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by Susan Kostelecky

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MAR 2010

CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

March 2 Civic Club Meeting

7pm at Garden Oaks Elementary School

REMINDERS

2010 Home Tour: Sunday, April 25

Noon to 6 p.m.

\$13 in advance

\$15 day of tour

Preview Party: Saturday, April 24

5 to 7 p.m. self guided tour followed by dinner and auction at the Bell Tower
Tickets are available via the Ticket Order Form (see insert)

\$1250 for a table of 10

\$100 single tickets

Don't forget to complete your Constable membership form found in this issue today!

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CITIZENS' PATROL

by Carl Waters, Jr.

During the past month, I received phone calls from two area residents who reported their vehicles had been broken into overnight. In one instance the owner left his vehicle unlocked; nothing was taken even though the glove box and center console were ransacked. Please remember to lock your vehicles every time you step away from them. Unlocked vehicles are targets of easy opportunity for thieves. The Patrol Program welcomes new patroller Jeremy Gaige to group. He completed his training with HPD in February and is now ready to patrol the streets of Garden Oaks.

January Crime Statistics: 5

Robbery: 1

200 block of the North Loop West

on Sunday, January 10 at 10:25 p.m. (service station).

Theft: 2

3200 block of N. Shepherd DR on Wednesday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. (church),
800 block of W. 32nd ST on Thursday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. (residence).

Auto Theft: 2

700 block of W. 43rd ST on Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 p.m. (driveway).
1400 block of Sue Barnett DR on Sunday, January 31 at 8:30 a.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 713.864.992.

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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.

971 West 41st 1066 Lamonte
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407 West 34th 227 West 33rd
411 West 31st 718 Sue Barnett
1071 West 42nd 216 West 31st
831 West 42nd 963 Althea
858 West 42nd 930 West 42nd
987 West 42nd 718 West 38th

Belated February Birthdays

Tonya Knauth 9th
Alisha & Lela Cunningham 12th
Brenda de Alba 17th
Shannon King 28th
Eddie Battenfield Jr. 28th

March Birthdays

Sydney Grace Null 3rd
Lori Kennedy 5th
Taylor Crownover 8th
Dodie Davis 11th
George Appling 11th
Kenneth Santos 14th
Curtis Hall 15th
Will Zugheri 30th

Happy Anniversary

Erica & Darin Duncan Feb. 3, **Dave & Vanessa Groves** Feb. 13, and **Will & Deanna Zugheri** Feb. 23
 (March) **Mark & Susan Saranie** Mar. 24, and **Sean & Caroline McLean** Mar. 27

Well wishes and a speedy recovery

To **Megan Salch** following surgery for the torn ACL and meniscus from her annual ski trip to Breckenridge.

Congratulations

To the Jeanes household on the arrival of **Dixie**, a rescue from BARC via Home for the Holidays Pet Adoption in Highland Village. Her coming out party was the annual Jeanes New Years Resolution Re-gifting party, where she met many Garden Oaks pet owners and got several play dates.

Out and About

The whole **McLean** Clan, **Sean, Caroline, Lucy & Josh**, traveled to Venice in January for Caroline's brother's wedding.

Was that **Trent Salch**, sitting atop the King and Queen's float for Mardi Gras Galveston the Krewe of Momus parade? Trent's dad, Steve Salch, the actual King of Momus 2010 was under the weather so Trent rode on Steve's behalf. There was lots of celebration for **Trent, Megan & Kylie Salch** in Galveston and a fun event for the whole family.

Condolences

To **Rich & Rebecca Stark** on the loss of Rich's father in January and to **Linda Sparks** and **Terry Jeanes** on the loss of Linda's sister and Terry's aunt in January. Additional thoughts go out to the **Alsobrook family** on the loss of their 13 year old iguana, Iggy, and to the **Quales family** on the loss of their beloved Bella.

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

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Mark Klein

A significant grant proposal in the works for Garden Oaks Elementary School (GOES) will be on the agenda at the Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the GOES cafeteria.

Please join your neighbors at the March meeting, where GOES Principal Lindsey Pollock will be joined by Anna Eastman, Houston Independent School District (HISD) Trustee, to discuss the grant proposal currently being developed by HISD and what it means for the elementary school.

In other news, GO Civic Club Vice President Scott Easterly and I hope to have an update on our Feb. 23 meeting with the City of Houston about the 34th Street Corridor Quiet Zone City. A core group of volunteers continue to invest their time, energy and passion lobbying the City to make a railroad Quiet Zone a reality for Garden Oaks.

Of course, you'll also get to hear updates and news from our hard-working committee chairs about our constable program, the neighborhood GO COP patrol, the 2010 Home Tour, parks beautification and more.

It's been an interesting two months worth of meetings for the Garden Oaks Civic Club, and our upcoming meetings are sure to carry on the tradition. In April, the GO Civic Club will host State Representative-District 138 Dwayne Bohac and our new Councilmember Brenda Stardig. In May, we'll look forward to the return of Roland Altinger from the Harris County Appraisal District.

Become engaged with your community and join us 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, for our next Civic Club meeting.

GOMO Review Meetings
 take place at 6:30p.m.
 prior to the Civic Club meetings.

GO CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2010

President Mark Klein called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. at Garden Oaks Elementary School.

The January 2009 minutes were approved as published in the Gazette.

Melissa Noriega, Houston City Councilmember-At Large, spoke about the City of Houston's Public Safety efforts. Ms. Noriega heads the City Council Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, which oversees police, fire, disaster, and homeland security. About two-thirds of the city's budget comes through her committee, said Ms. Noriega.

According to Ms. Noriega, the City's Public Safety mission is to have a, "Safer, healthier, and more productive" way of life. Houston, she stated, has the best EMS team in the state. The discussion quickly shifted to fighting crime, and Ms. Noriega said more technology and smarter systems can be an answer. Houston police are using computers in cars, more advanced training, and centralized police centers to track and respond to crime.

Ms. Noriega said the city is trying to get more federal dollars to fund additional police cadet classes. However, she explained, recruiting qualified police cadets has proved challenging in the
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GAZETTE BLOCK CAPTAIN OF THE MONTH

by Dian Austin

March's Block Captain of the Month is Marlene Caldwell, who lives in the 1400 block of Sue Barnett and delivers *Gazettes* to the same block. Marlene wandered into Garden Oaks about 10 years ago while looking for property in the Heights. She loves the sweet houses, the large yards, the beautiful trees, all the birds and other critters, and all the great folks she's met since living here.

Marlene is a fairly new *Gazette* block captain, having asked to deliver her own block. She also has helped out when we were short on a particular route.

Marlene alternates between being a systems librarian at the Research Medical Library of the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and a menagerie keeper of canines Tucker and Chip; felines Ivy, Zina, Nic, and Felix; and numerous doves and goldfish.

While not working or taking care of all the animals, Marlene enjoys horses and horseback riding, gardening, yoga, birding, and hiking.

Marlene is a long-time civic club and constable supporter and loves the home tour.

Thanks to Marlene for her continued commitment to delivering those *Gazettes* on time! She will receive a \$25 gift card to Lowe's, courtesy of Oscar Ochoa at OD's Printing.

If anyone else wants to join the great *Gazette* Delivery Team, call me at 713.691.6505 or email me at FallingwaterT@yahoo.com. And if your *Gazette* is not being delivered timely, please let me know, too.

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by Lindsey Pollock, GOES Principal

The Houston Independent School District is in the process of preparing a grant proposal with the U.S. Department of Education Magnet Schools Assistance Program. One of the schools selected by the district to be a part of this proposal is Garden Oaks Elementary School. Under the proposal, Garden Oaks Elementary School would become a full Montessori program with an Environmental Science emphasis. This unique program maintains the integrity of the campus and maintains its rich history.

During this transition process there will be frequent community meetings. Your feedback and suggestions are needed to help us develop and implement an effective transition plan. Your contact person during this transition will be the principal, Ms. Lindsey Pollock. We thank you for your continued support and input during this process.



Garden Oaks Elementary recently hosted St. Agnes Sophmores who came to campus to help in the classroom and in the habitat.

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RENEWAL

by Mark Saranie



In the February 13, Houston Chronicle article, "Roses Have Their Day," Kathy Huber quoted Mike Shoup, owner of the Antique Rose Emporium, on the profusion of rose blooms expected this year due to the extended dormancy caused by the freezing temperatures. I feel the same about me. Normally, under most weather conditions, you would find me out in the yards doing stuff on every single day off. The cold this year has kept me indoors and thus has replenished my gardening energy. This morning the day is crystal clear, a little warmer than in mornings passed, and I feel renewed.

It seems everything is stirring and ready for renewal. I discovered this

morning an abundance of tiny flower buds emerging on my Meyer Lemon tree. I worried that the tree had suffered extreme damage and having been in a wait-and-see mode after all the freezing weather it appears to have come out a winner. Other citrus trees I have in pots are following suit. Another good sign is that the end buds on the pecan tree seem to be swelling; a sure indication that winter in Texas is over, groundhog not withstanding.

Keeping our 2010 Home and Garden Tour in mind, there is so much work to do, not only in our yards but throughout the entire neighborhood. I encourage everyone to lend a hand by volunteering with Beautification and joining the Garden Oaks Garden Club. Recovery from this past winter will require a combined neighborhood effort. The job at hand is vast and time is hurtling towards the April 25 Home Tour date. Add this volunteer work to your resolution list not only for these events, but on a continuing basis. It is a lot of work for the very few who remain committed to the cause.

Melissa M. Reid

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wake of increased demand for border patrol officers and soldiers fighting two wars. To get more patrolmen on the street, the City of Houston is replacing, where they can, police officers with civilians in places like the court system, jail, and other places.

Budget remains an issue, explained Ms. Noriega, as the city faces an 18 percent decrease in sales tax revenue this year, after benefiting from revenue spike during Hurricane Ike rebuilding.

Other City Public Safety initiatives:

Created a convenience store ordinance to standardize safety issues, such as new cameras, drop safes, a height strip by the exit door, and clearing objects away from windows so one can see inside from the parking lot;
Setting uniform standards and frequencies for radios and equipment among police, fire, HISD security;
Increased use of Blackberries for communication. When Ike knocked out telephone systems, COH could still text and communicate via their Blackberry

system; Increased use of handhelds by police to write tickets, improving efficiencies.

Ms. Noriega reviewed the city's improved website (houstontx.gov) and showed how Garden Oaks residents can use the site to track neighborhood crime statistics, compare crime rates to other areas, and track over time and locate information for other services such as trash pickup.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Ramirez reported that the GO Civic Club has raised \$41,076 of the \$71,000 needed to fund the 2010 constable program with only \$29,924 more to go. Please remind your friends and neighbors who have not yet sent in their payment to do so soon.

GO Citizens Patrol: Carl Waters reported five crimes for Jan 2010, the same as last year.

Constable Program: Terry Jeanes reported that Constable CJ Mangano was transferred and a new deputy will take his place.

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yielded her time to GO resident Vic Seghers, who discussed a City of Houston program that provides trees to homeowners to plant on city, not personal property. The trees can be planted on easements, esplanades, parks, etc. Each homeowner is allotted two trees and must sign an agreement to plant and maintain them. Vic received 13 trees after the City confirmed he had space. Roughly 30 to 40 types of trees are available. Trees can be requested on the city's 311 website (<https://webintake.houstontx.gov>).

Gazette and GO Website: No report

Home Tour: The Garden Oaks Home Tour 2010 has a Facebook page (<http://tinyurl.com/GOHomeTour2010>) reported Dian Austin. Tickets for the preview party go on sale in early March.

Membership: Dian reported that GO Civic Club membership has grown to 305 members.

GOMO: No report

GO Elementary: Principal Lindsey Pollack had a new grandbaby and was

not present.

Good Neighbor Award

Long-time GO residents Bill and Sue McMillian – known for bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to life at the Gazebo Park for 27 years – earned the Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award, announced by Terry Jeanes.

President's Announcement: Section 1 resident Heather Leverett has agreed to fill the open position of Secretary. Her name was put into nomination, seconded and the vote was unanimous. Heather will start her term during the March 2 Civic Club meeting.

Quiet Zone: Vice President Scott Easterly reported that while things were progressing for the 34th Street Corridor Quiet Zone, he had not received an anticipated update from the City. Quiet Zone railroad crossing upgrades will significantly reduce train whistles. For more information, visit www.34thquietzone.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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HOME TOUR AUCTION UPDATE

by Dian Austin

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We are adding to the auction with new items each day. As we go to press, here's a list of donors and their contributions to date. A huge THANKS to all our donors!

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 An original oil painting – Garden Oaks resident (and Garden Club pres) Janet Cones
 The original "G" and "O" from the GOES – GO Residents Bill and Susan McMillian
 Meet and Greet – Dessert with Mayor Annise Parker in GO – GO Resident Peggy Smith
 Surprise from GO Kids
 Beaded bracelet - Tiny Dog Seed Bead
 Vintage Mexican silver cuff bracelet - U-Protest Property Tax Seminars
 3 panel iron room divider - La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries
 Brunch for 4 at the Briar Club
 Dinner for 4 at Vietnam Restaurant on 19th St.
 Private tour/tasting for 20 at Messina Hof Winery
 Consultation/gift basket - Batterton Chiropractic
 Pet sitting - GO resident Linda Sparks
 A personal visit from Santa - GO's own Santa, Bill McMillian
 Gift certificates from Fratelli's, Mytiburger, Kojak's, Tecate, and Petrol Station
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 A Wine tasting dinner hosted/catered by the Bell Tower on 34th
 Italian dinner #1 delivered to your home by GO residents Tina Sabuco/Shellye Arnold
 Italian dinner #2 delivered to your home by GO residents Tina Parks/Jim DiFalco
 Enchilada/margarita dinner delivered by GO residents Susan & Keith Kostelecky
 Jewelry from Fly High Little Bunny
 Photography Session - Brandy Stoesz
 Metal Art - John Barber
 Club level Astros tickets and parking – Former GO residents Mike and Debra Dishberger
 St. Arnold's Beer Basket – St. Arnold's Brewery
 A year's worth of desserts - GO Baking Divas
 Decorative accessories - Modern Worth (GO resident Blake Woods)
 Mobile Pet Washing – Rub a Dub Dub
 Cameo necklace & Harwin St. shopping extravaganza – GO resident Tina Rowe

Tour of air traffic control towers at IAH & flight simulator – GO Resident Tina Rowe
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Some of these items will be in the online auction that will kick off March 15 at www.gardenoaks.org. The other items will be in either the Silent or Live auctions to be held at the preview party on Saturday evening, April 24, 2010, so get your tickets now!

Please support the businesses that support our neighborhood. And please give a big thanks to our friends and neighbors who are donating items, cooking dinners or desserts, or providing services. We are so fortunate to have so many talented people in our neighborhood. If you are not yet involved, please consider making a donation to our auction. I know there are a lot more talents out there, just waiting to find a good home! FallingwaterT@yahoo.com or 713.691.6505.





Something Old... Photos from the original brochure marketing Garden Oaks. The 2010 Home Tour features homes old and new in our unique neighborhood.

WINE CELLAR FOR HOME TOUR AUCTION

by Dian Austin

Attention neighborhood oenophiles: The Home Tour auction committee is putting together a Wine Cellar, and we need your help. The Wine Cellar may prove to be one of the most coveted items in our upcoming auction. Our goal is to have at least 20-25 great bottles of wine in this collection.

We're looking for cash donations. Some of you have asked how you can contribute to the auction and here's an opportunity. If you contribute money, we will use the funds to work with local retail wine experts to select some premium wines for the Wine Cellar. The Wine Cellar will be auctioned off at the Preview Party on Saturday night, April 24, 2010. It will be a first-rate collection of wines. So all you wine connoisseurs in the neighborhood, keep your eyes open for this auction item.

If you'd like to make a donation for the 2010 Garden Oaks Wine Cellar, please call me at 713-691-6505 or email me at FallingwaterT@yahoo.com. All contributors will be acknowledged in the *Gazette* and at the Wine Cellar display during the preview party.

Checks for the Wine Cellar can be made payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club, and sent to 733 West 42nd St., Houston 77018. Please indicate on your check that you are contributing to the Wine Cellar. I promise that any wines purchased at Spec's or elsewhere will make it into the Wine Cellar rather than into my own personal wine rack!

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GOES FRIENDS OF MONTESSORI PANCAKE BREAKFAST HUGE SUCCESS

by Joe Crownover

Thanks to the generosity of auction item donors and countless hours from community volunteers – including co-chairs Diane and Steve Pittman, Elizabeth Klein, and Amye Webster – the success of the pancake breakfast continues to grow.

More than 600 people enjoyed the breakfast, and initial estimates suggest earnings were more than \$16,000. This is the main annual fundraising event Friends of Montessori (FOM) conducts in support of the Montessori program at Garden Oaks Elementary. It's also a chance to welcome community members and prospective parents interested in the Montessori program to the school.

Steve Pittman said that through the work on this event, “we grew closer as a team and as parents, put a spotlight on one of the best public elementary schools in Houston, and demonstrated to our community and our kids what this program is worth.”

Montessori moms and family members welcomed community members, sold t-shirts, and checked on silent auction items. The MOMS (Men of Montessori), as the dads have been dubbed, flipped and served the pancakes.



State Representative Dwayne Bohac and City Council Member Brenda Stardig came to meet and greet community members and hear about issues on their minds. “Supporting educational programs in your neighborhood is fundamental to ensure children in our community have a bright future,” Stardig said.

Entertainment included Arts Alive!; Wonderwild featuring Tom’s Fun Band; Zoe Ann’s School of Dance; Cha Cha the tree frog from Rainforest Café; and fun cars from Shorty’s Hydraulics.

“Once again FOM created a phenomenal event to benefit the students of Garden Oaks Elementary,” said Lindsey Pollock, GOES Principal, who calls the parents of FOM extraordinary people.

“Through their dedicated efforts, the cafeteria and school grounds were transformed into a hub of excitement replete with delicious pancakes and amazing silent auction items,” said Pollock. “I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the hard work that went into this successful event. Garden Oaks Elementary is a very special place and I feel very grateful to be a part of the energy and enthusiasm.”

For more information about FOM and how you can get involved in the future, go to www.fomhouston.org.

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Arts Alive!
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WHAT IS MONTESSORI EDUCATION?

by Lindsey Pollock, GOES Principal

Many folks in the community may be aware that Garden Oaks Elementary is home to a Montessori program. Recently, Friends of Montessori held the 16th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction to benefit this program. I often get questions about the program and what makes it different from the traditional program, which is a phenomenal educational option, too! Here are the “pillars” of Montessori Education:

Prepared Environment: Children move from concrete to abstract thinking through the use of sequenced, kinesthetic materials.

Interdisciplinary Approach: Children make connections across the broad, internationally-developed curriculum

Time to Develop Deep Relationships: Children are with the same teacher for three years.

Opportunities to Learn Independence and Self-Direction: Children make choices about their work in the classroom and develop time management and organization skills. The multi-age classroom fosters the development of leadership skills.

Differentiated Curriculum: Children work on their own level individually and in small groups, which accelerates progress and builds confidence.

Respectful and Peaceful Community: Teachers work with children to create a peaceful community built on mutual respect and care for self, others, and the environment.

Montessori education is a life-long commitment for academic and personal success which involves the

entire family and community. Whether you choose Montessori or traditional education for your child, we at Garden Oaks are committed to providing the very best education environment for your child. Call for a tour of the school – we look forward to meeting you!

UPCOMING GOES DATES

SDMC 3/10
 PTA 3/11
 Field Day 3/12
 Spring Break 3/13-3/21
 Friends of Montessori 3/25
 HISD Exposition at Delmar Stadium 3/27
 early dismissal at 1pm 3/31
 School workdays: 4/10 and 4/17. Community most cordially invited!



Photos shown clockwise from top left; the Inventors Showcase held last week. Kathryn and Sybren Van der Pol of Adolf Hoepfl Garage came to campus as Dolly and James Madison to present awards to some students for their entries on Constitution Day. The “lineup” of volunteers for Houston Real Men Read who read to the students once a month.

GO KIDS NEWS

by Sarah Heath

Yee Haw! It's March and that means rodeo time in Houston. I hope to see you and your little buckaroos at GO Kids function real soon. Happy trails ya'll!

My family and I would like to thank everyone for an amazing afternoon at the GO Kids Valentine's Day potluck. We had beautiful weather and a wonderful turnout. It was so great to see everyone. Stay tuned for details on our next potluck!

Are you ready for a Moms' Night Out? Join us on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Plonk Beer & Wine, located at 43rd and Ella. For more information, contact Maricela Pina at pinamaricela@yahoo.com.

The GO Kids playgroup is being developed. If anyone would like to head up a committee to re-organize the playgroup, contact me at sarahmheath@gmail.com. In the

meantime, I suggest visiting the SPARK Park in the afternoon after school. There are tons of GO Kids families and kids to play with of all ages. Introduce yourself and have fun!

Are you or someone you know an overwhelmed, sleep deprived new parent? Take heart because help is on the way! We are happy to provide several meals to new families during those stressful few weeks. If you are expecting or know a neighbor who is please contact our Dinner Drop coordinator, Amber Berend, at amber.berend@yahoo.com.

GO Kids was started by a group of parents who wanted to build a family friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together. All Garden Oaks families are welcome. Not on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Sarah Heath at 832.724.3325 or sarahmheath@gmail.com.



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SPARK PARK FENCE UPDATE

by Lindsey Pollock, GOES Principal

There has been no significant progress made on the fence. The GOES campus did receive some funds for security upgrades which covered the installation of the cameras on campus and some was leftover. I did request that the remaining money be used to secure the campus which would include the playground/Spark Park fencing. The district representative has been out numerous times to look at the property and has come out with the district approved fencing contractors.

At this time, none of the HISD vendors have the material that Jay Tatum brought to us as an alternative to wrought iron; therefore, it appears most likely that the fence will be wrought iron. Ms. Pousson sat in on a recent chat with the project coordinator in which she, Mr. Diaz and I reiterated the work of the committee and the plan to have a fence that provides for student safety while being an asset to the neighborhood (NOT chain link).

The project coordinator does have a copy of the plans that Jay provided. Any updates received will be immediately shared with the planning committee and community.

GO SISTERHOOD

by Beverly Jernigan

Hey Sisters, because the third Thursday of the month falls on Spring Break, we are moving March's meeting to the fourth Thursday, March 25. Bring a story on how you spent this Spring Break, or one from years past.

March's host is Caroline Stender
1414 Sue Barnett Drive
7:30 PM – bring a beverage or snack to share.

Questions? Beverly@beverlypr.com or 713.494.1733



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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Friends of Montessori Executive Director Shana Tatum (left) and Chapter President Tonya Knauth (right) along with GOES Principal Lindsey Pollock welcomed former City Council Member Toni Lawrence, State Representative Dwayne Bohac and City Council Member Brenda Stardig to the 16th Annual Community-Wide Pancake Breakfast.



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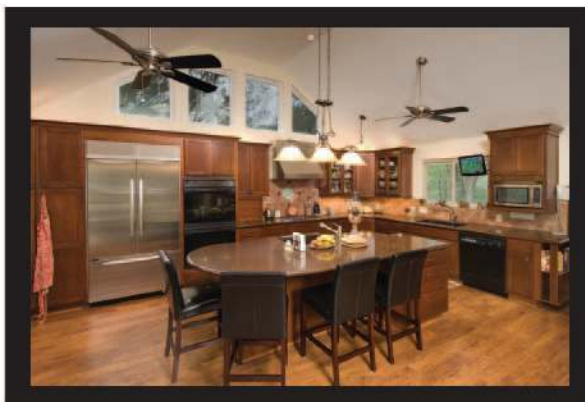
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GARDEN OAKS' RICH HISTORY

by Jessica Jarvis

Garden Oaks has a unique and special history continually enhanced by the commitment to community exhibited by its residents.

I have had the distinct honor of reviewing a collection of old photos, the original brochure selling Garden Oaks, and the first issues of the *Gazette*, and of speaking with long-term residents, and I am struck by how special our neighborhood has been and continues to be. While our neighborhood has seen many changes over the years, it is this great fabric of community commitment that continues to define these five sections in which we live.

In the spirit of this year's Home Tour theme – Something Old, Something New, I thought I'd share some of the interesting facts that I have learned about Garden Oaks.

- Garden Oaks is established in 1937 by Edward L. Crain on a tract of land just north of the Houston Heights. The original brochure marketed sections 1-3 with the slogan, *Garden Oaks: Beautiful but not Expensive*



- Section 4 is available and promoted with a quote from American Builder, August, 1940 saying: "Garden Oaks has become an institution of more than local interest. Nation-

wide interest has been evidenced in this unique group of homes whose slogan is 'Beautiful but not Expensive,' and where better, happier living is the theme of the sponsors. Many subdividers of years of experience, from all parts of the nation have spoken of



When the Garden Oaks Fire Department, once located on 34th street, was new it was an all-volunteer department. The fire truck was purchased by Garden Oaks residents themselves, funded in part by selling rides on it for pennies.

Garden Oaks platting and the types of architecture to be equal, if not superior to any other subdivision in the United States in this price range."

- Garden Oaks first *Gazette* published in Nov of 1977 after editor, Susan McMillian, comes up with an excellent way to put to use the mimeograph machine brought home by husband Bill
- 1952 Garden Oaks annexed by the City of Houston
- First Garden Oaks Home Tour: May 7, 1978. Six homes featured with 140 people touring
- March 1, 1983 Constable Patrol begins in section 1

When I first participated in a Home Tour as a bus docent I was amazed by the interesting facts and stories I heard from residents. I encourage you to come out and participate in this year's Home Tour to experience some of our many special homes, meet some of our many dedicated neighbors and learn many more interesting facts and stories about the rich history that makes our neighborhood so special and unique.

CRITTER CORNER

by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

Dorothy and I are huge New Orleans Saints fans and between winning the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras festivities, and now St. Patrick's Day, we are still marching and dancing in the streets.

Critters 101: Oh When The Saints Go Marching In!

A big complaint of many dog owners is having a dog that pulls on the leash, making the walk into an ordeal. With a little practice this can be cured and you too can walk and march with the Saints. Take a few minutes a couple of times a week and work on it. The reward will be worth any trouble, I promise!

Begin with a six foot leash and some small treats. One technique is called "controlled walking," which basically teaches the dog not to pull by having the handler make a u-turn every time the dog isn't paying attention. Most dogs quickly learn to avoid this by staying more or less in position and keeping the leash slack. When they do the right thing, give them a treat.

Another good tactic is to make them sit when they begin to pull – they get a treat for that too.

A third effective method of controlling leash pullers is to pull the leash down the dog's chest and under one "arm." Then pull the leash back up through and under the back of the collar – making a loop under the dog's arm. This arrangement takes all of the pressure off of the dog's throat and puts it on his chest and arm. It is completely humane but far more effective than a pinch or choke collar. Of course you could not use this technique in the obedience ring, but most people are just interested in a quiet and relaxing walk with their pets. And when the saints go marching in, you and your pet can be in that number.



Pet of the Month: Our highlighted pets are you guessed it – Saints fans. The Gregory family in Section I is originally from New Orleans. Elinor and Philip have shared their love of the Saints, parades, and beads with the animals, Zulu (black Doberman), Gus (blue/tan Doberman), Pitamakin (black cat),

and Frank (fish). While Zulu and Gus are eight years old and littermates, Gus came as a puppy and Zulu came at five years old after he lost his family home during Katrina. The boys love to rumble and have been doing a lot of high-fiving lately. They like to wear beads, socialize, and parade around the neighborhood, and they love their Kongs filled with peanut butter. Pitamakin (named for a trail at Glacier National Park) is 14 years old and is the boss keeping the boys on the right path. Frank is on the float too – he says "Who Dat" and "Throw Me Something Mister." Sunamagun dey havin fun at the Gregory's!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Civic Club mtg 7:00pm, GO elementary school	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 GO Kids MNO 7pm, PLONK! 	10	11 Garden Club mtg home of Cathy Warren 7pm 971 Gardenia Dr.	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 	24	25 GO Sisterhood 7:30pm, Stender Home, 1414 Sue Barnett Dr.	26	27
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