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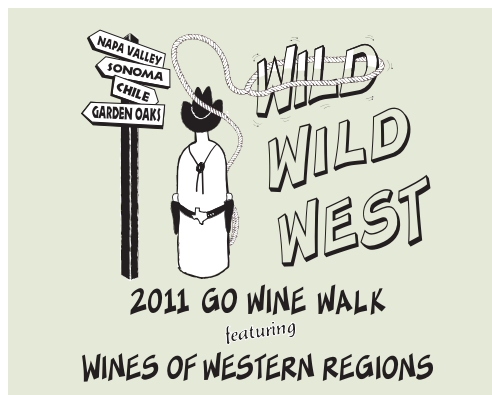
**Civic Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 2nd,
7 PM, Garden Oaks
Elementary**



Garden Oaks "Wild, Wild West" Wine Walk Featuring Wines of Western Regions

Want to spend a nice autumn afternoon tasting a Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon or a California Pinot Noir while strolling through lush gardens and catching up with your friends and neighbors? Then mark your calendars for the 2011 Garden Oaks Wine Walk set for Saturday, October 22nd from 4-6 pm (rain date Nov. 5). Tickets go on sale in early September and are \$40 each (a donation to the Constable program). Sales will be limited to the first 200 tickets sold. Brenda and Ed de Alba have again graciously offered the use of their large and beautifully landscaped backyard. With its wide, winding pathways, it is perfect for this event. Our walk sold out almost immediately last year and was lots of fun. Each ticket holder receives a commemorative tasting glass and two hours of great wine and unforgettable memories. All proceeds go to the Constable Program.

We currently have 10 table hosts in place, but still have room for one or two more. The deadline for signing up as a table host is August 15. Hosting a table is easy and fun. Consider getting a group together to share the cost and divide your hosting duties into shifts. Table hosts are asked to feature their favorite wine from the west coast of North, Central or



South America. Each bottle should sell for less than the \$20 per bottle limit and each table will provide a case of wine.

Host requirements are simple: the Civic Club furnishes a table and 2 chairs. Hosts furnish a case of wine, optional palate cleansers/munchies, and table decorations. The benefits—other than the eternal gratitude of your friends and neighbors—include two free tickets to the event per host table and priority ticket ordering. Table hosts may reserve tickets for their group before the tickets go on sale to the general neighborhood. Please contact

Shelley Rogers at rogers@sheehyware.com or at 713-880-0503 (night and weekend) to sign up as a table host.

Many thanks to our generous Wine Walk sponsors:

- Terry Jeanes, ReMax/Metro (providing commemorative wine glasses)
- Harry James Building & Design (underwriting the portable toilets with hand washing stations),
- Leslie Saunders (providing our Wine Walk graphics)
- Oak Forest Veterinary Clinic
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Cash sponsorships are \$200, and if you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer at the event, please contact Dea Larson (dealarson@aol.com or 713-695-3634). The Garden Oaks 2011 "Wild, Wild West" Wine Walk excitement is building!!

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Gazette Block Captains of the Month

by Dian Austin

This month we have even more *Gazette* team changes. First of all, farewell to Cindy and Shawn Jorgensen, Section 5 delivery coordinators, who will be moving from Garden Oaks; we will certainly miss all their help with *Gazette* delivery. Thankfully, Sheree' Peoples in Section 5 stepped right up to take their place. Thanks, so much Sheree', and welcome to our team.

Also, farewell to Bill Edwards, longtime block captain for the 400/500/600 blocks of W. 30th, who will be retiring from his post this month. Thanks Bill for all your help over the years. Welcome to neighbors Tiffany and Brad Alexander whom Bill recruited to take over his route. Thanks, Tiffany and Brad for joining our team.

Welcome to Gina and John Greenslate who will be the new block captains for the 200/300 blocks of W. 32nd. Thanks to Gina and John for volunteering.

And finally, welcome to Susan Gavin, who has volunteered to be the new block captain for the 900 block of W. 43rd. Thanks so much Susan for helping out!

August's *Gazette* Block Captains of the Month are David and Peggy Tinkey, who live in the 800 block of W. 42nd; they have delivered *Gazettes* to their block for at least 3-4 years. David and Peggy have lived in Garden Oaks some 15 years, choosing our great neighborhood mostly for its location.

Both David and Peggy are veterinarians; David was in private practice until a year or so ago and now works in clinical research, affiliated with Methodist Hospital. Peggy is chairman of the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery department at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. David and Peggy are longtime civic club and constable supporters and we appreciate their helping with *Gazette* delivery each month.

For their continued service, they receive a \$25 Home Depot gift card, courtesy of OD's Printing (neighbor Oscar Ochoa).

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



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Citizens Patrol Program

by Carl Waters, Jr.

As I mentioned last month the North Division has a new commander, Captain Runyan. At June's Positive Interaction Program meeting (held on the third Tuesday of each month), we were asked to start discussing block parties for National Night Out which is just around the corner. This year National Night Out will be held on **Tuesday, October 4th**. Please consider hosting a block party (or multiple blocks if you'd like) and let me know so I can advise HPD so they can arrange for an officer to stop by to discuss your concerns.

June Crime Statistics (4)

Robbery (1)

200 block North Loop West on Sunday, June 12th at 12:30 p.m. (Service Station).

Theft (3)

600 block of W. 34th St. on Monday, June 6th at 8:00 a.m. (residence).

3000 block of N. Durham on Thursday, June 16th at 8:00 a.m. (parking lot).

3200 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Monday, June 20th at 8:00 a.m. (church).

Through June of last year, 23 crimes had been reported on the HPD web site. This year 22 crimes have been reported.

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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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Location: Garden Oaks Elementary School

July 5, 2011

By Heather Leverett, Civic Club Secretary

Welcome: President Mark Klein called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

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

President's Announcements: *August Gazette:* Editor Jessica Jarvis needs assistance with the production of the August *Gazette*. Anyone who is graphically inclined could help with layout work. Proofreaders are also needed. Featuring numerous local advertisers, the *Gazette* pays for itself and is a valuable communications tool for the neighborhood. Its continued existence does depend upon volunteers.

Please donate your time to help support the *Gazette*. *Vagrant Issues - Carter's Grove/3002 N. Shepherd:* Councilwoman Brenda Stardig has been contacted again about the ongoing homeless population at Carter's Grove. A new investor is supposed to be closing on the property soon and plans on major renovations. According to Stardig's office, the President of the new company was made aware of the issues. The abandoned home at the corner of 30th and Shepherd that has been attracting vagrants has been cited by the City as a safety nuisance under Ordinance 10-451. A lien can be put on the property if the issue is not resolved.

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition (TWRC) Presentation: Scarlett Brann, CIT and Education Coordinator, spoke about the purpose of TWRC. TWRC's goal is to care for animals until they can return safely to the wild. She relayed interesting facts

about tarantulas, Texas rat snakes, possums, birds, and bats. She brought a snake, possum, and tarantula to the meeting. TWRC has summer programs for children, and needs volunteers to feed baby birds. They also need donations of things like newspapers, eggshells, and office supplies. A complete list can be found on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phil Ramirez reported that the GOCC has a current deficit of approximately \$960, which is normal for this time of year. We are \$18,000 short of the total of \$75,000 for the Constable Program. There are enough funds to cover the next two of five payments. Maintenance costs are increasing, as expected this time of year. Neighbors have donated \$330 to date towards the Gazebo.

GODAT Update: Heather Leverett reported that an updated data set from Membership and Constable was collected. The data entry

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into the database has been completed. Some initial reports have been drafted. We are running about one week behind original estimated timeline. The mail merge process and user interface are targeted next. Mike Rao will be reviewing functionality to date the week of July 11th.

Standing Committee Reports:

GO Citizens Patrol: Carl Waters reported 4 crimes the month of June. This is the same number as June last year. Currently, we are one crime lower in 2011 than this time in 2010.

Constable Program: Terry Jeanes reported that as many as six vagrants have been regularly seen in the Section One area, some using the abandoned home at 30th and Shepherd. If you see a vagrant hanging around, please call the Constable who can drive by and check on the situation.

Membership: No update.

Beautification: Kimberly Horowitz expressed thanks to Ed de Alba for fixing the sprinklers. She reported on multiple dead trees and is working with the city to remove the dead trees in the Rose Garden on 34th. She plans to hire someone to remove a smaller dead tree. Dead magnolias were also reported. The shrubs that were planted near 43rd and Sue

Barnett are dead. Good progress is being made on the Gazebo.

Gazette: No additional update other than reiterating the need for assistance with the August issue.

GardenOaks.org Website: Minor updates are needed on prior Home Tour sponsorships.

GOMO Update: There was no GOMO update. Tim Weltin asked neighbors to please support the Frank Black school initiative. Significant work has been done on the grounds including a new fence and a new parking lot. The school has a \$6 million grant but still needs the support of the community to remain successful in the long term.

Other Announcements: *Wine Walk:* GOCC Vice President Dea Larson needs \$200 sponsors for the 3rd Annual Wine Walk on October 22. There is room for one more table host sponsor. All proceeds benefit the GOCC Constable Program. Only 200 tickets will be sold for this event, so watch your *Gazettes* for the ticket order form. *National Night Out:* October 4th is national night out. *City Council Candidate:* Ellen Cohen, who is running for City Council, attended the meeting and introduced herself to everyone. *Gazebo:* During the approval of the minutes, there was discussion about time and materials

donated. Contributions will be clarified in an upcoming article on the Gazebo construction.

President Mark Klein adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



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GO Kids Update

By Sarah Heath

IT'S SUMMER! Be sure to keep up with GO Kids for fun ideas to beat the heat the next few months.

A big THANK YOU to Deanna and Will Zugheri for hosting the Annual Garden Oaks 4th of July Parade. The kids (and grown-ups!) outdid themselves with all the awesome decorations and floats. A great time was had by all! Aren't we lucky to live in a neighborhood with such fun traditions?!?

Calling all moms who love wine, jewelry, and chit-chatting! August MNO will be at Jessica Padilla's house, 807 Azalea, and we are having a Stella & Dot Jewelry Party! Fellow GO Kids mom Emily Garcia is co-hosting. The jewelry website is www.stelladot.com/sella if you'd like a sneak peek. As always, there is no pressure to buy; just stop by and have fun. Please contact Brandy Groth (brandy.groth@yahoo.com) or Jessica Padilla (jnpadilla2002@gmail.com) for more information. See you soon!

Don't forget that 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 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.



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Learning for the 21st Century

By Lindsey Pollock, Principal, Garden Oaks Elementary

In preparing our children for the challenges of the future, creativity and innovation are two of the six 21st Century thinking skills that have been identified as essential for success. Creativity in this application refers to thinking outside the box as opposed to the arts (which are also very valuable). Researchers who study "creativity" in children focus on the generation of new ideas. Factors that positively impact this in children are a nurturing and supportive environment in which they are able to express their ideas without fear of judgment. Being able to think of different approaches to an obstacle and coming up with something new encompass creativity and innovation.

These are also skills that have been associated with the American way of life. In fact, our country was based on the foundation of people who were willing to take risks and initiate new ways of doing things right from the very beginning! With such a rich legacy of creativity and innovation, how do we continue to lead the way and encourage these valuable characteristics in our children?

1. Encourage children to brainstorm ideas with you around everyday objects, making a list of new and different ways of using these items.
2. Write a story and have each person create a different ending.
3. Take a shoe box and cut a hole in one side to allow your hand to fit inside. Place 8-10 items inside. Close the top of the box and cover opening with a handkerchief. Have each person try to name the items inside without looking.
4. Fill a tray or plate with objects and write a story using the items.
5. Salvage items from your recycling bin and make items to wear!
6. Have your children brainstorm ways to run your home with greater energy efficiency.
7. Keep word puzzles and "Magic Eye" books among your home library to help children see the things from different views.
8. Find a fable and discuss it with your children from the perspective of each character. What was the viewpoint of each character? What would you have done if you were that character?
9. Sing silly songs with your children and encourage them to create their own lyrics.
10. Ask them about their perceptions of the world and what they would do to make the world a better place. Write these ideas down and encourage your child to generate ways to make these dreams reality.

By using these and other strategies, you can continue to encourage creativity and innovation in our children and ensure their success in the future. Along the way, you can even have some fun together! Enjoy!



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Air Conditioning and Other Tips for Summer

by Mitch Weigand

Tip No. 15: Energy Consumption Facts - True or False

Part Two

Today, everyone is seeking ways to reduce their utility bills. But when it comes to your home's A/C system and fixtures, common myths and misconceptions can actually cost your money. Let's debunk some of them now.

Closing off vents and registers will reduce your A/C or heating bill.

FALSE. If you have a modern central A/C system, the pressure load is balanced throughout the house. Blocking vents and registers will impact how the system circulates air which throws the system out of balance. This can cause it to work harder and less efficiently or even break down. Shutting off the vent in an unused room doesn't save anything; it actually harms.

Duct tape is good for sealing the A/C ducts in your attic.

FALSE. Loose, leaky A/C ducts in your attic can really cost you money. They allow cool, dehydrated air to escape into your hot, humid attic. What a waste! While duct tape has many great uses, it actually does a lousy job at sealing ducts. It doesn't work well in dirty, dusty conditions, and you can't get dirtier or dustier than an A/C duct. Mastic tape seals and insulates much better. Or, have your A/C service technician inspect all of the ducts and do any necessary dirty work.

Showering uses less energy and water than taking a bath.

TRUE. Taking a 10-minute shower with a low-flow (2.5 gallons per minute) shower head uses 25 gallons of water. By comparison, a typical bath takes 30-50 gallons. There are also high-quality shower heads that use only 1.5 gallons per minute or less so you can achieve even better water efficiency, thus saving even more money.

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Fluorescent lights are noisy, ugly and not worth the bother.

FALSE. Fluorescent lighting has changed dramatically in the last few years. Today's fluorescents have greatly improved color quality, and the annoying flicker and hum have been eliminated by using electronic ballasts. It is true they are more efficient than standard incandescent lighting. However, fluorescent lights do contain small amounts of mercury so should be disposed of properly.

Leaving lights, computers and other appliances on uses less energy than turning them off and also makes them last longer.

FALSE. The small surge of power created when some devices are turned on is vastly smaller than the energy consumed by leaving them on when they're not needed. Twenty years ago, turning lights, computers and appliances on and off drastically reduced their

useful lifetimes but this has been largely eliminated through improved technology.

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Critter Corner

By Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

We are in for scorching hot weather for the next several weeks, so keep those pets hydrated and cool. The novelist Jane Austen once said, "What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance." This month Dorothy Dan explains a few feline behaviors and Our Pet of the Month is a popular pooch from Section 5.

Critters 101: Feline Behaviors - Why Does My Cat Do This?

When living with a cat, every day brings new adventures and amazing insights. And when you have more than one feline in your home, there are all the other social behaviors to watch and wonder about, too!! One thing you can definitely be sure about - cats do EVERYTHING for a reason!! Sometimes, that reason may involve something that we humans cannot see, hear or smell. Sometimes that reason may simply be part of their genetic or instinctive make-up. Here are some of the more common behaviors many cat owners have observed in their own felines.

DUNKING FAVORITE TOYS IN FOOD OR WATER BOWL. Has your cat ever dropped his favorite catnip mouse or rubber fetching ball in his water bowl? Or, have you gone to re-fill his food bowl, only to find a special toy of his right in the middle? It just might be that your cat is trying to find a "safe" place for his favorite things. It often happens that the toy that ends up in the water or food bowl has recently been enjoyed by your cat. In the wild, cats often take their prey back to their "nest" area, and hide it from predators. Indoor cats don't really have a "nest" per se, so they often consider their food and water dishes as the "safest" areas within their "territory".

KNEADING YOU WITH HIS PAWS. Most people realize that when their cat kneads your stomach with his paws, he is showing his love for you. Usually, the cat will have a very special, loving expression on his face; he may be purring, and he may even be drooling slightly. Your cat is back in touch with his instincts as a kitten when he does this, feeling the same sense of comfort and warmth as when he was with his mother. Young kittens knead their mother's nipples to stimulate the "let down" reflex so that her milk flows for the kittens to suckle. If his kneading behavior is

uncomfortable for you, be sure to keep your cat's nails clipped short, and maybe keep an extra towel around to pad the area he is kneading!

SUDDEN HISSING WHILE BEING PETTED. Sometimes, your cat may give you a hiss, or even try to scratch or bite you seemingly without warning right in the middle of what you thought was a pleasant petting or stroking session with him. It doesn't mean that your cat no longer likes you! This behavior most likely is just the only way he knows to signal to you that he has had enough of the petting and stroking - perhaps it has gone on longer than what he enjoys.

BURYING OUTSIDE HIS LITTER BOX. If your cat is scratching around the floor or area around the OUTSIDE of his litter box, especially if this is right after he has used the litter box, he is most likely trying to tell you that something is not right to him about his litter box. Either he is displeased with the feel or the smell of the litter, the type or location of the box, or something to that affect. The only way he can think of to demonstrate this to you is for him to try to "bury" the area outside of his box. If all was well to him with his litter and litter box arrangement, he would jump in

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to his box, do his business, bury his urine or feces, then jump out and go back to what he was doing.

CONSTANTLY MAKING NOISE OR MEOWING. Some cats, of course, are definitely "talkers" and are very vocal all the time! However, if your vet says there are no medical problems, but your cat tries to get your attention with his constant meowing, it's time to figure out what your cat is trying to tell you! He is possibly hungry, possibly lonely, or just complaining about the cleanliness of his litter box. There may be changes in your home or personal routine that are upsetting to him. Remember - your cat has feelings too, and you should try to look at things from HIS point of view - not yours.

Pet of the Month: "Miss August" is Chiclet Hall, a 9 year old, long-haired Jack Russell Terrier who lives with her mom, Cindy, in Garden Oaks Section 5. Chiclet has long, white silky hair and has a light brown spot on the right side of her face. If you know anything about Jack Russell Terriers, you know they are active and playful. Chiclet loves to run and play in her backyard and especially likes to chase birds and squirrels. She is a lifetime member of the Garden Oaks Possum Patrol.

Although she never catches any of these critters, it doesn't keep her from trying. Chiclet also enjoys entertaining her country cousin, Maggie, from Bastrop. They like to chase each other around the dining room table or play "The Chiclet Game" (go outside for a while...come to the door and bark.... wait for mom to open the door....run off, hide behind a bush and laugh...try again in a few minutes). However, Chiclet's all time favorite game is to wait for the neighbors to come home, run into their house and steal dog cookies from their dog Truman. On a more sedate level, Chiclet loves tummy rubs and cuddling on the couch with her mother. She is the best little dog in the world!

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Neighbor Highlight

As she says goodbye to Garden Oaks, Carol Smith shares highlights from her stay

By Jessica Jarvis

After 35 years in Garden Oaks, Carol Smith will be downsizing out of the neighborhood. As one of her final contributions to the *Gazette*, where she has served as assistant editor and proofreader, I asked her to share some highlights from her time in Garden Oaks.

We thank Carol for her years of faithful service and for contributing to the fabric of our neighborhood for so many years. We wish her the best in all she does and trust we'll continue to see her at neighborhood functions.

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I bought my house in Garden Oaks in 1975. I was looking in the Heights and couldn't find what I wanted. A friend suggested I look in Garden Oaks.

When I bought my house, instead of sheetrock it had cheesecloth wallpaper adhered to the shiplap siding. A former owner had glued colored glass randomly onto the kitchen and bathroom windows for a rather bizarre effect and had painted jungle scenes on the kitchen



cabinets. So the house was considered a fixer upper.

For cooling and heating, we had window units and gas heaters and a floor furnace. When the floor furnace pilot light was off just a bit, the gas would build up and would go "whomp" when ignited. Not a comforting sound.

My daughter, Elissa Lipham, and son, Thomas Lipham, loved growing up on 32nd Street. They climbed trees, played in our sandbox, explored the rain-filled ditches after a storm and rode bikes. Elissa, 27, lives in Seattle, and Thomas, 25, is in Little Rock, Ar.

One of the joys of living in Garden Oaks is our outdoor spaces. My family has hosted many a

critter in our back yard: dogs, cats, goats and chickens. The goats were Elissa's high school FFA project, and the chickens were just for fun and for fresh eggs. The hens have moved in with a wonderful family on 34th St.

I was a member of the GO babysitting coop and have served as proofreader and assistant editor of the *Gazette*. My children and I delivered *Gazettes* and volunteered in the GO recycling program in the 1980s.

As a freelance writer and editor, I have gotten to know Houston inside and out. I have clients everywhere from downtown skyscrapers to manufacturing plants by the ship channel. I am fortunate to have a job that has led me to different industries and people and yet allows me to work from home.

It is time for me to downsize and simplify my life, so I am moving into a mid-rise condo near Allen Parkway. Living in Garden Oaks has brought me a lot of joy, and it will be very, very emotional to lock my door for the last time. But I am optimistic that I will love my new home. I could only hope that I will live there 35 years!

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- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

For additional information for a recommended Emergency Kit go to:

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>

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Beginning in October of 2008, the City's Solid Waste Department began to alternate the pick-up of Tree Waste and Junk Waste each month.

"Tree Waste" is defined as "clean wood waste", which consists of tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture or treated wood will not be accepted on the day designated for tree waste. "Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Collections will occur on your regularly scheduled heavy trash day, unless you are notified otherwise. Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months. However, to ensure that your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or bring it to a Neighborhood Depository.

The change follows the successful completion of a Tree Waste Recycling Pilot Program. During the pilot that ran from October 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, the city saved over \$185,632 from collections of just 47,000 homes, while diverting 5801 tons recyclable tree waste from expensive landfill space.

Please see the table for the new Junk Waste and Tree Waste Schedule. Note that in any year, Tree Waste months are January, March, May, July, September and November. Junk Waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December.

For more information visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html>

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