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**The November 4th meeting of the Garden Oaks Civic Club has been changed to Wednesday November 5th due to Election Day.**

## What a Difference a Community Makes

by Jessica Jarvis

For those of us who stayed for the storm and peered out of our homes that next day, the images were surreal. Trees, our beloved trees, down everywhere. Homes and vehicles damaged or destroyed indiscriminately. The destruction and devastation to our area was almost unbelievable. Ike was only a Category-2 hurricane and we were nowhere near an evacuation zone.

Even as the reality began to sink in, one thing would become very clear: the residents of Garden Oaks would work together to make it through this challenging time. Just like that, the chainsaws and helping hands appeared to tend to whatever was needed.

Neighbors who hadn't ever seen each other met for the first time and offered to lend a helping hand. Checking on homes and residents, removing downed trees, clearing debris, tarping damaged homes, freezing jugs of water and storing food, offering ice, a cold beverage, an extension cord to a generator or sharing much needed humor in spite of great loss... the list of kind gestures offered to fellow Garden Oaks residents goes on and on.

As darkness approached, food we knew would be lost was shared in communal grill-outs where new relationships were forged. And slowly, with one another's help, our community responded and recovered together, working to assess all there was to be done, joining together to help get our neighborhood back to normal.



43rd St.—That'll slow those Metro buses!

Our days without electricity seemed to slowly grind by with no end in sight. The city-imposed curfew magnified what was a truly eerie darkness in the area. No street lights, no traffic lights, no front-porch lights - only a few generators powering handfuls of lights and freezers disrupted the near-total darkness that blanketed the neighborhood. But with the dawn of each new day there would be more shared kindnesses and hopeful

musings about when we might be among those fortunate enough to have had power restored.

Now that the loud roar of generators and chainsaws has largely been replaced by the gentle whir of air-conditioning units, we must remember that for many of our friends and neighbors who suffered significant damage and loss, the journey back to normality has just begun. I want to offer a very large and heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who selflessly gave during this time and who will keep up the effort to assist those still in need. I hope that in the coming months we will continue to reach out to one another as we did in the aftermath of Ike and that our wonderful, beautiful community will grow even stronger as a result.

## Announcements

Please share your National Night Out stories and photos by sending them to [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org)

A Gazette Block Captain is needed for 200 and 300 blocks of W. 30th. If you would like to volunteer please contact Dian at 713-691-6505.

## Citizens Patrol Program

by Carl Waters, Jr.

We will be celebrating National Night Out on October 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are hosting a block party please contact me so we can try to get a police officer from HPD or the Constable's Office to stop by. Depending upon what Hurricane Ike did to us this could be a very special time to meet and greet your neighbors.

### July Crime Statistics (11)

#### Robbery (1)

800 block of W. 41<sup>st</sup> ST on Friday, July 18, 11p.m. (street)

#### Burglary (5)

200 block of W. 34<sup>th</sup> ST on Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m. (residence)

700 block of W. 43<sup>rd</sup> ST on Wednesday, July 2, 10:00 a.m. (residence)

700 block of W. 42<sup>nd</sup> ST on Sunday, July 27, 11:15 a.m. (residence)

900 block of Lamonte LN on Monday, July 14, 8:10 a.m. (residence)

4200 block of Apollo ST on Thursday, July 3, 1:00 p.m. (residence)

#### Burglary Motor Vehicle (4)

300 block of W. 30<sup>th</sup> ST on Monday, July 7, 11:00 p.m. (driveway)

900 block of Lamonte LN on Monday, July 14, 8:30 p.m. (driveway)

1000 block of W. 41<sup>st</sup> ST on Wednesday, July 23, 11:00 p.m. (driveway)

3200 block of N. Shepherd DR on Wednesday, July 9, 5:00 p.m. (church parking lot)

#### Driving While Intoxicated (1)

2900 block of N. Shepherd DR on Tuesday, July 1, 2:05 a.m. (public street)

Inquires about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the COP email account at [GOCOP77018@AOL.com](mailto:GOCOP77018@AOL.com) or by phone at 713-864-1992.

## Emergency Numbers

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Constable Dispatch 713-755-7628

All Other City Services 311

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**Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes**

September 2, 2008

by Cindy Bartos, Secretary

**Welcome:**

President James Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the July minutes as they appeared in the *Gazette*. President Flowers recognized Steven Roberts and Daniel Norton, two Garden Oaks residents working toward their Eagle Scout badge. Steven and Daniel described their part in the outdoor conservation project at Garden Oaks Elementary. The boys are accepting donations to help cover the cost of installing a drainage system and a labyrinth of bushes and shrubs.

Kenneth Katz and Jason Baker with the commercial real estate company BakerKatz announced their purchase of the Conn's property at 2902 North Shepherd and have had a variety of interested tenants. Terry Jeanes suggested they arrange a meeting with the residents of Section 1 concerning the purchase of additional surrounding land as a possible expansion of the parking lot. Terry Jeanes introduced Constable Darryl Coleman, the most recent addition to the Garden Oaks Constable Program.

**Program:** Meet the Candidates Night: Candidates were given 3 minutes to speak, followed by questions from the audience. Vice President Ivan Mayers introduced the candidates in attendance: **County Judge:** Ed Emmett and David Minceberg **District Attorney:** Pat Lykos and C.O. "Brad" Bradford **County Sheriff:** Adrian Garcia **Constable Precinct One:** Nat Guitierrez **County Attorney:** Mike Stafford and Vince Ryan **District Clerk:** Theresa Chang and Loren Jackson **County Tax Assessor:** Diane Trautman **State Representative District 138:** Virginia McDavid **18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:** John Faulk **Harris County Dept. of Education; At Large Position 5:** Mike Riddle and Debra Kerner

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- Beautification: Ed de Alba had no report
- Constable Program: Terry Jeanes reminded us of National Night Out on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and to pay your dues to support the Constable Program.
- *Gazette*: Sheila Briones reported that Jessica Jarvis is now the new editor of the *Gazette*. Anyone interested in the position of Advertising Editor should contact Jessica.
- Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol: Carl Waters reported having 11 crimes reported in July, which is about 50% less than the same time last year.

- Garden Oaks.org website: Joe Muscara had no report

**Membership:** Sandy Altman won the raffle, receiving a \$25 gift certificate for Tony's restaurant.

President Flowers announced the creation of the Nominating Committee for the 2009 Civic Club officers. The members of the committee are: Terry Jeanes, Jerry Butler, Carl Waters, Lori Kennedy and Jay Tatum.

**Wine Walk:** Dian Austin reported the details of the Wine Walk were in the September *Gazette* with more information to follow in the October *Gazette*. A motion was made and seconded for an additional \$200 to be added to the budget of the Wine Walk. Money loaned to the project will be paid back from the profits of the event.

**Home Tour:** Chairperson Sheila Briones reported an estimated profit of \$17,000 from the Spring 2008 Home Tour. The Home Tour committee recommended spending \$4100 of the profit for the purchase of twenty-five 6ft. tables and 125 chairs. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the purchase. A question was asked concerning the remainder of the money, which will go back in to the general funds of the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Vice President Ivan Mayers announced that he is the Precinct Chair for Precinct 73 and will be looking for clerks to help with the November 4<sup>th</sup> elections.

**Garden Oaks GardenClub:** Chris Lindsay announced the next meeting on Thursday, September 11 will be a Plant Swap at the Gazebo Park.

**Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO):** Ed DeAlba announced there was no business to conduct; therefore no meeting would follow the Civic Club meeting.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** a motion was made, seconded and carried to allow the following change to the Garden Oaks Civic Club Bylaws:  
3.01 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings will be held monthly on the first Tuesday of each calendar month, except for when there is a conflict with the meeting date and the date of the National Night Out (or such other neighborhood crime prevention/awareness event as supported by local law

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| 818 W. 41st St.   | 3205 Lawrence    |
| 858 W. 41st St.   | 1325 Sue Barnett |
| 862 W. 41st St.   | 1458 Sue Barnett |
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business as may come before the meeting, unless suspended or changed by a vote of the majority of the Members at a regular meeting. If the day fixed for the regular meeting will be on a legal holiday in the State of Texas, such meeting will be held on the next succeeding business day.

**Announcements:**

There will be no October meeting of the Civic Club due to National Night Out and the November meeting of November 4<sup>th</sup> will be moved to Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> due to Election Day.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48  
Attendance: 53

## GOMO Board of Directors

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Terms expire October of year in parenthesis.

## GOMO Annual Meeting

by Ed de Alba

### Annual Meeting postponed until November 12th.

The GOMO annual meeting has been postponed to Wednesday, Nov 12th, to allow us to provide required timely notice by mail and to provide an opportunity for members to vote by mail on ballot measures. The meeting will be held in the Garden Oaks Elementary School Cafeteria and will begin at 7:00 PM. 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 31st. The term for this position runs through October of 2011.

#### Section 2

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

#### Section 3

All 3 director positions are open in Section 3. The terms for the seats held by Mike Dishberger, Rich Stark, and Lynn Sievers end October 31st. The terms for these 3 positions will be staggered with one to run through October 2009, one to run through October 2010, and the other through October 2011. If you are interested in running for one of these seats you will need to specify which term you are running for.

#### Section 5

Two director positions are open in Section 5. The term for the seats held by Tim Weltin and Malcolm Taylor ends October 31st. 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 you will need to specify which term you are running for.

If you are interested in running for any of the available positions please contact any of the GOMO Directors listed.

*The Requirements of the Positions Are:*

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must own property and live within the Garden Oaks Section for the Director's position that you are volunteering to stand election for.
- If no Member residing in the Section stands for election, then a Member who is an owner in that Section, but lives in another Section, may stand for election as a "Non-Section Director", whose term is 1 year.
- All property owned in Garden Oaks must be in compliance with the Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions, excluding violations that existed before your ownership of the property.
- Must sign a statement attesting to the above.

### Surplus Funds

GOMO has surplus funds available for disbursement this next fiscal year. GOMO currently supports 2 Constable Patrols in Garden Oaks, spending on neighborhood greenspaces, 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.

### 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 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 welcome to attend, make suggestions, propose ideas, ask questions, clarify rumors, or simply observe the process.

## GO Kids News

by Tanya Kanuth

Please join us for a Halloween Family Potluck, hosted by the Weltin's at 1567 Sue Barnett, on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. Bring those ghouls and goblins in costume, as well as your favorite dish. It'll be a spooky good time!

Our neighborhood abounds 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!

Please join us for our standing playgroups on Mondays and Fridays at 10am at Candlelight Park.

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](mailto:tknauth@comcast.net).



## Garden Oaks Sisterhood

by Dea Larson

Finally -- time for a little Fall fun! Our October meeting will be held on October 16th at 7:30PM at the home of Alisha Cunningham, 950 West 41st Street. Our gathering will have a Halloween theme so feel free to wear a costume if the mood strikes you. As always, please bring a beverage or snack to share.

Also, Alisha has offered to decorate a toy box for the upcoming silent auction to benefit Emma -- the little girl recovering from serious medical problems. If you have any colorful acrylic paint you would like to donate, please bring it to the meeting.

The GO Sisterhood meets the third Thursday of the month and is open to all women in Garden Oaks.

Questions?  
Give Dea Larson  
a call At 281-920-0325 or  
email at [dealarson@aol.com](mailto:dealarson@aol.com)

## Benefit for the Maltbie Family Postponed

The September 28<sup>th</sup> benefit for Emma Maltbie has been postponed until **November 1st**. Emma, 3 ½ year old Garden Oaks resident, was diagnosed with an ependymoma brain tumor, Emma's tumor was removed June 27 during a nine-hour surgery and she is now undergoing daily rehabilitation and radiation treatments to fight the 1% of the cancer that could not be removed. And most recently, the Maltbie home suffered significant damage from a tree that hit their roof during hurricane Ike.

Neighbors from Garden Oaks and the Heights are coming together to pitch in and help the family. A benefit dinner, auction and raffle will be held at St. Rose of Lima. Please join us for an uplifting and fun evening to help out a special little girl. All are welcome to come in costume.

We still need help securing donations for our Silent Auction. In addition to auction and raffle items we need volunteers. Call Amber Berend at 832-338-0171 or email her at [amber.berend@yahoo.com](mailto:amber.berend@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Everyone's contribution is requested to make this event for this brave little girl and her wonderful family a success!

For more details or contact Amy Shaughnessy at [ames975@comcast.net](mailto:ames975@comcast.net) to purchase tickets. If you are unable to join us, please consider making a donation toward this worthy cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and makes Garden Oaks such wonderful place to call home.

To learn more about Emma, and for confirmation on the new benefit date, go to her blog at: <http://emkmaltbie.blogspot.com/>

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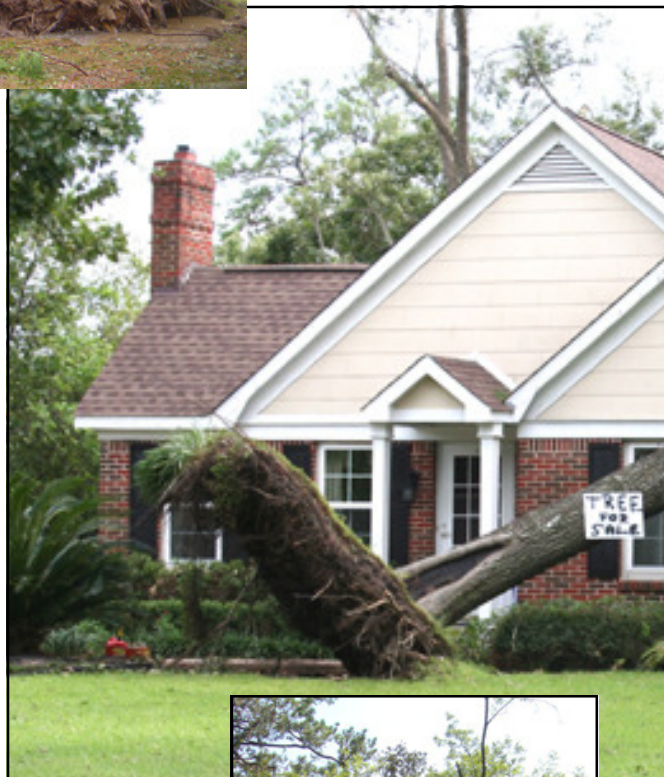
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# Ike's Path of Destruction tears through Garden Oaks September 13th, 2008.





*October Yard of the Month*

**All Garden Oaks neighbors who worked in the aftermath to help clear roads, neighbors yards, houses and our green spaces. Kudos to all!**



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**Heard Under the Oak Tree**

by Terry Jeanes

**Welcome New Neighbors**

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

1315 Sue Barnett	1321 Sue Barnett
1326 Sue Barnett	823 West 43rd
713 West 38th	710 West 39th
4219 Alba	4232 Apollo
3209 Lawrence	813 West 30th

**October Birthdays**

**Dian Austin** - 1st  
**Sue Schmidt** - 3rd  
**Tania Chaix** - 6th  
**Tina Sabuco** - 9th  
**Michael Padon** - 12th  
**Angela Burciaga** - 13th  
**Rita Donaldson** - 15th  
**Jack Runge** - 28th

**Belated Birthday Wishes**

**Elizabeth Siobhan Johnson**, Section 2, turned 3 on 8/20 and  
**John Beddow's** birthday on 9-22

**Celebrations**

**Debbie & Tony Padon** - Oct 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Gig & Betsy Runge** - Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

**Out and About**

*Although many neighbors took a break from storm recovery to be away where with electricity was plentiful, from San Antonio to the Hill Country to Arkansas... these are the trips recognized. Let us know where you took refuge.*

**Brenda De Alba** visited the Smoky Mountains over Labor Day to help celebrate a friends 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Joe Crownover & Jennifer Langdon** recently returned from a trip to France.

**Ed de Alba** joined former Garden Oaks resident, Bubba Padon for a trip to Beijing China and missed all the pre and post Ike excitement.

*To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).*

Melissa Reid of 879 W 42<sup>nd</sup> Street wishes to extend a HAPPY 36<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY to her husband, Jeffery Gibb on October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Recycling Update**

by Dian Austin

The October scheduled recycling dates are: Tuesday, October 14th and 28th. Please put your green bin(s) out curbside early in the morning. If you still need a bin, you can pick one up from my porch at 733 West 42nd. The city delivered about 15 of them to me.

There was some concern that our recycling participation rates would be negatively impacted by the geography called "Garden Oaks Area." With the help of Councilmember Toni Lawrence's office, I found a knowledgeable person at the city's Solid Waste Division (SWD). She indicated that each of the geographies stands on its own. So, "Garden Oaks East" (Section 1) and "Garden Oaks West" (Sections 1A, 2-5) will not be compromised by the lower participation rate of "Garden Oaks Area" (which isn't even in Garden Oaks at all). However, we need to make sure that each one of us puts our green bin out on scheduled recycling days, as sometime between now and the end of the year, the city will be counting the number of bins to determine our participation rate. Those areas not meeting the 10% hurdle will lose their curbside recycling. Our rates are above the 10%, but don't get lax!

There was recent mention in the Houston Chronicle about a new recycling program that the city will pilot that will use wheeled 90 gallon recycling containers. These containers will be emptied by some higher technology trucks that can sort all the recycling items. My contact at SWD said that the neighborhoods have already been chosen to participate in this program, but they have not been finalized (awaiting affirmative responses from the neighborhoods). My guess is that Garden Oaks is not one of them as of yet.

The pilot program is scheduled to begin in late fall and probably last a year. The criteria used for selecting the neighborhoods to participate included neighborhood configuration, high recycling participation rate (or high potential), and the number of homes. Hopefully this pilot program will be successful, and if our participation rates are high enough, we might actually get those wheeled recycling containers some day!

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**Gazette Block Captain  
of the Month**

by Dian Austin

October's *Gazette* Block Captain of the Month is Al Jasso who lives in the 500 block of W. 33rd. Mr. Jasso has delivered the *Gazette* for many years and currently delivers to the 400 and 500 blocks of W. 33rd. Mr. Jasso was nominated by neighbor, Shelley Rogers, for his longtime faithful service (at least as long as her 20 years living in Section 1). Other neighbors, Tina Parks and Rita Donaldson, seconded his nomination! In recognition, Al will receive a \$25 gift card of his choice (Home Depot, Lowe's, Starbucks, or Tony's Mexican Restaurant), compliments of OD's Printing (Oscar Ochoa). Thanks, Al, for all your help. Your neighbors really appreciate you!

Our block captains help the civic club save money by delivering our newsletter to all of our 1400+ homes each month.

If you would like to recognize your deserving block Captain, please call Dian at 713-691-6505. (And if you *never* get your *Gazette*, please call too!)

**Photo of the Month**

by Jessica Jarvis



When James and I met to discuss how to proceed with the *Gazette* as we took over, James offered what I thought was a wonderful idea: a Photo of the Month. The concept was to share an image that captures what we as residents of Garden Oaks see or experience in our neighborhood; children playing, a neighborhood gathering, the rich nature found in GO, anything that provides insight into the things we enjoy about our lives in this neighborhood. So send us your photo, including your name and a brief description of the image for consideration as photo of the month and we'll do our best to work with whatever you send us!



Ravi Jarvis decompressing in the glow of electricity after hurricane Ike.

Submitted by  
Jessica Jarvis

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Kudos to Precinct One.

by Terry Jeanes & Susan Love-Saranie

Hooray for the Precinct One Deputies who worked tireless 12 hrs shifts for 2 weeks+ to keep watch on our neighborhood during the days and dark nights following IKE. The following stories from list serv, personal calls and emails to the chairs give high accolades for the tremendous efforts made, despite the fact that many of them had homes damaged, were without power and lost homes on Bolivar and in the Trinity Bay area.

*Batteries from flashlight for dialysis.* The day after the hurricane, we stopped a constable because we had a neighbor that couldn't find D batteries for his dialysis machine. The constable immediately took the batteries out of his flashlight and gave them to us.

*Ice for neighbors.* Precinct One vehicles were driving the streets several times and passing out ice to unsuspecting neighbors.

*Debris removal.* A Precinct One officer whose family was here from Louisiana to aide in the debris removal was one of the first to hit the streets in Garden Oaks to open up the roadside. The officer worked his normal 12 hr shift and then assisted in cleaning Garden Oaks.

*Deputies spotted at all hours.* My husband witnessed the constable pulling over a white cargo van that pulled out of a driveway just to check it out. Thank you to the constables throughout this ordeal. They've been cruising every day and are VERY visible. I talked with a lady at the gas station and she said her home in Midtown was ransacked and everything - computer, credit cards, etc. - was stolen.

*Aide handling cut through traffic.* When called upon, officers were in the area quickly to aide slowing down cut through traffic that was zipping through our debris-lined close-quartered streets.

*Only incident to report.* A power washer discovered later to have been removed from a neighbors home was quickly recovered by the deputies as the suspect walked down the street with it in tow. Once determined the item was stolen, the culprit had a warrant out for his arrest, was arrested, and is, as of this writing, in jail.

*To sum it all up.* Best money we have ever spent.... the Constables are the best!

Take a moment to drop a line of thanks letting them know what a difference they made:

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## The Garden Oaks Wine Walk Postponed

by Dian Austin

The Wine Walk, originally scheduled for Saturday October 18, 2008, will be postponed until Spring 2009, probably in the March-April timeframe. The Gazebo Park (and many of our other parks) suffered serious tree damage, but should be a viable venue once again in the spring.

The event was sold out, with all 125 tickets being purchased. Prior to Hurricane Ike, we had 13 table hosts signed up to serve various wines.

Sponsorships included the Rainbow Lodge (food), Terry Jeanes (underwriter for the wine glasses), and monetary contributions from Oak Forest Veterinary Clinic, Ed and Brenda de Alba, and Linda Sparks. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and agreed to host a table or provide sponsorships.

The new date of the Spring Wine Walk will be publicized in the *Gazette* early in 2009. Ticket purchasers will have the option of remaining on the sold-out attendee list or getting a full refund. We will also contact all table hosts and sponsors to see if they want to participate in the rescheduled Wine Walk.

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