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MAYOR ANNISE PARKER ANSWERS NEIGHBORS' QUESTIONS AT SEPTEMBER GOCC MEETING

By Mark Klein, President GOCC

With more than 800 registered civic clubs and property owners' associations in Houston, City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker made a point to visit the Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting September 3, at Garden Oaks Elementary School.



Mayor Parker spent nearly an hour at the GOCC meeting, covering a wide range of issues and recent City initiatives, while answering questions from several GOCC members. Discussions included the status of the 34th Street Quiet Zone, the City's new Sobering Center, programs to reduce jail processing times and costs, the water system and future supplies, single-stream recycling, crime; sidewalk/curb maintenance, the demolition of 3,000 abandoned properties, and an effort that has reduced homelessness by 25 percent in the past year and a half. Neighbors asked about pedestrian and traffic safety near Garden Oaks Elementary School, among other questions.

Anita Ivery, with the City's Department of Neighborhoods (DON) was also on hand as the City's liaison to the Central Northwest Super Neighborhood, of which the GOCC is a member. Ivery and GOCC President Mark Klein have been discussing traffic safety along Sue Barnett in front of the elementary school, along with the safety concerns of boulders placed in City easements by local residents.

Candidate Meet & Greet Hosted by Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council Set for Monday, Oct. 21

Garden Oaks residents have a chance to meet and learn more about local candidates on the November 2013 ballot at an upcoming Candidate Forum, hosted by the Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council.

More on page 7.

October 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Civic Club Meeting for October.

National Night Out
Tuesday, October 1

REDS, WHITES... AND THE BLUES
- **Annual Constable Fundraiser and Wine Walk** - Saturday, October 19, 4-6 pm.

Early Voting Begins
Monday, October 21 through November 1.

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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.

432 West 34th	1586 Sue Barnett
706 West 39th	1019 West 43rd
511 West 31st	3102 Lawrence
803 West 43rd	748 West 42nd
1039 West 42nd	805 West 30th
907 West 41st	

Birthdays

Dian Austin - 1st
 Sue Schmidt - 3rd
 Tania Chaix - 6th
 Tina Sabuco - 9th
 Michael Padon - 12th
 Rita Donaldson - 15th
 Mark Saranie - 25th
 Linda Reichle - 25th
 Pene Carter - 25th

Layne Heath - 27th
 Jack Runge - 28th
 Chuck Fleming - 31st

Happy Anniversary

Debbie & Tony Padon, 6th
 Elizabeth & Mark Klein, 7th
 Gig & Betsy Runge, 9th
 Jim and Sally McDaniel, 12th
 Holly and Matt Veech, 14th
 John and Tina Beddow, 21st

Congratulations to Robert De Veau & Kenneth Santos

who were married September 6 in Sonoma County, California amongst the vineyards. The couple has been together for 26 years, having first been united in a commitment ceremony on December 19, 1987. They have called Garden Oaks their home for the past 18 years. Also big news for second time grandparents **David and Gail Bell** who welcome a new grandson, Francesco Pochesci born September 6th to daughter **Allison Bell** and hus-

band Angelo. The Pochescis reside in Florence, Italy.

OUT AND ABOUT

George Appling enjoyed a tour of China - Beijing, Guangdong, and Shanghai - yet back for a great event with **Brian O'Leary** and clan at Sherwood Forest Faire. Labor Day Weekend fun: **Heather Anderson McKeown** and crew went hunting ghost crabs! **Missy Alwais** enjoyed Baja California, and the **Salch family** spent Labor day at the Holy Cross Ranch. **Trent and Chavonne Slovak** enjoyed a week in Beaune, France.

Special Thoughts for the family of **David Anderson** who passed away August 29th. David leaves to cherish his memory, wife Pam, and sons Carthal, Jacob and Ben.

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

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CITIZENS' PATROL AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

By Carl Waters, Jr.



TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2013

I hope everyone gets out to meet their neighbors this month at a National Night Out block party.

At the Gazette deadline I was aware of the following parties: 800 block of Azalea to be hosted by the Flannigan and the Bartos families; 700 block of Sue Barnett to be hosted by the Croker family; and the 1000 block of W. 43rd to be hosted by Carol Terrett. Possible parties in the works were at

the Peoples' home in the 1500 block of Sue Barnett and the Miller residence in the 900 block of Althea.

Crime Statistics (4)

Robbery (1)

2900 Block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, August 30 at 12:38 p.m. (T-Mobile Store)

Burglary (2)

400 block of W. 34th St on Friday, August 9 at 12:09 p.m. (residence).
2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, August 16 at 9:00 p.m. (T-Mobile Store).

Theft (1)

700 block of W. 31st St. on Sunday, August 4 at 8:28 p.m. (residence).

Through August of this year 53 crimes had been reported on the HPD website for our neighborhood. Through August of last year there

had been 62 crimes reported by the same source.

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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- Emergency Services **911**
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- Constable Dispatch **713-755-7628**
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GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

*By Heather Leverett, Secretary and
Mark Klein, President*

Location: Garden Oaks Elementary
September 3, 2013

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

A thank you to Brother's Pizzeria who once again showed their support of the neighborhood by donating pizzas to keep everyone attending the Civic Club meeting well fed. Please support your local business owners.

A motion was made and carried to accept the August 2013 minutes as published in the *Gazette*.

President Klein announced:

Beautification: A tall, dead tree along Garden Oaks Boulevard has been cut down. Gary Harmon has volunteered to head the Beautification Committee. He comes with significant landscaping experience and planted several of the trees in the Spark Park. **Candidate Forum, Central Northwest Super Neighborhood:** In October a candidate forum is planned. The Committee reconvenes this month to continue discussions. **Volunteers**

Needed: Volunteers are needed to clean up busy intersections of the neighborhood. Shepherd and 43rd needs attention. Please contact president@gardenoaks.org to volunteer. **GOCC Board Nominations:** Nominations for the 2014 GOCC Board of Directors are being accepted. A nominating committee has been named. (post-meeting note: nominations can be sent to nominations@gardenoaks.org).

Nominations can be sent to the nominating committee or submitted from the floor at the GOCC

November and December meetings. The Board election as well as a vote on the 2014 GOCC budget will be held during the December meeting, which is traditionally a holiday pot luck.

Special Guest Speaker: City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker:

President Klein introduced the Mayor. She is seeking her third term. Mayor Parker spoke on a number of subjects. She highlighted the positive press Houston is receiving covering everything from the economy, to arts and culture, to increased tourism related to the thriving restaurant scene. All factors are contributing to increased quality of life in Houston. Additional topics of significance included a new processing center for the Houston County Jail, which will be on the ballot, as well as the implementation of the Sobering Center. Overall city jail costs are being reduced, while addressing issues with mental health as people with public intoxication issues are being taken to the center as opposed to being processed through the city jail system. The Initiative for Homelessness has reduced the homeless population by over 25% in the last 18 months. It has initially targeted veterans and is getting them access to government resources, but it has also has a focus on reducing medical costs related to homeless visits to emergency rooms. Mayor Parker introduced Anita Ivory who is the liaison to the Super Neighborhoods. The Department of Neighborhoods was established by the Mayor to help solve issues with communities. It has demolished over 3,000 abandoned properties and the top six most dangerous apartment complexes. The 34th Street Quiet Zone was discussed and will cost \$1.3MM or more. This Quiet Zone is still on the official list, but remains unfunded. The City is actively

continuing with the expansion of its single-stream recycling program. The number of homes recycling in Houston has doubled. Houston is also being recognized as a bicycle-friendly community; the new B-Cycle bike-sharing program is successful and the interconnection of bike trails around the city's bayous is continuing. Questions from the GOCC audience included addressing traffic safety issues around Garden Oaks Elementary School and worn speed bumps near the school; tracking the historical crime statistics in the area and the city's dated technology; and solving issues with water reserves, pressure and conservation. There was additional discussion around the city taking over sidewalk/curb maintenance and related infrastructure on the streets. Neighbors brought up concerns around speeding in the neighborhood and the danger of boulders being installed by homeowners on City easements.

National Night Out: Carl Waters announced that October 1 is National Night Out and there will not be the normally scheduled GOCC meeting. The purpose of the evening is to get to know your neighbors as a way to deter crime. You can host a block party or coordinate with the neighbors to meet outside. If interested, please let Carl or the Constables know the locations of planned parties and we will make sure police officers come by to introduce themselves to you.

Wine Walk: Dian Austin announced that the annual Constable fundraiser is in its fifth year. It is a two-hour wine tasting on October 19 with hors d'oeuvres hosted in the gorgeous backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba. Thirteen tastings are scheduled. Only a few tickets are left and there is a maximum of 200 tickets available.

They are \$50/each.

Treasurer's Report: No update. Copies of the financials will be available next week.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership: Dian Austin introduced many new neighbors and meeting attendees. She encouraged everyone to pay their membership dues for 2014. The form is available online or in the *Gazette*. Note that GOCC has one of the smallest dues amounts in the City. Debbie Padon won a \$25 Lowe's gift card in the raffle drawing.

GO Citizens Patrol: Carl Waters reported four crimes in July. We are down nine crimes from this same time last year. Two of the August crimes may have been related to the T-Mobile store near 610. One was residential and the other was a theft. Please encourage your neighbors to join the voluntary patrol program. You need to be eighteen years old and able to pass a background check. Report anything suspicious in the neighborhood to the Constables (713) 755-7628, or call 911 if you see an emergency.

Constable Program: Terry Jeanes reported an incident in the neighborhood where a young black male on foot pulled a pistol and robbed two men on a Saturday at 12:30. A break-in also occurred in Section One. There also have been some bicycle thefts and automobile break-ins in the area. Please pay your 2014 Constable dues. They can be paid online, or via the form in the *Gazette*. In addition there will be a mailer sent out to everyone in Garden Oaks. Out of 1,400 homes we have a very small percentage of neighbors supporting the program with their dues. More dues-paying members could mean the ability to add a patrol. Please let Terry know if

there are any issues with timing of Constable arrivals when calling or any issues with dispatch, constable@gardenoaks.org.

Beautification: Please bring any issues to the attention of beautification@gardenoaks.org.

Gazette: No update

GardenOaks.com Website: Joe Muscara reported no update.

Garden Oaks Home Tour 2014: Brenda de Alba announced that the home selections have been made and there are three gardens and six homes. Two of the homes are new and four are remodels. There is representation from every section of the neighborhood this year.

A volunteer chair is still needed. The Home Tour occurs every other year but takes about 11 months to prepare. It is the GOCC's largest fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the Constable program and neighborhood beautification. The 2014 GO Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 27.

Garden Oaks Elementary School: Principal Pollock announced that suggestions are welcome on how to better manage traffic concerns. The school is on the list for the HISD bond that voters passed last year and has been allocated \$27MM to build a new school. Demand for GOES is booming with over 600 applications for 90 available spots. The application process will be online this year starting the first week of November. If zoned to Garden Oaks, then you are in the first lottery drawing. The school is in need of volunteers. Accountability ratings have been received and the school met all standards. The "shred day" is coming up so please bring anything you need shredded to the school on shred day.

President Klein adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

CONSTABLE PROGRAM

By Terry Jeanes

Welcome Deputy Shane Rigdon, now in place of late night deputy Rene Sosa who moved up to a district position. Shane joins us as a long time patrol deputy from the Braeswood area. Thank you to Rene for the job you did for us here in Garden Oaks.

The front porch bandits have struck several more times since last month. Please secure these items if possible. In addition to Labor Day weekend thefts of a residence, 3 motor vehicles, and a garage were hit during the same late night hours. Check your locks, your lighting, and always inform neighbors as well as the constable's office via vacation watch when you are gone. Most importantly, report suspicious persons in the area so the deputies may follow up. Again, notify the constable's office of any solicitors in the neighborhood.

With the increase of construction, as well as city projects, culprits may blend in.

Be on the watch for your constable supporter forms along with the civic club membership form to arrive via mail within the next 6 +/- weeks.

REMINDER:

Check with your alarm company and put Precinct One Constable Dispatch 713 7557628 on the list.

PLEASE JOIN TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM via the form in the gazette, or the link below. Even if you are on Draft we would like your updated info. **Supporter Link / Form:** <http://gardenoaks.org/constableform>

Vacation Watch Form: <http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf>

For all neighbors to receive more timely notices on crime alerts please

provide your name, email, and street address to secretary@gardenoaks.org.

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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. Also join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/35914307130/

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Presidents' Note
By Mark Klein

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2014 GOCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A five-person nominating committee is accepting names for the 2014 Garden Oaks Civic Club Board of Directors.

Terms for GOCC President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary start January 1, 2014 and run one year. GOCC members will vote for the board candidates at the December 3, 2013 GOCC meeting.

You can submit a nomination to nominations@gardenoaks.org. Jay Tatum, Rick Knauth, Edgar Acosta,

GOCC Vice President Vic Seghers and GOCC Treasurer Phil Ramirez have been named to serve on the nominating committee. Per the GOCC bylaws, nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the November and December GOCC meetings.

Thus far, the following candidates have been nominated for 2014:

President - Sheila Briones
Vice President – Vic Seghers
Treasurer – Jerry Butler
Secretary – Cindy Bartos

Garden Oaks Civic Club members who have paid their 2013 dues and are in good standing are eligible to vote for the board slate.

GOMO UPDATE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 16TH

By Teresa Coleman

The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization's annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, at Garden Oaks Elementary. We welcome all Section 1, 2, 3, and 5 homeowners to the business meeting. Election of several Directors and voting on disbursement of surplus funds is on the agenda. If you are interested in being a board member please contact any of the GOMO Directors listed in the Gazette.

Director Positions Open

Below is a list of the Director positions that will be filled at the annual meeting.

Section 1

The Director position held by Ann Best ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2016.

Section 2

The Director position held by Ed de Alba ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2016.

Section 3

The Director position that ends October 31 is currently vacant. The term for this position runs through October 2016.

Section 5

The Director position currently held by Teresa Coleman ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2016.

The Requirements of the Positions Are:

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must own property and live within the Garden Oaks Section for the Director's position for which you are volunteering.

- All property owned in Garden Oaks must be in compliance with the Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions, excluding violations that existed before your ownership of the property.
- If no Member residing in the Section stands for election, then a Member who is an owner in that Section but lives in another Section may stand for election as a "Non-Section Director" whose term is one year.

Surplus Funds

GOMO traditionally uses surplus funds to support neighborhood projects that are endorsed by a majority vote of its membership. GOMO has surplus funds available for disbursement for the upcoming fiscal year.

GOMO currently supports two Constable Patrols in Garden Oaks as well as maintenance of neighborhood green spaces. A ballot to renew these items will be mailed to all GOMO members prior to the annual meeting.

An Open Invitation to our Meetings

All GOMO Members are invited to attend our meetings. Democracy works best in an open environment – and that is as true at the neighborhood level as it is at the Federal and State levels. There is no better way for the people of our community to see for themselves how we evaluate the building plans brought to us and how we reach consensus.

It is also the best way to get your questions answered. The GOMO Board is made up of 12 people and the Board doesn't have an "opinion" about a topic unless a majority of a quorum forms a consensus view. So no one Board Member is able to tell you what GOMO "thinks" about an issue or idea until we have an opportunity to deliberate and form a collective opinion. The formation of GOMO policy and opinion takes place at 7

p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at our business meeting held at the GOMO Office, Garden Oaks Professional Building, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216. You are very welcome to attend, make suggestions, propose ideas, ask questions, clarify rumors, or simply observe the process.

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Forum... Cont. from Page 1.

The forum is set for **Monday evening, October 21**, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 2003 W. 43rd, in the Fellowship Hall. This night is designed to give our Super Neighborhood residents a chance to get to know the candidates and why they are running for office. The Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council represents over 16 civic clubs, such as Garden Oaks, Shepherd Park Plaza and Oak Forest.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a Candidate Mingle, when attendees are welcome to meet and talk freely with those running for office. At 7 p.m. candidates will have a set time to discuss their platforms, with opportunities to answer questions from the audience.

CHANGES TO HISD MAGNET APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

By Stephanie Dubroff-Acosta

For the 2014-15 school year the processes for applying to a Magnet School in HISD will change. Beginning September 17, through December 3, 2013, HISD will host orientations throughout the city to inform parents of the online application process. Locations for orientations are:

September 17 6 -7:30 pm Burbank Middle School 315 Berry Rd. 77022

September 19 6 -7:30 pm Madison High School 13719 Whiteheather 77045

September 24 6-7:30 pm Stevenson Middle School 9595 Winkler 77017

September 26 6 -7:30pm Revere Middle School 10502 BriarForest 77042

October 1 6-7:30 pm Pershing Middle School 3838 BlueBonnett 77025

October 3 6-7:30 pm Forest Brook Middle School 7525 Tidwell 77015

November 2, 2013 is the Magnet Open House at NorthWest Mall from 10am to 1pm, but the time is subject to change.

November 4-8, 2013 is Magnet Awareness Week. Magnet campuses will have tours at 9:30 am. Some campuses offer tours at different times, so you may want to make the inquiry either at the Magnet Open House or by calling schools of interest.

November 4, 2013 the online applications will be available. Some campuses may host assistance events for those having issues with the new system.

December 20, 2013 is the application DEADLINE! You must have your applications in by this date to be included in the lottery. Those who turn in applications late will be added to the end of waitlists, by order received.

March 28, 2014, acceptance and Waitlist notifications will be emailed
April 11, 2014, parent deadline to have contacted the school to notify of intent to accept or decline spots.

* Just a quick note about waitlists. Waitlists are created by continuing the lottery AFTER the number of spots available on the campus are filled. Spots and Waitlist are grade appropriate... meaning that there is a number of spots for each grade, so there is a correlating waitlist for each grade. Numbers are assigned in order of lottery selection.

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Dr. Lindsey Pollock

Have you ever counted how many times a day someone nods in your direction and asks, "How ya doin'?" In today's fast-paced society, we normally nod in the person's direction, or if we are posing the question, we might just keep walking past the person to whom the question was posed. How often do we stop to listen to the response or even make ourselves available to really listen to the person we just greeted? You could argue that this phrase has become a routine greeting and that we are only asking rhetorically, not really expecting an in-depth response. On the other hand, what impact could we make on the lives of those around us if we really made the time to listen and dialogue with the people around us, especially our children?

Social scientists are tracking the impact of electronic communication and mobile devices on the formation of language in young children. Neuroscientists are currently debating children's acquisition of language and the nuances of communication that must be learned from a human being. These nuances that are not replicated by technology include body language, verbal intonations, eye contact and environmental context. Authentic conversations with children are vital to their success in school and in life! The ability to interact with authenticity and to show sympathy and support for others are key leadership skills. Additionally, authentic conversations lead to increased vocabulary development thus strengthening reading and writing connections and the ability to express oneself verbally. These skills support not only academic success, but also success in making friends and in the work place!

Some neuroscientists are concerned that this advent in technology may even impact the functioning of the brain itself and the ability for people to connect with each other. Nearly 20 years ago, renowned quantum physicist and philosopher David Bohm (1917-1992) predicted that technology would disrupt the construction of meaning among people and create an increasingly disconnected global citizenry. He advocated for a style of dialogue to enhance communication among people that would support the goal of seeking to understand one another on a deeper and more complex level. He wrote, "A new kind of mind must come into being which is based on the development of a common meaning that is constantly transforming in the process of the dialogue. People are no longer primarily in opposition, nor can they be said to be interacting, rather they are participating in this pool of common meaning which is capable of constant development and change."

To put it simply, we must make the time to sit with one another and in the words of Stephen Covey, "Seek first to understand, then to be understood." Put the phone down, turn the TV off, power down the computer and listen to the people around you. If you have young children, make time to focus on them and listen to their stories of the day. When they come home or you pick them up, ask them, "How are you doing?" and take time to listen. Listen to their hopes and dreams. Listen to their questions and help them navigate this increasingly complex and challenging world. Listen and share with them as you build the future together! You'll be glad you did.



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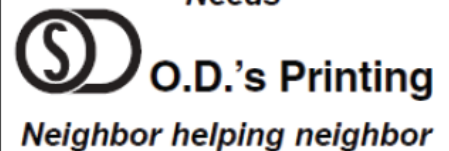
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Washington, D.C., September 12, 2013 – Maria do Socorro de Souza Cordão, Marli Dias Ribeiro, and Rosimeire dos Santos Guerra from Brazil have been awarded fellowships from the U.S. Department of State to participate in the Educational Seminars 2013-2014 Brazil Administrator Exchange Program.

They are among 27 educators who have been selected from Brazil to participate. During October 16-29, 2013 they will be hosted by Lindsey Pollock, Principal of Garden Oaks Montessori in Houston, TX. Lindsey

Pollock, who has also been awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Department of State, will travel to Brazil for two weeks in summer 2014 for the reciprocal component of this exchange.

The Educational Seminar: 2013-2014 Brazil Administrator Exchange Program is a short-term, mutual exchange opportunity for U.S. and Brazil school principals. The program provides a short-term professional development opportunity for U.S. and Brazil educators to share best practices on issues of mutual interest to their schools, students and communities. The Brazil educators spend two weeks in U.S. schools with their U.S. partners in October, 2013 and the U.S. educators travel to Brazil for two weeks the following summer to their partners' schools.

The program is individualized through collaboration between

partners and focuses on teaching strategies/instruction, the development of joint educational projects, personnel administration, school systems and management, global issues and culture, curriculum development, student affairs, and/or educational policy.

The Educational Seminars Programs are funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries around the world through academic, cultural, and professional exchanges. Currently, Educational Seminars are administered with Brazil, India, and Portugal. The program is implemented by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS (<http://www.americancouncils.org/es>).

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2014 HOME/GARDEN TOUR UPDATE—Exciting New Ways to Show Your Support

By Jane Ann Roberts and Shana Tatum

Can you believe it is time for the Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour to begin planning for this next wonderful neighborhood showcase? 2012's tour will be hard to beat. We want to celebrate so many beautiful homes and gardens, meet and greet so many fun neighbors, and thank so many faithful sponsors and underwriters!

Last month, we recognized the homes and gardens that will be featured for the 2014 tour on Sunday April 27th. This selection is an exciting representation of what makes our neighborhood unique.

While the selection committee was searching and touring, the sponsorship committee was developing a sponsorship package that will offer even more benefits for different levels of support. We also hope to obtain more underwriters for our tour. We have added some new levels hoping to attract an even more diverse sponsorship group and offer unique advertising opportunities. For example, now a sponsor can choose between sponsoring either one of our tour homes and gardens

OR sponsoring an entire home tour event such as the preview party and auction.

We want to thank all of our past sponsors, many of whom have been supporters since we brought the tour back to life in 1997. Our neighborhood is much of what it is due to your dedicated community support. Our Garden Oaks community Rocks!

Please look over the insert included in this Gazette to learn more about which sponsorship level might suit you best.

You may be curious about how funds raised by the home and garden tour benefit Garden Oaks:

- **The Constable Patrol** This helps keep our neighborhood a little safer, deterring crime and protecting property here in Garden Oaks. 120 hours of patrol time per week are possible in part due to the Home tour funds.
- **Green Spaces** Garden Oaks boasts 9 beautiful green spaces totaling over 3 acres for neighbors and visitors to enjoy.
- **Education** Supporting feeder schools in our area has long been a priority of the Civic Club.
- **Garden Oaks Citizens' Patrol** GOCOP is a volunteer group of Garden Oaks neighbors who patrol our streets reporting suspicious activity

to local law enforcement authorities. These additional sets of eyes and ears help support the work of our paid Constables.

- **Monthly published Gazette newsletter** – This is printed and delivered to all 1400 homes and published online in a colorized version. (Thanks Chavonne and team for this resource!)

If you support the above items and know of a business looking for advertising opportunities to help us reach our goals all while reaching our neighbors with their message, please contact:

Jane Ann Roberts at htsponsorships.gardenoaks.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please refer to the flyer inserted into this issue to see the new, expanded sponsorship structure.

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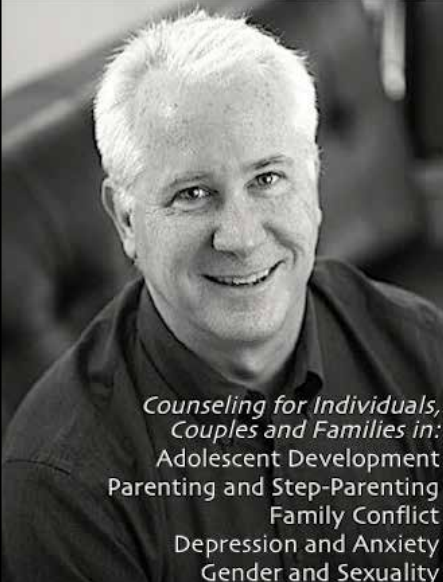
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Whoosh!!! That was the sound of the Wine Walk tickets flying out as soon as they went on sale September 1st. All 200 tickets were sold out in 5 days, a record. Who knew 5 years ago when we planned the first wine tasting fundraiser for the Constable Program that the event would be so popular?

If you are lucky enough to have snagged one of the tickets, you should have received a confirmation email with all the details. If you didn't (and you think you purchased tickets), please call Dian at 713-691-6505.

We expect to raise about \$15,000 for the Constable Program while tasting some super wines and meeting new neighbors, all in the lusciously landscaped backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba at **744 W. 43rd on Saturday, October 19th, 4-6 pm.** Ticket purchasers will have their tickets awaiting them at the check-in table.

We are still accepting sponsors at the \$125, \$250, and \$500 levels, and **sponsors will be guaranteed ticket(s) to the sold out event.** If interested in sponsorships please email DKA2007@comcast.net.

We are anticipating lots of really good wines and foods, some great blues music on the playlist (managed by our own GRAMMY king Eric Jarvis), and a really fun time mingling

with neighbors and neighborhood supporters.

Our table hosts this year include:

- Tina Rowe and Jim DiCola
- SK Designs/Susan Kostelecky
- Heidi & Stuart Arouty
- Garden Oaks Vineyard (Lorie & John Reno)
- Aged To Perfection – Peggy Smith, Pam Parks, Teresa Coleman, Elisa Cuellar & Knox Wright
- Facundo Home Builders/Miguel Facundo
- GO Red Hot Chili Peppers (Ron & Sheree' Peoples, Emilio & Patti Chermali, & Francisca & Jeff Webster)
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- Harry James Building + Design
- Solution Builders/Dara & Laura Childs and Lesli Dabney Photography
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And kudos to Kroger on W. 43rd for providing all the supplies, bottled water, and ice that we will be using.

See you on October 19th!



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ITALIAN TREAT IN CELEBRATION OF GRAPE HARVEST

By Allison Bell

It's the end of September and wine producers in the northern hemisphere are starting to harvest grapes for the annual wine production. If you are fortunate enough to live in a wine producing area then you will certainly have an opportunity to celebrate the harvest with festivals and traditions of all kinds. Houstonians can visit and participate in Texas' growing wine region that is predominantly around Fredericksburg, although Messina Hof has a second winery near College Station. Haak Vinyards is located just 45 miles south of Garden Oaks in Sante Fe.

I have been blessed to live in Italy for the past 10 years where wine is just a part of everyday life. In Tuscany, but more specifically Florence and the surrounding hills, you know it is wine season when you see Schiacciata con l'uva (Grape bread) in the bakeries.

This extremely simple and delicious dessert bread is made every year with the leftover harvest grapes (usually Sangiovese or Canaiolo). It was historically categorized as a poor person's dessert as it is made with very few and inexpensive ingredients: flour, yeast, salt, water, extra virgin olive oil, sugar, and black grapes. It has since become a delicacy and Florentines look forward to this time of year to savor Schiacciata con l'uva. If you can't find black grapes, you can try it with purple grapes or blueberries.



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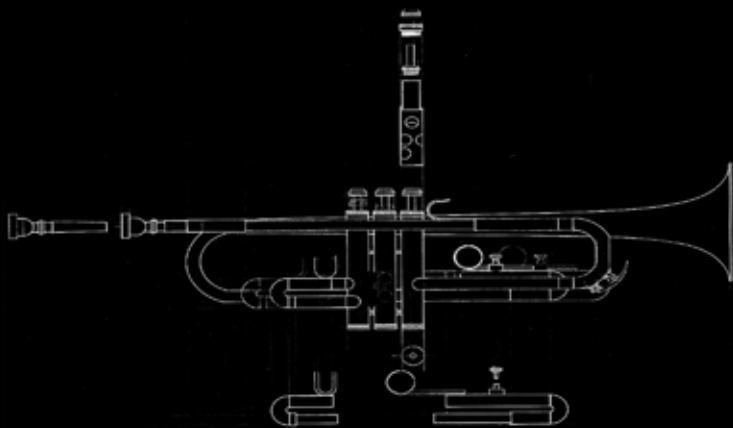
- 1 pound of ready made pizza dough*
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 4-6 TBSP of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 pounds of black grapes

*This is the easiest way to make it, however you can make your own pizza dough.

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400.
2. Take pizza dough and roll it out just enough to pour in 1 cup of sugar. Knead the dough together with the sugar until fully incorporated.
3. Take half of the dough and roll it out to fit on a large cookie sheet. Dough should not be more than ¼ inch thick.
4. Take 1 pound of grapes (prepare by removing from stem and cutting in ½ if very large) and sprinkle them onto the dough. For a crunchy cake, try using seeded grapes, or seedless if you prefer.
5. Drizzle with 2-3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil and sprinkle ¼ cup of sugar onto grapes.
6. Roll out the rest of the dough and place it on top of the first layer. Repeat steps 4 and 5. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes, or until dough is golden brown. Enjoy!

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GO KIDS

By Lisa Rentschler

With over 300 families, GO Kids has age-based playgroups, a Moms' Night Out, new parent dinner drops, a book club, a babysitting co-op, potlucks, and many other scheduled activities and EVENTS. The ages of kids in the group range from newborns to school-aged--- all Garden Oaks families are welcome. We look forward to seeing you around this great neighborhood!!

As always, I would like to thank the moms who have volunteered their time to promote this group and make the neighborhood a wonderful place for our children to live and grow.

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Garden Oaks is a special neighborhood and the following sponsors are a very special group of people who have helped GO Kids bring great kid oriented events to our neighborhood. **THANK YOU SPONSORS!!**

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If you would like more information about how to be a sponsor, please contact Marcia Rasmussen (marcia2ras@gmail.com).

GO Kids Activities

Members check out our calendar of events at www.bigtent.com

Upcoming Events**Halloween Bash**

Come out and join us for some Spooktacular fun! It is a trick-or-treat block party! RSVP through BigTent! We will have a spook house, bouncy houses, fall festival games, prizes for best costumes, trick or treating, face painting and much more! Come take your fall photos in our very own pumpkin patch thanks to sponsors SCM Construction Services and Sue Schmidt-Keller Williams Realty! We look forward to seeing you on the block for this fun event!

Gardenia Block Party: Saturday, October 26th, 4:30 pm
More details on this event will be posted on BigTent.

GO 1K

On your mark... get set... GO!!! We are very excited about putting on our very first neighborhood 1K! Special thanks to Carrie Shamblen and her team of moms for organizing this event for us! We will see you at Spark Park November 16th, 9:00 am. More details on this event will be posted on BigTent.

GO Babies, GO Buddies and MNO

Our GO Babies and GO Buddies have been very active this month! You can catch them at parks in the area and other happenings around town. Thank you to Stella Stevens for organizing another great event at a local neighborhood park this month. We

would also like to extend a special thank you to those moms who have decided to help host these special play dates. Your contribution to this neighborhood and the GO Kids program is very much appreciated. Do you need a night out momma?? Join the group and join the girls!! We have a Moms' Night Out at least once a month. It is always exciting to see familiar faces as well as all the new mommas that are joining the group. This is a great way to have a little get-away from it all. We hope to see you out at this next MNO.

Contact our coordinators for specific details about upcoming events:

GO Babies (birth to 2) – Kori Long (koricavanaugh@gmail.com)

GO Buddies (2 to 5) – Stella Stevens (sas19@live.com)

MNO – Deborah Seghers (debtrevino@yahoo.com) & Nicole Fowler (nefowler@me.com)

GO Kids Dinner Drops

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. Please consider volunteering for this program. We even have an app for that! Well, Lots a Helping Hands has an app for that which is the service we use to facilitate this great program.

Pay it Forward... it is a great way to say Thank you if you have benefited from this program in the past.

Contact our Dinner Drop coordinator Angelica Sullivan if you have any questions on how to sign up/volunteer for the program (angelicapuerto@hotmail.com)

GO Kids Membership

1) Go to: <http://www.gardenoakskids.com/>

2) Select "email us for an invitation"
 3) Include some information about yourself...your full name, information about your family, address (GO section)

Please ensure that you complete all your information in BigTent (physical address and email) when you have been granted membership. To help make our activities and events special, we are asking each of our members to donate \$20 per family. Please go to www.paypal.com and enter (jenny.odinet@yahoo.com) in the "To" field to make your donation. If you have any membership questions or would like to make a donation another way, please contact Marcia Rasmussen (marcia2ras@gmail.com)

Website / Communication – www.gardenoakskids.com

Our website continues to grow; we are now offering a login portal to BigTent, information on contributing to our annual bouncy house fund, and purchasing your Garden Oaks Cookbook.

GO Kids Leadership Team

- Coordinator – Lisa Rentschler
- Membership/Website/Fundraising – Marcia Rasmussen
- Treasurer – Jenny Odinet
- Moms' Night Out – Deborah Seghers/ Nicole Fowler
- GO Babies – Kori Long
- GO Buddies – Stella Stevens
- Dinner Drops – Angelica Sullivan
- Bouncy House – Alison Salenger
- Special Events – Volunteered for by Event – We are always looking for volunteers to help setup/assist during event/take down at events! A list of published upcoming events can be found at www.bigtent.com.

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. If you have questions or would like more information about the GO Kids group, please contact Lisa at gypsy9601@yahoo.com.

Please understand that our organization is moderated entirely by volunteers who are also parents with hectic schedules. While we hope to answer your questions and get you through the membership process as soon as possible, we cannot guarantee an immediate response. We really appreciate your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

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CRITTER CORNER

By Molly Taylor

Our GO Pets of the month for October are: **Comino & Cholula**



Comino & Cholula were not the basil & pepper that their owners went to Wabash Feed Store to find, but they have been more fulfilling. They love meeting people and children and are very fond of chewing antlers and playing with squeak toys. They even take the cutest pictures which is why they are the GO Pets of the Month!

If you think your dog should be the "GO" Pet of the Month, please drop us a line and tell us why we should feature your baby. Email gazette@mutthouse.com along with a picture.

Critters 101: Puppy Warts - GROSS!

Since our featured pets are puppies, this is great time to talk about puppy warts (canine papilloma virus). This virus normally occurs in dogs under the age of 2, and is very common in

social environments. Just like kennel cough's dormancy period, by the time you see a wart in or on the dog's mouth, they have already spread the virus. It can be compared to chicken pox because it normally only occurs once in the dog's lifetime. The dog may have just one wart or multiple warts in or around his/her mouth or on the tongue. They look pinkish or white like cauliflower heads and stay around for 8-12 weeks. They normally do not require veterinarian attention unless they have a large amount of warts which could indicate a very compromised immune system or if the wart(s) never disappear. Unlike kennel cough, most doggie daycares will allow a dog to attend daycare with puppy warts since it is not considered a serious illness. The best thing to do if your dog has puppy warts is give your dog a supplement to boost their immune system. So as gross as puppy warts seem to appear, in most situations, have no fear!

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**BIGGER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER:
WHEN SIZING YOUR AC**

By Mitch Weigand

Because of vast improvements in technology and the potential for your utility bills being cut in half, many of you are looking to replace your aging central air conditioning system. When choosing the correctly sized system for your home, bigger isn't always better nor will smaller be more economical.

Air conditioners are rated by the number of British Thermal Units (BTUs) of heat they can remove per hour. Another common rating term is ton, equivalent of 12,000 BTUs/hour. With Houston's heat and humidity, a good rule of thumb is one ton per 400 square feet. For example, a 2000 square-foot house would require a five-ton central A/C system.

In addition to your home's square footage, there are many factors to

consider:

- How many windows does your home have?
- What are the ceiling heights?
- How airtight is your home?
- Are there any skylights and fire-places?
- How much insulation is located in the attic and walls?
- Is your home shaded by trees?
- What are the home's building materials and roof construction?
- How many heat sources such as people and appliances are in your home?
- What is the typical indoor temperature expected by you? 68 degrees, 73 degrees, 78 degrees?

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Be aware that an over-sized A/C system will not automatically provide superior cooling. That's because in order to satisfy the temperature setting on your thermostat, the system will shut off before it can remove sufficient humidity from the air. The result

is air that's cold but feels clammy and sticky to your skin. What's more, the stress of short cycling (too many stops and starts) will shorten the equipment's life and increase your utility bills.

On the other hand, a system that's too small cannot get the job done either. It will run nonstop, trying to keep up with the demands of heat and humidity. This overtaxes your system, resulting in shortened life span and increased energy consumption.

Your A/C service technician can help by doing a room-by-room load calculation. This heat loss/heat gain analysis takes into consideration all of the above factors and is the best indicator for the correct system size.

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**MICKEY'S MINUTE-DINE
WHERE IT IS PRACTICALLY
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By Mickey Morales

Farmer Cathy and I have decided to take advantage of our great fall weather and host a Farm to Table dinner at her place in Damon, Texas on Sunday afternoon, October 20th. Our guest Chef will be Joe Apa of Rudyard's on Waugh. He is best known for his monthly stellar beer and food pairings, where I volunteer to help hone my cooking skills. Joe was the catering chef for Monica Pope's T'afia restaurant before it became Sparrow.

The menu will be very market driven, with seasonal offerings right off the farm; we like to call it "Food from Fifty feet Away". We will also source items from our Farm Stand vendors. Seating will be limited to 50 folks in order to have more one on one time with Miss Cathy. However if all goes well, we may open up another date in early November before the holidays

begin. We should have a link up on our Facebook page on where to go to make reservations for the dinner or just ask when you're at the market.

The market continues to grow in both attendance and vendors. We have two new bakers coming on alternating weeks: My Chef Megan with traditional baked goods and Liberation Bakery with gluten free offerings. Nisha's Quick-N-Easy Indian foods has returned as a weekly vendor. And finally there are rumors of the return of our potter to help round out the crafts aspect of the market. In the meantime, summer vegetables continue to be growing quite well now that we've had some rain, and the chickens should begin to lay more eggs with the cooler temperatures, along with our pullets coming of age.

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**FRESH FROM THE MARKET-
8 BALL SQUASH**

By Jeremy Goodwin

This is the middle of squash season and one of the more unusual ones at our local Saturday morning farmers' market on Wakefield is the 8 ball squash. Every week people ask about them, and usually I can talk them into leaving with one, so I thought it would be a good recipe to send in, as they will be at the markets until the first frost.

8 ball squash is really a kind of zucchini, or courgette, and just grows in a globe shape. Other similar kinds of these squash will easily grow up to 20 pounds and are often used as presentation dishes at large gatherings.

The traditional way of cooking these is to stuff them with a savory meat mixture and bake until done. Over the years I have tried lots of permutations, and here is my favorite, along



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- To support a round squash on a flat surface, make a crumpled aluminum foil cup for it to sit on.
- If you are worried about the exposed meat in the halves overcooking, just put a little aluminum foil on top, I happen to enjoy the slight crispiness.

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8 BALL SQUASH WITH SAVORY MEAT STUFFING AND MELTED CHEESE

Great for 2-4 people at a time, and can be the centerpiece of a meal.

Ingredients

- 1 8 ball squash (5-6 inches diameter)
- 1 lb ground pork, lamb or beef
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1 hot chili, diced
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup grated sharp cheddar
- ¼ cup Port or Madeira (optional)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1-2 teaspoons dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pre-heat your oven to 375°F

Wash the squash and cut into two halves vertically. Scoop out the seeds and discard and place the hollowed out squash on a rack, cavity up, with a baking sheet underneath to catch drips.

In a large skillet, sauté the onion,

chili pepper, thyme and celery in the olive oil for 3 or 4 minutes over medium heat until the onion and the celery start turning translucent. Turn the heat up to high and add in the ground meat in small batches to avoid cooling the pan and stopping the browning process. When the meat is browned, add the Port to deglaze the pan and cook most of it off, another two minutes, and add salt and pepper to taste.



Spoon the hot meat mixture into the squash cavities and cook in the oven for approximately 35 minutes until a knife slips easily through the squash. Sprinkle the cheese on top and put under the broiler until it melts, about 90 seconds.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Merry and Marry Bear, who are residents of the yard on the corner of Alba and Azalea, outside the home of Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold, celebrating the 19th anniversary of Tina's company, ARTS ALIVE!

THANKS TO MARK KLEIN-

Thank you for your quick action re: the dead pine tree on the esplanade of Garden Oaks Blvd. I have my ARTS ALIVE! office in the Garden Oaks Professional Building, on the corner of Shepherd and GO Blvd. A few weeks ago, I noticed that a huge pine tree had died and asked Mark Klein, our Civic Club President, if he could do something about it. He contacted me immediately and said that he was on it and, before I knew it, the tree was gone. How wonderful that my employees, other tenants of the building and its visitors can rest assured that our cars and the building itself, are safe from the dead tree. In this day and age of feeling like "just a number" and so often not being heard, it was a breath of fresh air to be heard and action taken so quickly. Thank you Mark and the entire Civic Club for everything you do for all of us in Garden Oaks. I'm so thankful to call this neighborhood my home!

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 New Member or Renewal

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Phone at this address: _____	
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Emergency Contact Information Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____	Emergency Contact Information Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Payment Options

- Enclosed find my payment for 2013 of \$200. (Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club)
- I/We cannot contribute \$200 now; however, enclosed please find my/our check for \$_____.
- I/We will participate via bank draft. *(Complete Draft Authorization Form below only if NEW)*

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

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

Draft Authorization Form *(Attach voided check if completing this form)*

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

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

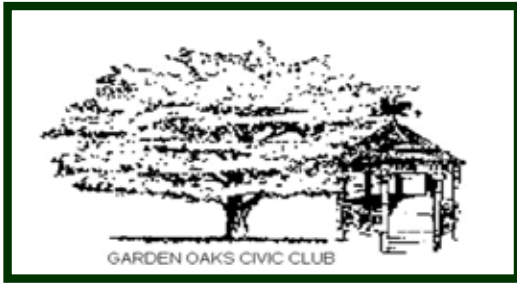
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Signature

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Mail to Garden Oaks Constable Program PO Box 10273 Houston TX 77206



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

January - December 2013

DUE DATE: January 1, 2013	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____
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Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. Please choose the level you feel most comfortable supporting. **While all memberships are voluntary, you must contribute a minimum of \$25 (or \$5 for Seniors 65 years+)** in order to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Membership dues are for the calendar year.

Fill in Amount

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

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

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

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

\$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO BEAUTIFICATION (area green spaces)

\$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO GARDEN CLUB

\$ _____ TOTAL

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

Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:
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Name(s) _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 	2	3	4	5 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM-1 PM
6	7	8	9	10 Garden Club 7 PM	11	12 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM-1 PM -GF
13	14	15 	16 GOMO Monthly Meeting -GO Professional Bldg 7 PM	17 Heavy Trash- Junk Waste Only	18	19 Farmers Market, 9 AM-1 PM WINE WALK 4-6 PM
20	21 CNW Super Neighborhood Council Candidate Forum 7 PM Early Voting Begins	22	23	24	25	26 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM -1 PM - GF
27	28	29 	30	31 Halloween	1 NOV All Saints Day Early Voting Ends	2 All Souls Day Farmers Market, 9 AM to 1 PM

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Event Sponsor-Day of Tour
Company Presence at each tour location

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club HOME Page through 12/2014
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GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 12 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 12 months
Half page Ad for 12 months (Value \$1065)

Tickets – 10 Tickets to Tour (Value \$200)
8 Tickets to Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$480)

Signage – Event signage at each tour Home/Garden day of tour and Preview Party.
Company handouts & prime listing on banner at Command Center

Promotional- Name printed on Tour Tickets
Name printed on tour poster (250 distribution)
Name printed on tour T-shirt (220 distribution)
Name included in all PR Tour release material and in docent script for van transportation
Opportunity to present company at GO Civic Club meeting

\$7,500

Event Sponsor-Preview Party
Opportunity to host the Tour Preview Party

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club HOME Page through 12/2014
Garden Oaks Civic Club, Home Tour tab through 12/2014 with link to your website
GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 12 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 12 months
Half page Ad for 12 months (Value \$1065)

Tickets – 8 Tickets to Tour (Value \$160)
6 Tickets to Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$360)

Signage – Event signage at tour Home/Garden day of tour and Preview Party. Company handouts & prime listing on banner at Command Center

Promotional- Name printed on Tour Tickets
Name printed on tour poster (250 distribution)
Name printed on tour T-shirt (220 distribution)
Name included in all PR Tour release material and in docent script for van transportation
Opportunity to present company at GO Civic Club meeting

\$5,000

Event Sponsor-Transportation
Opportunity to sponsor Tour Transportation

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club HOME Page through 12/2014
Garden Oaks Civic Club, Home Tour tab through 12/2014 with link to your website
GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 12 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 9 months
Quarter page Ad for 6 months (Value \$450)

Tickets – 6 Tickets to Tour (Value \$120)
4 Tickets to Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$240)

Signage – Event signage at tour Home/Garden day of tour and Preview Party as well as signage on shuttle vehicles for Transportation.
Company handouts & listing on banner at Command Center

Promotional- Name printed on Tour Tickets
Name printed on tour poster (250 distribution)
Name printed on tour T-shirt (220 distribution)
Name included in all PR Tour release material and in docent script for van transportation
Opportunity to present company at GO Civic Club meeting



Garden Oaks 2014 Home & Garden Tour

\$2,500

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club HOME Page through 12/2014
Garden Oaks Civic Club, Home Tour tab through 12/2014 with link to your website
GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 6 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 6 months
Full page Ad (Value \$180)

Tickets – 4 Tickets to Tour (Value \$80)
3 Tickets to Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$180)

Signage – Single sign at Home/Garden day of tour
Company handouts & listing on banner at Command Center

Promotional- Name printed on Day of Tour Tickets
Name printed on tour poster (250 distribution)
Name printed on tour T-shirt (220 distribution)

\$1,000

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club HOME Page through 12/2014
Garden Oaks Civic Club, Home Tour tab through 12/2014 with link to your website
GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 3 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 6 months
Half page Ad (Value \$110)

Tickets – 2 Tickets to Tour (Value \$40)
2 Tickets to Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$120)

Signage – Shared sign at Home/Garden day of tour
Company handouts & listing on banner at Command Center

Promotional- Name printed on Day of Tour Tickets
Name printed on tour poster (250 distribution)
Name printed on tour T-shirt (220 distribution)

\$500

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club Home Tour tab through 12/2014 with link to your website
GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 3 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 2 months
Quarter page Ad (Value \$90)

Tickets – 2 Tickets to Tour (Value \$40)
1 Ticket to Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$60)

Signage – Shared sign at Home/Garden day of tour
Company handouts at Command Center

Promotional- Name printed on Day of Tour Tickets

\$250

Website - Garden Oaks Civic Club Home Tour tab through 12/2014 with link to your website
GO Home & Garden Tour Website for 2 months with link to your website

Facebook – Featured on GO Home & Garden Tour FB Page

Gazette – Listed in printed *Gazette* newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor for 2 months
Eighth page Ad (Value \$60)

Tickets – 2 Tickets to Tour (Value \$40)
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Signage – Shared sign at Home/Garden day of tour



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