

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December Civic Club Meeting and Holiday Potluck

Tuesday, December 2
7:00 p.m.

Garden Oaks Montessori
901 Sue Barnett Drive

Santa at Gazebo Park

December 9-10
6:00-7:30p.m.

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CIVIC CLUB HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Garden Oaks Civic Club's Annual Holiday Potluck, Party & Constable Toy Drive at 7:00 p.m. on December 2nd

Join your friends and neighbors at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd for a brief Civic Club meeting, followed by a potluck supper and festivities at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School cafeteria, 901 Sue Barnett at 7:00 p.m. Note: this is a change of location from previous years.

Santa will be in attendance and entertainment will be provided by the Waltrip Jazz Band. The Civic Club will provide the main dish, soft drinks, tea and water (no alcohol, please). Members with the last name beginning with A-H bring a side dish; I-Q a dessert and R-Z an appetizer or bread.

Come join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the holidays!



HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!

By Tina Sabuco

Children and children at heart will be welcomed by "Gazebo Santa" on **Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th 6:00 – 7:30 pm in Gazebo Park**

Our Winter Wonderland has been well attended the last few years and we hope that we will see just as many smiling faces this year!

Elves Georgia Lister, Terry Jeanes, and

Tina Sabuco will be on hand once again to assist Santa in spreading Christmas cheer.

If you'd like to join in the elving, we would appreciate any homemade cookies that you can bring with you on either event night.

Also, Santa would love it if you could bring an unwrapped new toy to donate to Precinct One Constable Alan Rosen and Precinct One Deputy Constables toy drive. These toys will be donated to area children to help brighten their holidays. *more info on page 17*

2014 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

By Sheila Briones, Civic Club president

On October 19th, about 65 neighborhood volunteers gathered for a Garden Oaks Volunteer Appreciation Party. At the event, **Brenda de Alba** was recognized as 2014 Volunteer of the Year and presented an award by the GOCC Executive Committee and committee chairs.

Brenda has lived in Garden Oaks for 35 years and has been active for many of those years with Beautification (she and husband Ed chaired this committee for multiple years), the Home Tour, the Wine Walk, the Garden Oaks Montessori Spark Park and HISD Bond Rebuild projects. With Brenda at the helm of the recent 2014 Home Tour, a record \$40,000 was netted. Brenda is currently volunteering as the Gazette Advertising Director. She and Ed are both long-time constable program and civic club supporters. We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic, committed, and competent volunteer as Brenda.

The Volunteer Appreciation Party honored all residents who had volunteered significant time and effort during the past year. Attendees included Gazette block and section captains, Home Tour house captains and committee chairs, members of Citizens' Patrol, civic club committee chairs, and GOMO directors.

Volunteer opportunities are plentiful in Garden Oaks, and we could always use more help. If you would like to be involved in any capacity, please email me at president@gardenoaks.org.

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HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

By Terry Jeanes

Welcome, New Neighbors!

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

- 1066 Lamonte
- 3123 Lawrence
- 3118 Randall
- 416 West 33rd
- 519 West 33rd
- 714 West 38th
- 835 West 41st
- 862 West 41st
- 1062 West 41st
- 831 West 42nd
- 954 West 42nd
- 851 West 43rd

Happy Birthday

- Joel E. 12/1
- Eric Jarvis..... 12/2
- Joshua M..... 12/2
- Pierce E. 12/4
- Ella C..... 12/9
- Jason Espeseth 12/9
- Jayne Maltbie..... 12/10
- Terry Jeanes 12/11
- Ian M. 12/12
- Julia M. 12/12
- Chris Lindsay 12/13
- Sabrina Innocenti 12/15
- Jim McDaniel 12/15
- Cameron C..... 12/17
- Brian O'Leary 12/17
- Sandy Altman..... 12/24
- Katie C..... 12/30

Congratulations

To **Tina Beddow** and her Team Houston for placing second in the USTA Nationals in Surprise, Arizona, losing only in a tie-breaker to Florida.



Out and About

Victor and Deborah Seghers enjoyed Cozumel. **Jessica and Eric Jarvis** had a grand time in Kansas City. **John and Gina Greenslate** had fast times at Phoenix International Speedway. **Lori Kennedy and Joe Muscara** celebrated their anniversary with a slower pace in Smithville, Texas. **Marisa Zindler and Jason Feit** had a great time in Gruene, Texas. **Dian Austin and Sandy Altman** enjoyed shrimp poboyos, gumbo, and good music in NOLA. **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** had a record-breaking count of 1628 trick or treaters at their annual Halloween gathering.

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Special Thoughts

For the family of **Precinct One Deputy Constable Jeff Wooten** who passed away in November following complications of being struck by a drunk driver in January 2014. Deputy Wooten assisted many times with security calls and traffic patrol in Garden Oaks. He will be greatly missed.

To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at terry@terryjeanes.com or 713-812-9154.

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

By Cindy Bartos, Secretary

November 4, 2014

Location: Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School, 901 Sue Barnett

Welcome: President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the officers present: Treasurer Jerry Butler and Secretary Cindy Bartos. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 2014 minutes and the minutes of the special meeting on October 14 as published in the *Gazette*. The motion passed.

Announcements: In the absence of Nominations Committee chair Victor Seghers, President Briones presented the Committee's slate of candidates for the 2015 Garden Oaks Civic Club Board of Directors:

- President** – Sheila Briones
- Vice President** – Chris Lindsay
- Secretary** – Cindy Bartos
- Treasurer** – Jerry Butler

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the December meeting prior to the vote. President Briones thanked Mr. Seghers and the other Nominations Committee members: Terry Jeanes, Brenda de Alba, Tonya Knauth, and Tina Parks.

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Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jerry Butler reported on the Civic Club's current finances and had copies of the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet available at the meeting. Mr. Butler announced an approximate net of \$22,000 from the Wine Walk for the constable program. A copy of the 2015 proposed budget will be posted on the Garden Oaks website. A vote on the approval of the 2015 budget will take place at the December meeting.

Speakers: President Briones introduced Adam Capfer, Boy Scout, Troop 20 at St. Matthews. Adam described his Eagle Scout project to rebuild two raised beds in the Community Garden. Adam passed a box for donations to cover expenses and a motion was made and seconded for the Garden Oaks Civic Club to donate \$100 towards Adam's project. Motion passed.

Joe Muscara introduced Mickey Morales of the Farm Stand at Petrol Station. Following an informative talk on the business and pleasure of small agriculture, Mr. Morales demonstrated how to brine a turkey.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School: Principal Lindsey Pollock announced at the meeting and in the November *Gazette* that applications for attending the school are available at www.hisdchoice.com. Any questions about the application can be directed to Betty Johnson with HISD's Office of School Choice at 713-556-6000.

Principal Pollock encouraged residents to become involved in the school district's Houston Real Men Read program by volunteering to read to students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Committee Chair Dian Austin was not present.

Garden Oaks Citizens' Patrol: Committee Chair Carl Waters, Jr. announced there were 6 crimes reported to HPD in the month of October. The number of crimes to date is less than last year at this time.

Gazette: Editor Jenny Espeseth was not in attendance.

Garden Oaks Website: Webmaster Joe Muscara announced the addition of a Google calendar to the Garden Oaks' website. Calendar items need to be submitted through the *Gazette* e-mail address: gazette@gardenoaks.org.

Beautification: Committee Chair Gary Harmon was not in attendance. President Briones acknowledged Mr. Harmon's diligence in replacing the original sponsor bricks and plaque to the Gazebo Park.

Constable Program: Program Chair Terry Jeanes thanked those that hosted one of many National Night Out gatherings on October 7th. A recent vehicular accident at 43rd Street and Alba has prompted Ms. Jeanes to renew her efforts in addressing the high rate of accidents at that intersection. She encouraged residents to contact 311 to voice their concerns.

Deputy Bowden reported on a slow-moving vehicle seen repeatedly in the neighborhood, seemingly casing homes. He urged residents to call the Constable Dispatch number (713-755-7628) whenever they see anything suspicious.

Ad Hoc In-Line Storm Water Detention Project Committee: Committee member Pam Parks announced the scheduling of a technical meeting with Council Member Cohen's office for November 20th. Ms. Parks, Mark Klein, and Randy Odinet will attend. Approximately 15% of Garden Oaks residents have returned the Rebuild

Houston Storm Water Project: Streetscape Design for Alba and Golf survey.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resident Cathy Wahren read a statement sharing information she has obtained concerning the Storm Water Project for Alba.

Terry Jeanes announced Santa Claus will make an appearance on Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo Park. Volunteers are needed to decorate in advance of Santa's visit and are asked to come to the park on Sunday, November 30th from noon to 2:00 p.m.

President Briones announced the next regular meeting scheduled Tuesday, December 2, 2014 will be the Civic Club Holiday Potluck Party at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School cafeteria, 901 Sue Barnett at 7:00 p.m. Note: this is a change of location from previous years. Santa will be in attendance and entertainment will be provided by the Waltrip Jazz Band. The Civic Club will provide the main dish, soft drinks, tea, and water (alcohol is prohibited on campus at all times). Members whose last name begins with A-H are asked to bring a side dish; I-Q a dessert, and R-Z an appetizer or bread.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Child Care Offered at Civic Club Meetings
The Civic Club is pleased to offer members an arrangement with the Foster YMCA to provide child care during civic club meetings. YMCA child care specialists, each trained in first aid and CPR, will care for your children from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (the usual duration of civic club meetings) in an area adjacent to the meeting location for a nominal charge of \$1.00 per child. Our hope is that this service will enable more residents to attend our monthly civic club meetings.

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	NET
Civic Club Membership	\$10,000	\$1,500	\$8,500
Gazette	21,000	21,600	(600)
Wine Walk	18,000	1,000	17,000
Constable	76,750	76,750	-
Beautification, Improvements & Maintenance	20,000	25,000	(5,000)
Garden Club	500	500	-
Interest Income	50	-	50
Website Redesign		5,000	(5,000)
Friends of Montessori-Pancake Breakfast		1,000	(1,000)
Community Events		2,000	(2,000)
Santa at Gazebo Park		500	(500)
Garden Oaks Montessori		1,000	(1,000)
Storage Rent-Aztec Rental		1,560	(1,560)
Mailouts		1,200	(1,200)
Utilities		4,000	(4,000)
E&O Insurance		1,000	(1,000)
Insurance		500	(500)
Accounting Fees		500	(500)
Miscellaneous		1,500	(1,500)
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Members of the ARTS ALIVE! community gathered together on November 8th at St. Paul's Methodist Church's Fondren Hall to celebrate their 20 years of teaching the children of Houston. Friends, families, teachers, students, and supports celebrated together in grand fashion and honored the new members of their Habitat of Happiness Hall of Fame.



CITIZENS' PATROL UPDATE

By Carl Waters, Jr., Committee Chair

The holidays are here once again. I hope yours are safe and bountiful. Here are some important holiday shopping safety reminders:

- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid trips by yourself after dark when possible. Go with friends or family members; there is safety in numbers.
- Park in well-lit areas as close to the entrance as possible.
- Use checks, debit cards, or credit cards to avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Keep your purse close to your body and or your wallet in your front pocket to make them harder to steal.
- Keep an eye on your purchases when you stop to eat.

- Avoid carrying large numbers of packages; use a package pickup service when you can.
- Have your keys out before you leave the store. Place packages in the trunk of the car or in other hidden areas.
- Fold or cut up large boxes and place them in your recycling bin to keep curious eyes from curbside "shopping" for items they may want to re-gift to themselves.

October Crime Statistics (6)

Burglary (3)

- 200 block of W. 33rd on Friday, October 3 at 1:46 a.m. (residence).
- 1000 block of Lamonte on Monday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. (residence).
- 300 block of W. 32nd on Tuesday, October 7 at 4:56 p.m. (residence).

Theft (3)

- 3400 block of N. Shepherd on Friday, October 10 at 8:21 p.m. (restaurant/bar).
- 3100 block of N. Shepherd on Thursday, October 16 at 8:00 a.m. (unknown).
- 700 block of W. 38th on Thursday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. (residence).

According to the HPD Website the number of reported crimes in the neighborhood is down this year compared to last year. Through October of last year 59 crimes had been listed on the HPD Website. This year we have only 51 reported crimes.

Inquiries about joining the Citizens' Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org, email at GOCOP77018@aol.com or by phone at 713-569-3153.



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CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

By Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

Special Thoughts

Special thoughts to our Precinct One Constable family and the family of Deputy Jeff Wooten who passed away in November following complications of being struck by a drunk driver in January of this year. Deputy Wooten often assisted in traffic calls and back up on calls here in Garden Oaks. He loved visiting during the Garden Oaks Pancake Breakfast. He will be greatly missed.

Wine Walk

Thank you all for supporting the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, another successful fundraiser for our program.

Precinct One Constable Toy Drive

Garden Oaks neighbors may contribute to the Precinct One Constable Toy Drive to support needy children in our area by bringing an unwrapped new toy to the Civic Club meeting, Santa's Gazebo Park appearances, or at other locations announced on the Garden Oaks Facebook page or Yahoo group.

Holiday Security Tip

Since it is holiday gift buying season, please remove your packages from your vehicles as soon as possible if not concealed in your trunk.

New Year, Renewed Support

Your constable supporter form will be arriving in the mail soon with your civic club membership form. PLEASE JOIN TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR VITAL CONSTABLE PROGRAM. Payment can be made via debit or credit card at www.gardenoaks.org/constable or with a check payable to **Garden Oaks Civic Club**.

However you choose to contribute, please submit a completed Constable Program Contributor Form by mail to PO Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206 or

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BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

By Gary Harmon, Beautification Committee Chair

In November, we planted some pansies, dianthus, and petunias in our various parks. Fertilizer was also applied to the lawns along with Amdro™ to address the ant beds that have been popping up. We also installed a few bird feeders in the parks.

We are fortunate to have two expert tree contractors that live in Garden Oaks: Ace Tree Specialist Nolan Strange and Andrew Mireles of My Trees Houston. They have both donated their time and services and contributed a lot to our parks. Anyone with questions about trees can learn a lot from each of these fine neighbors. I appreciate all the help they have given to the civic club.




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MICKEY'S MINUTE

By Mickey Morales

Here it is December already. Where has the year gone? It will be the end of January before we know it, which will mark our third year of operations in Garden Oaks. Many thanks to all for continuing to make the market's success possible. In the mean time we need to get through the Christmas and New Years celebrations.

If you are looking for unique gifts and stocking stuffers, we have got you covered with an assortment of goods: jams and jellies from Kristy's Kitchen, artisan soaps from Naked Soap and Farmer Cathy, and hand carved spoons, cheese boards and knives from Matt Adams of Storm Ware Creations. Kit and Michael of Mountain Birdy Studio and Saint Ives Pottery will return on December 13th just in time for holiday gift shopping. Of course, Gus and family of Nawara Farms, Matt and Jacob of Old School

Produce, and Farmer Cathy stand ready to offer sustainably grown produce and free range chicken and duck eggs for your Christmas Feast. And since you will most likely be on the run, don't forget about Nisha's Quick and Easy take away Indian food. I will have quarts of hearty soups, stock and other offerings along with pastured pork sausages, whole free range chickens and perhaps even a few Rouen ducks for that special holiday meal. I'm also pretty sure that our bakers Angela and Karen would love to take any special orders you may have to make your seasons festivities a little easier on you, such as cookies, pies and cakes. And finally our newest vendor, Michael of RAWR Juices, can keep you going with his cold pressed all organic selections which are packed with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants to keep you healthy as you go about your business.

As always, come soon, come often and have a great Holiday Season.

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By Mitch Weigand

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Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™ and a member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club.



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WHY MONTESSORI?

By Lindsey Pollock, Ed.D.,
Principal, Garden Oaks Montessori

Only one week after magnet applications opened online, we have received nearly 300 submissions from parents who are interested in enrolling their children in our Montessori program at Garden Oaks! In speaking to many of the parents who have attended tours of the campus, the comments that have struck a chord with me are from parents who desire a method of education that not only ensures academic success, but that also encompasses the education of the whole child including social skills, emotional and spiritual well-being and the perspective of being a global citizen. Concepts that Dr. Montessori included in her cultural studies and "cosmic" education. While Montessori education has been characterized as "free-for-all" by some, this is a far cry from the organized, systematic and structured flow of learning developed by Dr. Montessori's life-time of work with children in countries around the world!

Dr. Montessori's work was developed based on her meticulous observations of children as they worked in communities (classrooms) of hands-on, constructivist activities with teachers as guides of the learning process. Fundamental to her approach was the development of thoughtful children who internalized peaceful interactions with one another and who valued the perspectives of others. Further, she believed that the adults who surround children must safeguard the environment for children to work and develop an awareness of their place in the world to ensure that children build connections to each other and to the global community of humankind. Much of the work Montessori conducted was groundbreaking and viewed as unconventional. Current researchers are rediscovering the work of Montessori and connecting her findings to current brain research and demands of our global society.

Judy Harris Helm recently wrote an article, "Best Brains in Science: Helping Children Develop Intentionally" that

suggested that adults are "to engage children in the intellectual life by supporting the development of traits such as curiosity and the disposition to be thoughtful." Some of the strategies she recommended are profoundly similar to Montessori's work and are useful to parents and teachers working to develop a thoughtful, insightful child:

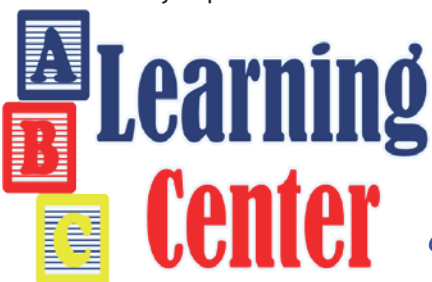
Listen carefully to children's conversations and identify topics of interest. Follow the child.

Choose topics for work that have potential for hands-on learning. Constructivist learning.

Write down children's responses to show your interest and value in their ideas. Be specially supportive and ask questions that indicate deep thought.

Encourage children to seek answers and develop their personal perspective of the world. Don't jump in and tell children

the answer. Today information can be found in seconds, but this creates child dependence on adults who have mastered the skills of reading and writing instead of supporting the way young children learn. Encourage children to construct knowledge, to ask questions and explore! Provoke children's thinking. Challenge them to find answers, to create models and drawings. Encourage children to dream and to work with others! Children are like flowers unfolding. They possess tremendous potential and the hope for our future. As you interact with the developing minds around you, consider the words of G. K. Chesterton, English writer and contemporary of Dr. Montessori "To every man alive, one must hope it has in some way happened that he has talked with his more fascinating friends around a table on some night when all the numerous personalities unfolded themselves like great tropical flowers."



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2015 CIVIC CLUB AND CONSTABLE PROGRAM SUPPORT

By Terry Jeanes and Dian Austin

Very soon, each Garden Oaks resident should receive in the mail the 2015 membership form for the Garden Oaks Civic Club as well as a 2015 Constable Program supporter form.

We would appreciate your involvement in the neighborhood by choosing to be a Civic Club member and a Constable Program supporter. The forms can be mailed back along with your check, or you can also pay online at www.gardenoaks.org/membership.

Civic Club Membership has several levels, starting at \$25 (or \$5 for seniors). All residents are welcomed to join, whether you own or rent your home. The Civic Club in Garden Oaks is very active, meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every

month at Garden Oaks Montessori. Babysitting is provided by the YMCA for only \$1.00 per child, and meetings generally last no more than an hour. Only paid members are allowed to vote on any issues that require a vote.

The Civic Club provides a forum for residents to come together to seek solutions for neighborhood issues and to share ideas and concerns. Most recently, the Civic Club has actively worked with the City of Houston and Council Member Ellen Cohen to voice the neighborhood's concerns and preferences regarding the Rebuild Houston Storm Water Project, involving streetscape design for Alba and Golf streets.

The Civic Club sponsors the Wine Walk each year, and the Home and Garden Tour every other year. The standing committees include Beautification, Constable Program, Citizens' Patrol, Government Affairs, and Membership. The Civic Club also

actively supports special projects in area HISD feeder schools and Eagle Scout projects for nearby Boy Scout troops. If you have any interest in volunteering in any of these areas or have topics you would like to see at monthly meetings, please email president@gardenoaks.org.

The Constable Program currently involves three different contracts with the county, and provides almost 24/7 coverage. Having an accessible and visible constable patrol at all times in our neighborhood is an effective crime deterrent. Currently, GOMO pays for two of the three contracts, but the third contract is funded by Garden Oaks residents. Each contract costs in excess of \$75,000 per year. Sadly, only about 300 households in Garden Oaks pay their share of the Constable Program, leaving us underfunded each year. The Wine Walk is held annually to raise more funds for the constable patrol.

Please consider supporting this very critical part of our neighborhood security. If \$200 annually is too steep, any contribution would be welcomed.

We hope to see a lot of new faces in the coming year at our monthly civic club meeting and we welcome all new supporters to the civic club and the constable program. Thanks to those of you who have already sent in their 2015 contributions.

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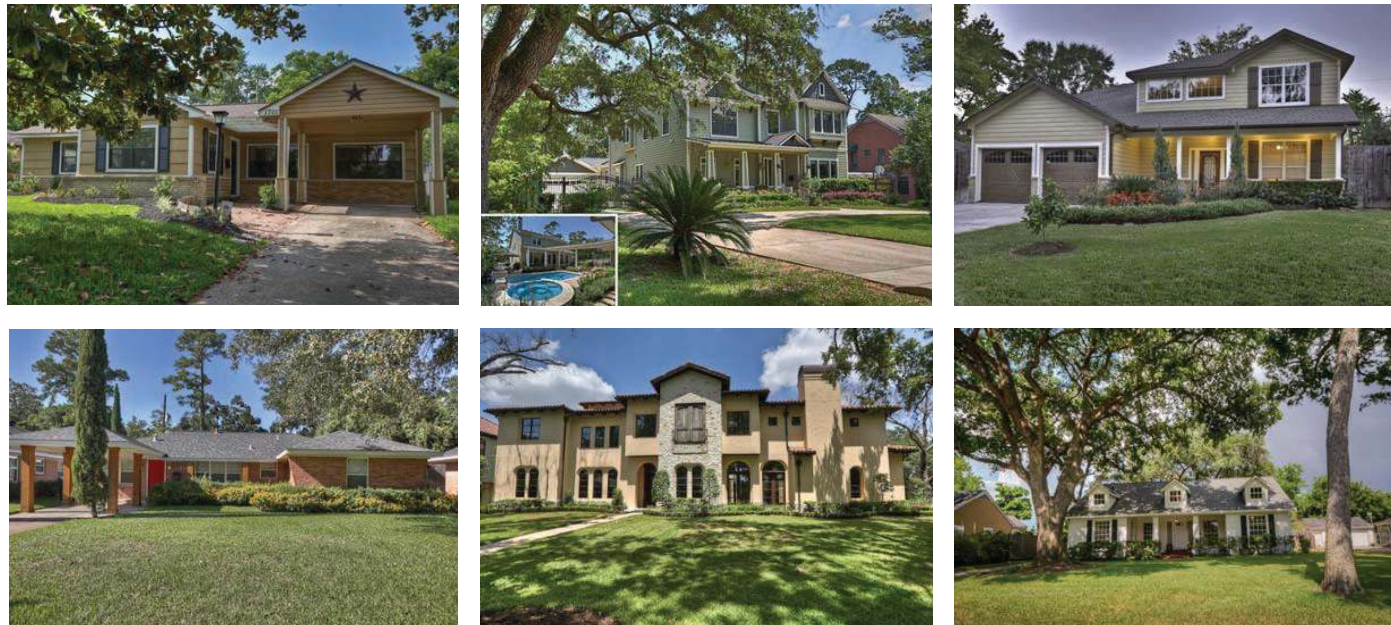
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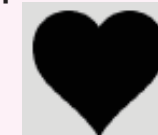
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7 GOMM Book Fair Fundraiser @ Barnes & Noble 10AM-6PM	8	9  Santa @ Gazebo Park 6-7:30PM	10 Santa @ Gazebo Park 6-7:30PM	11	12	13 Farmers Market (GF) 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
14 G	15	16 Hanukkah begins	17 GOMO Meeting 7PM @ GOPB	18 Heavy Trash Pick-Up (Junk Waste)	19	20 Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
21	22	23 	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27 Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
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