

The Garden Oaks
Gazette



Garden Oaks Wine Walk

Plans are underway for the inaugural Garden Oaks Wine Walk in October. This will be a great, fun opportunity to share your much-loved wines with neighbors on a lovely fall evening in a park-like setting. Plus you get to sample your neighbors' favorites, too!



The details are not complete, but here are the basics:

Date: Saturday, October 18 or 25, 2008.

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: A neighborhood site yet to be determined.

Party Guests: Attendees can taste wines from each table, sample the nibbles and visit with neighbors about wine, food or the hot topic of the week. All for a reasonable fee. Adults only, please.

Table Hosts: Hosts supply their favorite wine or wines and snacks, table decorations, supplies or other bacchanalian trappings. Table decorations may be simple or fancy. Table hosts can be individuals or groups and can obtain wine and food donors, who will be recognized at the tables.

For example: Wines provided by Tea Sippers Wine Shop; Table hosted by your neighbors, the West Thirty-two Drink Minimums.

Guest Cost: A reasonable monetary donation to the civic club. Amount to be determined.

Want to be a table host? You should because it is going to be a lot of fun.

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Look for final details in the September Gazette. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Special Notice

There will NOT be an August Civic Club Meeting.

In addition, the Civic Club is looking for a babysitter that will watch over children during the monthly Civic Club meetings. This is a paid position. Please contact Civic Club President James Flowers at president@gardenoaks.org with any questions.

Look inside to see some great pictures of the
Fourth of July Bicycle Parade
or look on-line at www.GardenOaks.org

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Cindy Bartos, Secretary

For July 1, 2008

Welcome:

Due to an earlier blown transformer and miscommunication, the Garden Oaks Elementary School was not open and unavailable for the Civic Club meeting. A last minute decision was made to move the meeting to the GOMO office in the Garden Oaks Professional Building. President James Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the June minutes as they appeared in the *Gazette*.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerry Butler presented the current income and expense report for the Civic Club and distributed detailed copies.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Beautification:** Brenda de Alba had no report.
- **Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes will need volunteers to help with the next planned mail out. She reported that Deputy Valderas, the most recently hired constable, has been reassigned and Deputy David Vest will be filling in her scheduled time until a permanent replacement can be assigned. Deputy Mangano encouraged residents to call the Constable's office if they notice any suspicious activity
- **Gazette:** Sheila Briones reported that Garden Oaks neighbor Jessica Jarvis has agreed to step up as editor. Sheila will help Jessica with the next several *Gazettes*. Sheila thanked Carol Smith and James Burciaga for their help with the July *Gazette*. Dian Austin announced the establishment of a "Block Captain of the Month" award given to block captains for their service delivering the *Gazettes* every month. July's award of a \$25 Tony's restaurant gift card went to Amy and Bill Shaughnessy. Dian asked residents to contact her with nominations for future recipients of the award.
- **Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol:** Carl Waters reported having 10 crimes reported in May, bringing the total for the year to 28. This compares with 52 at the same time last year.
- **Garden Oaks.org website:** Joe Muscara had no report.

Garden Club: No report.

Membership: Carey Berry won the raffle, receiving a \$25 gift card for Tony's restaurant.

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO): Ed de Alba announced the annual meeting will take place October 15, 2008. On the agenda will be the discussion of the use of GOMO surplus funds. Ed asked residents to submit suggestions of how to distribute the funds in writing to one of the GOMO directors. The suggestion needs to be a detailed description, including cost, of how the funds should be spent.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Shelley Rogers described the idea of a "Wine Walk" in the fall, sponsored by the Garden Oaks Civic Club. Shelley made the motion to form an ad hoc committee to:

1. Determine feasibility of a "wine walk" event to be held Fall 2008
2. If feasible, organize, publicize and hold the event with committee to have a budget of \$300.00, to be reimbursed to GOCC from event proceeds to extent proceeds are sufficient to allow for same. If event proceeds exceed \$300.00 the ad hoc committee will make recommendations to the GOCC as to how those proceeds should be spent. Motion seconded. Discussion involved the question of the city's policy of permitting the sale of alcohol on city property. Motion passed.

Sheila Briones reminded attendees of the July 4th Bicycle Parade and the need for volunteers. Sheila also announced that the Civic Club is looking for a replacement babysitter – to watch children during the monthly Civic Club meetings. Contact President James Flowers if interested.

Program: Two speakers from the City of Houston: Kendall Baker, Manager of the City's 311 program and Christine Moreno-Connor, Senior Community Liaison with the City's Solid Waste Department.

Announcements: There will be no August meeting of the Civic Club. Ivan Mayers announced that the September meeting will be a "Meet the Candidates Night" and to let him know if there's a particular candidate or political position you would like to have represented.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

Attendance: 35

Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

We have a couple of more months of hot weather and fighting off those pesky mosquitoes so let's focus on mosquito control.

Did you know that mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet? They prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes. If your dog is outside pet, consider putting a fan out there for them as it will help cool and keep the mosquitoes away.

Pet of the Month

The Pet of the Month pair are both named after characters in a popular 1960's TV sitcom. So ... just sit right back and you'll hear a tale

"Misses August" are Ginger (Weimaraner) and Mary Ann (Lab/Rhodesian mix) Lozano. They are both seven years old and live in Section III with their humans, Heidi, Albert, Emma and Alex. Mary Ann came on the scene and her personality screamed "Mary Ann" – wholesome, easy going and low maintenance. With Mary Ann "all tucked in," the Lozanos went in search of the perfect "Ginger" and found a glamorous yet prissy Weimaraner. Both girls were typical puppies but grown up Ginger doesn't like to be dirty or to get her hair wet. They do like to run, chase squirrels and play with the kids. When the fun is over they settle down with Milkbones in their very own air-conditioned TV room. Ginger or Mary Ann? The question of which one men prefer, and to a lesser extent, who women view themselves to be more like, has endured long after the end of the Gilligan's Island series. It has inspired videos, essays, and even the occasional argument. The Lozano household is lucky to have both. By the way, Tina Louise (who played Ginger) is now 74 years old and Dawn Wells (who played Mary Ann) is now 69 years old. Here's to both Gingers and both Mary Anns!

Critters 101: Blood, Sweat and Mosquitoes

The insect responsible for the most human deaths worldwide is the mosquito. But humans are not the only ones who can suffer from the effects of

mosquito-borne disease. Mosquitoes also carry a variety of illnesses that dogs, cats, birds and horses are susceptible to. They include heartworm, encephalitis and the deadly West Nile Virus. The mosquito feeds on an infected animal and transmits it to an uninfected human or animal.

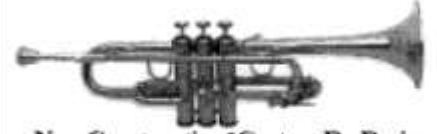
Heartworm infestation is rampant in these parts and is dangerous; untreated pets will die and treated pets go through weeks of discomfort while the worms are killed and expelled from their bodies. Heartworm prevention is simple, however; it is only as effective as the pet owner who administers it.

One reason mosquitoes are prolific and difficult to control is because of their rapid life cycle, which spans from egg to adult in as little as four days. An adult female (the only mosquito that can draw blood) can lay more than 200 eggs at a time, and in perfect weather conditions, the eggs hatch in as little as four days.

Although mosquitoes generally live a few weeks as an adult, one species of mosquito has been found to carry the West Nile virus can survive through the winter, hibernating until warmer temperatures to emerge again.

Water is the critical component of a successful habitat when a mosquito lays their eggs. Pet owners should be aware of any stagnant water around property, i.e. in buckets, rain spots, clogged gutters, birdbaths, etc. Because mosquitoes like to rest on weeds and in other vegetation, pet owners can help reduce mosquitoes by cutting down weeds and mowing the lawn regularly. Other effective measures include keeping pets inside at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active, and installing bug tight windows and door screens, and replacing outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights.

Mosquito-borne diseases are a serious threat to both pets and humans, but with control and prevention, it is possible to protect pets from the deadly diseases they carry.



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

Annual GOMO Meeting to be held Oct. 15th Ed de Alba

Annual meeting

On Wednesday, October 15, Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) will hold its annual meeting in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. The business to be transacted includes the election of several directors and the voting on the spending of surplus funds.

Director positions open Section 1

The term of the position currently held by Sean Jez ends October 31 and runs through October 2011.

Section 2

The term of the position currently held by Jason Mercer ends October 31 and runs through October 2011.

Section 3

All three director positions in Section 3 are open. The terms for the seats held by Mike Dishberger, Rich Stark, and Lynn Sievers end October 31.

The terms will be staggered with one to run through October 2009, one through October 2010, and the other through October 2011. If you are interested in running for one of these seats, specify which term you are running for.

Section 5

Two director positions in Section 5 are open. The term for the seats held by Tim Weltin and Malcolm Taylor ends October 31. The terms for these positions will be staggered with one to run through October 2010 and the other through October 2011. If you are interested in running for one of these seats, specify which term you are running for.

If you are interested in holding any of the positions available in Sections 1, 2, 3, or 5, please contact any of the GOMO directors listed in the *Gazette*.

Position requirements:

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

- If no member residing in the Section stands for election, then a member who is an owner in that Section, but lives in another Section, may stand for election as a non-section director, whose term is one year.
- All property owned in Garden Oaks must be in compliance with the Garden Oaks deed restrictions, excluding violations that existed before your ownership of the property.

Candidate must sign a statement attesting to the above.

Surplus funds

GOMO has surplus funds available for disbursement this next fiscal year. GOMO currently supports two constable patrols in Garden Oaks and spending on neighborhood green spaces and neighborhood infrastructure. Funds not spent or not committed to be spent within the fiscal year beginning November 1, 2008, will be returned to the general fund.

Audits for 2006 and 2007

The audits for the 2006 and 2007 fiscal years are completed. GOMO is in good standing and in a solid financial position. All members will receive a copy of the audit, which are available on the GOMO website.

HELP SUPPORT THE CONSTABLE PROGRAM

May 2008 Constable Statistics

Miles Patrolled: 3886

Court Citations: 41

Alarm Responses: 2

Written Warnings: 2

Vacations Watches: 32

Suspicious Vehicles: 15

Park checks: 105

Criminal Offenses: 1

Arrests: 3

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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters, Jr.

The Yahoo discussion group bulletin board contained information last month reporting a residential burglary in Section 1, alluding that there might be others. This information has not been verified.

According to one post, two young males were seen leaving the area of the burglary and another person thought it might be the young boys who had been in the area cutting grass earlier in the week. I am not against giving people the opportunity to make a living, but in today's society this comes with a risk. Think twice before hiring strangers to provide a service for you.

MAY CRIME STATISTICS

Burglary of a residence

- ▶ 1400 block of Sue Barnett Dr., Friday, May 16th, 7:05 a.m.
- ▶ 700 block of Sue Barnett Dr., Tuesday, May 20th, 8:30 a.m.
- ▶ 3300 block of Lawrence, Thursday, May 29th, 7:40 a.m.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

- ▶ 2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr., Wednesday May 7th, 10:00 a.m.

(restaurant parking lot).

- ▶ 800 block of W. 42nd, Saturday, May 10th, 3:06 p.m. (driveway)
- ▶ 800 block of W. 30th, Monday, May 26th, 9:00 p.m. (driveway)

Auto Theft

- ▶ 1000 block of Althea Dr. on Monday, May 12th, 4:00 a.m. (driveway)

Driving While Intoxicated

- ▶ 2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr., Sunday, May 18th, 1:38 a.m. (public st.)
- ▶ 2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr., Wednesday, May 28th, 12:23 a.m. (public street)

The HPD website shows 28 reported crimes through May. Last year at this time we had 52 crimes reported reflecting a 47% reduction in crime.

To Join the Citizens Patrol Program or if you have questions regarding other community safety issues, email Carl Waters at

GOCOP77018@AOL.com or call him at 713-864-1992.

Financial Support Needed to Keep Daytime Deputy

Terry Jeanes & Susan Love-Saranie

Garden Oaks has three deputies patrolling neighborhood streets thanks to the support of neighbors and GOMO property owners, however; the Civic Club is currently short of constable funds and financial support is needed in order to keep the daytime deputy.

Please consider contributing today by turning in the constable contributor form (inserted into this *Gazette*) or if you prefer you can download a copy at www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm.pdf

Everyone's watchful eyes can also make a difference in crime prevention. Call the constable dispatch number at 713-7557628, if you see anything suspicious. It's a good idea to program this number into your cell phone.

Constable Program benefits include:

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County constable
- Security checks for insurance Discounts
- Alarm contact and response by Harris County constable
- Vacation watch by Harris County constable. Forms available at: www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf
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Keep your eyes and ears open. Remember report anything suspicious. Your call could make the difference.

Please note: Deputy Dell Valderas has moved to another contract and Deputy David Vest has returned until a new deputy is hired. In addition, Deputy C.J. Mangano has returned following back surgery in July.

Emergency Reference Numbers

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978 Althea.

August Birthdays
Gracie Marie Mulry-9th,
Warren Walden – 14th,
Trey Wood – 19th, Matt Veech – 22nd,
Tony Padon – 23rd,
Bridgette Martinez – 26th,
Emma Kathryn Carvel -28th, and
Debbie Padon- 28th.

Happy Anniversary
Pat Buren and Shelly Rogers -
August 5th

Welcome Back
Deputy C.J. Mangano following back
surgery.

Condolences
Ken & Casey Gound whose father
passed away in July.

Ann & Sarah Hollis whose husband &
father, Steve, passed away June 29th
in Austin, Texas. The Hollis's were
former Garden Oaks residents.

FYI
Bead Atelier, located at 3838 N.
Shepherd, will be hosting "The Art of
Being," a celebration of the human
psyche through painting, sculpture
and spoken word. Local artists Todd
Bowman, Donna Garrett, Elizabeth
Harrison and Jim Shade interpret the
joy of our birth and the moment of our
rebirth.

The event takes place Friday, August
16 from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will
be served. For more information, visit
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713.862.1223 or stop by our store
located in the Garden Oaks Shopping
Center.

To highlight an event, celebration or
other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at
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August Block Captains
Dian Austin

Cindy and John Bartos are the
August Block Captains of the month,
having been nominated by their
neighbors (Tina Sabuco and Shellye
Arnold) for their continued dedication to
the timely delivery of the newsletter
each month in spite of rain, humidity
and heat.

Cindy and John live in the 800 block of
Azalea and deliver to their own block
and the 4300 block of Alba. They are
long-time *Gazette* volunteers, having
started in the mid-1980's at their
previous Garden Oaks address. They
have delivered their current route for
about 5 years and have lived in Garden
Oaks since 1982. Both John and Cindy
are active in the civic club with Cindy
currently serving as secretary.

For their service Cindy and John will
receive a \$25 gift card to Starbucks!
Thanks, Cindy and John, for all your
help!

If anyone wants to nominate their block
captain for the monthly recognition,
please email me at
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Advertising & Article Submission Guidelines

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

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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BY CREDIT CARD: Payments will be accepted via PayPal. 'Send money' to treasurer@gardenoaks.org via PayPal. The instructions are on the PayPal site. Note on the 'Review Your Payment' page what the money is for, i.e. one 2 1/4 X 2 3/8 ad in the (month) *Gazette*.

BY CHECK: Checks should be made out to the Garden Oaks Civic Club and mailed to P.O. Box 10273, Houston, Texas 77206, ATTENTION: Jerry Butler, Civic Club Treasurer.

1. Placement of the ad is at the discretion of the editor.

2. Camera-ready artwork must be submitted by the 15th of each month for publication the following month and emailed to: gazette@gardenoaks.org

3. Artwork must be emailed in the following formats:
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Garden Oaks *Gazette* & Residents,


We were so blessed by the welcome announcement in July's issue of the *Gazette*.

This is a beautiful community filled with warm neighbors and exquisite yards! Thank you to all the people who took time to put together the 4th of July parade, what a unique touch to our neighborhood.

And how kind of the person to place miniature American flags in our yard; it was nice to have a patriotic touch for the holiday, thank you for thinking of us!

We look forward to getting to know each of you and becoming involved with the community.

Blessings,
The Castellano Family
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In any volunteer organization, it's common knowledge that the majority of the work is done by a few committed people. In the case of our neighborhood's biennial Home & Garden Tour, those committed few deserve a little extra recognition.

Perhaps you recently learned, like I did, that the Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour is the Garden Oaks Civic Club's largest fundraiser. This year, the Tour raised \$18,000 that will be dispersed among diverse projects from neighborhood beautification to spaying feral cats. Not only does the Tour benefit neighborhood projects, but it also personally benefits each resident by raising the profile of our neighborhood and making our homes more desirable to potential buyers.

It would be hard to overstate the dedication of the 2008 Tour Chairman, Sheila Briones, and the rest of the Tour Committee. They worked so many hours in the months before the tour and an incredible amount more in the days leading up to the event. Several volunteers have contributed to a decade's worth of Home & Garden Tours providing invaluable experience. In addition, many people whom I cannot list here contributed to the success of the Tour by volunteering their time on the day of the event.

The next time you see these neighbors, please thank them for their hard work: Sandy Altman, Clare Bell, Dian Austin, Joan Baron, Ed de Alba, James Burciaga, Pat Buron, Janet Cones, Brenda de Alba, Rita Donaldson, Scott Easterly, John Everett, Jan Forster, Kristiann Gips, Vena Golt, Terry Jeanes, Craig Lee, Caroline McLean, Brian O'Leary, Debbie Padon, Tony Padon, Tina Parks, Nelda Prince, Todd Prince, Shelley Rogers, Tina Sabuco, Mark Saranie, Susan Saranie, Sue Schmidt, Holly Veech, Matt Veech, Patty Walters, Deanna Zugheri and Will Zugheri.

An Open Invitation to our
GOMO Meetings
by Ed de Alba, GOMO President

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 at 7:00 PM, on every third Wednesday of the month at our business meeting held at the GOMO Office, 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.



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Thank you!

GO Kids News

Tonya Knauth

The next Moms' Night Out will be Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m. at Thai Spice located in the Heights. BYOB!

The August Family Potluck is Saturday, August 23, 4-7 p.m. at the Knauth home, 742 W. 41st. Please bring a dish -- drinks will be provided. We will have splash activities for the kids, so come prepared to get wet!

Our neighborhood seems to abound with joyful new additions 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! Our dinner drop coordinator is Amber Berend, 832-338-0171 or amber.berend@yahoo.com.

Please join us for our standing playgroups on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the Rick Englert SPARK Park. If you're 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.

GO Kids Needs You!

The GO Kids group is spearheading a fundraising event to benefit one of our Garden Oaks families who is experiencing some medical difficulties. More details will be announced in the September issue of the *Gazette*. If you would like to volunteer for the event or donate items or services for a raffle, please contact Amber Berend at 832-338-0171 or amber.berend@yahoo.com.

GO Sisterhood Anniversary

Come celebrate the Garden Oaks Sisterhood's First Anniversary on Thursday, August 21. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Margarita Barcenas, 1067 W. 42 St.

The Sisterhood has met on the third Thursday of each month since August 2007. We've shared stories about our beloved Garden Oaks neighborhood, tips on favorite nearby restaurants, wine tastings, relationship counseling for newlyweds (smile), Christmas margaritas, New Year's resolutions, created a Yahoo group, collected clothing for the Women's Shelter, planned a garage sale and so much more. Most importantly, we've met our neighbors and formed new friendships. Newcomers are always welcomed, so plan to stop in and join the fun.

Questions? Contact Dea Larson at dealarson@aol.com or 281-920-0325.

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