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### CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

**January 4, 7 p.m. Civic Club Meeting**  
Garden Oaks Elementary School

### REMINDERS

Be sure to check for the recent Civic Club and Constable membership mail-out and complete your forms today!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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**CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM**

by Carl Waters, Jr.

If you are a member of the Yahoo List Serve, you may be aware of a reported series of vehicle break-ins in Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park Plaza at the end of November. I was very surprised when I checked and then rechecked the HPD web site and only found one crime listed in the neighborhood for November. I hope the parties involved filed reports through the constable's office if they chose not to contact HPD.

Based on this information we have had 48 crimes reported on the HPD web site through November 2010. Last year 59 crimes had been reported through November.

**November Crime Statistics: 1**

*Theft: 1*  
1000 block of W. 41<sup>st</sup> on Tuesday,

November 16 at 6:30 a.m. (street).

*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.*



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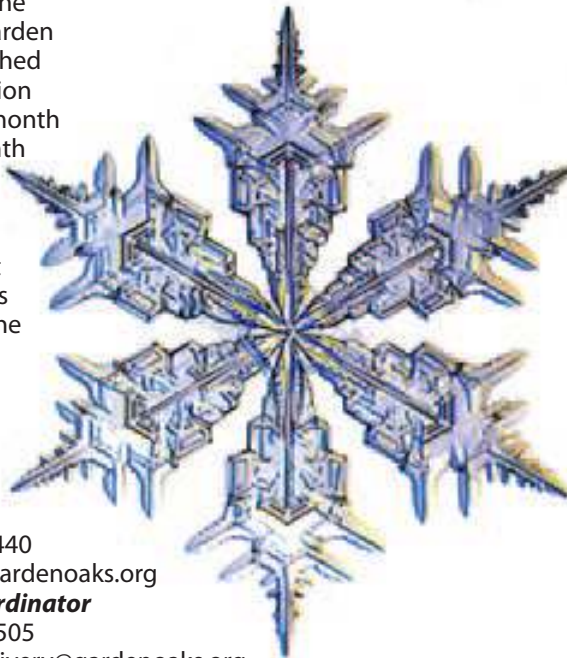
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**HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE**

by Terry Jeanes

**Welcome New Neighbors**

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930 Lamonte

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

**January Birthdays**

Garrett Langdon Crownover – 3

Hannah Stender – 4

Patricia Semands – 19

Jennifer Langdon – 21

Lindsay Veech – 24

Allison Padon – 28

Joe Muscara & Shellye Arnold – 30

**Happy Anniversary**

**Bonnie & Rudy Hernandez.**

Belated 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary wishes to

**Ken & Mel Johnson** Nov. 30.

**Congratulations**

**Robert Deveau** was named supplier representative of the year by Houston Promotional Products. To **Georgia Lister** on her Nia Black Belt, received in Portland in December.

**Out and About**

**Caroline McLean** enjoyed a November trip to Naples Florida. **Tina Sabuco** and **Shellye Arnold** visited Rome and Florence to celebrate Tina's birthday.

**Chris & Art Lindsay** traveled to New York City for Chris' birthday and visited the Plaza Hotel where they honeymooned 40 years ago.

**Condolences & Special Thoughts**

To **Mary Lynn Porter** on the passing of her mother, Margaret Porter.

*To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com) or 713.812.9154.*

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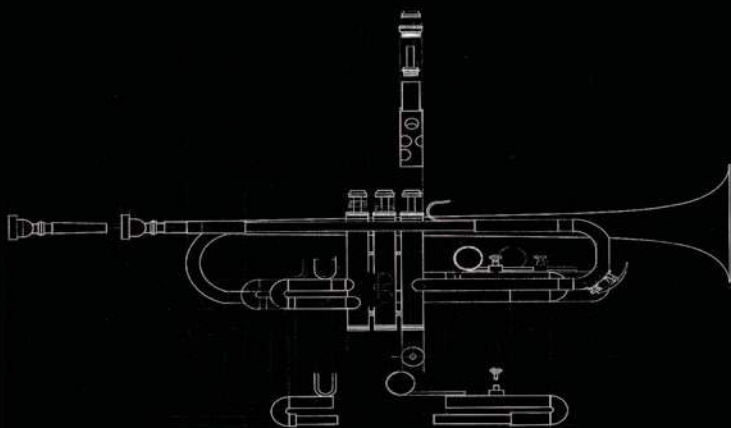
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## GAZETTE DELIVERY COORDINATORS NEEDED

**One coordinator for each section**  
by *Dian Austin*

If you are reading your *Gazette*, it was delivered by one of the current 42 block captains who hand delivers them door-to-door each month. Each captain gets his/her bundle of *Gazettes* delivered to his/her door and volunteers the time to deliver them to the residents on their routes.

Sue Schmidt and I currently deliver each of these 42 bundles of *Gazettes* to the block captains every month. We are looking for others to help us on a routine basis. If we could get five *Gazette* Delivery coordinators (one for each section), it would allow us to spread the workload.

Each of the *Gazette* section coordinators would be responsible for delivering the bundled *Gazettes* *timely* (timely is very important!) to the block captains in their section of Garden Oaks.

For example, Section 1 and 1A together have 14 block captains. Section 1 *Gazette* delivery coordinator would have 14 bundles delivered to his/her home, and then he/she would deliver them to the block captains in Section 1/1A. Each bundle is labeled with a cover sheet that shows the name and address of the block captain as well as the route.

Each of the other sections has between six and eight block captains. Section 4 neighbor, Linda Sparks, has volunteered to coordinate delivery to the block captains of Section 4.

We try to get the *Gazettes* delivered to residents prior to the civic club meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and that only works if we give each of the block captains time to

get them delivered. The *Gazettes* usually are received from the printer, neighbor Oscar Ochoa, of OD's Printing, before the last weekend of the month.

This could be a family activity. An adult could drive to each of the designated block captain's homes in their section, and age-appropriate younger family members could put the bundle of *Gazettes* on the porches.

If you are interested, please email me at FallingwaterT@yahoo.com or call Dian at 713.691.6505.



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Mary Lynn Porter

## GOMO Review Meetings

take place prior to Civic Club meetings at 6:30p.m.

**CONSTABLE PROGRAM**

by Terry Jeanes & Susan Love-Saranie

The constable mailer has been mailed with your civic dues statement. Please complete your 2011 supporter form and promptly return it. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: all supporters need to complete a current profile. Your updated information is important, especially your email address, which we use for security alert blasts, as recently was sent out about the Ella/W. 34th pawn shop incident.

Supporter contributions are for January to December each year coinciding with the civic club's constable contract with the county. Please send in your contribution within the first quarter to make accounting, recognition and volunteer work flow more smoothly.

Vacation watch form:  
[www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf](http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf)  
 Supporter Form:  
<http://gardenoaks.org/Resources/2011Constable.pdf>

An updated 2011 supporter list will be published in the *Gazette* and will be available on the [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) website.

Shortly after the printing of December's security reminder, several vehicles were broken into in the Garden Oaks and surrounding areas. Remember, remove all valuables from cars including portable electronics and other devices. Most importantly, lock your vehicles and park as close to or behind your fence as possible. Call the constable for anything suspicious. In addition to auto break-ins, a number of outdoor holiday decoration thefts occurred. Anchor or secure anything you can.

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**GAZEBO UPDATE**

**What Happened to our Beautiful Gazebo?**

By Brenda de Alba

Our beautiful gazebo is no longer standing. Time and our humid environment took its toll on the western red cedar structure. A workday in November was scheduled and Ed de Alba, Jason Cunningham and Kip Noser, made plans to replace rotted wood and reinforce the structure. They discovered the lumber supporting the gazebo had completely rotted, and all it took was a strong push for the entire structure to topple down. I'm very thankful the damage was discovered before someone was injured.

**History of the Gazebo**

In 1995, a long-time GO resident, Earl Dragics, approached the civic club about wanting to do something for the neighborhood in memory of his wife, son and grandson who all had died from

illness or accidents within a very short timeframe. The idea of a gazebo, purchased as a panelized kit from Vixen Hill, was proposed and Mr. Dragics funded the cost (in excess of \$8000). Harry James, of Harry James Building & Design, donated the labor to assemble the gazebo and through the years has donated the labor and materials to power wash and restrain the wood. The gazebo was dedicated in November 1995.

In 1997 Mr. Dragics paid to have additional landscaping installed near the gazebo. Another donation, through a neighborhood family, was made to install electricity to the park in 1998 and since then the park and the gazebo have been decorated with lights during the Christmas holidays in anticipation of Santa's visit. Mr. Dragics died in late 1999 and his surviving son added a memorial granite marker to the others encircling the gazebo and an engraved plaque in the center of the gazebo's floor with his father's name.

Since it was built, this iconic neighborhood structure has hosted weddings and been the focal point for many family photos.

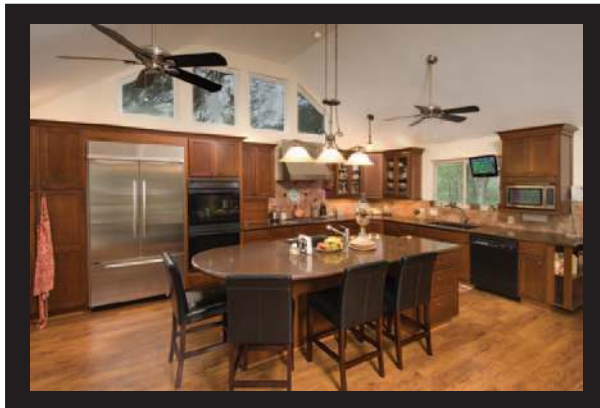
**What happens next?**

I hope the civic club will fund replacing the gazebo. Harry James has offered to design and supervise the building of a new, improved gazebo using more durable materials and construction methods. He has offered materials and labor at his cost. If any other neighborhood builders would like to join Harry and participate with this project, please contact Mark Klein.

**How can you help?**

If you and your family would like to see the gazebo rebuilt, please consider sending a donation to the Garden Oaks Civic Club, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206 and specifying the money to be used for the gazebo. The civic club dues insert in this *Gazette* includes a line item for this donation.

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**A transition for Garden Oaks**  
**Elementary**

by Lindsey Pollock, GOES Principal

In October 2010, HISD School Board Trustees voted to accept the Federal Magnet School Program Assistance Grant which will provide funding to transition Garden Oaks Elementary to an all-school Montessori Magnet with an emphasis on environmental sciences. As we transition, all 2011-2012 PK and Kindergarten classes will be Montessori.

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**AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE WINTER**

by Mitch Weigand

**Tip No. 10: My New Year's Resolution Suggestion: Change Your A/C Air Filter Regularly**

I know, I know, you're saying, "What? Air filters again? Talk about something else, Mitch. What else is there to say about air filters?"

What else can I say about air filters? Plenty.

First, a quiz. What are the two most expensive mechanical devices most people own? A car and their home's air conditioning system. Despite being very complex machines, both are remarkably self sufficient and require minimal maintenance. Change the car's oil here, replace the A/C's air filter there, it's really

quite simple. But it must be done.

Change your A/C's air filter once a month. This simple action will pay big dividends including better indoor air quality, lower electrical costs and optimizing the life of your system to its fullest.

Just like when you get in your car, turn the key and expect the engine to start up immediately, you go to your home's thermostat, press the button to lower the temperature and expect the A/C to comply. And it will, if you change the filter.

If you have trouble remembering to do this, connect it with another monthly function such as paying bills. Pay the electrical bill, replace the air filter. While replacing it, reward yourself with a generous pat on the back for not having to make the check's amount as big as

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it would be if you had not changed the filter. Or get an ice cream cone, that's a good reward too!

You wouldn't want to be stranded alone on the side of a dark, isolated road at 3:00 in the morning because your car's engine fails from lack of oil. Similarly, you don't want a house full of sticky, cranky relatives on the Fourth of July because there's no A/C. Fortunately, it's a situation that's easy to avoid. Change your A/C system's air filter and change the oil in your car. They, along with your wallet, will thank you.

**New Year's Resolutions Trivia:**

(1) The Babylonians established the tradition of setting New Year's resolutions. Their most common resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

(2) *Auld Lang Syne*, written by Robert Burns in the 1700s, is Scottish for "old long ago."

(3) It was Julius Caesar who established January 1 as the start of a New Year when he created the Julian calendar.

(4) To lose weight is the most popular New Year's resolution in the United States.

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**GO CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

**December 7, 2010**

O’Leary/Appling residence 710 Garden Oaks Blvd  
by Heather Leverett, Secretary

**Welcome**

President Mark Klein called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m., at the home of Brian O’Leary and George Appling.

A motion was made and carried to accept the November minutes as published in the *Gazette*.

**President’s Announcements**

President Klein thanked Brian O’Leary and George Appling for, once again, generously offering their home and hospitality for the Garden Oak Civic Club’s annual holiday meeting and pot luck party. President Klein recognized Scott Easterly, Brenda de Alba and Ed de Alba for their contributions to the Garden Oaks Civic Club. The civic

club is actively seeking a new vice president and beautification chair for 2011.

President Klein introduced Angela Winston, a volunteer with the GO cookbook project – designed to raise funds for the constable program. Ms. Winston reminded everyone how *GO Cook: A Neighborly Collection of Recipes* makes a great gift, with proceeds going directly to fund neighborhood security. For more information, visit [gardenoakscooks.com](http://gardenoakscooks.com).

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Phil Ramirez reported that the constable program goal for 2010 have been achieved. In addition, \$16,000 toward 2011 costs have been collected. Recognition was given to those who coordinated the Wine Walk, GO Cookbook, and Home Tour. An emergency reserve fund has been created from the Home Tour proceeds. If all of the GO Cookbooks are sold in December,

it will create an additional \$9,000 to benefit the constable program. There will not be a home tour in 2011 so continued support from the community is needed.

**2011 Budget:** The cost of the constable contract has increased for 2011. The investment in GOCC technology and communications initiative is another key addition. The proposed budget was reviewed; a motion was made and carried to accept the proposed 2011 budget.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**GO Citizens Patrol:** Carl Waters reported one crime in November, as per the HPD report. However, there may have been thefts too close to the end of the month, which may not have made the report.

**Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes commented that there were several car break-ins and garage thefts on November 30 in the area. She encouraged everyone to remove



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any visible valuables from the car, park close to the house and in well-lit areas, if possible.

**Membership:** Dian Austin reported that there are approximately 140 GOCC members to date for 2011.

**Beautification:** Brenda de Alba reported that everything is in good shape to be handed off to a new beautification chair. A large clean-up effort occurred in October. Brenda reported that the mowing crew is very reliable. In 2010, several large projects should not need to be repeated in 2011 – e.g. tree pruning and the park gates. The gazebo has been removed as a hazard. Ed de Alba discovered that the column bases were rotten and not safe. It was recommended that the 15-year-old gazebo be rebuilt.

**Gazette:** Jessica Jarvis reported that 19 new advertisers were supporting the *Gazette* this year. She

needs assistance with some of the production during certain months in 2011. The *Gazette* has produced \$7,000 in GOCC income over the past two years. In the past, the *Gazette* was an expense. Dian Austin requested volunteers who can serve as primary coordination points, per neighborhood section, for *Gazette* delivery.

GardenOaks.org Website: No update.

**2011 Board Candidates:**

Current candidates announced for the GOCC Board included: President – Mark Klein; Treasurer – Phil Ramirez; Secretary – Heather Leverett; Vice-President – open.

Although not a complete slate, a motion was made and carried to accept the candidates as listed for the 2011 board.

President Mark Klein adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



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*Garden Oaks Elementary School had lots of high profile visitors in December.*



*Monica Lamb, formerly of the Houston Comets, came to exercise with the kids - and give them juicy healthful oranges. Lauren Anderson, prima ballerina of the Houston Ballet (and everyone's favorite Sugar Plum fairy), struck a pose and told the Children's House the story of the Nutcracker through ballet film and narrative.*



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**GO KIDS NEWS**

by Sarah Heath

Happy New Year! Cheers to you and our wonderful neighborhood in 2011.

A huge thank you to the Lister-Bowman family for hosting the wonderful GO Kids holiday dinner

and caroling party. A great time was had by all and many happy holiday memories were made.

Is losing the last of the baby weight (or Christmas cookies) one of your New Years Resolutions? Join the **2011 GO Kids Weight Loss Challenge** and you'll be able to button your pants in no time! The challenge will begin January 9 and last for 12 weeks. All participants will pitch in \$20.00 and the biggest loser gets to take home the pot. And don't forget the annual binge dinner at the end of the challenge. For more details and a complete list of rules, contact Devin Hunter at [devin@provishr.com](mailto:devin@provishr.com).

Speaking of resolutions, ring in the New Year at a very special **Moms' Night Out!** Out with the old and in with the new is the theme. Join us on Tuesday, January 11, at 7 p.m., at the gorgeous home of Laura Childs, 709 Sue Barnett. Don't forget the drinks and snacks. Contact Maricela Pina at [pinamaricela@yahoo.com](mailto:pinamaricela@yahoo.com) for more information.

Hey, Dads, we know you need a good, hearty ale and juicy burger to help you recover from the holiday madness. **Dads' Night Out** is the place to be on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., at Petrol Station. Come unwind with the guys. Contact Richard Whisenhunt at [whisenhuntrichard@yahoo.com](mailto:whisenhuntrichard@yahoo.com) for more information.

Don't forget that GO Kids hosts several playgroups throughout the month. **GO Baby** is for the children up to age three and **GO Buddies** is for all our "big" kids! Check out our BigTent calendar for dates and join in on all the fun! For more information contact Kristin Jordan ([kriki@me.com](mailto:kriki@me.com)), Emily Garcia ([emigarcia13@hotmail.com](mailto:emigarcia13@hotmail.com)), or Morgan Shields ([morganbshields@gmail.com](mailto:morganbshields@gmail.com)).

Are you or someone you know an overwhelmed, sleep deprived new parent? Don't worry 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](mailto:amber.berend@yahoo.com) and she'll set you right up.

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](mailto:sarahmheath@gmail.com).

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Garden Oaks Civic Club President Mark Klein entertains fans and fellow parents with his karaoke skills at a Friends of Montessori holiday party. Also shown are Shana Tatum, Tonya Knauth, Elizabeth Klein and Gina Pecoraro.

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Over the years, we have seen Garden Oaks grow and change, yet it still has that same wonderful sense of community. It gives me great pleasure to help others discover this beautiful place we call home. If you or any of your friends or relatives are thinking of buying or selling please give me a call.

- Deanna

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**Global theme to be featured**  
by *Dian Pittman*

As their school begins the transition to an all-Montessori magnet, Garden Oaks Elementary Friends of Montessori volunteers are planning the largest fundraiser supporting their unique “school within a school” program — the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Fundraiser set for Feb. 12, 2011, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

The theme for this year’s event is Around the Block, Around the World.

“The whole campus has been invited to participate in a celebration of world-wide cultures, with each classroom given the opportunity to choose a country or geographic

area, learn about it and contribute to the silent auction something unique to it,” said Friends of Montessori Garden Oaks Chapter President Tonya Knauth.



Each year, businesses and individuals contribute to the organization and the Garden Oaks Montessori program by donating auction items and supporting the annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction.

“The annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction coordinated by Friends of Montessori exemplifies the Garden Oaks community’s successful collaboration among parents, teachers and business members who work together to make this public Montessori program possible,” Garden Oaks Elementary Principal Lindsey Pollock said.

Houston ISD officials announced last spring that Garden Oaks Elementary, which for 17 years has boasted a public school Montessori program, is the recipient of a federal grant that would expand the program – now with a waiting list of students – throughout the entire campus. The need for additional financial support raised by the Friends of Montessori volunteer organization will continue. Future needs include scholarships for low-income pre-K students.

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*Shown top left, Hyrum Ward, who has four children attending the Montessori program at Garden Oaks Elementary, mans the pancake grill for the annual breakfast and silent auction fundraiser benefitting the Montessori program. Organizers of the upcoming event, are already seeking support and auction item donors. Houston District A City Councilwoman Brenda Stardig is an annual attendee at the Garden Oaks Elementary Friends of Montessori Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction fundraiser. The upcoming event is set for February 12, 2011, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.*



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Texas Breakfast Platter	\$6.00

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Scrambled Eggs, Shredded Cheddar Cheese and your choice of Bacon, Turkey, Sausage or Ham. Served on your choice of Texas Toast or Wheat Bread  
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Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes and your choice of Bacon, Sausage or Turkey. Served with a side of Texas Toast  
Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Avocado, Salsa and your choice of Bacon, Sausage or Turkey. Served with a side of Texas Toast

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Sausage, Jalapeños, Monterey Jack Cheese and Salsa  
Mushrooms, Spinach and Swiss Cheese  
Begin with Three Eggs and your choice of any Four Ingredients  
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Turkey, Swiss and Avocado	\$7.75	Club	\$8.50		
<small>Turkey, Swiss Cheese, Avocado, Romaine Lettuce and Tomatoes served on a Croissant Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham, Bacon, Monterey Jack Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Mayonnaise and Mustard served on Wheat Bread</small>					

### Burgers - Served With Your Choice of Fries, Chips or Sweet Potato Fries and a Pickle Spear

Classic Burger	\$8.00	Texas Burger	\$9.25
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Greek Burger	\$9.00	Grilled Chicken Sandwich	\$7.75

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Half Pound Angus Patty, Bacon, Avocado, Tomatoes and Fresh Leaf Spinach  
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Baked Half Chicken	\$9.50

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Fries	\$2.50	Baked Potato	\$3.50	Spring Mix Salad	\$3.25
Chips	\$1.25	Mashed Potatoes	\$2.50	Green Beans	\$3.00
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**CRITTER CORNER**

by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

Happy 2011! Now that the holidays are over we have a couple of months of winter to get through. A lot of us become couch potatoes in the winter months so this month we finish our series on dog play personalities with the canine couch potato.

**Critters 101: Canine Couch Potato**

This dog play personality gives you a "Do we have to?" look when you try to take him for a run and probably won't forfeit his rightful position on the sofa. These dogs usually are affectionate and loving and will accommodate your need to be lazy. They like to play a little and go to the park but will settle right down afterwards.

Top activities for this dog include walking – long leisurely ones or multiple short ones. Even couch potatoes need exercise. They like to

accompany you on errands around town or hanging out in a café. Another favorite activity might include snoozing alongside you, preferably on a soft blanket or the couch. A good belly rub probably is high on their list, too.

If your dog was an active guy and has become a couch potato, have him checked out by a vet to make sure he has not slowed down for a reason, such as a touch of arthritis or obesity. It is possible that your dog is one of the breeds that is just less active like the Basset Hound, Bull Dog, Chihuahua, Dachshund, Shar-Pei, Chow Chow, Great Pyrenees, Japanese Chin, Lhasa Apso, Mastiff, Pekingese, Pomeranian, Saint Bernard and Shih Tzu. Most dogs enjoy taking it a bit easier as they age; so if you are looking for a couch potato you may want to consider adopting a dog that is older.

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If your dog is outside, the dog house should have just enough room for the dog to stand up and turn around, but no more. They should face away from the wind and be elevated a few inches off the ground. Don't keep towels on the floor of the dog house or anything that might draw their body heat away. Cedar shavings or straw are good choices. The doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic. Pets that spend a lot of time outside need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Use

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