77018@AOL.com. or by phone at 713-864-1992.

Reference Numbers

Emergency Services 911 HPD Non Emergency 713-884-3131 All other City Services 311 Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628

GO Kids News Tonya Knauth

Get ready for the Second Annual GO Kids Easter Egg Hunt! The kids can fill their Easter baskets on Saturday, March 22 at 4 pm at the SPARK park. This event is generously underwritten by Deanna Zugheri of The Metropolitan Keller Williams Realty, and Will Zugheri of First Houston Mortgage.

Moms' Night Out for March will be pizza and Easter egg stuffing at the Zugheri home, 1054 Gardenia, on March 6, at 7 pm. Bring your favorite beverage.

GO Kids will be contributing a Summer Fun kids' basket for the Home Tour Auction. Please take donations of summer toys and fun kids' activities to the Zugheri home at 1054 Gardenia by March 13.

Our neighborhood seems to abound with joyful new additions frequently these days! We know how overwhelming a new baby can be to a family, so we provide several meals for the family during those stressful first weeks. If you are expecting or know a neighbor who is, please let us know!

We are currently taking information to post on our discussion group for babysitting services. We are looking for folks who live in GO who would be wiling to have their contact information available for our neighborhood families. If you are interested, please send your name, address, phone and references to gwen_m_reed@yahoo.com. She will compile the list and have it posted on the GO Kids discussion group for use.

Please join us for our standing playgroups on Wednesday and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Graham Park (34th and Lawrence) in Section 1. If you¹re interested in having a playgroup at a different time, please let us know!

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.

Beautification Update Brenda & Ed de Alba

Appreciation is extended to Sheila Briones and Wayne Forster who, along with Ed & Brenda de Alba, weeded the beds and trimmed the roses at the workday on February 16th in the Memorial Rose Garden on W. 34th and Lawrence. Another low volunteer turnout, even with signs posted and mention in last month's Gazette.

The Randall Berm make-over was accomplished by Neumann Landscape Design during the week of February 18th. Weeds were removed, grasses were sheared, existing plantings were consolidated and new lowmaintenance plants were added, additional weed barrier cloth was installed, mulch was applied, shrubs and crape myrtles were pruned, and the drainage ditch was cleaned. This area now looks great!

Upcoming Workdays & Other Beautification Activities:

- Garden Oaks Boulevard will receive its spring cleaning by Luxury Lawns around March 21st.
- A volunteer workday is scheduled for the Gazebo Park (Sue Barnett & W. 42nd) on Saturday, March 29th. Plans are for light weeding, adding color plants, and possibly washing the Gazebo.
- A volunteer workday is scheduled for Garden Oaks Boulevard on Saturday, April 5th. We need volunteers to help spread pine straw mulch around the trees and in the plant beds.



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14th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Joe Crownover

Thanks to the generosity of local underwriters, auction item donors and countless volunteer hours from community volunteers - including cochairs Stephanie Acosta, Elizabeth Klein and Rick Knauth and Garden Oaks FOM President, Shana Tatum this year's pancake breakfast was a bigger success than ever. Over 500 people enjoyed the breakfast and initial estimates suggest earnings over \$20.000! This is the main annual fundraising event the Friends of Montessori (FOM) conduct in support of the Montessori program at Garden Oaks Elementary. It's also a chance to welcome community members and prospective parents interested in the Montessori program to the school.

While the Montessori Moms welcomed community members, sold tshirts and checked on silent auction items, the "Men of Montessori," as the dads have been dubbed, flipped and served the pancakes. With lines all the way outside the cafeteria doors, pancake production was at times slower than the demand, but all eventually left having enjoyed a hot breakfast among friends and neighbors. To help pass the time for those waiting in line, Mark Klein regaled the crowd with jokes while explaining why they were only being served one pancake at a time until the flippers could catch up. Chad Modad served as quality control consultant, ensuring the cakes were done just right.

Meanwhile, out in the dining area, State Representative Dwayne Bohac, Council Member Toni Lawrence, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, and Judge John Gorczynski came to meet and greet community members and hear about issues on their minds. Founding program families like the Roberts, the Harmons, Katherine Arbiter and the Holmes all turned out to support the growing momentum of the Garden Oaks Montessori program. Diesel the Fox, the Dynamo's mascot showed up, signing autographs, taking pictures and bringing lots of smiles to the children and adults!

The lilting tones of Leah White soothed the crowd of eager auction bidders. As bidding drew to a close, the excitement grew. Terry Jeanes debated over which picnic basket would hold more bottles of wine (actually she was comparing plates, but I thought the wine bottles would get more attention...). Ed de Alba was heard to say "Go ahead, outbid me again - make my day! It's for a good cause." And the grandparents of Matilde Acosta and Sarah Klein got into an aggressive bidding war over a certificate to Writers in the Schools summer creative writing camp, and the Minute Maid Park Birthday Party! Shana Tatum and Tonya Knauth kept secretly outbidding each other on the quilt hand-made by Ms. Blanco's class, while I bemoaned the fact that brunch with the bears at Shellye Arnold and Tina Sabuco's house had grown too rich for my blood.

As the pancake furor died down and the constable and art cars drove away, Olga Suarez helped the children finish their arts and crafts projects while prospective Montessori parents had the chance to meet our teachers and tour the classrooms. Winners began to collect their items and their children and return home after a tasty community event. I never did see Stephanie Acosta or Elizabeth Klein actually sit down for breakfast, but hopefully they are at home right now with their husbands rubbing their feet.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a hit! Funds raised through events like this go directly to the program, paying for the purchase of updated classroom materials, 6 teacher assistant salaries and professional development for Teachers and their assistants.

Friends of Montessori (FOM) is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to expanding the opportunity for and maintaining the integrity and excellence of Montessori programs in public schools. For more information about FOM and how you can get involved, go to: www.fomhouston.org

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The Garden Oaks Gazette is the official publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is published on a monthly basis. It is hand delivered to 1,550 homes the first week of each month.

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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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Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour



List of homes and gardens on the 2008 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour:

1. **Flowers/Beard home** and garden located at 223 W. 31st. This is a great new home with stunning décor. Garden will also be featured.

2. **Murphy home** located at 236 W. 34th is an adorable family home with great décor with a great floor plan.

3. **Pena home** located at 713 W. 41st. This is a nice remodel of a typical Garden Oaks cottage with great front and back views. Beautiful views of the pool.

4. **Ayers home** located at 750 W. 41st. Harry James did the remodel on this home with is right across from the SPARK Park.

5. **Flanagan home** located at 815 Azalea. Home is contemporary with tranquil and stunning views of the gardens. Home owner is an artist and her art is featured throughout.

6. **Bowman/Lister home** located at 927 Gardenia is a small remodeled family home which displays owner's outgoing and free spirited personalities.

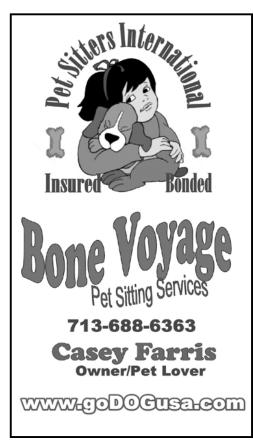
7. **Suhler garden** located at 4206 Alba is seen as a therapy and inspiration to the home owner who has done all the work himself as a labor of love.

8. Earl/Shaver garden located at 966 Gardenia is full of color with a deck and plenty of yard art.

9. Garden Oaks Elementary School garden located at 901 Sue Barnett has added much more to their water habitat area including an orchard of citrus trees.







Critter Corner Casey and Mau Mau Farris

The first day of spring will be on March 20th. Spring brings all things good and some not so good like fleas. The fleas at my house have developed an immunity to Frontline and it could happen to you too so this month we talk about what to do about that. Our pet of the month is a gorgeous Springer Spaniel on the move.

Pet of the Month: "Miss March" is a five year old English Springer Spaniel named Callie. The McLean family (Caroline, Sean, Lucy, Josh and Alex) of Section V have been fostering Callie for about a year now. Callie was found at the Galveston pound by the English Springer Spaniel Rescue group. She loves to jump (explains the new fence) and chase squirrels. She is also a great snuggler no doubt taught by first dog Alex (English Springer Spaniel). Caroline's parents were visiting from Scotland and fell in love with Callie and have decided to adopt her. Callie will enter the United Kingdom via the "pet passport scheme" thus avoiding the six month quarantine. She leaves on March 16th via Continental Airlines and will arrive in England on the 17th where she will then be driven to Edinburgh, Scotland. Callie is full of life and energy and is looking forward to walks in the Scottish countryside and chasing rabbits. Bone Vovage Callie and Godspeed! Please see gorgeous photos at http://www.godogusa.com/ PetOfMonth.html.

Critters 101: Fleas Build Immunity to Topical Treatments

I have been using Frontline monthly topical flea treatment for years. Recently I found fleas on my pets. I rushed to the vet and was told that this is becoming a common story and I was advised to switch to Advantage or the new one, ProMeris. It may even be a good idea to switch through all the brands throughout the year to prevent the fleas from building immunities. Flea bites are annoying to your pet and to you, but they can also cause serious disease and health problems. If you have fleas jumping on you straight off the furniture or carpet you have an infestation and you need to immediately treat your pets, your house and your yard.

De-Flea Your Pet – 1. Use a flea comb. Comb through your pet's fur and drop the fleas in a bowl of soapy water. Flush this down the toilet when finished. **2. Keep your pet clean.** Fleas prefer dirty animals, so you can prevent their presence by keeping your pet clean. **3. Use a flea repellant** like topicals, powders or sprays. **4. Keep your pet healthy.** Fleas are drawn to animals that are sick or weak.

De-Flea Your House – 1. Get flea bombs or call in a professional. 2. Bake fleas out of your house. Fleas prefer temperatures between 65 – 80 degrees. Remove children, plants and pets, close up the house and turn up the heat. Go on an outing for the day. **3. Use a dehumidifier.** Get the humidity down to less than 70 percent and the fleas will leave. **4. Vacuum several times each week.** Seal the vacuum bag in a plastic bag immediately and discard away from the house.

De-Flea Your Garden – 1. Spray beneficial nematodes. Look for beneficial nematode products that will specifically control flea larvae. **2. Block entrances to the house.** Make sure that any doors and windows that are usually left open have secure screens.

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

2008 January & February Stats will be posted next month.

PRECINCT ONE CONSTABLE DISPATCH 713 – 755 - 7628

Constable Program **Terry Jeanes**

Thank you to all Garden Oaks neighbors who have stepped up and completed their 2008 Constable Supporter form. You do make a difference in the security of our community. A list of supporters may be seen on this page. Please understand if you name does not appear it may be a delay in receipt from the PO Box to the Constable committee. If you have questions email (terry@terryjeanes.com or call 713 812 9154)

Those who may not yet have made a contribution please see the link with the form http://www.gardenoaks.org/ Resources/ContributorForm.pdf or one as provided in the Gazette.

And as always the most important addition to keeping the neighborhood more secure is to be aware and call should you see anything the least bit unusual. Take a moment Now ... and program in the Constable Dispatch Number in your cell phone or home phone....713 755 7628.

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 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 \$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.

08 Constable Supporter Households (as of 2/01/08)

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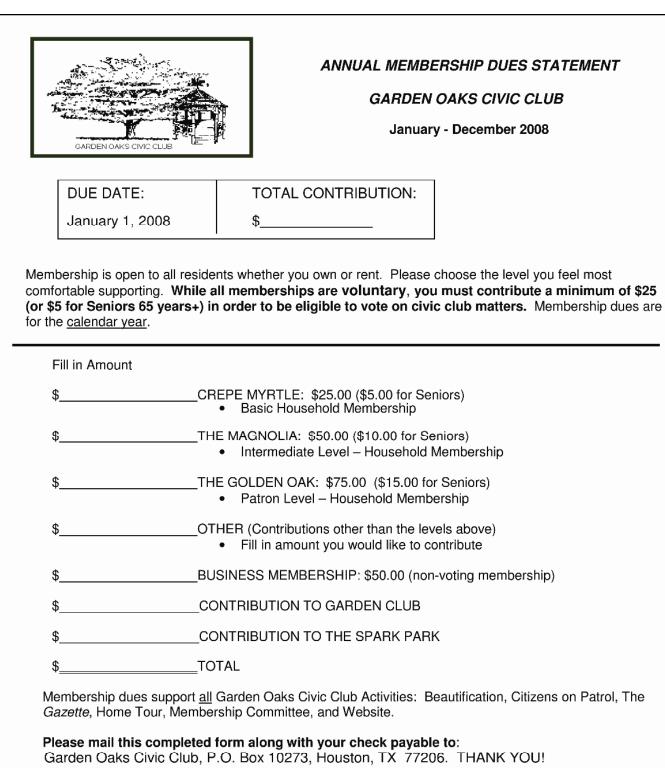
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Precinct One Deputies enjoy pancake breakfast with Garden oaks Students.

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14th Annual Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction **Program Underwriters**

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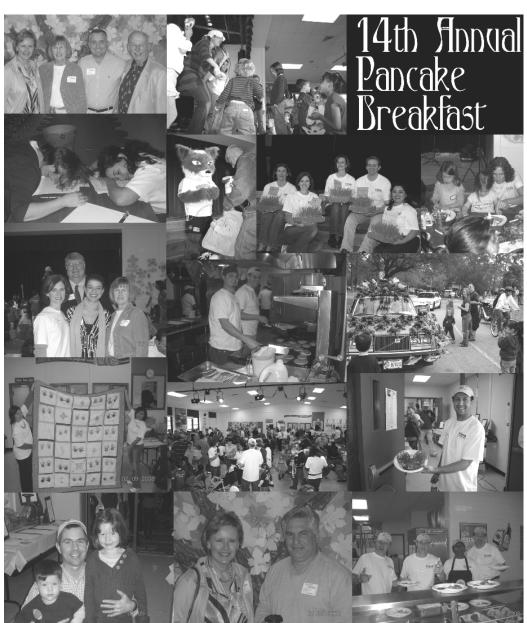
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14th Annual Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction **Program In Kind Donors** continued

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16	St. Patrick's Day	18	GOMO Meetting	Garden Oaks Sisterhood Meeting	21	Easter egg hunt 4 P.M. Rick Englert Park
Happy Easter	24	25	26	27	28	Volunteer workday Gazebo Park (Sue Barnett & W. 42 nd) 9:00 A.M.
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Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center's northwest location allows people to reclaim their lives without leaving the neighborhood.

At Memorial Hermann, we never stop asking what if. What if we could set a new standard in high-quality alcohol and drug rehabilitation services to meet the comprehensive needs of our clients? What if we offered evening intensive outpatient services that allowed people to recover on their own schedules, without interrupting the workday? Constantly asking what if is what led us to put the needs of our clients and their families first. At our Prevention and Recovery Center, experienced professionals deliver compassionate care with the highest level of confidentiality. Treatment begins with a comprehensive evaluation to ensure that each patient is admitted to the most appropriate level of care, whether it's our intensive outpatient program, or the residential treatment, transitional living or day treatment programs at our Gessner location. Because addiction affects spouses, family members, partners and concerned friends, we offer programs that support our clients and those close to them. Our aftercare program continues weekly for one year after treatment. It's just one more way we make breakthroughs - every day.

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"Deanna's a great agent! We originally chose Deanna as our agent because of her community involvement and She's represented us as buyers and sellers in two presence. extreme markets. As our buyer's agent, she was very pro-active in ensuring that we were able to purchase our home when up against a competing offer and short time-frame. As sellers, we appreciated Deanna's dependability, approachability, availability,

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Heather and Jay McKeown 4210 Alba

"Deanna was a great help in the marketing of my home. She is very experienced, professional, and knowledgeable of the neighborhood. She was willing to go the extra mile to make everything run smoothly with the marketing, sale, and closing of my property.



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