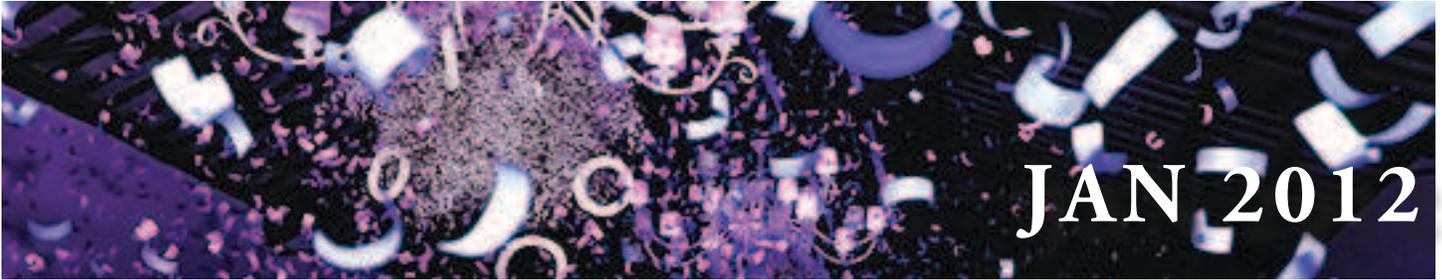


# GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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## GARDEN OAKS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make it your 2012 resolution to lend a hand



something for everyone.

While Garden Oaks is already supported by countless volunteers who work to make this community great, there is always a need

for the contribution only you can make.

As Civic Club President Mark Klein has stated, "Living here seems more a lifestyle choice than merely a decision on where to hang your hat each evening, for the soul of any neighborhood worth its salt can be found in its people and the community they create."

Join the Garden Oaks volunteer team today. You'll be glad you did!

### CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

**January 3, 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

#### CITIZENS' PATROLLERS

18+ year old volunteers are needed to increase patrol of our neighborhood. For more information, contact [gocop@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gocop@gardenoaks.org)

#### HOME TOUR VOLUNTEERS

Whether you'd like to chair a committee, work the preview party, serve as a docent at a home, sell tickets on tour day, put up posters in the surrounding area or helping with set up, almost any talent or interest you have can be of benefit to our neighborhood's largest fundraiser. For more information on volunteer needs and opportunities, contact [president@gardenoaks.org](mailto:president@gardenoaks.org)

#### GAZETTE BLOCK CAPTAIN

Gazette delivery block captain needed for the 900 block of W. 43rd. For more information, contact [gazettedelivery@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazettedelivery@gardenoaks.org)

Other excellent opportunities include helping with beautification, and working on the *Gazette* or you can simply come to a Civic Club meeting and share your ideas.

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## CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM

by Carl Waters, Jr.

Many thanks to the volunteers who gave their time last year to make the *Citizens Patrol* program work. Without their time this program would not exist.

Our program could use more volunteers. If your New Year's resolution is to become more active in the Garden Oaks community, our program could use your help. It takes just a few simple steps to become a member. First, you need to contact me by telephone at 713-864-1992, by email at [GOCOP77018@AOL.com](mailto:GOCOP77018@AOL.com) or through the Garden Oaks web site [GardenOaks.org](http://GardenOaks.org). If you chose the last option, click on the "get involved" link and then click on our program. Once you have signed up you will need to complete a one hour training class and pass a criminal background check conducted by the Houston Police Department. The program is open to all Garden Oaks residents 18 years of age or older.

### November Crime Statistics: 9

#### Burglary: 2

900 block of Lamonte Ln. on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 a.m. (residence).

1000 block of W. 43rd St. on Wednesday November 23 at 9:10 p.m. (residence).

#### Theft: 6

900 block of Lamonte Ln. on Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 p.m. (street).

900 block of W. 43rd St. on Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 p.m. (driveway).

200 block of the W. Loop North on Wednesday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. (service station).

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, November 17 at 12:30 p.m. (restaurant).

900 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Friday, November, 18 at 1:00 p.m. (school).

900 block of W. 43rd St. on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:00 a.m. (garage).

#### Auto Theft: 1

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Saturday, November 5 at 12:01 a.m. (other).

With the high number of crimes reported in October and November it looks like for the first time in four years we will have more crimes reported than the previous year.

*Inquiries about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website [GardenOaks.org](http://GardenOaks.org) or to the COP email account at [GOCOP77018@AOL.com](mailto:GOCOP77018@AOL.com) or by phone at 713.864.1992.*

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Emergency Services 911  
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 Constable Dispatch  
 713.755.7628  
 All Other City Services 311

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**HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE**

by Terry Jeanes

**Welcome New Neighbors**

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

- 4235 Apollo    517 West 31<sup>st</sup>
- 208 West 33<sup>rd</sup>    705 West 34<sup>th</sup>
- 212 West 34<sup>th</sup>    1571 Sue Barnett
- 839 Lamonte

**January Birthdays**

- Hannah Stender - 4
- Garrett Langdon Crownover - 5
- Phil Ramirez - 10
- Patricia Semands - 19
- Jennifer Langdon - 21
- Lindsay Veech - 24
- Joe Muscara & Shellye Arnold - 30

And belated birthday wished to **Sabrina Innocenti**. December - 15

**Congratulations**

**Bonnie & Rudy Hernandez** on their anniversary this month. **Robert DeVeau** was honored with the Supplier Rep of the Year at a recent trade show in his industry. **Bill Holden** recently

took his last final and can now see the end of his school work. Congratulations to **Stacy** and **Mike Gross** and big sister **Alissa** who welcomed Madelyn Claire, 5lbs 13 oz., on Wednesday December 14.

**Out and About**

**Chris & Art Lindsay** recently visited Napa Valley. **Caroline McLean** made a surprise birthday visit to see her mom in Scotland. **Sarah Klein** played the role of Miss Hannigan in a recent production of Annie.

**Condolences and Special Thoughts**

To **Phil Ramirez** and his family in the recent loss of his sister. Also to the **Shaughnessy household** on the passing of Seamus their 17 yr old cat, and **Gary Konecky** on the loss of his dog of 15 years, Ocky.

*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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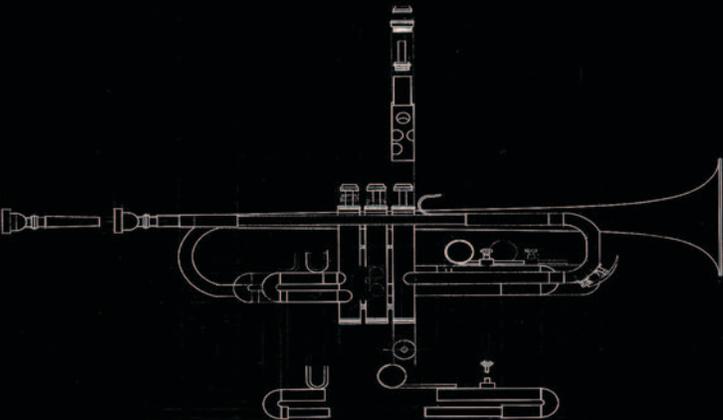
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**GO CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES****December 6, 2011**

O'Leary/Apling residence 710  
Garden Oaks Blvd  
by Heather Leverett, Secretary

**Welcome:** President Mark Klein called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

**President's Announcements:**

**Holiday Party:** Thank you to Brian O'Leary and George Apling for opening their home for this meeting and holiday party. Special thanks to Jessica Jarvis for the wonderful work on the Gazette and all the others who volunteered throughout the year.

**Elections:** GOCC Officer elections will be held in January. If you are interested in running for an officer position, email elections@gardenoaks.org. We need nominations for Vice President.

**Waterline Project:** The work is moving quickly. Restorations will be made after the project is completed. There will be repairs to the irrigation system in the park. Home Tour: Initial homes have been identified. The planning will move forward in the next month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ramirez was not present due to a sudden death in his family. President Klein announced that vote for the 2012 budget will take place in January. The budget is very similar to the one for 2011.

**GODAT Update:** Secretary Leverett reported that GODAT training has started. Initial use of the system

for communications will begin this month. We ask that everyone bear with us as we work through any glitches. Based on the training, some changes in functionality have been requested and will be completed in December. Please encourage your neighbors to provide us with email addresses so we can begin to communicate electronically.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**GO Citizens Patrol:** Carl Waters reported nine crimes in November which included two burglaries, six thefts, and one auto theft. We are still having cases of morning hour break-ins, including kick-ins. We need volunteers for additional patrols. The next training will be on the 2nd Tuesday in January. All applications will need to be turned in prior to the start of training.

**Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes reported that intruders are watching for the Constable and timing the break-ins away from the Constable. We now have unmarked patrol cars in the area to attempt to catch the burglars. Witnesses have reported two black males in their early twenties, driving a black sedan, leaving the crime scene. A teal vehicle, possibly a Mercury, may also be involved. The majority of the break-ins are in the morning and the burglars are knocking on the front door and going around to the back of homes to kick in the back door. If anyone asks if you have an alarm, reply with yes. A few weeks ago, an alarm company was surveying the area for clients but it could have been a scam to identify houses without alarms. We are urging everyone to use the Constable Vacation Watch for their home while

**GOMO Review Meetings**

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

away. Please also set your alarms when not at home.

Membership: Please remind your neighbors to support the civic club and join.

Beautification: No update.

Gazette: No update.

GardenOaks.org Website: No update.

**GOMO Update:** Positions have been filled and plans have been approved. If you see changes occurring on your street, touch base with GOMO to ask any questions.

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



**GARDEN OAKS NEWS**

Timely information about information and events can be found on the Garden Oaks Yahoo group which can be found at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Houston\\_GO](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Houston_GO). Also join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/35914307130/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/35914307130/)

Interested in seeing the Gazette, photos and ads in color? A color Gazette is produced and posted each month online at [www.gardenoaks.org/involvement/gazette.html](http://www.gardenoaks.org/involvement/gazette.html).

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**THE 2012 GARDEN OAKS HOME & GARDEN TOUR ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

*by Susan Kostelecky*

Sponsorship opportunities have now opened up for the 2012 tour! Area businesses can benefit from marketing their companies and services to the hundreds of tour attendees as well as visitors to the GO website and recipients of the GO Gazette.

A full list of sponsor levels and benefits, which include online and in-print advertising before, during and after the tour, can be found on the Garden Oaks website at [www.gardenoaks.org/hometour/](http://www.gardenoaks.org/hometour/).

We are pleased to announce that our first sponsors have already stepped up to support the upcoming event:

- Chris Schmidt of SCM

Construction is a Platinum Sponsor (\$1,000)

- Sue Schmidt – Keller Williams Metropolitan is a Gold Sponsor (\$500)

If you have questions about how sponsoring the tour can benefit your business or would like more information, call Susan Kostelecky at 713-697-4110 or email [skdesigns@mindspring.com](mailto:skdesigns@mindspring.com).

**THE 2012 GARDEN OAKS HOME & GARDEN TOUR: LOCATION UPDATE**

The corrected location for the garden featured on the 2012 Home Tour is 1325 Sue Barnett Drive. This large softly curving garden not only accents the stately home and generously sized front yard, but features a wide variety of seasonal and colorful plantings which appeal to passersby throughout the year.

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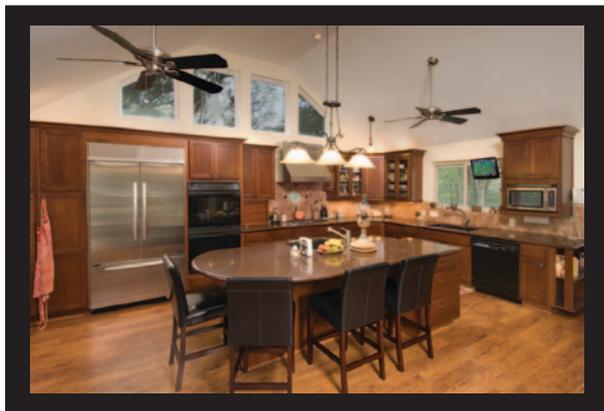
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## LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

by Lindsey Pollock, GOES Principal

Some of you may recognize these familiar words to a song that I learned in grade school. These words seem just as relevant today as they did those many years ago. As many of us focus on our New Year's resolutions for 2012, peace seems one of those universal resolutions from which we can all benefit.

Peace education is a fundamental part of Montessori education. Dr. Montessori lived through both World Wars and was troubled by the widespread pain, suffering and human annihilation that she witnessed. When it became apparent that Mussolini was an agent of terror, she and her son fled Italy to the safety of India where she spent years sharing her message of education for all children. Her efforts were recognized by the international community by nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize three separate years.

How do we share her hope for a peaceful world with our children today? In the Montessori classroom, peace tables are a part of the classroom curriculum. If children have a disagreement, the two children are ushered to the peace table where they sit to discuss the cause of the disagreement and ways to solve the situation peacefully. Peace tables are set with a vase and rose to represent the beauty and tranquility found in nature that are freely available to everyone. Further, Montessori classrooms emphasize the uniqueness and value of every person and their cultural background. Lessons in the cultural studies area are incorporated into the daily group meetings and students are encouraged to share their families' histories and personal stories with their classroom community. Since children stay together for three years in a multi-age setting, deeper understanding and connections are forged that contribute to a connection to others and awareness of the humanity we all share.

At Garden Oaks Elementary, we strive to provide peaceful learning opportunities for all children and extend the basic Montessori curriculum to ensure teachers are equipped to embrace changing societal values since the time of Dr. Montessori. These include partnering with the Human Rights Campaign Family Project to becoming a pilot school for the Welcoming Schools Program to support family diversity, gender expansion and peaceful

school communities ([www.welcomingschools.org](http://www.welcomingschools.org)). Additionally, a group of teachers attended a special forum by John Hunter at the University of Houston when he presented his Peace Game and curriculum. By promoting peace at school and in our homes, we can be the difference that creates peace for our communities and our world. For more information on ways to incorporate peace activities at home go to:

[www.peacecorps.gov/kids](http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids)

[www.planetpals.com/IKC](http://www.planetpals.com/IKC)

[www.wilderdom.com/games/PeaceEducationExperientialActivities.html](http://www.wilderdom.com/games/PeaceEducationExperientialActivities.html)

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**CONSTABLE PROGRAM**  
by Terry Jeanes & Susan Love-Saranie

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- Black Boxy sedan with 2 black males in the early 20's
- Aquamarine or Teal mercury with 2 Hispanic males

If you see anything that fits these descriptions please call Constable Dispatch at 713 755-7628

Due to the increase of incidents through the area, Timbergrove, Heights, Oak Forest, Shepherd Forest, The Plazas, and Garden Oaks, neighbors are encouraged to stay on their toes. Please call if anything you see does not fit the norm. Allow the deputies to check it out anytime of the day.

**REMINDERS:**  
Support the Garden Oaks Constable Program. Send in your form today or see the link below.

Also you can support the program with the purchase of a copy of the Garden Oaks Cookbook. Contact Lacey Marek, laceymmarek@gmail.com.

Vacation watch form:  
[www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf](http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf)  
Supporter form:  
[www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/2012Constable.pdf](http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/2012Constable.pdf)

**NOVEMBER 2011 STATISTICS**

Miles Patrolled...	2716
Court Citations.....	15
Alarm Responses....	12
Written Warnings.....	3
Vacations Watches....	39
Suspicious Vehicles....	38
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Criminal Offenses...	4
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The Spanish Renaissance style building opened in 1926 and was Houston's main public library until the new Central Library opened in 1976. The Ideson Building is a City of Houston Protected Landmark, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and Texas State Archaeological Landmark, and is listed

on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building was restored through a public-private partnership between the City of Houston and [Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners](#). In addition to restoring the public spaces and Depression-era murals, the project included constructing a new archival wing to house Houston Public Library's Houston Metropolitan Research Center.

GHPA is recognizing the Ideson Building's restoration with the Stewart Title Award, to be presented along with the rest of the [2012 Good Brick Awards](#) during the Cornerstone Dinner on Friday, February 17. GHPA members will receive invitations to the event after the first of the year.

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**THE GREYHOUND WHISPERER (WHO IS A CAT)**

*by Eric and Jessica Jarvis*

Garden Oaks is home to many devoted dog owners, many of them actively involved in rescue groups focused on their specific breed. If you have a favorite breed (or even mutt), such an organization dedicated to that breed most likely exists.

In our case, that breed is the greyhound and the organization dedicated to them is Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) Houston. And, as you may have noticed as they stroll through the neighborhood, there are a number of our neighbors who share our affinity for these lovely and loveable couch potatoes. While they are renowned for their speed, elegance, gentleness and beauty, these dogs are indeed professional loungers once retired from racing and make great, low-maintenance pets.

What you probably didn't know is that also living in Garden Oaks is one of GPA Houston's most valuable assets,

cat-testing feline extraordinaire, Sketch. She plays a vital role in the process of matching these dogs with the right adoptive owners – that of determining whether a dog is cat-friendly or not. Thousands of years of breeding to train greyhounds to chase small furry things has not stopped countless dog lovers from welcoming greyhounds into their feline-friendly homes, but it is crucial that the dogs be effectively cat-tested in a controlled environment.

That is where Sketch comes in.

Sketch, named for her curious behavior and tuxedo markings, was herself adopted from a rescue organization. After having endured a life-threatening illness that required her to be fed through a tube inserted into her belly (and that most certainly cost her several of her nine lives), it appears Sketch has found her

true calling. With the adoption of her greyhound brother Ravi, it was if Sketch either believed she was a greyhound and had found her lost litter or counted it her personal calling to befriend every greyhound (and apparently only greyhounds) with whom she came in contact.

Paired with the fact that she is anything but a scaredy cat, this seeming love of greyhounds drew the attention of some of the folks at GPA when doing some home visits and prompted them to see if she could possibly help out with



*Sketch with her first greyhound love, Ravi...*

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testing some of the many greyhounds in need of "forever homes." Every few weeks Sketch travels to the GPA office where she works to identify which of the greyhounds new to the kennel, and often straight off the track, are compatible with cats.

Beginning first with the greyhound muzzled and Sketch safely in her cat carrier, the testers up the degree of interaction with Sketch to see if the greyhound has no interest and can be easily distracted, or if they have a high prey drive and want to have her as a snack.

At each point, Sketch does her very best to make absolutely sure to give the greyhounds ample opportunity to get a good sniff and test their resolve. All while being closely managed and observed, Sketch gets nudged and sniffed and fully investigated while the dog is tested to determine level of interest. She regularly rubs up against their legs, purring and chirping all the while.

While some dogs fail, and fail immediately, others show no interest in her whatsoever. A single introduction to a cat should never be considered a definitive indicator that a greyhound is cat-friendly, but it is the first step in making that determination. Working through the process of testing each greyhound with each potential feline companion is critical, but few seem to enjoy the process, or appear

as naturally inclined to do it, as Sketch.

In addition to testing at GPA, Sketch regularly hosts foster greyhounds that either require more extensive cat testing in a home setting or simply could benefit from learning how to adjust to life off the track. Along with Ravi and Rigby (one of the fosters who required additional testing and ended up being the newest member of the Jarvis household), Sketch works to welcome and befriend all who grace our door.

Detailed instructions for duplicating the same cat introduction in one's own home are provided to new adopters and it is important to note that greyhounds should never be trusted with outdoor cats (or squirrels and other small creatures). But thanks to Sketch there are many many people in the region who get to love their greyhounds and cats together in harmony.

For more on the entire process and the breed, or to begin the process of adding one of these incredible dogs to your home, visit [www.gpahouston.org](http://www.gpahouston.org).



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To underwrite a portion of the annual breakfast or to donate auction items, please contact the silent auction coordinator, Tonya Knauth at (713) 628-8243 or email [gardenoaks.pancake@gmail.com](mailto:gardenoaks.pancake@gmail.com). For more information about Garden Oaks Elementary School, call (713) 696-2930.



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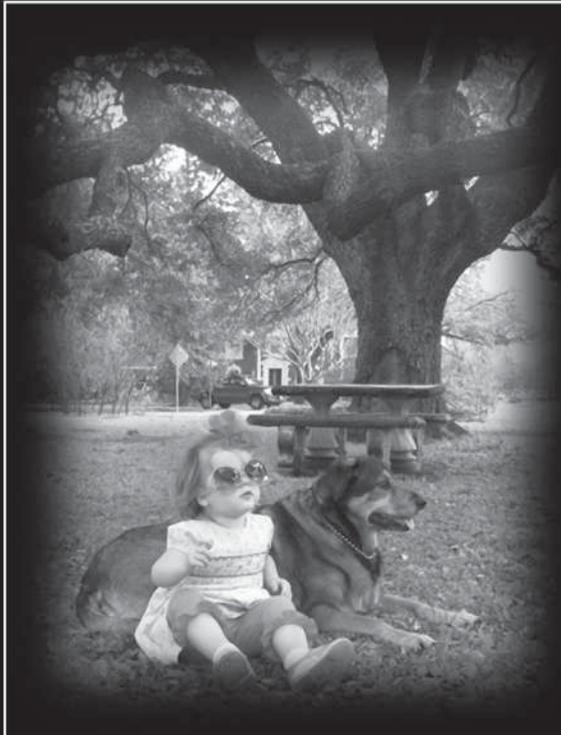
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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



*Dian Austin recently captured this and several other majestic beauties at the zoo as part of a photography class.*

**AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE WINTER**

*by Mitch Weigand*

**Tip No. 20: What's New for 2012**  
I'll admit it - I'm a man and I love gadgets. If it involves on/off buttons, touch screens and can be programmed to suit my needs, you have my full attention. Here's a great new device from American Standard, my favorite manufacturer.

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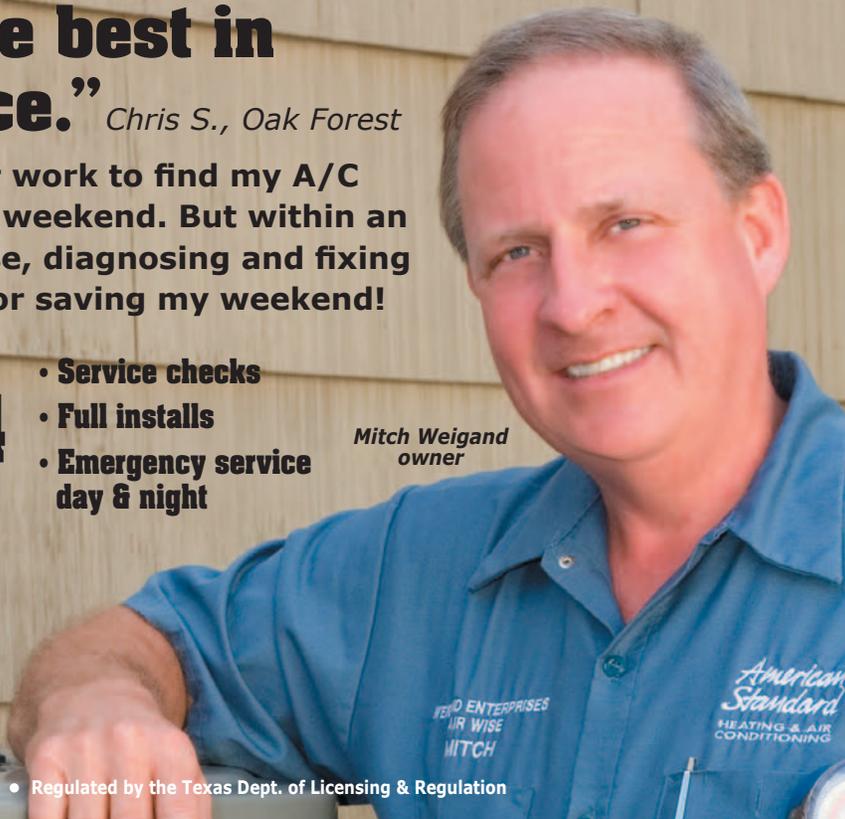


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## CRITTER CORNER

by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

Happy New Year! January is National Train Your Dog Month so this month we list the things your dog should know. Check out this list and work on the items that are rusty.

### **Critters 101: Things Every Dog Should Know**

Your dog doesn't have to be the smartest dog on the block but he should know a few things for his own safety. If yours is lacking commands from this list we recommend contacting a dog trainer or signing up for a basic obedience class. A little home-schooling can also do wonders. Three veteran trainers were asked by The Associated Press to share the things they think every dog should know.

1. Know their name. They need to know their name so you can get their attention before the next command or bit of information. Dogs hear a lot of noise that they tune out, but when they hear their name they need to respond and look to the person for the rest of

the information.

2. Pay attention. If they are not paying attention, none of the other commands will matter. After name recognition, they need to learn to keep their attention on the person and not get quickly distracted.
3. Come. The key is repetition and building up a strong reward history, letting the dog know good things happen when it comes. Don't call them when you know they won't come and if you are mad at the dog and when he gets there you are going to scold him. Make sure good things happen when the dog comes when called.
4. Down and/or Sit. You can keep your dog out of all sorts of trouble with these. Keep them from jumping on someone or from chasing. Your dog cannot get into trouble if it is lying next to you.
5. Leave it. It means stop paying attention to that, whatever that is. The dog gets rewarded when they pay attention to us. It works with things dogs find really distracting like other dogs, people, kids, bicycles, cars, cats, whatever the

dog wants to pay attention to.

6. Stay or Wait. Teaching a dog to wait at a door when it's being opened or wait in the vehicle when you open a car door and not bolt out is definitely critical for safety. Stay is important, but most people don't get the stay well enough trained that they should ever trust it in a critical situation. A leash is much safer than relying on a stay. Wait is like a pause button. Stop moving. You can go when I release you. It's good for in and out of doorways, in and out of cars so they don't run into traffic, if you put their food down. Stay is a more formal command. Wait is hold on a second.
7. Go to Bed. It's a boundary stay. It works really well if you use a bath mat, an actual dog bed, some kind of hot spot. You tell the dog: You can't get off this. You can do circles, sit, lie down, stand up, turn around or do back flips. I don't care what you do; you just can't get off this.
8. Let's Go. This is not a formal heel but an informal loose leash, a command to walk next to me and don't pull on the leash. You can

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smell, you can look, you can do your own thing as long as you respect that you are on a six-foot leash and I don't want to have to be pulling you around.

9. Socialization and Play. Socialization is greatly overlooked in the dog world. Owners should let dogs know when it's a good time to play and when it's not a good time to play. Playtime is when a dog can be a dog and have his fun, you can let him pounce and do all the things that dogs do.
10. Swim. A dog should know how to swim so they don't panic in the water.

You are training for lifestyle more than obedience. If you want to put the baby in a stroller and a leash on the dog and have coffee at Starbucks, you should be able to do it without the dog barking at people, pulling on the leash or causing a distraction.

**Pet of the Month:** This month we spotlight the Beddow critters. Spinky (Tabby) and Nolan (Sheltie mix) live in Section 3 with their parents, John and Tina. Spinky and Nolan are best friends, so they don't mind sharing this honor!

Spinky is a gray, striped Tabby who wandered into the Beddow's yard in April of 2007. He was skinny and hungry, but very sweet and needed a home. He is about five years old now. Spinky is easy going, and loves to snuggle and cuddle in your lap or at your feet at night. He is also very smart.

Nolan is 7 yrs. old and was adopted from the Sheltie Rescue Society in 2006. He is reddish blonde and white. Nolan was already part of the household, but he and Spinky bonded immediately. Nolan loves giving and getting lots of attention. His favorite things are daily walks, chasing birds, squirrels, and Spinky.

Cheers to the Beddow family – this year and every year may you have the warmth of home, the love of family, and the company of good pets!

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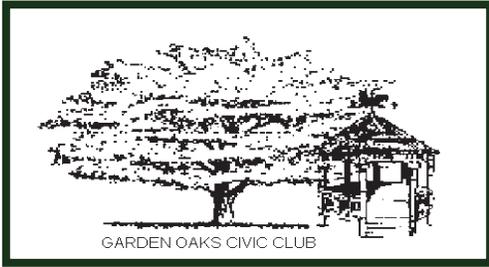
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