

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

VOLUME 33

ISSUE 6

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Scott Easterly

Garden Oaks has been an extra busy place this past month. Several new coalitions have formed; it sounds like a Reality TV program. Many are looking for accurate and reliable information concerning our SPARK Park and its possible fencing and access. Plan to attend the upcoming Civic Club meeting June 2 at 7:00 p.m. for updates and a chance to ask questions. On hand will be Ms. Pollock, Principal at GOES, Ms. Tamez, HISD Central Region Superintendent, and members of the newly formed SPARK Park Committee.

I am glad to so many residents have become actively involved in our community. At times it seems that just a small group of people volunteer their time to make Garden Oaks the enjoyable community that most of us love. As President of the Civic Club and a more than three year volunteer for upkeep and improvement to Gazebo Park, I know how much we all benefit from the sacrifices made by those contributing time and energy.

continued on page 2

CIVIC CLUB CONSTABLE IN DANGER OF CANCELLATION DUE TO FUNDS SHORTAGE. SUPPORT NEEDED NOW!

As your Treasurer it is my duty to inform the community that the program for the Constable funded by the Civic Club is running low on funds. As reported at the May meeting, the balance in the constable fund on April 30 was \$12,849.19. That is sufficient to make our payment for this month and next, since our payment is \$5,468. This means that unless we receive more funds, we will only be able to fund the daytime deputy through the month of July - GOMO funds two officers on patrol in the evening and at night. I would encourage anyone who has not yet made their contribution to do so sooner rather than later.

Respectfully,

Phil Ramirez, Treasurer

JUNE 2009

CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

June 2, 2009 Civic Club Meeting
Join us for a SPARK Park Forum, with updates on plans followed by a question and answer session.

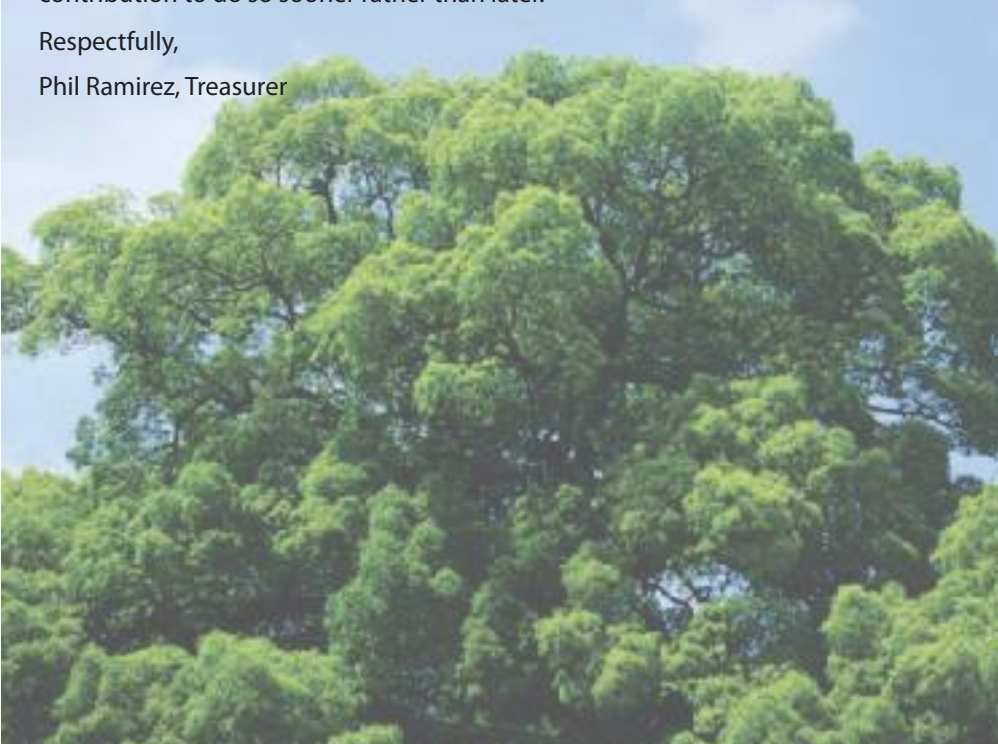
Meetings are held at Garden Oaks Elementary on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

REMINDERS

Sunday July 4, 2009 10am
Garden Oaks 2009 Red, White and Blue Parade

IN THIS ISSUE

Letter from the President ... 2
Heard Under the Oak Tree ... 3
Night Court 2009 ... 4
Yard of the Month ... 4
GO Red, White and Blue Parade ... 5
SPARK Park Meeting ... 6
Good Neighbor Nominations ... 6
Block Captains of the Month ... 7
Civic Club Meeting Notes... 8
Constable Program ... 9
Citizens Patrol 9
GO Kids ... 11
GOES Volunteer Opportunities ... 11
Old-fashioned Picnic Thank Yous ... 11
Civic Club Officer Highlight... 12
Crittter Corner... 13
Recording Academy Event ... 14
Photo of the Month ... 15
Native Beauty ... 15
Events Calendar ... 16



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Scott Easterly, Garden Oaks Civic Club President
continued from page 1

Home Tour 2010 now has a Dream Team of Co-Chairs: Sue Schmidt, 2006 Home Tour Chair, and Dian Austin, Home Tour Command Center past Chair in 2006, 2008 and who knows which other years and committees. I am now so excited about the leadership and talent that these women will bring to us. Although the Home Tour isn't until 2010, as Sue said, "let the fun now begin!" While the date and theme have not been determined you don't have to wait to volunteer; this event takes months of planning to ensure its success. Contact them now to learn about ways you can help; Sue Schmidt at sueschmidt1@comcast.net, Dian Austin at FallingwaterT@yahoo.com.

Interested in SPARK PARK? Consider volunteering to keep it clean and safe for all to enjoy. And remember we are blessed with seven neighborhood parks, all that are here to be enjoyed and all in need of volunteers for care and improvement.

Concerned about SAFETY? Contribute to our Constable Program. The daytime Constable is paid for by contributions of neighbors and is in need of money to continue the patrols past July. Don't have any money, and I mean ANY money to contribute? Then join the Citizens Patrol; it only requires two hours of free HPD training and a minimum of one hour of time per month plus a little gas.

All neighbors are invited to all Civic Club meetings. Remember only those that pay annual membership dues are members and allowed to vote (one vote per household).

EVERY RESIDENT benefits from the donations and time of relatively few in our neighborhood. Are you contributing to the neighborhood or just enjoying it? Join your neighbors in membership and commitment to the betterment of Garden Oaks.

Garden Oaks Gazette

The Garden Oaks Gazette is the official publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is published on a monthly basis. Submission deadline is the 15th of each month for publication the next month unless otherwise noted.

No exceptions.

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.

Gazette Contacts

Jessica Jarvis—Editor

1551 Sue Barnett 713.446.6440
gazette@gardenoaks.org

Dian Austin—Delivery Coordinator

733 W. 42nd 713.691.6505
gazettedelivery@gardenoaks.org

Tim Merritt—Advertising Director

814 W. 43rd 832.474.0770
gazetteads@gardenoaks.org

Proofreaders

Carol Smith, John Tyler and Dian Austin



Civic Club Officers

Scott Easterly—President

761 W. 42nd 713.691.3087
president@gardenoaks.org

Ivan Mayers—Vice President

802 Lamonte 713.202.7113
vicepresident@gardenoaks.org

Phil Ramirez—Treasurer

975 Lamonte 832.794.1221
treasurer@gardenoaks.org

Cindy Bartos—Secretary

831 Azalea 713.694.6697
secretary@gardenoaks.org

Standing Committee Chairs

Brenda de Alba—Beautification

744 W. 43rd 713.694.5934
beautification@gardenoaks.org

Carl Waters Jr.—Citizen Patrol

821 W. 31st 713.864.1992
gocop@gardenoaks.org

Joe Muscara—GardenOaks.org

750 Sue Barnett 713.691.6833
webmaster@gardenoaks.org

Dian Austin—Membership

733 W. 42nd 713.691.6505
membership@gardenoaks.org

Terry Jeanes—Constable Program

922 W. 41st 713.812.9154
constable@gardenoaks.org

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.

1423 Sue Barnett **219 West 30th**
911 West 43rd **1022 Lamonte**
207 West 33rd **1471 Sue Barnett**
535 West 34th

June Birthdays

Andrew Balance 1st
Stephen Wesley Syzdek 4th
Rebecca Stark 5th
Tina Parks Rowe 5th
Christopher Lee 18th
Shana Tatum 21st

Belated birthday wishes to **Trey Kuchar**, May 23rd, who celebrated his 30th birthday with his family in St Maarten. What a great celebration!

Celebrations

Happy Anniversary to **Janice & Warren Walden** on the 22nd.

Congratulations to **John Gregory** and **Gary Williams**. Their entry, "The Peep Jeep" won an Art Car Parade 3rd place trophy this year. For the past few years they have glued marshmallow peeps from Easter to their jeep and entered the parade.

Congratulations to **Eric Jarvis** who was recently elected to the Board of Governors for The Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy.

Special thoughts and concerns

Jeannette Stiborik, long time Garden Oaks resident, passed away May 11th. Condolences to her family.

To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713.812.9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.



Computer-Wiz

4001 N Shepherd Drive 100

Is your Machine Running Slow and freezing up frequently?

We Can Help



Call us today
713.979.4500

We Sell Custom Computers



www.computer-wiz.net

Repairs / Security / Windows / Mac / Networks



AMS REMODELING

Custom Homes
 Room Additions
 Garages
 Kitchens
 Bathrooms
 Hardie Siding
 Total Remodels



FREE ESTIMATES
 713-680-2019



Transforming Your Dreams... Into Reality!

GOMO Board of Directors**Section 1:**

Sheila Briones (2011)
Home: 713.861.8091 Cell: 281.685.8133
412 W. 34th
sbriones@hotmail.com

Graham Gips (2010)
Home: 713.824.9204
408 W. 31st
graham.gips@gmail.com

Kathy Horner (2009)
Cell: 713.385.2050
527 W. 33rd
kathy@associatedcounsel.com

Section 2:

Adrian Berry (2011)
Home: 713.692.0408
737 W. 42nd
adrian.berry@yahoo.com

Ed de Alba (2010) **President**
Cell: 713.628.7008
744 W. 43rd
ferrocem@yahoo.com

Lori Kennedy (2009) **Secretary**
Home: 713.691.6833
750 Sue Barnett Dr.
lorikgomo@blue-funk.com

Section 3:

Jerry Butler (2011)
Home: 713.822.3175
871 W. 41st
jbutler1982@att.net

Kelly Mathews (2010) **Treasurer**
Home: 713.640.5225
855 Lamonte Lane
rkmathews1@gmail.com

Ivan Mayers (2009)
Home: 713.202.7113
802 Lamonte Lane
ilmayers@comcast.net

Section 5:

Tim Weltin (2011) **Vice President**
Home: 713.540.5315
1567 Sue Barnett Drive
timweltin@mycase.info

John Ciccarelli (2009)
Home: 713.688.8285
4310 Apollo
ciccarelli@intergate.com

Terms expire October of year in parentheses.

NIGHT COURT 2009

by Tim Weltin

Legal Fairy Tales

Once upon a time, there was an all-lawyer theatre company staging an original musical comedy production

annually. While that sounds like it would be a disaster, it actually turns out to be pretty entertaining. Granted, I am a biased source of information being a co-writer, co-producer and performer in the show, but we did move to a larger theater last year and experienced a 30-percent single-year growth in our audience, so there is some objective evidence that it's a spectacle worth attending. The project is called "Night Court" and more than 70 attorneys and judges volunteer their time to participate each year. Proceeds benefit charity.

For this year's production, classic characters come to life for Night Court 2009: *Legal Fairy Tales*. The show takes the stage for five performances June 10 -13 at the Wortham Center. Written by lawyers and performed by lawyers with an orchestra and crew full of lawyers, Night Court provides unique escapist entertainment with proceeds benefiting local charities, including the Houston Bar Foundation. Last year's performances yielded \$86,000 which was donated to worthy causes. It's a show for anyone who likes to laugh. The production parodies pop culture, current events, politics and fairy tale entertainment, as well as the legal profession. It's a full-blown stage show with a fluid plotline, elaborate sets, colorful costumes and quirky production numbers.

This is my tenth anniversary with the project. Back in the day, we performed at Rice University and then moved to the Hobby Center when it opened. When we started selling out the community theater there, we added additional shows. After building to a five-show run which was selling out, we doubled our seating capacity by moving to the Wortham Center last year. We now have

plenty of room to grow, which is where you come in. You're invited to attend and spread the word to your friends and co-workers about the all-lawyer "parody for charity." I am available to answer questions about Night Court at timweltin@mycase.info.

From the Three Little Pigs to the Three Bears, from Hansel and Gretel to Alice and the Mad Hatter, fairy tale characters including Snow White, Red Riding Hood, Pinocchio, Little Bo Peep and Prince Charming weave a wacky storyline as they sing, dance and joke their way through a particularly fractured fairy tale. The cast includes District Clerk Loren Jackson as Hansel and County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia as the Blue Fairy. It's never-before and never-again entertainment since every show is retired after its run.

Evening performances, Wednesday-Saturday, begin at 8:00 p.m. and the Saturday matinee is at 2:00 p.m. Special promotions include "Fairy Tale Mug Night" for the Wednesday, June 10 preview performance, where audience members will receive a free keepsake mug. The Thursday, June 11 performance features "Buy Three, Get One Free" ticketing and the Saturday afternoon show is a "Dress-Like-a-Fairy-Tale-Character" matinee. Seats are \$29 for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows, \$21 for the Wednesday preview performance and \$15 for the Saturday matinee. Get your tickets today at www.HBA.org and Live Happily Ever After.*

*Some restrictions may apply.



Yard of the Month

The Spears

1446 Sue Barnett

2009 GO RED, WHITE AND BLUE PARADE JULY 4th

by Deanna Zugheri,
2009 Parade Chairman



Garden Oaks 2009 Red, White, and Blue Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 4th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Rick Englert SPARK Park on Sue Barnett, with pre-registration at 9:30 a.m.

With the enormous patriotic spirit that is in this community, it is expected that anyone who is not in the parade will be on the street cheering. Bring a lawn chair and find a seat along the parade route.

The parade begins at the Rick Englert SPARK Park, proceeds north on Sue Barnett, continues west on the 800 block of Lamonte, turns left on Alba, turns Left on 41st and continues east

on the 800 block of W. 41st, where it will turn right on Sue Barnett before returning to the park.

There is a short parade route which also begins from the park, proceeds north on Sue Barnett, circles the Gazebo Park, and returns south on Sue Barnett back to the park.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Strollers & Wagons
- Tricycles
- Youth bicycles (5 and under, 6-10 yrs., 11-18 yrs.)
- Adult bicycles
- Floats

Refreshments will be served right after the parade.

Volunteers are needed to work the registration table, serve as judges, parade marshals, and photographers. If you are interested in helping, contact Deanna Zugheri at Deanna@GardenOaksHomes.com or 281.658.4514.

WILL ZUGHERI
MORTGAGE BANKER



GARDEN OAKS
RESIDENT

ENVOY
MORTGAGE

WZUGHERI@ENVOYMTG.COM

713.993.2201

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

I SELA VILLARREAL



713.688.7722

AUTO ~ HOME
LIFE ~ FLOOD
COMMERCIAL

2000 NORTH LOOP WEST
SUITE 205
HOUSTON, TX 77018

IVILLARREAL@FARMERSAGENT.COM

FARMERS

You don't have to travel far to purchase or service your car!

TOMMIE VAUGHN



Ford

- ★ New & Used Sales
- ★ Full Service & Maintenance Departments
- ★ Diesel Repair Facilities
- ★ Parts & Accessories Department
- ★ Collision Repair Center

1201 N. Shepherd
1 Mile North of I-10
Call Don Stokey at
713-412-2464 or
713-802-6633
www.tommievaughn.com

Ask for Don Stokey, Garden Oaks Resident of 20 Years and Sales Representative with Tommie Vaughn 21 Years

Residential Remodeling



S.C.M.
Construction Services Inc.

Chris Schmidt
State License No. 10635
Garden Oaks Resident

713. 443. 1701
Fax 713. 802. 9282



- Auto
- Home
- Flood
- Health
- Life
- Insurance



RAMONA DECULUS
STATE FARM AGENCY

www.deculusinsurance.com
4210 Ella Blvd. Houston, TX 77018
713.682.3900
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.



DEANNA
ZUGHERI
GARDENOAKSHOMES.COM



Your Real Estate Consultant for every Move you Make

Call me for a free consultation and market analysis of your home. As a resident for over 15 years, I know Garden Oaks and the value of your property!

GardenOaksHomes.com
Deanna@GardenOaksHomes.com



281.658.4514

SPARK PARK FENCE

At the recent May 13 Garden Oaks Elementary Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) meeting, the following statements were requested of Ms Lindsay Pollock, principal, and Dr Adriana Tamez, HISD Central Region Superintendent for clarity on items of concern that have arisen related to the SPARK Park fence discussion. In addition, a SPARK Park committee was formed at the May Civic Meeting. All concerned residents are encouraged to attend the June 2 civic club meeting to get the latest and most accurate information regarding SPARK Park enhancements.

Statements from HISD

I have always been impressed and pleased with the partnership between Garden Oaks Elementary School and its families and neighbors. Thus, it is good to see the Garden Oaks community coming together, once again, — the school faculty and staff, the parents and community residents — to collaborate in order to consider all perspectives and develop ongoing practices and plans that will benefit the school and the larger community. HISD, above all, is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students. While this remains the district’s primary focus, we expect to be able to do so while also maintaining the productive partnership between school and larger community. The Spark Park is an important outdoor space for both the school and the community, and we want to ensure that it remains a model of the good things that can happen when a school and community work together. There are no immediate plans to erect a fence surrounding the SPARK Park; however, a SPARK Park committee is being organized by the Garden Oaks ES principal, Lindsey Pollock, which is a collaborative effort of the school’s SDMC, the Garden Oaks Civic Club and other community members. This committee will have as its first focus the feasibility of a fence surrounding the SPARK Park; however, we look forward to additional opportunities where this committee might serve to build the

already strong partnership between the school and the neighborhood community.

Adriana Tamez, HISD Central Region Superintendent

Among my top priorities as principal is creating and maintaining a safe, secure and healthy environment for all the students. I feel very fortunate to be at Garden Oaks ES, where there is great support from the community, and I want to work to build on this wonderful strength. It is very important to me and our school that I receive input from all Garden Oaks stakeholders before we made decisions that will affect not only the school but the neighborhood, as well. To that end, I look forward to continued collaboration with our Garden Oaks community to ensure that our shared interest in our Spark Park provides for a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Lindsey Pollock, Principal, Garden Oaks Elementary

Parents remember to bring your children to the Civic Club meetings for fun activities and child care with Hannah Stanchi.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

by Megan Salch and Terry Jeanes

Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award sponsors, Megan Salch and Terry Jeanes, are again calling for your nominations of neighbors who go above and beyond to make a difference in our community. The second quarter award winner will be announced at the July civic club meeting followed by their story in the August Gazette. An adult recipient will receive a \$25 Tony’s gift certificate and a youth winner will receive a savings bond.

Send your nominations to Megan Salch, Tell Your Tale, megan@tellyourtale.com or Terry Jeanes, RE/Max Metro, terry@terryjeanes.com 713.812.9154.

GAZETTE BLOCK CAPTAINS OF THE MONTH

by Dian Austin



Gazette Block Captains of the Month for June are Bryan and Paula Motzel. Bryan, Paula and their son, Everett, live in the 900 block of W. 42nd. They have delivered Gazettes to their block for about a year and a half.

Bryan and Paula moved into Garden Oaks in 2005. They were actually looking at homes in the Heights, accidentally wandered into our great neighborhood, and liked what they saw. They were particularly awed by all the trees and the sense of being away from the city's hubbub, but yet in such an accessible location. Bryan and Paula are both civic club members and constable program supporters.

In recognition of their continued diligence in Gazette delivery, Bryan and Paula receive a \$25 Starbucks gift card, courtesy of OD's Printing (Oscar Ochoa). Thanks Bryan and Paula for all your help!

If anyone else wants to join the Great Gazette Delivery Team, please call Dian at 713.691.6505. If you'd like to nominate your Block Captain for the monthly prize, call or email me at fallingwatert@yahoo.com. (And if you never ever get your Gazette on time, please let me know too!)



Farmer's Termite Management Services

Over 30 years experience

- Peace of Mind Inspections
- Real Estate Inspections
- Termite Treatments

www.FarmersTermite.com

Call Now!

713-681-2420

FARMER'S Home Maintenance

- Fence Repair
- Decks
- Tile Work
- Sheetrock Repair
- Painting Interior/Exterior
- Fixtures

Free Estimates, Credit Cards Accepted, Insured



Your Neighborhood Remodeler/Builder



Creating Spaces for a Lifetime of Living

- Winner of the 2008 Star Awards' Best Specialty Room, Remodeler**
- Winner of Five 2007 Star Awards including Remodeler of the Year**
- Winner Master Design Awards 2007 - Gold Award**

4206 Law Street | Houston, TX 77005 | 713.666.1931 | www.wmshawandassoc.com

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2009

by Cindy Bartos, Secretary

Welcome:

President Scott Easterly called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April minutes as they appeared in the *Gazette*.

Treasurer's Report:

Phil Ramirez presented the current income and expense report for the Civic Club and had detailed copies available at the meeting. Phil encouraged more residents to become members of the Constable Program.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Constable Program: Terry Jeanes will be sending emails to the distribution list asking members to share information and forms with neighbors who are not members of the Constable Program. The forms are also available on the Garden Oaks website: www.gardenoaks.org under the tab "involvement" then follow the link through "Civic Club." Officer C.J. Mangano presented details of recent crimes reported and urged residents to call if they see suspicious activity.
- Beautification: Brenda de Alba reported on the work completed at the Randall Berm Park and the weeding with addition of mulch to Garden Oaks Blvd. The Gazebo Park is next on the list for spring maintenance.
- *Gazette*: Jessica Jarvis asked that residents patronize the advertisers and to let them know you saw their ad in the *Gazette*.
- Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol Program: Carl Waters urged more residents to become volunteers. He reported the neighborhood had five crimes reported in the month of April; 1 more than last April. The

number of reported crimes to date is 14, one more than reported at this time in 2008.

- Garden Oaks.org website: No report
- Membership: No report

Garden Oaks Maintenance

Organization (GOMO): The monthly meeting was held immediately following the civic club meeting.

Garden Club: no report

President Scott Easterly recognized and welcomed new attendees and visitors to the meeting.

Speaker and Program: Terry Jeanes introduced Garden Oaks resident and author of the book 100+ Activities for Houston Kids, Megan Salch. Megan focused her presentation on bringing out the inner child in all of us as she described several suggested activities for adults as well as for children. She had her book available for purchase at the meeting, which can also be purchased on line or at area bookstores.

Old Business:

President Scott Easterly reminded us of the Old Fashioned Picnic that will be taking place 1:00p.m. Sunday, May 17 at the SPARK Park.

Wine Walk: Saturday, October 10, 2009. Currently sold out, but contact Dian Austin to get on the waiting list.

W.G. Eickenhorst reported on his continuing efforts to have the ditches cleaned out in his area. Representatives from the Flood Control District told him they are in the process of obtaining written permission from the railroad to work around their property.

Gazette distribution: Phil Ramirez is in the process of surveying the neighborhood on the idea of having the Garden Oaks *Gazette* change from a delivered hard copy to being available online. Contact Phil via email treasurer@gardenoaks.org with your opinions both pro and con concerning whether we will continue to print the newsletter for all residents.

Quiet Zone: President Easterly urged

residents to contact the Mayor, Councilwoman Toni Lawrence's office and the at-large Council members to voice your opinion on this issue.

New business: Lindsey Pollock, principal of Garden Oaks Elementary School presented the issue of putting a fence around the SPARK park. She expressed her concerns for the safety of the students and the desire to establish a perimeter that would define the boundaries for students and potential visitors to the park during school hours. She reported on having to frequently ask visitors to leave the property while school was in session. She also reminded attendees of the school's policy of asking visitors to sign in at the front office before using the park.

The discussion from residents and teachers in attendance included: opposition to a fence, the need for safety of the students, questioning the need for extra security, the suggestion that the Constables increase their patrol around the park, the suggestion that a plan for a fence - if needed in the future- may have been included in the original SPARK park plans, and the reminder of the donations (monetary, time and physical labor) by the community in the development of the park and the school's campus. A variety of fence scenarios were suggested: locked gates (unlocked after school hours), partial fencing that would define a perimeter but would still have large openings, rolling fences and short fencing. Ms. Pollock requested that a committee be formed to determine the type and location of the fence. Residents were urged to contact Ms. Pollock if interested in being on the committee.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31 pm
Attendance: 47

Please support our
advertisers who in turn
support our
neighborhood.
Tell them you saw their
ad in the *Gazette*!

CONSTABLE PROGRAM

DANGER: SHORTAGE OF FUNDS FOR DAYTIME DEPUTY

by Terry Jeanes & Susan Love – Saranie

The civic club contract currently has funds to keep our daytime deputy on the streets only to the end of July. Then he will be gone. Keeping him here will depend on you and your neighbors.

Please use the constable supporter form in this issue. If you are not a member please join immediately. If you are a member, encourage your neighbors to sign up. Garden Oaks crime stats have been declining since the constable program's existence and the increased coverage of our deputies. For the safety of the community please join us today. Your support will make a difference.

<http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm2009.pdf>

IMPORTANT CALL FOR CONSTABLE SUPPORTER FUNDS

PRECINCT ONE CONSTABLE DISPATCH 713.755.7628

April 2009 Statistics

- Miles Patrolled...2726
- Court Citations.....35
- Alarm Responses....5
- Written Warnings.....2
- Vacations Watches....9
- Suspicious Vehicles....193
- Park checks...113
- Criminal Offenses...4
- Arrests....8



CITIZENS PATROL PROGRAM

by Carl Waters, Jr.

Soon after the deadline for the May Gazette, a neighbor called about solicitors in the 1300 block of Sue Barnett. She reported several persons were working the area claiming to represent a home security company. The neighbor stated she called the Constable and was told by him the men were not legitimate. Please be careful about doing business with door to door solicitors. If they are legitimate they should have a license from the City of Houston.

Attention all motorists - school is out. Watch out for children at play. Through the first quarter of the year, crime statistics are very similar to what was reported last year. For 2009 we have 14 crimes reported on the HPD website as compared to 13 through March of 2008.

March Crime Statistics: 5

Burglary: 1
3400 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Sunday, March 22nd at 9:00 p.m. (specialty store)

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle: 3
1000 block of Lamonte Ln. on Monday, March 16th at 9:00 p.m. (driveway)
700 block of W. 41st St. on Friday, March 27th at 10:30 p.m. (driveway)
800 block of W. 42nd St. on Saturday, March 28th at 11:00 a.m. (street)

Auto Theft: 1
300 block of W. 30th St. on Saturday, March 7th at 11:45 p.m. (driveway)

Inquiries about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the COP email account at GOCOP77018@AOL.com or by phone at 713.864.1992.

Emergency Numbers


Emergency Services 911
HPD Non-Emergency Services 713.884.3131
Constable Dispatch 713.755.7628
All Other City Services 311

Diana Lynn Tarley
Broker / Agent



713.539.0569
713.880.5599
dianalynntarley.com

Richelieu Realty



**New Construction*Custom Re-Design
Renovations*Lots/Build-to-Suit**

See Our Work At:

701 G. Oaks Blvd.	738 W. 42nd St.
713 G. Oaks Blvd.	847 W. 42nd St.
436 W. 30th St.	870 W. 42nd St.
516 W. 30th St.	823 W. 43rd St.
531 W. 32nd St.	1026 Althea
524 W. 34th St.	1030 Althea
527 W. 34th St.	815 Azaalea
729 W. 39th St.	975 Gardenia
721 W. 41st St.	1043 Gardenia
750 W. 41st St.	839 Lamonte
818 W. 41st St.	3205 Lawrence
858 W. 41st St.	1325 Sue Barnett
862 W. 41st St.	1458 Sue Barnett
970 W. 41st St.	1506 Sue Barnett
718 W. 42nd St.	1575 Sue Barnett

HARRY JAMES BUILDING & DESIGN
(713) 695-7007
harryjamesbuilder.com

Shannon & Associates, Inc.
Shannon L. Nelson, ASID

Registered Interior Designer #2026
Studio 713-802-9301
Fax 713-802-0071
Wireless 713-304-2551

Residential & Commercial Interior Design
Renovation * Construction
208 W. 34TH STREET HOUSTON, TEXAS 77018

St. Rose

Catholic School



Providing Exceptional Education right in your neighborhood

Since 1948,
St. Rose
has offered
**exemplary
academics**
for students in pre-K
through 5th grade.



St. Rose students receive integral formation of the entire Christian youth: mind, body and spirit. Educating children of all faiths, St. Rose is fully accredited and provides children with an educational environment that embraces the belief that each child is unique and will flourish academically, socially, emotionally, and physically in a caring and nurturing atmosphere. Lifelong learners will be developed at St. Rose through high expectations, religious education, innovative teaching practices and challenging opportunities for all.

**Now
Registering!**

For more information and a tour, call today!

713-691-0104



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL • 3600 BRINKMAN • WWW.STROSELIMA.ORG

GO KIDS NEWS

by Sarah McGee Heath

It's hard to believe summer is upon us again! GO Kids has many fun activities planned for these hot months!

Moms' Night Out for June will be Thursday, June 4 at 7p.m. at Chatters Cafe & Bistro, 140 South Heights Blvd. Hope to see you there!

Please join us for our all ages GO Playgroup on Mondays & Fridays from 10a.m. to 12p.m. I am happy to announce that we will be moving our playgroup to the SPARK Park for the summer. Please take a moment to sign in at GOES office. Thanks!

The news is reporting there is a Hurricane Ike "baby boom" happening these days! Do you know an overwhelmed new parent?! Are you one of those sleep deprived parents yourself?! Take heart because help is on the way! We are happy to provide new families with several meals during those stressful first few weeks. If you are expecting or know a neighbor who is, please let our GO Dinner Drop coordinator, Amber Berend, know by contacting her at amber.berend@yahoo.com. Also, be sure to sign up and help deliver food to a family in need; it's a great way to meet your neighbors and see some cute little babies!

Calling all kids! Be sure to get your bikes, trikes, wagons, even strollers decorated and ready for the GO Red, White & Blue Parade on July 4th. Or bring along a picnic blanket and find a spot to watch the festivities along the parade route. You won't want to miss this charming tradition!

Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to again thank Tonya Knauth for starting this wonderful group three years ago. I am thrilled to be a part of GO Kids and look forward to helping it grow. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors and stay tuned for upcoming events and new activities. And thanks to everyone for their kind words and

encouragement during this transition!

GO Kids was started by a group of parents who wanted to build a family-friendly neighborhood where children and parents knew each other and grew together -- all Garden Oaks families are welcome! Not on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Sarah Heath at 713.812.1355, or sarahmheath@gmail.com.

GOES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

by Lindsey Pollock

Do you have a talent to share and extra time? We'd love to have your help at Garden Oaks Elementary! We have projects large and small from one-time to long-term projects!

Projects include:

- Reading to a student or class
- Mentoring students
- Tutorials for students struggling academically
- Writing grants
- Helping teachers with projects and laminating
- Helping out in the front office
- Volunteering
- Working in the gardens, pond and orchard
- Providing lectures or lessons in your area of expertise as a guest lecturer
- Sharing your ethnic or cultural background or travels with students
- Fine Arts lessons/performances such as dance or instrumental

Thank you for your interest in our neighborhood school and for your commitment to public education - the cornerstone of our democracy!

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, contact Lindsey Pollock, Principal, Garden Oaks Elementary at 713.696.2930 or LPOLLOCK@houstonisd.org.

Terry Jeanes
Your Neighbor & Area Specialist



When Experience
Counts
**Garden Oaks
Top Producing
Realtor
Leading the
Competition**

RE/Max Metro
713-812-9154

GARDEN OAKS OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC THANK YOU

by Terry Jeanes

Tune in to next month's Gazette for a recap and photos from the 1st Annual Garden Oaks Old-fashioned Picnic, sponsored by 30 year Garden Oaks resident and realtor, Terry Jeanes.

Award winners from the dessert contest and recipient of \$25 gift certificate donated by David Heiland of Chocolate Du Monde, will be highlighted. Also winners of egg, sack, and balloon races will be noted.

Very special thanks go to:

- Shana Tatum for her help with this event
- Kathryn Noser of Razzamatazz Children's Parties for the help with all the games
- Tina Sabuco and Arts Alive for usage of the sound system
- GO Kids for providing the bouncy/moonwalk
- Precinct One deputies – thumbs up on the fingerprinting
- Garden Oaks Elementary principal, Lindsay Pollock, and Tony, the plant manager, for their assistance



The Larson Law Office,
PLLC
 HOUSTON, TEXAS
 BUSINESS * FAMILY *
 WILLS * APPEALS

Diana Larson, Attorney
 Garden Oaks Resident
 (281) 610-4114



Three W Services
 Interior Painting Carpentry
 Exterior Painting Drywall Repair
 Pressure Washing Wallpaper Removal

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
 MAINTENANCE PAINTING SPECIALISTS

COMMERCIAL ~ RESIDENTIAL
FREE ESTIMATE
 INSURED - LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
713-460-0072
 www.3wpaint.com



Pet Sitters International
 Insured Bonded

Bone Voyage
 Pet Sitting Services

713-688-6363
Casey Farris
 Owner/Pet Lover
 www.goDOGusa.com

CIVIC CLUB OFFICER HIGHLIGHT

Secretary Cindy Bartos
by Jessica Jarvis

The Garden Oaks civic club is served by a number of very talented and dedicated individuals willing to volunteer their time and talents to our neighborhood. One of those individuals is Cindy Bartos who has served as secretary for the last three years. She and her husband John, an attorney, moved to Houston from Pittsburgh, PA in 1976. They purchased their first house in the 900 block of Althea in 1982. 1983 brought a spring tornado to Garden Oaks and in August 1983 they endured Hurricane Alicia. It was quite a welcome to the neighborhood! In 2002 they moved a few streets north to their current home on Azalea.

Over her years in Garden Oaks, Cindy has participated in civic club meetings and delivered the Gazette both on Althea and currently on Azalea. For twelve years she was the Democratic Precinct Chair in Pct. 245 that voted at the Square Dance Center on Golf.

Cindy retired last year after 32 years of teaching elementary school in Aldine ISD - most recently 6th grade math. Cindy and John's best friend is their Golden Retriever, Sonny Boy. They are involved in a number of membership organizations such as The Galveston Bay Foundation, Houston Audubon Society and the Houston Canoe Club.

Cindy and John spend a part of their free time paddling somewhere - either in the Bay area with their sea kayaks or canoeing one of the many waterways within and hour or

two's drive from Houston. They have competed and placed in FreeStyle canoeing competitions which apply smooth, efficient paddling to music. They sometimes combine paddling with their other interests in birding and photography.

Before they moved here a friend of Cindy's living in Garden Oaks described it to her as "living in a 'Leave it to Beaver' type place where neighbors talk to each other and kids ride bikes to visit their friends," she said. "That was 28 years ago and I think it's still true. Old trees, unique houses, friendly and helpful neighbors - all reasons we've made Garden Oaks our home."

Thank you Cindy, for the time and talents you bring to our neighborhood as a valued volunteer!



GARDEN OAKS OUTREACH
 a classified listing

MISSING CAT

Our cat "Fifu" was last seen April 28th in Section 1 on West 30th and Lawrence St. He is a 3 year old tabby gray cat with black stripes and no tail. We really miss him, so if you have any information please call Connie at 281.904.6991.

Classified Ads are \$20 per run for residents, and are for personal services only (help wanted, items for sale, infant care needed, etc.). Contact the Gazette Advertising Director for more information.

CRITTER CORNER

by Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Happy June! Summer and hot weather are here. This month we talk about whether or not to cut or shave your dog's fur and our Pets of the Month are a pair of Old English Sheepdogs who know all about haircuts.

Critters 101: Summer Shaving

When summer comes, lots of folks want to have their dogs shaved to help them stay cooler. Expert recommendations vary on the topic of whether to clip a dog's coat; however, the ASPCA suggests for a double-coated dog like a Chow, trimming may help, but don't shave. Leave at least one inch to provide insulation and protection from sunburn. Long-haired dogs with a single coat like Border Collies should not be clipped as their coats may not be dense enough to protect them from the sun when short.

Other Summer Reminders:

It is too hot for a pet to be left in the car for any length of time, even for a couple of minutes, so never leave

your pets unattended in the car. If the outside temperature is 93 degrees, the temperature inside your car can soar to 125 degrees in 20 minutes and to 140 degrees in 40 minutes.

If you jog with your dog, do so in early morning or late evening and take water along. If it is over 85 degrees the dogs cannot cool themselves fast enough.

If your dog is outside, put a fan out there with him. It will help cool him and keep the mosquitoes away.

Keep water bowls clean and full of fresh water. A slice of cold melon can cool and hydrate a hot dog.

Pet of the Month:

"Messrs. June" are a dynamic duo of Old English Sheepdogs. George (4) and Truman (10) live in Section V with their parents Tracy and Alan Harbert. Alan shaves their fur every four months and thinks it keeps them cooler but it grows out very quickly. Both dogs came from the same breeder in Magnolia, TX. This breed is very intelligent, social and adaptable. Something happened

when Truman was a puppy and he hates the backyard and refuses to go out there. We think he got bitten by some ants or something. These guys prefer the air conditioning anyway. In fact, they like to hang out on the couch and watch TV. They especially like the commercials. When the flea collar ad comes on with the little puppy singing, "There ain't no bugs on me," George will wake from a deep sleep and howl. Alan says they have never had a flea in their lives but do like the song. George has a clownish energy and loves to aggravate Truman just like a typical little brother. Both boys will do anything for an Iams Weight Control cookie. Alan says he could probably get them to mow the lawn for a cookie. At this house the dogs are funny and the people are funnier. Here's to the Harberts – always keeping their cool!

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services and Go Dog USA. Mau Mau is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@GoDogUSA.com or call 713.688.6363.

 <p>Oak Forest Veterinary Clinic</p> <p>Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM By appointment only</p> <p>Saturday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM Walk-in's welcome</p> <p>2120 West 34th Street (Between T.C. Jester & Ella)</p> <p>(713) 682 - 6351</p> <p>www.oakforestvetclinic.com</p>	<p>Come meet our new doctors</p> <p>Hallie Ray Moore, DVM Jessica Nantz, DVM</p>
	<p>Drop-off Service Surgery Vaccinations Dentals Boarding & Grooming Baths</p>
	<p>Supporting our community since 1964</p>

THE RECORDING ACADEMY TEXAS CHAPTER BRINGS AUTHORS OF *RECORDING THE BEATLES TO TEXAS*

by Eric Jarvis

Every summer, the Texas Chapter of The Recording Academy (GRAMMYS) holds its annual P & E Tour in several cities across Texas. The P & E Tour is a series of events, put together by the Texas Chapter's Producers & Engineers Committee, focused on the production and engineering process of making records. Each event brings together music professionals and members of The Recording Academy from across the state to participate in panel discussions, presentations and Q-&-A sessions with luminaries, pioneers, innovators, entrepreneurs, manufacturers and others in the pro-audio field.

Until this year, the P & E Tour held events in three cities: Austin, Dallas and Houston, but this year is adding San Antonio to its lineup. Last year's Houston event provided a rare behind-the-scenes look inside the world-famous production facilities of Houston's Lakewood Church. This in-depth tour included a live performance by the Lakewood Orchestra (recorded and made available for hands-on manipulation of the live-sound and demonstration of the production process and infrastructure), a tour of the entire production facility and an intimate Q-&-A session with the award-winning production staff and artists in residence, including Israel Houghton.

This year, on Saturday, July 11, the Houston event promises to be one of the most exciting and interesting ever.

As reported by Dan Workman, owner of Houston's legendary SugarHill Studios, "The Texas Chapter of The Recording Academy is exceptionally proud to present Brian Kehew and Kevin Ryan, co-authors of *Recording the Beatles*, in a moderated discussion about their journey in writing what has become the definitive work on how the Beatles recorded their hit records."

Recording the Beatles is the result of a ten-year effort by Ryan and Kehew and is renowned as one of the most detailed and meticulously researched books ever published regarding the recording processes, facilities, personnel, equipment and facilities used in recording the legendary rock band's catalogue of albums.

The authors gained unprecedented access to the world-famous EMI Abbey Road Studios and personnel who were personally involved in making some of the most famous and popular recordings of our time. The book covers everything from blueprints, to microphones, techniques and more. The book has become a must-have for the library of anyone in the recording or music business, as well as Beatle fans and aficionados.

A more detailed synopsis of the book and information about the authors can be found at www.recordingthebeatles.com.


The Recording Academy, the Texas

Chapter and the Producers & Engineers Committee are honored and excited to be able to present this rare opportunity to members of The Recording Academy, as well as members of the public at large for what will be a reasonable fee. (Discounts apply for members and there is usually a Recording Academy membership option for qualifying non-members with the attendance fee of one event, which may be offered again this year.)

The venue for this event is as yet undetermined, but updates and additional information, such as location, exact times, pricing (member and non-member) may be found at www.grammy.com or contact me for more information at eric@crushpad.com.

On behalf of the Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy and the Producers & Engineers Committee, I cordially invite you to attend and enjoy what is guaranteed to be an incredibly interesting look into the world of recording and the Beatles' many hit records.

**For all of Your
Printing & Bookbinding
Needs**

 **O.D.'s Printing**
Neighbor helping neighbor

Oscar D. Ochoa
Owner

8924 Emmott Road
713-896-0052



GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

President

Chris Lindsay 713.819.8412

1st Vice President

Janet Cones 713.822.2532

2nd Vice President

Trish Merkhams 713.688.4008

Treasurer

Robert DeVeau 832.659.7797

Co-Secretaries

Cathy Wahren 713.686.8686

Mary Lynn Porter

PHOTO OF THE MONTH
Neighbor and Art Car Parade Winner



John Gregory (pictured) and Gary Williams, W 32nd neighbors, won a 3rd place trophy for their art car submission "Peep Jeep."

Garden Oaks
REALTY
 Residential and Commercial
 Real Estate
 SPECIALIZING IN INNER LOOP
 Personalized Service
 Broker Owned and Operated
SHARON LAUDER, BROKER
 Garden Oaks Resident for 29 years
 slauder@sbcglobal.net
 713-862-3747

CAMPOS
ROOFING
 "The Roofing Specialist"
 New Roofs/Re-Roofs and Repairs
 All work Guaranteed
919 Judiway
713-680-3530
 Since 1960

OWENS CORNING Preferred Roofing Contracting
BBB MEMBER

NATIVE BEAUTY

by Mark Saranie

A month or so after Ike, odd things in the vegetable kingdom seemed to be going on in our yard. The pecan, which was on its way to dormancy, began growing new foliage; specimens that had completed their blooming cycles months prior were either coming up again or putting on a few buds. Was this an act of survival?

This spring, plants I thought long gone from my beds are making an appearance, and with vigor. A native beauty, though, that I had not noticed in other yards in past years but only in my own, was coming out with a vengeance in some neighbors' yards and just a smattering in others. I had long wondered what the bloom was until I found it in *Wildflowers of Texas* by Geyata Ajilvsgi.

The wildflower in question is *Herbertia*, *Herbertia lahue* subsp. *Caerulea*. Iris Family (Iridaceae). Ajilvsgi notes that *Herbertia* is endemic to the eastern

and southern portion of Texas but is usually abundant where found, forming large areas of almost solid blue. This family is named for the Greek goddess Iris, the messenger of Juno, who used the rainbow as her bridge between heaven and earth. It has been long misidentified in some of the literature as *Alophia drummondii*. Further information dispensed by Ajilvsgi follows.

Bloom Period: March-May
Description: Upright, delicate, smooth perennial to 1 ft. (3 dm) from deep, globelike bulb. Flower to 2 in. (5 cm) across: segments 6: outer 3 segments petallike, broad, wide-spreading, pale to dark blue or lavender, the basal area heavily spotted with violet outlined with purple; inner 3 segments much smaller, blackish violet in basal portion, violet near tip. Flowers solitary or 2 to 3 at tip of leafless stem, emerging from a broad, sheathing, leaflike bract. Leaves to 12 in. (3dm) long alternate, mostly basal, narrow and grasslike, folded together for most of length.
Habitat: Sandy or clayey soils of prairies,

meadows, grasslands, and other open areas. In NE, SE, SC, CT, ST.

No kidding about the "deep" part with regards to the bulb. In the past I have attempted digging up the bulb with no success. Just this year, however, I managed to secure six by using a dandelion digging tool. I nearly pushed the entire tool into the earth all around the plant. I failed many times. The six I have are in a long pot. Hopefully they will bloom again next season. The sad thing about *Herbertia* is that since it grows in our lawns and looks like grass, when the bloom opens in the morning many times it is removed by the mower if it is that day of the week. As a solution, mow late in the afternoon; by then this native beauty has folded up her petals and gone to sleep.





JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Civic Club mtg 7pm	3	4 GO Kids 7pm, Chatter's Cafe 140 S. Heights Blvd.	5	6
7	8	9 	10 Night Court 2009 - Wortham 8pm	11 Night Court 2009 - Wortham 8pm	12 Night Court 2009 - Wortham 8pm	13 Night Court 2009 - Wortham 2pm, 8pm
14	15	16	17 GOMO mtg 7:30pm	18 GO Sisterhood Petrol Station 985 Wakefield 7:30pm	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



GARDENOAKSHOMES.COM

JUST LISTED

CALL ME ABOUT THESE GREAT LISTINGS AND OTHERS IN GARDEN OAKS OR CONTACT ME FOR A FREE MARKET ANALYSIS OF YOUR HOME.



1014 LAMONTE



1070 LAMONTE



907 WEST 42ND



830 WEST 43RD

THE METROPOLITAN
KELLER WILLIAMS

DEANNA@GARDENOAKSHOMES.COM ~ 281.658.4514