

2010

Garden Oaks Constable Program

Contributor Application & Contact Information

Please print or write legibly • All information is held strictly confidential • Mail completed applications to Garden Oaks Constable Program, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206.

CONTACT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_NEW or \_\_\_\_\_RENEWAL (INVOICE MAILER)

MEMBER 1 (M1): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 2 (M2): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_

M1 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ M2 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

M1 WORK PH: \_\_\_\_\_ M2 WORK PH: \_\_\_\_\_

M1 CELL PH: \_\_\_\_\_ M2 CELL PH: \_\_\_\_\_

IN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Enclosed find my payment for 2010 of \$200. (Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club)
I/We cannot contribute \$200 now; however, enclosed please find my/our check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.
I/We will participate via bank draft. (Complete DRAFT AUTHORIZATION FORM below only if NEW)

Many of our neighbors live on limited, fixed incomes. Are you willing to adopt a neighbor?

- Yes! Please accept my additional gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the year (enclosed) OR \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month (bank draft option only).

DRAFT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Chase Bank/to begin Direct Debiting of my Bank Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Bank and Bank Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ for my participation.

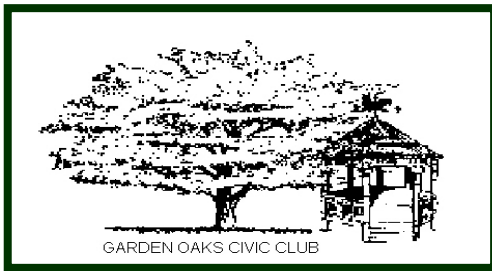
This monthly authorization remains in effect until written notice is given to the Constable Chair of the Garden Oaks Civic Club. If any changes occur to my bank account, I will promptly notify the Constable Chair of the Garden Oaks Civic Club so that my Constable Program dues can be directly debited from the correct account.

- Please take \$20 out of my account monthly for the Garden Oaks Constable Patrol Program.
This authorization includes a debit for an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly gift to the program.
This authorization includes permission for a \$20 cancellation fee.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*Attach voided check & mail to Garden Oaks Constable Program PO Box 10273 Houston Tx 77206



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT**

**GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB**

**January - December 2010**

DUE DATE: January 1, 2010	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____
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Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. Please choose the level you feel most comfortable supporting. **While all memberships are voluntary, you must contribute a minimum of \$25 (or \$5 for Seniors 65 years+)** in order to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Membership dues are for the calendar year.

Fill in Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ CREPE MYRTLE: \$25.00 (\$5.00 for Seniors)  
 • Basic Household Membership

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ THE MAGNOLIA: \$50.00 (\$10.00 for Seniors)  
 • Intermediate Level – Household Membership

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ THE GOLDEN OAK: \$75.00 (\$15.00 for Seniors)  
 • Patron Level – Household Membership

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 (non-voting membership)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRIBUTION TO BEAUTIFICATION (area green spaces)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRIBUTION TO GARDEN CLUB

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Membership dues support all Garden Oaks Civic Club Activities: Beautification, Citizens' Patrol, The Gazette, Home Tour, Membership Committee, and Website.

**Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:**  
 Garden Oaks Civic Club, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206. THANK YOU!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2010 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour Preview Party

## The Bell Tower on 34<sup>th</sup>

Wine Cellar & Waterwall

901 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, Texas 77018

Saturday April 24, 2010

5:00 - 7:00 pm Self Guided Home & Garden Tour

7:00 - 10:30 pm Preview Party

~Each admission ticket includes~

Admission for One to the 2010 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour  
The Venetian Dinner Buffet - Contemporary Cuisine in an Old World Setting  
An Unbelievable Array of Silent and Live Auction Items

~ Dinner Buffet open from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm and includes ~

Seasonal Fruits, assorted cheeses, spicy raspberry cream cheese torte  
Mixed Greens Salad with tomatoes, onions, peppers, cucumbers and peppercorn cream dressing  
Pasta Station with a variety of pasta selections, alfredo, marinara and cheese sauces  
Inside Round of Beef, rubbed with olive oil & herbs, with cognac black pepper cream sauce  
Grilled Vegetable Tava  
Wine, Beer or Well drinks (3 tickets), Cash Bar, Tea & Coffee

~ The evening begins at 5:00 with a casual, self guided tour of this year's six spectacular homes. ~

~ The Party at the Bell Tower immediately follows at 7:00. ~

### ~ To Purchase Tickets ~

Please complete the form below, enclose a check payable to *Garden Oaks Civic Club* and mail to:

Garden Oaks Civic Club  
C/O Sally McDaniel  
1506 Sue Barnett Dr.  
Houston, Texas 77018

\$100 - **Individual** - Seating for One in the outdoor Waterwall Garden

\$1250 - **Table** - Reserved Table for Ten in the:  Waterwall Garden\*  Wine Cellar\*

\*As Available

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable to the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

I am unable to attend. Please accept the enclosed donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions? Call 713-299-0294 or email [sdmcdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:sdmcdaniel@gmail.com)

New  
Something  
Old,  
Something

**Dear Neighbors,**

We have an amazing opportunity before us, a chance to enhance our children's education and make Garden Oaks Elementary School (GOES) one of Houston Independent School District's (HISD) premier institutions. *It is an opportunity not only for our children's future, but also for the future of a great neighborhood asset, our elementary school.* And it is an opportunity to offer world-class curriculum to low- and middle-income families who might never have access to private schools, with thousands of dollars a year in tuition and long waiting lists.

Just as important, it is an opportunity to keep GOES full of students, vibrant and alive, while avoiding the steady potential decline of enrollment and consolidation that occurred before the Montessori program was introduced 16 years ago.

Under a current HISD proposal, Garden Oaks – with its thriving Montessori program – would become an all Montessori Magnet with an emphasis on Environmental Sciences, beginning in fall 2011. HISD's vision, which Friends of Montessori (FOM) shares, is world-class Montessori in all-Montessori schools, where resources can be efficiently focused on one method. District-wide, HISD's vision will also affect Dodson and Whidby Elementary, and some 1,800 students.

With \$2-3 million in federal grant funds, our campus would be furnished with high-quality Montessori materials, and our indoor and outdoor environments overhauled to better foster our children's education. Technology updates campus-wide and a new media center would be possible. Gardens and outdoor spaces, already beautiful, could be added to and improved. Teachers and administrators would be trained and certified in the Montessori method. Ongoing expenses after the grant period would be met with magnet funds, which Garden Oaks has not received in the past. ***When people around the country ask where is the best public Montessori program, we would proudly point to Garden Oaks!***

There is some opposition to this idea. You may even have received letters with a return address from a teacher's union decrying it. Here are the facts to consider:

- **The plan at Garden Oaks is for TRANSITION.** It is a slow, measured process over 5 years that will not "force" anyone into Montessori that is currently in a traditional class. Children enrolling in traditional Kindergarten in 2010 will be able to stay through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at GOES. In 2011, Garden Oaks would not enroll new traditional kindergarteners.
- **Currently 105 students are zoned to Garden Oaks but choose other HISD schools.** There are many more who choose private, charter or home-schooling. Out of a capacity of 575, only 239 zoned students choose Garden Oaks' traditional program. That is alarming, and portends a steady enrollment decline. More telling: Already 171 Montessori students attend GOES, yet there are 131 new applications for only 44 spaces this fall – plus 26 traditional GOES students who wish to enroll in Montessori.
- On standardized tests, Montessori students generally outperform traditional students at GOES. You may access this report at <http://tinyurl.com/hisdmagnetgrant>.
- **Montessori at GOES will eventually disappear if this proposal fails.** Why? HISD will not commit to the future additional funding the Montessori program needs to survive.

- A coalition called “Neighborhood Children First” sent out letters. In reality, this coalition is made up of a relatively small number of traditional teachers and parents, some of whom do not live in the GOES zone.
- Teachers will not be terminated. The proposal would provide Montessori training to those interested. HISD has assured that teachers who choose otherwise would be given assistance to find jobs elsewhere in the district.
- **Four Exemplary or Recognized schools within a 2.5-mile radius have space for 496 traditional students.** Each offers Neighborhood Vanguard, Bilingual/ESL and Special Education. Durham, an Exemplary-rated Leadership Magnet, has capacity for 94 more students. Sinclair, an Exemplary Communications Magnet, has capacity for 265 more students. Stevens, a Recognized campus, has capacity for 43 more students. Love Elementary, also a Recognized school, has capacity for 94 more students.
- **Demand for public Montessori is great in Houston.** Not only is there a long waiting list for GOES Montessori, but at Wilson Elementary – a Montessori campus – 240 children await acceptance.
- The Montessori Program is the heart of Garden Oaks Elementary. Since its inception, the program has quadrupled in size. Every year there is a waiting list. Montessori makes up a third of the school because its growth has been limited by budget constraints. Meanwhile, Montessori parents support the entire school. GOES Montessori parents:
  - Contributed 2,500 volunteer hours this school year
  - Make up the majority of active PTA Board and committee chairs
  - Raise and contribute tens of thousands of school dollars

Without Montessori at Garden Oaks, enrollment would be 373 students and the school may eventually be considered for closure. If the issue is about choice, what choice does this leave?

If this proposal slips away, what choice will there be for the hundreds of students seeking public Montessori? What choice will minority and lower income students have, those who make up much of GOES Montessori? What choice will our neighborhood’s newest families have who desire alternative public education?

Most of our community supports this opportunity. They see the benefit of having a Magnet school that can add to property values. And they recognize the proposal for what it is: ***An exciting opportunity to better our neighborhood, our public schools and our children’s educational prospects.***

Friends of Montessori, representing more than 100 teachers and assistants, along with 800 students and their families, believes passionately in this effort. We ask that you embrace this *once in a lifetime chance* to make Garden Oaks Elementary and the Garden Oaks neighborhood even more special; to have a school that serves all students with world-class education; to help GOES become what HISD envisions: a school recognized nationally for its innovative and successful curriculum.

Sincerely,

Shana Tatum  
Executive Director  
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Tonya L. Knauth  
Garden Oaks Chapter President  
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# Holly's Story...



Many of you may already know Holly and Max Fritz, but for those of you who do not, we wanted to share with you why we felt compelled to hold this fundraiser. Holly recently lost her husband, Bruce, to cancer. Holly and Bruce had a beautiful son together, Max. They bought a house in Garden Oaks and this is where they have raised Max and where Holly and Max still live. Bruce had a hobby of purchasing run-down homes and then fixing them up himself to enjoy and then eventually sell. The house he and Holly bought was in serious need of repair, but being the visionary and hardworking person that he was, he saw something special about this house in Garden Oaks and the neighborhood, and bought the home with Holly. Bruce worked hard at fixing up the house, but his multiple illnesses and the birth of their son greatly slowed down the process. The house is now in many respects in a non-liveable condition. The state and condition of her home in light of wanting to provide a safe and comfortable environment for Max and herself, is veighing heavily on Holly. Holly has been a stay at home mom since Max's birth. She is an amazingly strong and optimistic person, and she has been working hard to find the means and a way to finish Bruce's vision of their home, and make it liveable for her and Max. As neighbors and friends, we feel it's a wonderful opportunity to help someone we personally know is in need. If you'd like to contribute, please join us for this wonderful event. If you cannot attend, but would like to offer a donation please feel free to contact us.



Thank you for your kindness and genoristy,

Angelica Sullivan and Suzy D'Souza

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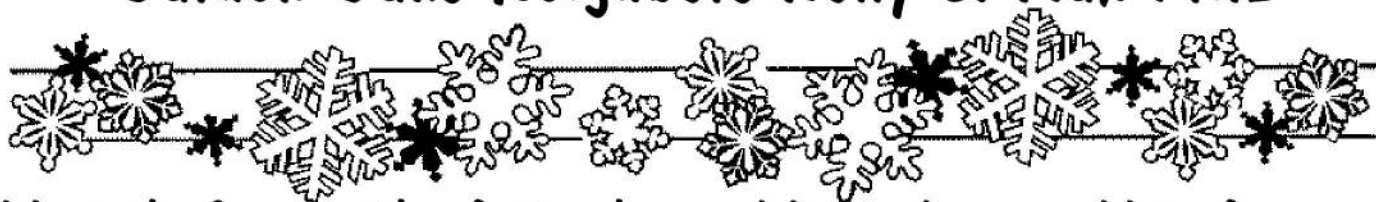
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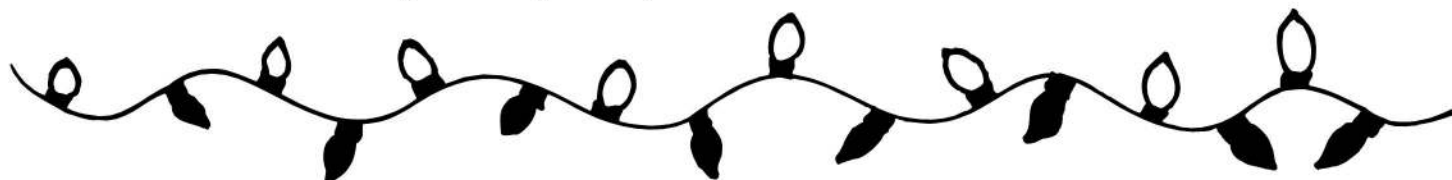
Presenting:

# A Christmas Carol

A Family Holiday Event and Fundraiser Benefiting our  
Garden Oaks Neighbors Holly & Max Fritz



Celebrate the Season with a festive show, a delicious dinner, and lots of merry family activities! A special adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" will be presented by the Interactive Theater Company at 6:00 for both young and old. Enjoy a hearty Italian pasta and pizza dinner provided by Lomonte's Italian Restaurant. And you're sure to find a fantastic gift for your special someone at the Silent Auction!



Saturday, December 18th

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Heights Presbyterian Church

240 West 18th Street

To purchase tickets please contact:

[angelicapuerto@hotmail.com](mailto:angelicapuerto@hotmail.com) or

[suzy.e.dsouza@gmail.com](mailto:suzy.e.dsouza@gmail.com)

\$25 per plate or \$75 per family

(2 adults and up to 3 children. Additional children's plates are \$10)



# Garden Oaks Cooks

A COMMUNITY COOKBOOK BENEFITTING THE GARDEN OAKS CONSTABLE PROGRAM

[gardenoakscooks.com](http://gardenoakscooks.com)

## RECIPES

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT - AUGUST 20TH.**

We are seeking a variety of recipes from you, our neighbors, to create a very special and personal collection of recipes for a new cookbook to benefit the 2011 Constable Program. Recipes of all kinds are welcome!

### HOW TO SEND RECIPES:

- Online <http://www.gardenoakscooks.com>
- Email recipe or attachments to [gocookbook@att.net](mailto:gocookbook@att.net).
- Fax to **713-862-4323**
- Mail your recipes to:  
Brooke Whisenhunt  
Garden Oaks Cookbook  
316 W. 34th Street  
Houston, TX, 77018.

**Win a \$100**

**Sur La Table Gift Card**

Submit your recipes by August 20th and for each recipe submitted your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Sur La Table



Recipe Categories	
Appetizers	Poultry
Kid Food	Beef
Quick-Fix Meals	Seafood
Craft Food	Vegetarian
Desserts	Breakfast
Breads	Beverages
Side Dishes	Salads

### Order a Cookbook

Pre-Sales will begin in September. Limited quantity of cookbooks will be printed. Order early to make sure your kitchen isn't without this fabulous collection of recipes.



# GO Cook

A Neighborly Collection of Recipes

## Buy Today

\$20.00 each

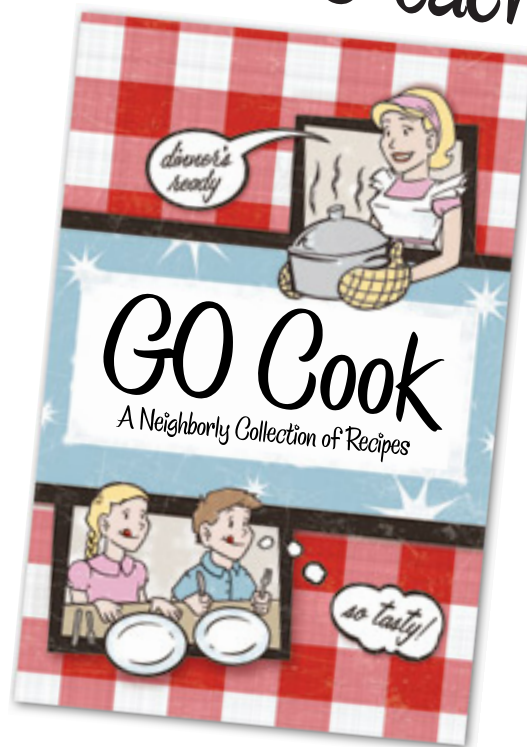
Cookbooks are in! Don't miss out on this fabulous collection of over 375 recipes. Proceeds benefit the Garden Oaks Constable Program.

Order Online at

[GardenOaksCooks.com](http://GardenOaksCooks.com)

Available to Purchase at:

Octane - 3402 N Shepherd Dr



Cookbook Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Books: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00

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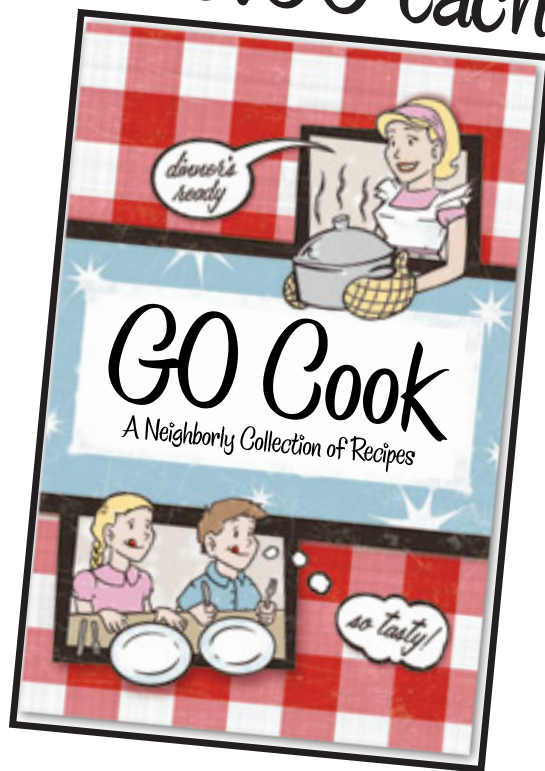
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Cookbook Order Form

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