

# GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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## THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS APPROACHING; CONSIDER A DONATION OF TIME, MONEY OR SUPPLIES.

As we look forward to holiday activities and reunions with family and friends, take a moment to consider those that do not have similar opportunities. A few volunteer options are listed below and more can be found at <http://volunteerinhouston.org/>.

### Annual Thanksgiving Big Super Feast & Annual Christmas Eve Big Feast

The City Wide Club of America needs volunteers for its 33rd annual Thanksgiving Big Feast and the Christmas Eve Big Feast held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Help is needed for everything from kitchen tasks to serving food for the expected crowd of 35,000 to 45,000



people. Volunteers are also needed for sorting and handing out food baskets, clothing and household items at the dinner. Cash donations, canned goods, nonperishables and turkeys are also needed. For more information or to volunteer, call 713-523-1640 or visit <http://www.citywideclub.com/donate.php>.

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## November 2013

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Election Day-Remember to Vote

Tuesday, November 5th,  
7 AM to 7 PM

Garden Oaks Baptist Church  
3206 North Shepherd Drive

#### November Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 5th, 7 PM  
Nominations for 2014 GOCC  
officers will be accepted.

#### Marine Corp 238th Anniversary

Sunday, November 10th, 6 PM  
American Legion, 3720 Alba

#### December Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 3rd, 7 PM  
Holiday Celebration, vote on GOCC  
Board and GOCC Annual Budget

#### Look for Wine Walk Photos and Update in the December issue.

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### Here Comes Santa Claus Save the Date

Those jingling bells are just around the corner – and here is your first reminder to save the date for “Gazebo Santa.” We had such a terrific turnout last year in our winter wonderland when we reinstated the tradition of having Santa visit Gazebo Park and we are looking forward to continuing the tradition this year on:

**Tuesday, December 10th and  
Wednesday, December 11th  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Elves Georgia Lister, Terry Jeanes, and Tina Sabuco will be on hand once again this year to assist Santa in spreading Christmas cheer. These three little elves will also be decorating Gazebo Park at the beginning of the holiday season for all Garden Oaksians and passersby to enjoy.

If you would like to join the elves in decorating and/or lending an elving hand on either event night, please contact Elf Tina at [goddess@abundanceretreat.com](mailto:goddess@abundanceretreat.com) or 713-692-6778.

## 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.

3209 Lawrence  
810 West 31st  
974 Lamonte  
1566 Sue Barnett  
535 West 34th  
3202 Randall  
831 West Lamonte  
1066 West 41st

### Birthdays

Adelaide Leonard 1st  
Stacy Gross 2nd  
Gina Pecoraro 4th  
Holly Veech 8th  
Anthony Neiser 10th  
Caroline Padon 12th

Sheila Briones 14th  
Maggie Veech 18th  
Susan Saranie 19th  
Kit Schoenfield 23rd  
Lucy McLean 25th  
Cheryl Cohon 28th  
Megan Salch 29th

### Happy Anniversary

Keith & Susan Kostecky 13th  
Mel & Ken Johnson 20th

### Congratulations

**Susan Kostecky's** SK Designs celebrated its 18 year business anniversary. **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** were legally married mid October at Well Fed Farm on the edge of the Meadow Mountain Preserve in Maine.

### Out and About

**The Zugeris** enjoyed a business conference early October and lucky for them it was in Las Vegas. **Sheila**

**Briones, Rebecca Stark, Shelley Rogers, Dian Austin, and Sandy Altman** helped to indoctrinate **Terry Jeanes** new place at a weekend gathering in Smithville. **Jessica Jarvis** enjoyed visiting former GO residents **Adrian and Carey Berry** in Denver. **Linda Reichle and sister Kim** had a great time in Roundtop. The **Cunningham** clan enjoyed a great weekend at their friends' farmhouse.

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

**Volunteer Needed** for *Gazette* Editor. Exciting opportunity to stay connected with the neighborhood. Please email [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org) for more information.

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**CITIZENS' PATROL**

By Carl Waters, Jr.

Thanks to the Bartos, Flannigan, Crocker, Terrett, Peoples, Miller, Saranie, Shaughnessy, Seghers, Kostelecky, Cunningham, Alwais, Carlin, Graf, Sanderson and all the other families who hosted National Night Out Celebrations throughout the neighborhood. See photos on page 12.

On the crime front, things were quiet in September with only one crime reported on the HPD website. For the year, 54 crimes have been recorded on the HPD Website.

**Crime Statistics (1)**

**Theft (1)**

200 block West Loop North on Friday,

September 13 at 12:30 p.m. (convenience store)

Inquiries about joining the Citizens Patrol (COP) Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org, the COP email address at [GOCOP77018@AOL.com](mailto:GOCOP77018@AOL.com) or by phone at 713-864-1992.

**Emergency Numbers**

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## CONSTABLE PROGRAM

By Terry Jeanes

Garden Oaks welcomes Deputy Mike Colunga, following the departure of afternoon Deputy Joseph Lane who moved on to the Sheriff's department to pursue a career as an investigator. Many thanks to you and well wishes to Joseph in the next phase of his career and also his recent marriage.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE** regarding the CONSTABLE DRAFT PROGRAM NOW CANCELLED. See full details in article on adjacent page.

Be on the lookout for your constable supporter forms and the civic club membership forms to arrive soon.

### REMINDER:

Check with your alarm company and put Precinct One Constable Dispatch **713-755-7628** first on your call list when the alarm is triggered.

**PLEASE JOIN TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM** via the form in the *Gazette*, or the link below.

**Supporter Link / Form:** <http://gardenoaks.org/constableform>

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

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**CHANGES TO CONSTABLE DRAFT PROGRAM — AND OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS**

*By Terry Jeanes*

I recently became aware (along with the GOCC executive committee) that the current bank draft process for the Constable Program has not been working. In fact, no monthly drafts have been completed in 2013. Those of you who signed up for this payment method should have received either an e-mail or a personal letter by now alerting you to the issue; if you have not, please contact Terry at 281-236-8033 or e-mail [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com). Many thanks to those of you who paid your 2013 constable dues so quickly after this problem was identified.

The bank draft payment option has thus been eliminated. As an alternative, we now have a more cost-effective online payment process. This online feature is available to

anyone who wishes to support the constable program, whether you were previously enrolled in the bank draft or not.

Simply go to [www.gardenoaks.org/constable](http://www.gardenoaks.org/constable) and sign up. Payments can be scheduled monthly or annually from the debit or credit card of your choice. You can still pay by check mailed with a completed Constable Supporter form. Civic Club dues can be paid online as well at [www.gardenoaks.org/membership](http://www.gardenoaks.org/membership).

While GOMO currently funds two constable patrols each year, the third patrol is funded with subscription payments by Garden Oaks residents. Generally, the third patrol contract is underfunded and proceeds from the annual Wine Walk go toward bridging the gap.

Our 2014 Civic Club and Constable Program packets will be mailed within the next 3-4 weeks. Every

residence should receive both Civic Club and constable forms in this packet; we urge you to support both programs using either the online or snail mail options. Our constable patrols ensure that we have a visible, protective presence in our neighborhood, and provide faster response times than HPD. Supporting the GOCC gives you a voice in neighborhood issues, and also helps our community to support neighborhood projects, our monthly Gazette newsletter, the gardenoaks.org website, the Citizens' Patrol, area green spaces, and area schools.



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**GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB  
PRESIDENT’S NOTE**

*By Mark Klein*

**Get involved. Make Plans to Attend  
Upcoming GOCC Meetings:  
November - Board Nominees &  
2014 Budget; December – Holiday  
Pot Luck; January - \$1.8 Million  
Storm Drainage Project**

Save the dates now to attend upcoming Garden Oaks Civic Club meetings, where you can get acquainted not only with your neighbors, but also the issues that affect our community. At the GOCC meeting November 5, nominees for the 2014 GOCC board of directors will be announced and the 2014 annual budget introduced. Our December 3rd meeting will be a convivial holiday celebration, with a festive potluck dinner preceding the election of the GOCC president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, along with a vote on the upcoming annual budget.

**\$1.8 million storm drainage project**

On January 7, representatives of the City of Houston’s Public Works & Engineering Department will be on hand to discuss its \$1.8 million Garden Oaks and Shepherd Forest Drainage Project. The major Capital Improvement Project (#000285) funds the design and construction of storm drainage improvements primarily along Alba Road and Brinkman Street, with “necessary concrete paving, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and underground utilities.”

According to the City’s 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan, the “project will construct storm drainage improvements to address the risk of structural flooding. Improvements include modification of street conveyance and sheet flow, and provide detention as needed for mitigation.” Initial design work has begun, with surveying along Alba and intersecting streets. Construction is planned for 2015. A representative of Council Member Ellen Cohen’s

office is scheduled to attend the January 2015 GOCC meeting. Mark your calendars for 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month to join your neighbors for our GOCC meetings held at the Garden Oaks Montessori campus.

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**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](mailto:nominations@gardenoaks.org). Jay Tatum, Rick Knauth, Edgar Acosta, GOCC Vice President Vic Seghers

and GOCC Treasurer Phil Ramirez have been designated 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.



**US MARINE CORP CELEBRATES 238 YEARS AT AMERICAN LEGION**

By Jim Acker

Missions have changed over the years, but what has remained constant since November 10, 1775 is the Marine Corps' unyielding commitment to protecting the lives of our citizens and the interests of our nation. Our purpose, by congressional mandate, is to be this nation's rapid response force; we are thus called to be "most ready when the nation is least ready." From humanitarian relief efforts to combat operations; from air, land and sea to every clime and place, the Marine Corps is ready to answer our nation's call.

**November 10, 2013** will be the 238<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Marine Corps. Last year we were honored to have two World War II marine veterans present for the ceremony at the American

Legion post at 3720 Alba Road. The oldest, Platoon Sergeant Earl Schrader, had the honor of cutting the cake and serving the first piece to the youngest Marine present. The other Marine veteran of that era was Ivan Hammond, who played an important part in the capture of Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima as a forward air controller. Ivan presented a slide show and talked of his experience

there. Fortunately, neither Marine has been called to guard the streets of Heaven just yet. It might be noted that the US Postage stamp depicting the flag raising on Mt Suribachi is the most popular stamp of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the only one where some of the men portrayed on the stamp were still living when the stamp was issued.

The ceremony will start at **18:00 (6:00 p.m.) Sunday evening November 10<sup>th</sup>** and will be led by former scout sniper and drill instructor Gunny Sergeant Mike Campbell. Everyone is invited and in particular any former Marines and their families. There will be a display of gear used by the Marine Corps in various conflicts. The food is free and there will be a raffle for various Marine related prizes.



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## GARDEN OAKS MONTESSORI MAGNET & THE HISD MAGNET APPLICATION PROCESS

By Stephanie Dubroff-Acosta

HISD Magnet Awareness Week will be held November 4-8, 2013, with a Magnet Open House/Information Fair the preceding Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Northwest Mall. Tours will be conducted at each magnet campus at 9:30 a.m. every morning of Magnet Awareness Week. Some campuses offer tours at different times, so parents may wish to contact schools of interest to confirm tour schedules. Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet will adhere to the standard Magnet Awareness Week 9:30 a.m. tour schedule, with a tour every Thursday thereafter at 9:30 a.m. until April 17, 2014 (except for school holidays).

Applications will become available online November 4, 2013. Some magnet schools may host application assistance events for parents using the new system; Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet will host such an event on Thursday, November 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Parents interested in applying to multiple HISD magnet schools on their child(ren)'s behalf for the 2014-2015 school year may submit a maximum of ten (10) magnet applications for each child, which may include a maximum of five (5) Vanguard magnet applications. Applications will be accepted **beginning November 4, 2013** and must be submitted **no later than December 20, 2013** for guaranteed consideration in the first round of applications. Applications received after December 20, 2013 will be considered on a space-available basis.

On March 28, 2014, acceptance and waitlist notifications will be mailed. Parents will then be required to notify schools of their intent to accept or decline offers of enrollment no later than April 11, 2014.

The open "spots" available for a certain grade level at a particular magnet school are filled by a random lottery system. The remaining applicants are placed on a waitlist for that grade level, in a randomly assigned order of priority. If an applicant declines an offer of enrollment, it is then offered to the next-highest-priority applicant on the waitlist for the same grade level.

To illustrate with an example, say there are 7 spots available in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the 2014-2015 school year. 7 of the 100 applicants will receive offers of enrollment and the remaining 93 applicants will be placed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade waitlist in random order. If one of the 7 accepted applicants declines his or her spot, the first applicant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade waitlist will be offered that spot. If the first-priority applicant on the waitlist declines the offer, as s/he has perhaps accepted an offer of enrollment from another school, the offer of enrollment then goes to the second-priority applicant, and so on, until an applicant on the waitlist accepts the offer of enrollment.

If you would like further information about the Magnet Program or assistance completing and submitting a Magnet Application, please visit [www.houstonisd.org/Page/75072](http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/75072) or contact any HISD magnet school. Garden Oaks Montessori's Magnet Coordinator, Laura Aasletten, may be reached at 713-696-2930 or [laaslett@houstonisd.org](mailto:laaslett@houstonisd.org).




Hosts Chef Randy and Melanie Evans with event chairs Emily Moore, Devin Hunter, and Julia Kramp. This crew can throw quite the party!

Thank you to our host and Premier sponsor Haven for a fabulous Shindig. The event raised almost \$40,000 to help support authentic Montessori at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet. Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped make the event a smashing success. See ya'll next year!!"

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**JOIN US FOR LEADERSHIP DAY  
AT GARDEN OAKS MONTESSORI  
MAGNET**

By Lindsey Pollock

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet is a *Leader in Me* School! We are in our second year of implementation thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Covey Foundation. We will be holding our second Leadership Day for the public on **Friday, November 15** from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *The Leader in Me* is a whole-school transformation model that provides a campus-wide and home-school framework that complements our Montessori methodology. Based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*®, *The Leader in Me* is implemented as a ubiquitous approach to helping students reach their full potential. *The Leader in Me* equips students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. Here are the 7 Habits that are the foundation of the program:

**Independence**

The First Three Habits surround moving from dependence to independence (i.e., self-mastery):

**Habit 1: Be Proactive**

Take initiative in life by realizing that your decisions (and how they align with life’s principles) are the primary determining factor for effectiveness in your life. Take responsibility for your choices and the consequences that follow.

**Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind**

Self-discover and clarify your deeply important character values and life goals. Envision the ideal characteristics for each of your various roles and relationships in life.

**Habit 3: Put First Things First**

A manager must manage her own person. Personally. And managers

should implement activities that aim to reach the second habit. Covey says that Habit Two is the mental creation and Habit Three is the physical creation.

**Interdependence**

The next three habits have to do with interdependence (i.e., working with others):

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win**

Genuinely strive for mutually beneficial solutions or agreements in your relationships. Value and respect people by understanding a “win” for all is ultimately a better long-term resolution than if only one person in the situation had gotten his way.

**Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**

Use empathic listening to be genuinely influenced by a person, which compels them to reciprocate the listening and take an open mind to being influenced by you. This creates an atmosphere of caring and positive problem solving.

**Habit 6: Synergize**

Combine the strengths of people through positive teamwork, so as to achieve goals no one person could have done alone.

**Continuous Improvement**

The final habit is that of continuous improvement in both the personal and interpersonal spheres of influence.

**Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**

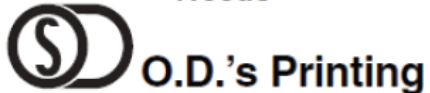
Balance and renew your resources, energy, and health to create a sustainable, long-term, effective lifestyle. It primarily emphasizes exercise for physical renewal, prayer (meditation, yoga, etc.) and good reading for mental renewal. It also mentions service to society for spiritual renewal.

The *7 Habits* give everyone a common language. For example, what a difference it makes when everyone knows what it means to “put first things first” or to “seek first to understand” or to “be proactive.” As a *Leader in Me* school, we often find the students using the language among themselves and with their parents: “I need to put first things first and do my homework before I play”; “I should have thought win-win”; or “Dad, you’re being reactive.” When everyone—teachers, students, and parents—begin using the same language, you get a compound interest effect that is truly amazing.

**Implementation is Ubiquitous**

*The Leader in Me* leadership development is embedded in everything we do at Garden Oaks. Instead of “teaching leadership every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.,” we make leadership training part of everything we do! As teachers will tell you, “It’s not doing one more thing; it’s doing what you’re already doing in a better way.” We hope to see you on November 15 so you can see the program in action as we celebrate our second annual Leadership Day!

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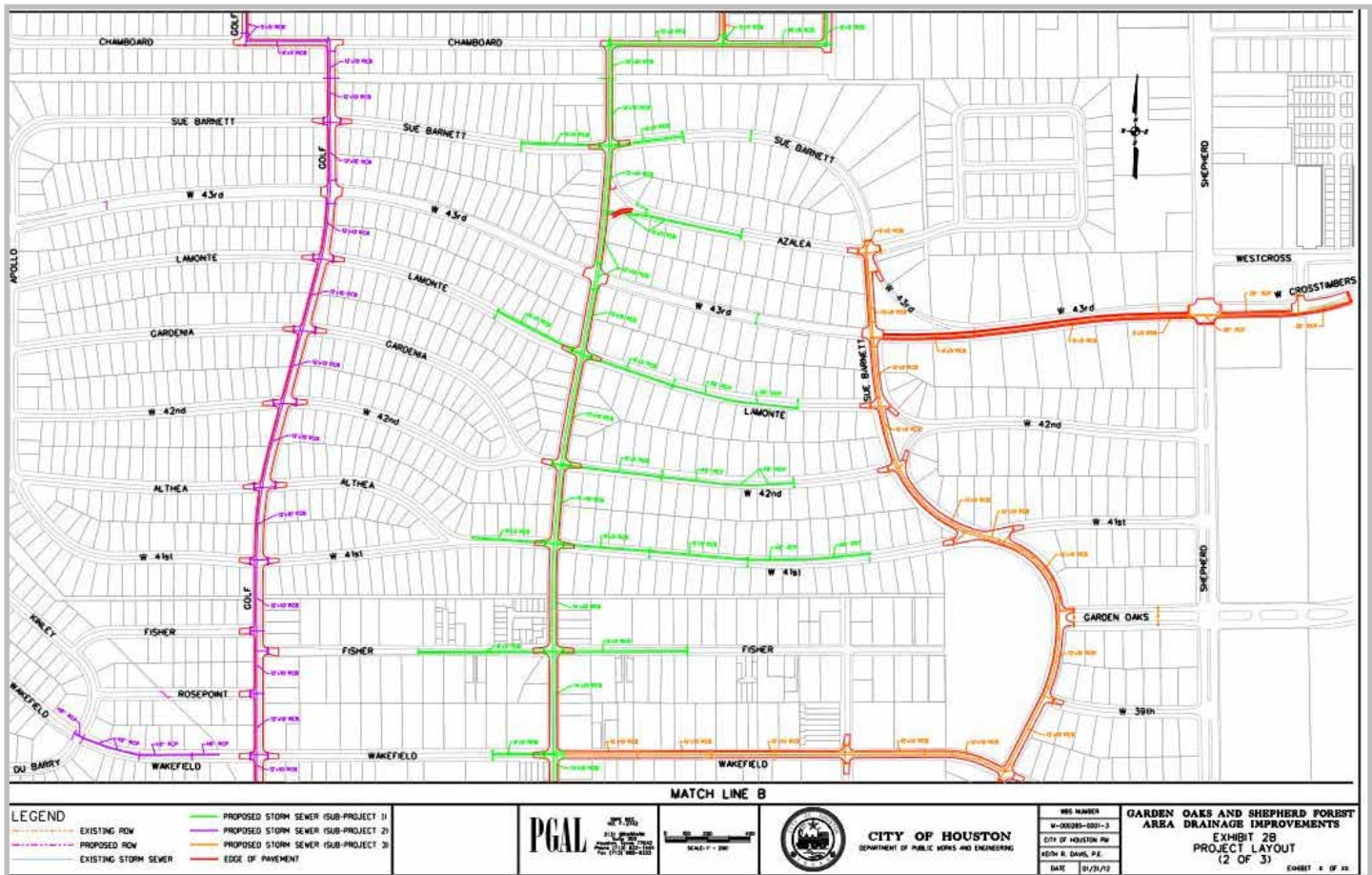
## GOROW (Garden Oaks Right-of-Way) UPDATE

By Cathy Wahren, P.E.



According to an exhibit that City of Houston Project Manager Jeffrey T. Hall provided to the Garden Oaks Right-of-Way (GOROW) group on August 14, plans are under way to install an underground storm sewer pipe and significantly widen the pavement along Alba Road through the Garden Oaks subdivision. Intersecting streets will also be affected. Similar work may be considered in the future for Golf Drive and Sue Barnett Drive. The City's project number is M-00085. Mr. Hall indicated that he would provide additional information such as a drainage study and/or traffic study to our council member, Ellen Cohen, to disseminate. Engineering is apparently under way and construction likely imminent.

Garden Oaks resident Cathy Wahren formed the GOROW group for neighbors interested in preserving our shallow drainage swale and narrow pavement roadway system for its aesthetic, water quality-preserving, and traffic-calming benefits. For additional information, please contact GOROW at GardenOaksROW@yahoo.com.



Timely information about information and events can be found on the Garden Oaks Yahoo group 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/)

### GOMO Review Meetings

take place prior to Civic Club meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month and on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. Additional information about the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is available online at [GardenOaks.org](http://GardenOaks.org). Property owners in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 are all members of the GOMO.



**DRAFT PLAN FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH SEEKING COMMENTS**

The Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has recently released the *Our Great Region 2040* plan for public comment. The high-level plan offers a road map for Our Region to be one of the world's greatest places to live, work, and succeed, as defined by measurable goals, by the year 2040. It is the result of the efforts of hundreds of organizations and thousands of people across H-GAC's 13-county service area. The Plan is based on research, analysis, and extensive public input, along with the knowledge and expertise of local leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, spanning Our Region's urban, suburban, rural, and coastal areas.

It presents goals, big ideas and strategies that can help us become a greater region in areas such as:

**Economic Development** -

Strengthening our economic competitiveness through an educated and skilled workforce.

**Environment** - Securing a clean and

ample water supply.

**Healthy Communities** - cultivating places where people can lead active, healthy lives.

**Housing** - Providing balanced housing choices near jobs, services, and transportation options.

**Transportation** - Achieving a world-class transportation network.

**Resiliency** - Increasing our resiliency to disaster and a changing environment.

The public comment period will run through November 15, 2013. During this time you may provide your comments at one of 5 open houses held throughout the region or online at <http://www.ourregion.org/>. Individuals and organizations that identify a "Big Idea" or strategy that is a priority for their group are encouraged to comment. The final *Our Great Region 2040* plan will be available in early 2014 and will incorporate feedback received during the comment period.

The local public meeting will be held **Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Houston-Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room A, 2ndFloor.

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A cooperative group of 700 & 800 block of W. 32nd residents, hosted at the Evans home.



Constables visit the Saranie home for the 200 and 300 block of W. 33rd resident event.



Council Member Ellen Cohen representative David Bonem visits the 1000 block of Althea.



NNO with the 800 block of Azalea hosted by the Flannigan and Bartos families.



The Seghers host a large crowd in the 700 block of 41st.



Long-time residents Glen Shepherd and Tom Cronin catch up on neighborhood news at the 1000 Althea event

The 30th annual National Night Out brought neighbors from all sections of Garden Oaks outside to meet, greet and share food and beverages. The goal of the program is to heighten crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships.



Honored guest at the W. 32nd NNO.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
NEW VOLUNTEERS**

Garden Oaks Boulevard has been adopted by the 7th Grade class at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet led by teacher David Santana. They will be planting seasonal flowers in the portion of the esplanade nearest the school and will regularly clear trash and weeds from the area and monitor other conditions needing attention such as fallen limbs. This group of young scholars and their leader are truly an asset and inspiration to our neighborhood, worthy of a sign in the esplanade recognizing their contributions.



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**GO KIDS**

By Lisa Rentschler

With membership of over 300 families, GO Kids offers something for everyone: age-based playgroups, a monthly Moms' Night Out, new parent dinner drops, a book club, a babysitting co-op, potlucks, and many other scheduled events and activities.

GO Kids range in age from newborn to school-age and 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!

**GO Kids Sponsorship**

If you would like more information about how to become a sponsor, please contact Marcia Rasmussen at [marcia2ras@gmail.com](mailto:marcia2ras@gmail.com).

**GO Kids Activities**

Members can view our calendar of events by logging into the GO Kids page hosted on [www.bigtent.com](http://www.bigtent.com).

**GO Kids Fun Run**

*On your mark... get set... GO!* We are super-excited about our very first neighborhood 1K Turkey Trot Fun Run at the Spark Park on **Sunday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m.**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER VIA BIGTENT!**

**GO Babies, GO Buddies, and MNO**

Our GO Babies and GO Buddies have been very active this month! You may have caught sight of them at parks in the area and other happenings around town. Thank you to Stella Stevens for organizing another great GO Buddies gathering at a local neighborhood park this month. We would also like to extend a special



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thank you to those moms who have helped host these special play dates. Your contributions to our community and the GO Kids group are very much appreciated.

Do you need a night out, momma? Join GO Kids and get out for a little me-time with other moms in the 'hood! 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 joining the group. This is a fun way to let off steam and connect with other moms who understand the joys and challenges of these little creatures that we call our dear children. We hope to see you at MNO soon!

Contact the following coordinators for specific details about upcoming events:

- GO Babies (birth to 2) – Kori Long ([koricavanaugh@gmail.com](mailto:koricavanaugh@gmail.com))
- GO Buddies (2 to 5) – Stella Stevens ([sas19@live.com](mailto:sas19@live.com))
- Moms' Night Out – Deborah Seghers ([debtrevino@yahoo.com](mailto:debtrevino@yahoo.com)) & Nicole Fowler ([nefowler@me.com](mailto: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, Lotsa Helping Hands has an app for that, rather – it's the service we use to facilitate this great program. Contact our Dinner Drop coordinator Angelica Sullivan at [angelicapuerto@hotmail.com](mailto:angelicapuerto@hotmail.com) if you have any questions about signing up or volunteering for the program.

**GO Kids Membership**

**To join GO Kids:**

1. Visit <http://www.gardenoakskids.com/>.
2. Select "E-mail us for an invitation".
3. Include some information about yourself such as your full name, information about your family, address, and Garden Oaks section.



Please ensure that you complete all membership fields in BigTent (particularly your physical address and e-mail address) when you have been granted membership.

To help make our activities and events special, we ask that each member family make a \$20.00 donation. Please go to [www.paypal.com](http://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 cash or check donation, please contact Marcia Rasmussen at [marcia2ras@gmail.com](mailto:marcia2ras@gmail.com).

**Website / Communication**

Our website ([www.gardenoakskids.com](http://www.gardenoakskids.com)) continues to evolve, 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* – Volunteers vary by event. We are always looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of event set-up, execution, and take-down! A list of upcoming events can be found at [www.bigtent.com](http://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](mailto:gypsy9601@yahoo.com).*

*Please understand that our organization is managed 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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**Houston Meals for the Elderly (HoME)**

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IMGH) will sponsor the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Houston Meals for the Elderly project to deliver meals to home-bound seniors on Thanksgiving day. The meals-on-wheels program not only provides the senior citizens with a bountiful holiday meal for some it is their only contact with another person on Thanksgiving.

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the holiday, including children who can accompany their parents. The volunteers are needed to drive and deliver the meals to the elderly at their homes and help at the distribution site to load the meals in the drivers' cars. Complete the application form on the Interfaith Ministries web site to volunteer, or for more information call 713-533-4948. The web site, <http://imgh.org>

also includes other volunteer opportunities and donation needs.

**Holiday Project-Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Shut-In Visitation**

**Volunteer Houston's** annual Holiday Project organizes visitations for people that are isolated from family and friend connections due to health problems, advanced age, or other circumstances. The Holiday Project provides volunteers with opportunities to let these individuals know that they haven't been forgotten and to bring some joy into their lives by brightening their day!

On Thanksgiving and Christmas Day volunteers are invited to any of the following 4 meeting locations from which Christmas visits will be dispatched to nursing homes and hospitals. Contact Volunteer Houston's Walter Black at 713-964-0229 or [walter3829@gmail.com](mailto:walter3829@gmail.com). Visit <http://www.volunteerhouston.org/programs/holiday>

**TXU Energy Turkey Trot**

Trotters of all ages are invited to register for the 21st Annual TXU Energy Houston Turkey Trot benefiting Sheltering Arms Senior Services, a division of Neighborhood Centers, Inc. Registration is available online at [HoustonTurkeyTrot.org](http://HoustonTurkeyTrot.org) or by calling 713-669-5334 for a paper form. Early registration ends November 22, after which rates for each event increase. Online registration ends November 26.

The Houston TXU Energy Houston Turkey Trot includes competitive and non-competitive 10K, 5K and wheelchair races, as well as a Kids' Run/Walk and a post-race celebration. Participants and non-participants are encouraged to donate to help Sheltering Arms Senior Services meet the growing needs of Houston-area seniors and their families.

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**CRITTER CORNER**

By Molly Taylor

Our GO Pet of the Month for November is **Beans**.



Beans is almost 7 years old, but acts like a puppy. She loves toys and playing with her friends in doggie daycare, but she also loves to cuddle. The Boston Terrier (or "Terror" as I sometimes like to call my own BT) originated around 1870 in Boston, Massachusetts. They are also known as the "The American Gentleman", and the mascot for Boston University.

If you think your dog should be the next "GO" Pet of the Month, please

drop us a line and tell us why we should feature your baby. Email [gazette@mutthouse.com](mailto:gazette@mutthouse.com) along with a picture.

**Critters 101: Benefits of PUMPKIN**

Pumpkin can be a healthy Human & Pet Treat. Pumpkin in its raw, unsweetened form can be used for many home remedies for dogs and cats. It is high in fiber, so it can even be used as a daily supplement. As with any fiber, be careful of feeding you pet an excessive amount or you could cause loose stool.

**Uses for Pumpkin with Pets:**

- 1) For dogs that eat their own poop or other family pet's poop (coprophagia), pumpkin can sometimes resolve the problem. It tastes great the first time around, but supposedly not the second time. Add a little pumpkin to their daily meals.
- 2) If a dog has loose poop, perhaps counter intuitively, pumpkin can help firm things up and soothe the tummy. I suggest fasting a meal, then feed ¼ meal with a few spoonfuls of pumpkin.
- 3) It is also a good tool for weight loss to replace some of their food with some pumpkin each day.
- 4) Pumpkin seeds are known to provide urinary tract support for dogs with leakage problems or urinary tract infections.

Of course, with any health issues, always consult with your Veterinarian. Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your Pumpkin experiences throughout this Holiday Season.

Molly Taylor operates Molly's Mutt House and co-owns Mutt House Relief Effort pet sitting. Please forward your questions and pet news to [gazette@mutthouse.com](mailto:gazette@mutthouse.com).

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**SIZED, SEALED AND INSULATED: DUCTWORK MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

*By Mitch Weigand*

Right now, with the pleasant Fall temperatures, we're not focused on Houston's usual steamy heat and humidity. However, now is the perfect time to evaluate your A/C system's ductwork.

Forced-air heating and cooling systems use ducts to distribute air evenly throughout a house. Properly sized, sealed and insulated ducts can increase the efficiency of your A/C system by 20 percent. Conversely, leaks and loose connections can make a home feel stuffy and uncomfortable despite a low thermostat setting, plus raise utility bills.

Modern ductwork consists of insulated flexible tubes which run across the attic floor or beneath

your home. It can leak air for reasons as simple as a puncture from a protruding nail or tears while it was being installed. Connecting joints where two pieces of duct come together can separate over time. Rushed contractors can even fail to properly attach ducts together or to a vent. As a result, conditioned air is needlessly pumped into the attic or under the house for years while the room it is supposed to cool or heat never gets comfortable.

In addition, problems occur when ducts are blocked or kinked. Kinking occurs when ducts are forced into tight places beneath your home or in the attic. Make sure ducts are properly supported so they won't sag or bend unnecessarily which can create gaps or splits.


System design is equally important. An improperly designed system may employ ducting that's too small for the amount of air it needs or too large and draws air away from

its path air that should be going to another part of your home. Additionally, the air conditioner itself can be improperly sized (see last month's article) for the ductwork, providing too little or too much pressure.

If your ductwork is poorly designed or installed, it will waste energy no matter how well insulated your home or how efficient your air conditioner. That's why it's a good idea to have your duct system examined for leaks, blockages, and inadequate design.

Lastly, replace air filters regularly and clean your home's supply vents and return grills. Accumulated dust and dirt cause your A/C system to work harder than it should which leads to higher energy bills and decreased indoor air quality.

Mitch is the owner of Air Wise™ You can email Mitch with A/C questions at [mitch@airwisehouston.com](mailto:mitch@airwisehouston.com).



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**MICKEY'S MINUTE-**

*By Mickey Morales*

We are now enjoying some glorious Fall weather - I tell everyone that this is the payoff for living here the rest of the year - and it's time to starting to thinking about the upcoming holiday season. We should have plenty of winter squash, along with lots of greens, lettuces, snap peas, and maybe a smidge of the heartier summer items. If you are interested in a free-range turkey from Bryan Farms, please come by and let me know so I can reserve one for you. As with the chickens, all the rest go to local restaurants. If you want something a little different, I may have a few guinea fowl available, if Jeremy doesn't get them all first.

All in all, it appears we have settled in quite well to our new digs at 948 Wakefield, with a well-rounded group

of growers, bakers, chefs and artisans. We look forward to seeing ya'll each and every week, rain or shine.

By the time you read this, we will most likely already have had our first ever dinner at Farmer Cathy's place on October 27th. If you missed out this time around, do not fret; we will be doing several more starting again in March of 2014, hopefully under the timber frame pavilion we're putting up this winter.



**GOT CHINA?** Long time collector of antique & mid century china and glassware selling EVERYTHING! Complete sets and lots to mix and match. Noritake, Haviland, Homer Laughlin, Wedgwood, Limoges, O.P. Syracuse, etc. Lots of misc. items for sale also - household, books, clothing, etc.

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**FRESH FROM THE MARKET-  
BABY BOK-CHOY**

*By Jeremy Goodwin*

There is a direct link between small farmers, their local markets, and diversity in our food supply. Ever since modern transportation first allowed easy movement of food in this country, the diversity started disappearing at an incredible rate.

Most of the fruit and vegetables in supermarkets are selected for their shelf life, uniformity, ease of machine picking, and may be months, or in some cases like some potatoes and apples, almost a year old. They all look good, are the same size and color and yet the taste is missing. It is only with local farm produce, freshly picked at peak ripeness and preferably by hand, where the grower can keep the really tasty, easily bruised and not-so-perfect looking varieties alive.

Coming up at our local market with the retreat of the summer heat is Houston's second growing season. One of the favorite crops is the Chinese choy of which there so many different types that it is difficult to keep count. For this dish, buy the smallest and youngest for the most delicate flavor, as the older leaves can get quite peppery. Older choy should be treated like mustard greens.

- 4 baby bok choy
- ¼ cup pecans, crushed
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or butter
- 1 tablespoon low sodium soy sauce

In a large skillet, sauté the pecans and onion over medium heat for 3-4 minutes. Wash the bok choy well and cut off the base ½ inch below where the leaves attach. Slice in half length wise. When the onions have turned translucent, turn the heat down to low, lay the bok choy in the pan cut



side down, add the soy sauce, and put the lid on. Allow them to steam gently for about 8-10 minutes depending on the size, checking halfway through and adding a water or sweet wine if the pan is too dry. Test for doneness with a sharp pointed knife; it should go through with little resistance about halfway up the white part of the stalk. Serve cut side up and spoon the nuts and onions over the top.

You can find more of Jeremy's recipes at [www.facebook.com/singlemanskitchen](http://www.facebook.com/singlemanskitchen).

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**Garden Oaks Civic Club**  
**2013 Constable Patrol Contributor Application & Contact Information**  
*(All information is held strictly confidential)*  
 New Member or  Renewal

<b>Property Address :</b> _____	
<b>Phone at this address:</b> _____	
<b>Member 1 Information</b> Name: _____ Email: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____	<b>Member 2 Information</b> Name: _____ Email: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
<b>Emergency Contact Information</b> Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____	<b>Emergency Contact Information</b> 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?**

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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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

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

**Yard of the Month: 744 West 43rd**



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# NOVEMBER 2013

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					1 Early Voting Ends	2 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM-1 PM
3	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM-1 PM -GF
10 Veterans Day -Marine Celebration- American Legion 6 PM	11	12 	13	14 Garden Club 7 PM	15	16 Farmers Market, 9 AM-1 PM
17	18	19	20 GOMO Monthly Meeting -GO Professional Bldg 7 PM	21 Heavy Trash- Yard Waste Only	22	23 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM -1 PM - GF
24	25	26 	27	28 Thanksgiving & Hanukkah	29	30 Farmers Market, 948 Wakefield 9 AM to 1 PM

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