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GARDEN OAKS OLD FASHIONED PICNIC MAY 22

by Terry Jeanes

The 3rd Annual Garden Oaks Picnic Sunday is set for May 22 at 1p.m. at Garden Oaks SPARK Park. Bring your own picnic, drinks, chairs and blankets. Games, ice cream and fun will be provided. Come and participate in games such as whiffle baseball, washer, tetherball, races or just relax and enjoy yourself.

New this year will be the Garden Oaks diaper derby. Competitive races start at 1:30 p.m. and include egg races, balloon races, sack races for all age divisions and teams. So join with folks from your block or other family members. Ribbons will be awarded on all contests.

For additional details contact, event sponsor and coordinator Terry Jeanes at 713.812.9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.



MAY 2011

CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

May 3 Civic Club Meeting
7pm at Garden Oaks Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22 Old Fashioned Picnic - SPARK Park

REMINDERS

Copies of the GO Cookbook benefiting the Constable Program are still available and make a perfect mother's day gift. See this month's insert for more information.

Complete your Constable and Civic Club membership forms found in this issue today. Your support is needed!

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HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

by Terry Jeanes

Welcome New Neighbors

We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

943 West 43rd
 523 West 30th
 967 Althea
 982 Althea
 4255 Apollo
 922 Gardenia
 3102 Lawrence
 1331 Sue Barnett
 919 West 41st
 942 West 42nd
 987 West 42nd
 1023 West 42nd
 971 West 42nd mistakenly listed last month as 871 W 42nd

May Birthdays

Christopher Knauth – 5
 Linda Sparks – 8

Susannah (Susie) Heath – 8
 Gareth and Gaia O’Leary-Appling – 21

Riley Tatum – 22
 Happy belated birthday to Diane Morish – April 22

Happy Anniversary
 Jason and Alisha Cunningham – May 16

Out and About

Michael Beard was dodging tornadoes in Alabama while there taking care of Mom and sis. Where’s Caroline you say? This time Caroline McLean was out and about in New York.

The Tony and Debbie Padon family enjoyed a spring break trip to San Francisco where previous Garden Oaks residents, Linda and Bubba Padon now live. Caroline and Allison saw the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Muir Woods

National Park, rode a cable car and ate their way through San Francisco and Sausalito.

Congratulations

Will Zugheri on his “dark” green belt and to Jones Phoenix Bowman who lost his first tooth and sister Lily Bowman who enjoyed a camping backyard party with friends.

Save the Date

Garden Oaks Old Fashioned Picnic – Sunday May 22

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



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CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM

by Carl Waters, Jr.

At last month's Civic Club Meeting Officer Chuck Bertels of the Houston Police Department spoke about the importance of the Citizen Patrol Program to keeping neighborhoods safer. The North Division has the largest number of patrol groups in the City and the largest number of patrollers in the City. If you are interested in becoming a Citizen Patroller, the requirements are: you must be a Garden Oaks resident at least 18 years of age and pass a criminal background check conducted by the Houston Police Department. After the completion of a one hour training program and a ride along with one of our veteran patrollers you will be ready for patrolling on your own and making Garden Oaks a safer place to live. Got an hour to spare? We can help you fill it!

March Crime Statistics: 2

Burglary: 1
3100 block of Lawrence on Wednesday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. (garage).

Theft: 1
3000 block of N. Shepherd Dr on Sunday, March 6 at 4:20 p.m. (restaurant).

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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GO CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2011

Welcome: President Mark Klein called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

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

President's Announcements:

Beautification Committee: Kimberly Horowitz is the new committee chair.

Gazebo: Harry James has presented the designs and will provide the labor. The design was originally 9' but will now be 13'. The memorial markers will be preserved. There will be lattice work and seating. It will be a structurally engineered base with concrete footings. A budget is being finalized.

Central NW Super Neighborhood

Action Plan (SNAP): One request has been approved to add new trees on Ella.

Art Park Statue: The City has notified the GOCC that the Chaim Goldberg sculpture in the park at Sue Barnett and 43rd St. may be removed. Goldberg's 10' x 4' foot colored-concrete statue was loaned to the GOCC in 1990 by Curtis Fridaye, giving the greenspace new status as Garden Oak's "Art Park." Art on the City's public parks is managed by the the Houston Art Alliance.

Presentation: Carl Walters introduced Office Chuck Bertels of HPD's North Division. Office Bertels gave a presentation on neighborhood safety. He commended the ability of Citizens on Patrol groups as a significant deterrent to crime and particularly burglary, the top reported crime. Officer Bertels recommended lifestyle changes to help reduce crime; for example, making sure nothing is visible in your car and having a door kick in bar in your home. He gave interesting statistics on the reduction of crime in our area, the size of the Houston force compared with other cities, and

types of crimes in our area. HPD's North Division is on 43rd St. across from Kroger, and the officers welcome neighbors to drop by to discuss crime and crime prevention.

Treasurer's Report: President Mark Klein reported that we are about \$25,000 away from funding the Constable program for the year. The remainder of the budget is status quo for this time of year.

Standing Committee Reports:

GO Citizens Patrol: Carl Waters reported two crimes in March - one burglary of a garage and one theft at a restaurant.

Constable Program: Terry Jeanes reported that one of our deputies was impacted by the budget cuts. Anna Herrera is very familiar with the area and will be his replacement. Remember to use the vacation watch for summer travel plans. Neighbors who have donated to the GOCC Constable Program can access the vacation form online and in advance of your travel plans; the Constables will watch your property while you are away.

Membership: Dian Austin reported 295 paid members to date.

Beautification: No update.

Gazette: No update.

GardenOaks.org Website: No update.

GOMO Update: Plan reviews are at 6:30 prior to each Civic Club meeting. There is another meeting the third Wednesday of every month.

Do not forget the Old Fashioned Picnic scheduled for May 22nd. Next meeting there will be discussion about next year's Home Tour.

President Mark Klein adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

OAK FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY NOW OPEN

After a nearly 18-month hiatus while undergoing a \$4.6 million makeover, the Oak Forest library reopened its doors to neighborhood residents on Monday April 18.

A community-wide celebration was well attended on Thursday, April 21. Among the dignitaries in attendance were Dr. Rhea Lawson, Director of Library Services for the Houston Public Library System and District A Councilmember Brenda Stardig. Various children's activities, entertainment as well as refreshments were provided.

Built in 1961, the Oak Forest Library was temporarily shut down in October 2009 to undergo extensive renovation, as well as expansion. The project added 4,000 square feet of space to the 8,000 square foot facility, turning it into a 12,000 square foot library.

The library now features three

separate sections: one area for children, another for teenagers and a third for adults. All have public access computers and different amenities for the three age groups.

The children's section provides youngsters with early literacy stations and eight public computers; the teen section also features eight public computers, as well as a gaming console/Wii system; the adult section offers up 10 public computers and comfortable new furniture where adults can sit and read. Users also have wireless access.

The library also features a small conference room that can hold up to 10 people, and a community meeting room that can hold up to 60 people.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday.



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BLOCK CAPTAINS OF THE MONTH

by *Dian Austin*

May's Block Captains of the Month are the Carlin family, who live in and deliver the *Gazette* to the 1000 block of Lamonte and the 4200 block of Alba. Most of the delivering is done by 12-year-old Cameron, but Amanda and husband Robert pitch in when needed.

The Carlins have lived in Garden Oaks about 13 years. They love the character of the neighborhood, and "the care that goes into each home to make it shine in its own individual way." They also have great neighbors and love it when someone puts out a request on the listserv and get an immediate response.

They also like our location, because

they work in the CyFair school district. Robert is a band director at Jersey Village High School, and Amanda is a theatre teacher at Dean Middle School. Robert and Amanda met while flirting in the halls at a middle school where they taught 19 years ago.

The Carlins were *Gazette* Delivery coordinators for about five years. They try to help with our neighborhood Citizens' Patrol.

Robert and Amanda have an almost full-time job getting son Cameron to Boy Scouts, band events, track and year-round baseball. And they even find time to visit their daughter in Dallas. The family is excited about a trip to Cooperstown this summer where Cameron will compete in a baseball tournament for 12-year-olds and will be inducted into the Little League Hall of Fame.

That week there will be 98 teams competing from across the United States. Cameron plays on a local Elite 12U baseball team, the Cypress Crusaders.

We appreciate that this busy family cares enough to give back to our neighborhood. They set a great example for us. For their continued dedication, the Carlins will receive a \$25 gift card to Lowe's, courtesy of our neighbor Oscar Ochoa at OD's Printing. Thank you, Cameron, Robert and Amanda!

If anyone 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. But remember, if you don't volunteer, don't complain too loudly.

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A MAYDAY MYSTERY?*by Mark Klein*

Holding hands, they reach skyward, dancing around a 10-foot tall maypole. Joined as one, the three have been celebrating spring on a small, grassy mound between Sue Barnett and West 43rd Street for two decades, a bronze-colored moment frozen forever as artist Chaim Goldberg's homage to spring.

It's no mystery that Mayday, as Goldberg's statue is known, has stretched above the triangle-shaped Sue Barnett Park since 1990. Now the massive, colored-concrete sculpture may soon be lifted off its Garden Oaks base and moved to a new home south of Houston – or will it?

A few weeks ago I received a rather unusual note about the Goldberg installation from the group that manages art on the City of Houston's public spaces, like the park at 43rd and Sue Barnett. Mayday, the note read, was on loan to the Garden Oaks Civic Club and now the owners wanted the sculpture back.

Simple enough, I thought.

Still, the news was a bit of a surprise. That sculpture seemed a permanent part of Garden Oaks. Besides, it had to weigh a ton.

When I called Jimmy Castillo, Collection Manager for the Houston Arts Alliance, he told me the owners were the Rusty Day family. The Days had lived in Garden Oaks before moving to Rockport to run Angel Rose Bed & Breakfast in a quaint 1881 Victorian home. The sculpture was on a long-term loan to the GOCC, Castillo said. "Does the Garden Oaks Civic Club have a loan agreement for the sculpture?"

he asked.

"You've got me stumped," I said. All I knew was there happened to be a large, soaring sculpture in one of our parks.

A few phone calls later and the plot merely thickened.

Turns out the Mayday installation had been an ambitious Beautification Committee project back in 1990, when Curtis M. Fridaye offered to loan the artwork to Garden Oaks. It is no small feat to move and install large-scale art in a public space, but the Beautification volunteers pulled it off. Architectural landscape plans were drawn, a base was engineered – one worthy of holding a heavy piece of art – and City approval sought.

Archived City of Houston documents, says Mr. Castillo, indicate that the sculpture was owned by the Days. GOCC documents, archived by Anne Kilgore (a Beautification volunteer at the time) say that Mr. Fridaye owns it.

"The artwork is owned and the property of Curtis M. Fridaye," states the waiver Mr. Fridaye signed releasing the GOCC from liability.

I called Mr. Castillo first with the news, then Mr. Day. Both had the same

reaction I did. "Huh," said Mr. Castillo. "Hmm," said Mr. Day.

No matter who ends up owning Mayday, it's time to see it displayed the way sculptures are meant to be, without a ring of shrubbery. The GOCC plans to remove those plants so Mayday can shine like the spring celebration it was meant to portray.

Chaim Goldberg, who died in 2003, was best known for his paintings about the Holocaust. He had a studio in Houston during the 1980s and a collection on display at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

Currently, there is not a set schedule for the sculpture's removal, as we are anticipating those details to come soon from the Day family.



Chaim Goldberg's Mayday being installed in 1990.

HAPPENINGS AT SHELDON LAKE STATE PARK

By Stacy Gross

Every third Saturday during the months of September to May, Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park (FOSLSP or www.foslsp.org) hosts a guided Bird Walk & Talk. Next month is the last guided walk until fall migration, so mark your calendars for May 21. It's a great way to enjoy the park and surroundings. Birders from all ranges are invited to come. Everyone meets at the Environmental Learning Center located on Bus90 at 8:30a.m. Just remember to dress appropriate for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and don't forget your binoculars or field guide if you have one. Bring a lunch if you like and enjoy a picnic under the trees afterwards.

Do you love the idea of camping

but are not sure where to begin, or afraid to ask? Be sure to check out the Texas Outdoor Family Program (TOF) coming to Sheldon Lake SP on May 28 and 29. TOF is a great program that teaches families how to camp in a fun filled weekend. You won't want to miss this opportunity! For more info, contact the park. You can Google "texas outdoor family

sheldon lake" for a break down of all the information.

The new 60' observation tower at SLSP is almost complete. The galvanized steel and mesh railings for the tower stairs and decks have been installed on the three decks, the stairwell landings and about halfway up the stairwell.



A pond learning station at the Sheldon Lake State Park Environmental Learning Center.

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If you love the outdoors and have some time to volunteer during the week, every Tuesday is Prairie day and every Wednesday is Wetland Restoration day. The interpretive program always needs a hand when school/church groups come out to fish. There are a ton of other volunteer opportunities; just give them a call and tell them what you'd like to do.

May 21 8:30a.m. - Last Bird Walk & Talk until September
 May 28 & 29 - Texas Outdoor Family

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CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

Welcome Returning Deputy Herrera

by Terry Jeanes & Susan Love Saranie

Due to recent budget cuts in Harris County, Precinct One cut 50 positions within the Constables office. Due to the change, our former morning Deputy slot needed to be filled. We extend a warm welcome back to the neighborhood to Deputy Ana Herrera, who once patrolled our streets approximately 15 years ago when the program was in Section One only. There will be an update on Deputy Ana Herrera next month.

With summer and vacation season approaching, remember you can find the vacation watch form at <http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf>

To become a supporter visit <http://gardenoaks.org/Resources/2011Constable.pdf>

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GOES HOSTS CHILDHOOD MENTAL ILLNESS PROGRAM

By Catharine Perry

On May 20 from 2-3 pm at Garden Oaks Elementary School, Dawn Kamilah Brown, M.D. will present an event to help educate the public to recognize the signs and symptoms of child and adolescent psychiatric disorders and get the help they need. The program, Is It ADHD or Just Attention? is free to the public.

A project of the Child Mind Institute (CMI) and the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), sponsored by Hunter Boot and Parents magazine, *Speak Up for Kids!* aims to have hundreds of mental health professionals sharing information with their communities about child mental health during National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, May 1-7.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to give voice to those who need our help the most and to help educate our communities that childhood mental illnesses are real, common and treatable," said Dr. Larry Greenhill, AACAP President.

CMI will host a live web chat and Ask a Clinician session with Dr. Koplewicz on www.childmind.org on May 3 at 12 p.m. EST so those unable to attend the community lecture.

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FRANK BLACK MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Attendance requested at HISD Board Meeting: Requesting Vanguard Designation

by *Tim Weltin*

The most important event for this group to date is our large-scale attendance at the HISD Board meeting on Thursday, May 12 where we will be asking the Board to designate FBMS as a Vanguard campus beginning in 2012. We need as many supporters of Frank Black Middle School as possible to attend the Board meeting from 6 p.m. to approximately 8 p.m. Three representatives of our group will be making presentations during the "Hearing of Citizens" portion of the meeting. Community support is measured by the staff and the Board by turn-out. The larger the turn-out, the greater the likelihood of success. That means that each of us needs to attend and needs to personally ensure that several others also attend as well. Board meetings are held in the auditorium at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center located at 4400 West 18th Street. Let people know that if there is only one thing that they can do to support the renaissance efforts this year, this should be it.

We will be wearing Frank Black Middle School t-shirts (the white "Friends" t-shirt if you have one; you can email me to order one for \$10 if you would like.) We will also be using Vanguard 2010 oversized lapel stickers at the meeting. Please spread the word. Also, let me know if you are planning to attend. We want to have a pretty good idea

about crowd size as we move toward May 12. It's an exceptionally critical day for the future of Frank Black Middle School. Thanks in advance for helping create a large turn-out.

Afternoon Adventure Camp - May 3 and 4

Choosing from a list of great options, 4th and 5th grade students can spend an afternoon or two (May 3 and/or 4) having fun at Frank Black Middle School, meeting the teachers and learning more about the 30-acre, 6-building campus. On May 3, students can choose two adventures from: Art, Karate, LCDC, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer and Woodshop. On May 4, students can choose either the Academic Adventure (Math, Science, Language Arts and History/Social Studies) or the Dance Adventure (participants are invited to perform on stage on May 26.). It's free and a pizza snack is included.

Interested parents can RSVP to: AfternoonAdventureCamp@gmail.com.

School Day Tours - May 3, 4, and 5

Following up on a series of school tours last week attended by 18 parents from Harvard Elementary (15 of whom have children in 4th grade and 1 who has a 5th grader), there will be School Day Tours for parents of 4th and 5th graders on Tuesday, May 3, Wednesday May 4 and Thursday, May 5. The tours will begin each day in the school library at 8:45. Interested parents can RSVP to SchoolDayTours@gmail.com.

Thanks for your help in spreading

the word about these important projects. For more information on this and other exciting events and happenings at FBMS contact friendsoffrankblack@gmail.com.



A PENNY SAVED

by *Lindsey Pollock, Principal of Garden Oaks Elementary School*

We've all heard about the rainy day fund that exists in Texas and potential impact that it may have on education and other public services. With the recent national, state and local budget crises, we must ask ourselves, "What can we learn from the present situation to equip our children to develop fiscal habits and skills to guide them through the future?"

According to the American Bankers Association teaching kids to save money can help foster self control and increase the likelihood that a child attends college. Other research on children who have piggy banks and savings accounts suggests that these children have a greater sense of self determination and understand the importance of goal setting. There are many easy strategies you can implement in your home to help your child achieve a sense of cause and effect around healthy money habits.

For children ages 4 – 7 years old, having a weekly allowance that is tied to personal and household responsibilities can help them understand that effort and a job well done leads to results. Setting a goal with a young child that is attainable each week such as going to the store to purchase a special item or eating out can be measured

in the money earned through assigned tasks. This helps young children establish that items have costs that must be paid for and that plastic cards aren't magic.

This also is true for children who have school lunch cards that are pre-loaded online. Without knowing that parents must pay for the money on the card, children have a difficult time understanding the source of the funds. Sit with your child when you load the lunch account and explain that responsible spending is important. Setting a daily limit on spending is a great way to build personal responsibility. While you may think this is too early to start talking to your child about money, studies show that having these early conversations builds a sense of awareness that leads to better spending and saving habits in the long run.

For the 8 – 12 year old, a chart on the fridge to track earning and spending is another way to increase individual and family awareness of money management. Setting collective family goals helps a child understand the workings of a household and the impact of spending on others in the family.

At this age, have children establish personal savings accounts at home and at a banking institution. By putting aside a little money each week and going to the bank to deposit into the savings account, children see the impact of saving over time. At this age, children are developmentally building the characteristic of compassion so talking to them about charitable giving is an important. Discussing options for giving and identifying organizations for donations opens opportunities for many rich conversations. Children who give

of their own money have a greater sense of connection to others.

For the young adult ages 13 – 18, encourage your children to participate in the household budget. Include your child as you review the household bills and analyze the income and expenditures. Talk to them about your spending and savings plans and help them understand investment options. Young adults are eager to help with the family when their opinions are welcomed. Encourage healthy fiscal habits before they leave to manage their finances at college or on their own. No matter where your child is on the developmental continuum, get started and look forward to help your child prepare for the challenges ahead. We hope our children will be well equipped and financially savvy to keep our fiscal futures healthy and balanced.



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AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE SPRING

by Mitch Weigand

Tip No. 13: Mini Splits - Creating Ideal Comfort One Room at a Time
Part Two

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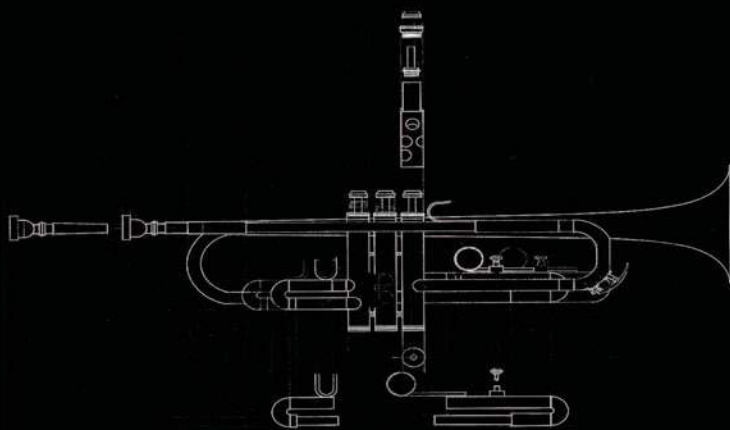
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Although the filtration system is sophisticated, it is easy to clean and maintain. You can perform this task in a matter of minutes. Simply wash the screens off, allow to dry completely and slide back into the unit. With regular cleaning, these filters can last up to 10 years. This not only saves money but also is good for your indoor environment.

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Mitch is the owner of Air Wise™ and a member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club. You can email Mitch any A/C questions at mitch@airwisehouston.com or write to 1590 Sue Barnett Drive, 77018.



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GO KIDS UPDATE

by Sarah Heath

A huge thank you goes out to Deanna and Will Zugereri for once again hosting our annual Garden Oaks Easter Egg Hunt.

Has anyone noticed some hot, skinny mamas around the 'hood? Congratulations to Amber Berend for winning the Garden Oaks Weight Loss Challenge. All the participants look great. Way to go everyone! And thank you to Devin Hunter for

moderating this group of hungry ladies and keeping everyone motivated.

Ready for one last drink on the patio before summer heat officially hits? Moms' Night Out is planned for Tuesday, May 10, at Cedar Creek, located at 1034 West 20th Street. Please contact Brandy Groth (brandy.groth@yahoo.com) or Jessica Padilla (needhamjessica@hotmail.com) for more information. GO Kids hosts several playgroups throughout the month. GO Baby is for the little bits 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 please contact Kristin Jordan (kriki@me.com), Emily Garcia (emigarcia13@hotmail.com) or Morgan Shields (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 and she'll set you 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.

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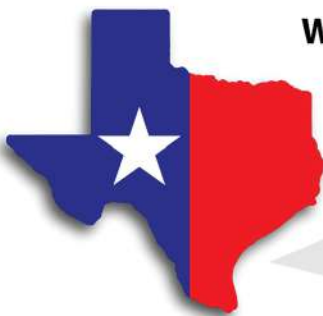
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by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

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Critters 101: Ticked Off!

The tick, a relative of the spider, is a common external parasite. Ticks carry a number of diseases including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. They can cause serious health problems for both you and your pets. Your pets are not able to pass along these diseases to you. You must be in direct contact with the tick to contract any disease.

The brown dog tick is most common to dogs. They can be found almost anywhere and in almost any climate but are most commonly found in damp places, grassy or bushy areas, wooded areas, sandy beaches and places where infested pets have been.

Tick infestations can be controlled and lots of products are available such as topicals, collars, sprays, dips and shampoos. To stop the tick cycle, kill the ticks on the dog, in the house and in the yard.

Ticks like dark, tight spots, such as the inside of the ears, between the toes and foot pads, the armpit area and under the tail, so pay special attention to these areas. Cut back any tall grass around your house. Ticks also like leaves, vegetation, underbrush, doghouses, kennels and woodpiles. Because ticks crawl up vertical objects, treat not only the ground but also up onto vertical surfaces three to four feet.

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Do not try to remove a tick by burning it off. This is ineffective

and may hurt your dog. Do not use petroleum jelly. This does not cause the tick to back out and may cause the tick to deposit more disease-carrying saliva in the wound. Flushing a tick down the toilet will not kill it. Do not squash the tick with your fingers. The contents of the tick can transmit disease.

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