



# Garden Oaks Gazette

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## 2016 HOME & GARDEN TOUR

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

By Sheila Briones, Civic Club President

The neighborhood's most popular event is back and promises to be better than ever! Held in even-numbered years, the Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour is the Civic Club's largest money-making venture. It is also a unique opportunity to show Houston and surrounding communities why those of us who choose to live in Garden Oaks consider it so special. The tour's ideal is to showcase a variety of styles, sizes, ages, and appeal in its featured homes and gardens. It's also a great way to pick up design and remodeling tips and resources, in addition to gardening ideas.

All tour proceeds directly benefit the neighborhood and surrounding community, including neighboring schools, the Garden Oaks Constable Patrol program, the monthly Gazette, and green space beautification.

Our first big activity is home and garden selection, with a goal to announce the tour locations in September. The success of each tour begins with the homeowners who graciously open their homes and gardens for the benefit of the neighborhood. **If you would like to nominate a home or garden, yours or a neighbor's, please forward a note to [HTSelections@gardenoaks.org](mailto:HTSelections@gardenoaks.org) and describe your home or garden nomination and why it would appeal to tourgoers.** Is it an original Garden Oaks home, one that has been remodeled, or new construction? Is it a formal garden, a cottage garden, or a native plant garden?

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## MAY 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### May Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Council Member Ellen Cohen  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett Drive

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For our 2016 Home & Garden Tour to be successful, we need close to 200 volunteers! For more information, email [volunteers@gardenoaks.org](mailto:volunteers@gardenoaks.org).



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**Tour Team**

We're off to a great start with many experienced committee chairs returning from our 2014 tour; however, a key position we need to fill is the 2016 **Tour Chair** slot, which will require someone with good organizational and planning skills. This position could even be filled by two co-chairs. You will get to meet many of your neighbors, make new friends, and make an important contribution to Garden Oaks. The tour committees are listed here with the vacant positions noted. In 2014, a number of committees had co-chairs, so grab a friend and have fun together!

The success of our tour depends on volunteers and we will need close to 200! Volunteering is a wonderful way for neighbors to meet and make new friends. Detailed descriptions of the various volunteer roles will be provided in next month's Gazette; however, if you have volunteered for past tours and would like to sign up early, please provide your name, contact information, and preferred volunteer role in an email to [volunteers@gardenoaks.org](mailto:volunteers@gardenoaks.org).

**Tour Chair & Other Volunteers Needed**

<b>Tour Chair:</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>Selection Committee Chair:</b>	Blake Woods
<b>Underwriting/Sponsorships:</b>	Brenda de Alba
<b>Marketing/Publicity/Social Media Chair:</b>	Mark Klein
<b>Graphics/Printing Chair:</b>	Jessica Jarvis
<b>Preview Party:</b>	Tina Rowe & Gretchen Dreher
<b>Silent/Live Auction:</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>Transportation Chair:</b>	Mark Saranie
<b>Set-Up Chair:</b>	Ed de Alba
<b>Finance Chair:</b>	Dian Austin
<b>Pre-Sale Tickets/Poster Distribution Chair:</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>Concessions Chair:</b>	Jerry Butler
<b>Volunteers/Staffing:</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>Command Center:</b>	Elizabeth Klein
<b>Florists:</b>	Debbie Padon
<b>Web Chair:</b>	Joe Muscara

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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.

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
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| 910 Lamonte   | 709 West 34th |
| 1070 Lamonte  | 807 West 41st |
| 424 West 30th | 954 West 41st |
| 336 West 32nd | 814 West 43rd |
| 215 West 34th | 863 West 43rd |



**Happy Birthday**

- |                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Cheryl McCosh.....   | 5/1   |
| Brad Hem.....        | 5/2   |
| Christopher K. ....  | 5/5   |
| Susie H.....         | 5/8   |
| Linda Sparks.....    | 5/8   |
| Ryan W.....          | 5/9   |
| Gaia A-O.....        | 5/21  |
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| Amelie P.....        | 5/24  |
| Lauren S. ....       | 5//24 |
| Shannon Miller ..... | 5/31  |
| Rowan S.....         | 5/31  |

**Happy Anniversary**

- |                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Victor and Deborah Seghers..... | 5/3  |
| Jason and Alisha Cunningham..   | 5/16 |

**Congratulations to David and Gail Bell** on the birth of their newest grandchild, Haden Bradley Bell, born in the first week of April.

**Out and About**

The **Shaughnessy family** enjoyed Mamma Mia at the Hobby Center, as did **Sheree' Peoples**.

**Tina Beddow** enjoyed seeing Kevin Costner and Modern West at Gruene Hall.

Lots of precious Garden Oaks Girl Scouts enjoyed a fabulous night out with their dads at the "My Guy and Me" Father-Daughter Dance held at Frank Black Middle School.

Garden Oaks gals **Brenda de Alba, Tina Rowe, Shelley Rogers,** and **Terry Jeanes** enjoyed a day of "junking" in Warrenton.

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**Special Thoughts**

To the **Hesse family** on the recent loss of Margie's mother.

To **Eric and Jessica Jarvis** on the recent loss of their beloved greyhound, Rigby.

To **Blake Woods** on the recent loss of his four-legged companion, Cheetoh.

To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).

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## GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

By Cindy Bartos, Secretary

April 7, 2015

**Location:** Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School, 901 Sue Barnett

**Welcome:** President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**Announcements:** The date of the next Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour has been set for April 24, 2016. Several committee chairs have agreed to return in their positions; however, a Home Tour Chair is still needed as are chairs for Volunteers and the Auction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jerry Butler was not in attendance, but made copies of the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet available at the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2015 minutes as published in the *Gazette*. The motion passed.

President Briones introduced and welcomed Houston City Council At-Large Position 4 candidate Laurie Robinson.

**Speaker:** Bryan Dunaway, Geographic Information Systems Technical Specialist with the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management presented a program on "Hurricane Preparedness". His suggestions for preparing for a hurricane include:

- Prepare a survival kit to last at least one week with items such as water, fuel, first aid, radio with batteries, non-perishable food, and prescription medicines. Mr. Dunaway suggested purchasing supplies a little at a time prior to

a predicted hurricane to ensure availability and to disperse the expense.

- Household items that could be used in an emergency include the water heater as a 30-40 gallon vessel of potable water, garbage bags as rain gear, pillow cases as carrying bags, curtains as blankets, and ironing boards as stretchers.
- Make a plan tailored for your family. Collect and record vital information about members of the household and store in a dry and transportable container. Plan for both sheltering-in-place and evacuation. Zip Code Zone Evacuation maps are available at [www.hcoem.org](http://www.hcoem.org).
- If needed, arrange evacuation assistance ahead of time by calling 211 signing up for the Transportation Assistance Registry. Re-registration is required every year.
- Texts are the best way to communicate remotely during a natural disaster.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** Brenda de Alba held the meeting raffle in Membership Committee Chair Dian Austin's absence. The winner was Chris Lindsay who received Robert "Skip" Richter's book *Texas Month-by-Month Gardening*.

**Constable Program:** Deputy Bowden gave the report for Program Chair Terry Jeanes. He reported 12 incidents of burglary of a motor vehicle and 6 burglaries, including several bicycle thefts. Officer Bowden urged everyone to keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity.

Resident Pam Parks asked if data could be collected on sightings of

stray dogs to better monitor their activity. She witnessed one of her cats killed by a stray dog in her yard and lost another at a different time. Ms. Parks estimates the cat killings are happening at a rate of about one per night. Officer Bowden will speak to the night shift officer since it appears the activity is taking place between midnight and 4:00 a.m.

There were no committee reports from Citizens' Patrol, the *Gazette*, Website, Beautification, or Government Affairs.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School Principal Dr. Lindsey Pollock presented President Briones with a pin from the Montessori Model United Nations 2015 Conference. Students Martin Dolence, Isabella E. Miniel, and Andrew Ward presented highlights of the event and shared personal stories of their contributions to the event and what they each gained by attending the conference. Also present were parents Leticia Sanchez, John Miniel, Emily Ward, and Cynthia A. Adame-Flores and teacher David Santana, who expressed their gratitude to the Garden Oaks Civic Club for its \$4000 donation toward funding the trip for GOMM middle school students.

Dr. Pollock announced the Spring Fling will take place at the school on April 25 from 11:00-3:00. [*Editor's note: The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 9.*]

President Briones announced Council Member Ellen Cohen as next month's speaker.

Pizza was generously provided by Brother's Pizzeria located in the Garden Oaks Shopping Center at 3820 North Shepherd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



**MAY CIVIC CLUB SPEAKER:  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT C,  
ELLEN COHEN**

Ellen Cohen has lived and worked in the city of Houston for the past 38 years. She served for 10 years as the Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee, and for 18 years as the CEO of the Houston Area Women's Center, working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence. In 2006, she was elected as the Texas State Representative for District 134. After serving two terms in the Texas State Legislature, Ellen decided to continue her public service career at home. She ran for Houston City Council, and was sworn into office in January 2012 as the Council Member representing District C.

During her tenure on Council, Ellen has championed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, the elimination of the sexual assault kit backlog, the creation of a Parking Benefit District for the Washington Corridor, and many other initiatives to improve the quality of life of her constituents. She is currently serving her second term on Council.



Andrew Ward, Isabella E. Miniell, and Martin Dolence, three of the 7th and 8th grade GOMM students who attended the 2015 Montessori Model United Nations (MMUN) Midwest Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, appeared at the April Civic Club meeting to present highlights of the event, share personal stories of their contributions, and what they each gained from the experience.

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## GO GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

By Cathy Wahren, President, Garden Oaks Garden Club

The Garden Oaks Garden Club will be heading out on a weekend field trip to Hermann Park on **Saturday, May 16th**. There will be no regular second Thursday meeting this month. We will meet Saturday in the Kroger parking lot on West 43rd at 9:00 a.m. to carpool and caravan down to the Centennial Gardens parking lot, and from there, we'll amble around the beautiful 8-acre amenity, which was finished just last year at the site of the former Houston Garden Center to celebrate Hermann Park's centennial anniversary.

Depending on our available time and energy, we may also round up for a kiddie train ride, a peek at the 80-acre Bayou Parkland amenities, or a stroll through the Japanese Garden. There are so many things to see and do at this enormous park! A visit to their website and interactive map helps one navigate and choose from the almost overwhelming number of attractions available.

Speaking of butterflies, the National Wildlife Federation along with other partners have recently published information addressing an alarming decline in monarch butterfly populations (*Wildlife Promise* by David Mizejewski, 2/10/2015; blog. [nwf.org/2015/02/saving-monarchs](http://nwf.org/2015/02/saving-monarchs)).

Only about two acres of forest were colonized by overwintering butterflies in Mexico this winter, compared to nearly 30 acres in 2003. Those interested in mitigating development impacts on this iconic backyard visitor are encouraged to add milkweed, a monarch butterfly host plant, to their garden.

There are over 100 species of milkweed used by the monarch, including about 30 that are native to Texas. The most common "wild" milkweeds in our area are *Asclepias viridis* (green milkweed) and *Asclepias asperula* (antelope horns), which have greenish-white or yellowish flowers, but these are not likely available commercially. The "garden variety" *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed) provides showy red and yellow blooms and is often available in nurseries. Additional help can be provided by making a birdbath or puddle-type water source available, especially during our drier summer months, or by getting involved in ongoing preservation efforts such as highway habitat corridors coordinated by various organizations.

Please feel free to email me at [gardenclub@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gardenclub@gardenoaks.org) with any inquiries or suggestions.

**Kim Ellis**

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## BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

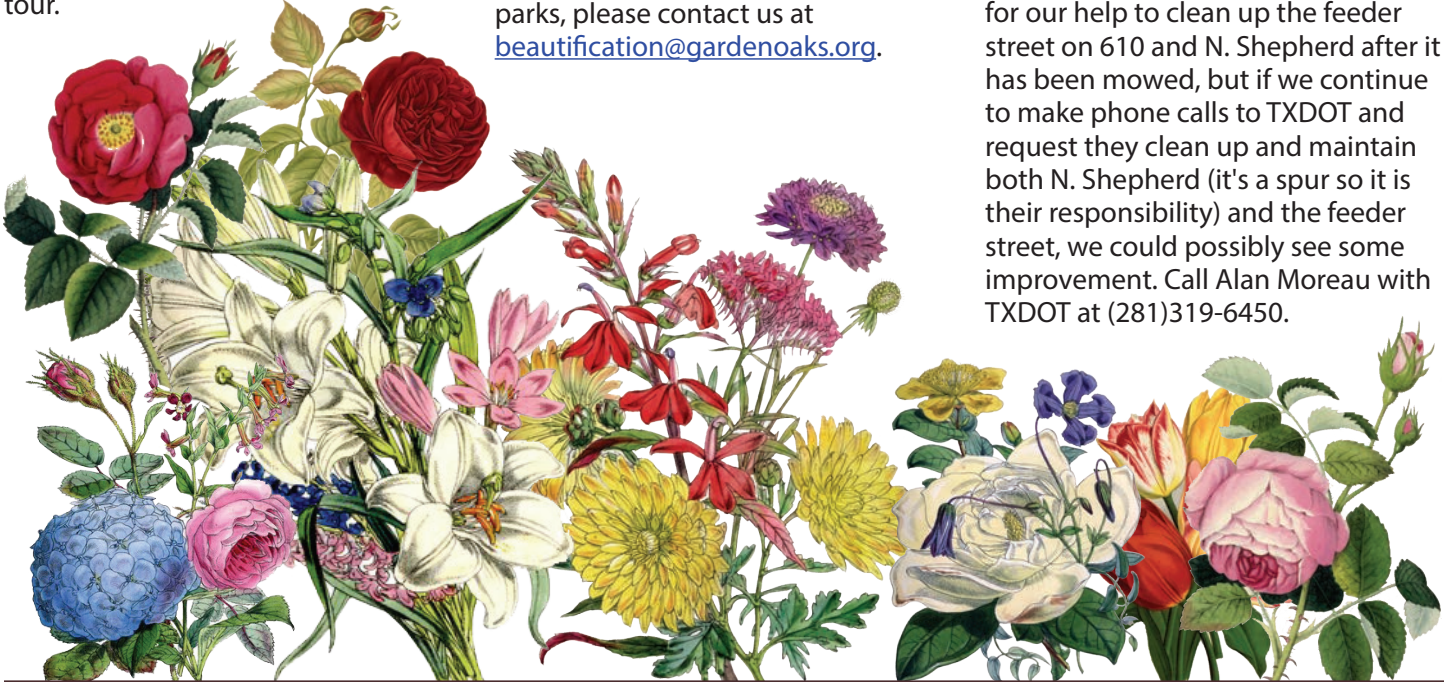
By Gary Harmon, Beautification Committee Chair

We are continuing to trim some of the major trees throughout our parks, and Garden Oaks resident **Nolan Strange** with Ace Tree Specialist has done a great job and donated a lot of his services. The Civic Club would like to have everything looking nice in preparation for next year's home tour.

**Sheila Briones** got a good start on planting roses, ferns, color and mulching in the Section 1 Rose Garden when bad weather interfered, so a future work day will be scheduled. Roses, ferns and color were also added to the Gazebo Park and to the Rick Englert Spark Park signage area as well as to Garden Oaks Boulevard. If you and some neighbors would like to volunteer to work half a day in one of the parks, please contact us at [beautification@gardenoaks.org](mailto:beautification@gardenoaks.org).

On another note, it has become a problem when dog walkers allow their dogs to urinate on the flowers in our parks, which can definitely be lethal to the plants. This is also happening to a lot of homeowners' plantings throughout the neighborhood. Please be considerate and get your pets to use the trees, rocks, and posts instead of flowers.

Shepherd Park Civic Club has asked for our help to clean up the feeder street on 610 and N. Shepherd after it has been mowed, but if we continue to make phone calls to TXDOT and request they clean up and maintain both N. Shepherd (it's a spur so it is their responsibility) and the feeder street, we could possibly see some improvement. Call Alan Moreau with TXDOT at (281)319-6450.



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Each director's term expires in October of year in parentheses.

## CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

*By Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

### Be Alert

Your attentive eyes and ears make a difference. Please notify Precinct Dispatch when solicitors are in the area. Deputies will check them out for the right credentials.

### Support the Program

PLEASE JOIN TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM via the form in the *Gazette* or the link below. Even if you pay via PayPal, please complete the form. Thanks to all who have already sent in their dues for 2015.

**Constable Program Contributions and Vacation Watch Forms are available at:**

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Meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Additional information about the  
**Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO)**  
is available online at [GardenOaks.org](http://GardenOaks.org).

Property owners in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 are all members of GOMO.



# GARDEN OAKS

## CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE

By Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

The Houston Police Department listed 4 crimes in the neighborhood for the March 2015: 2 Assaults and 2 Auto Thefts. I also received 2 notices from the Precinct 1 Constable's Office indicating they investigated 2 complainants in the neighborhood as well. One of the Constable's investigations resulted in the arrest of an individual on a parole warrant.

Please remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

### March Crime Statistics (4)

#### Assault (2)

900 block of Lamonte Lane on Friday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. (residence).

700 block of North Loop West on Sunday, March 22 at 4:03 p.m. (restaurant).

#### Auto Theft (2)

700 block of 43rd Street on Friday, March 13 at 1:44 p.m. (residence).

700 block of 38th Street on Thursday, March 26 at 2:11 p.m. (residence).

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

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*By Mitch Weigand*

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Garden Oaks residents young and old came out to enjoy the annual Garden Oaks Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 4 at the Rick Englert Spark Park. Many thanks to Deanna Zugheri and family for again hosting this fun event.



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**GO KIDS UPDATE**

By Lindsey Gabriel, Coordinator

Hello, Spring, and looking forward to Summer! We hope all families in Garden Oaks are enjoying the warmer weather!



The 2015 Sponsorship Campaign was a success! We are sincerely thankful for all companies and individuals who sponsored at all levels this year. Our annual events would not be possible without you! Please view the 2015 GO Kids sponsors on our website: [www.gardenoakskids.com](http://www.gardenoakskids.com).

Thank you to the Funderbunk family for hosting the Spring Movie Night featuring *Robots* on March 27, and SK Designs for providing the adorable drive-in theater cars again!

We would also like to thank Deanna Zuger and family for holding the Annual Garden Oaks Egg Hunt on April 4 at the Spark Park. There were many families in attendance and the kids had a blast!

**Membership Renewal**

GO Kids members on Big Tent will be receiving a membership renewal email this month. We request that each family contribute annual dues of \$25. This is a voluntary contribution and is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

Why are we requesting membership dues? GO Kids requests voluntary membership dues to directly support the free events we hold throughout the year. In order to best plan these fun and exciting events for our kiddos, we are requesting dues be paid by May 15; however, dues will be accepted throughout the remainder of the year. Please contact Diana Latta at [latta\\_diana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:latta_diana@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or visit our website: [www.gardenoakskids.com](http://www.gardenoakskids.com).

**Bouncy House Update**

It is time to renew your bouncy house membership if you would like to use the bouncy houses from May 2015-April 2016. The cost to participate in bouncy house use is \$40 payable now or prior to making your reservation. Please refer to our website, [www.gardenoakskids.com](http://www.gardenoakskids.com), for additional information.

**GO Kids Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. For details, please contact GO Kids Coordinator, Lindsey Gabriel at [lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com).

**GO Kids Membership**

- (1) Go to [www.gardenoakskids.com](http://www.gardenoakskids.com)
- (2) Select "email us for an invitation"
- (3) Include some information about yourself: your full name, information about your family, and your address (which is mandatory info. but will be kept confidential)

**Website/Communication – [www.gardenoakskids.com](http://www.gardenoakskids.com)**

Our website is updated regularly and includes bouncy house information. We offer a login portal to BigTent which provides a discussion board, classifieds, and a calendar for events and bouncy house reservations. You can also find us on Facebook!

**GO Kids Dinner Drops**

Have you or someone you know welcomed home a new baby recently and would love help with meals? GO Kids will coordinate and provide several meals to families. Please contact our Dinner Drop coordinator, Julie Maddox at [juliemaddox1@gmail.com](mailto:juliemaddox1@gmail.com) to participate. We are always in need of volunteers for this program; if you are interested please refer to [www.gardenoaks.com](http://www.gardenoaks.com) for directions on signing up.

GO Kids is committed to being a group where families connect and grow together while welcoming ALL families and parents, even expectant ones! We offer endless resources to members including the GO Kids website, a bouncy house, a forum on BigTent, playgroups for babies to big kids, Moms' Night Out, new parent dinner drops, and annual organized events that all are welcome to attend!

*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 to join and attend GO Kids events. If you have questions or would like more information about GO Kids, please contact Lindsey Gabriel at [lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com).*

*Our organization is moderated entirely by parent volunteers. We hope to answer your questions and process the membership request as soon as possible; we cannot guarantee an immediate response. We really appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!*



**MICKEY'S MINUTE**

By Mickey Morales

Welcome to the world of the one-percenters. I just finished reading *The Third Plate* by chef Dan Barber, and the statement I just made is one of the key takeaways for me. It's been said and documented that 3% of our population grows all the crops in this country. Well, it turns out that most of the crops are raised for livestock feed and bio-fuels. Only 1% of those in agriculture are growing the food we actually eat. In other words, very little of the food you put on your plate is sustainably grown (read: organic). We (the farmers and ranchers at your neighborhood market) can't use that term without the consent of the U.S. and Texas Departments of Agriculture, which would require a whole lot of money, probing, and mountains of paperwork. That puts us in a very elite group indeed.

But not to worry, because that puts y'all, our loyal customers, in a pretty elite group as well. They also say that almost everyone you know and everyone you see is asleep, and only 10% of the people are fully awake, living in a world of utter astonishment. I like to count y'all as the ten percenters. Let's face it – you have made a conscious decision to shop with us each and every Saturday and to vote with your dollars by purchasing clean food for your family. We don't have to change the whole world or put Cargill, Monsanto, and the others out of business. We just need to take care of our little piece of it, and by buying what the land can provide locally in season, y'all are doing just that. And we thank you.

On to other business. The legislative session is in full swing and we have several bills that have been introduced. The trick is getting them out of the various committees. So if you haven't yet gone to the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance (FARFA) website and signed up for their email alerts, please do so to stay informed. In the meantime, things are trending along nicely at The Farmstand. All of your favorites are there each week and by the time you read this, another woodworker, Steve Willis, will have rejoined the group. Steve creates hand-turned writing pens and those really cool salt wells like the one on my table. By the way, I'm starting another book as soon as I finish writing this post; it's called *Local: The New Face of Food and Farming in America* by Douglas Gayeton. I'll tell you all about it next month.

Until then, as always, "Come soon, come often, and buy all the eggs you want".

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**TROOP 21 GIRL SCOUT BAKE SALE**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015, NOON-2:00 PM**  
*By Tina Sabuco, Troop 21 Co-Leader*

We invite you to come by our bake sale on **Sunday, May 17** from **noon until 2:00 p.m.** in the front yard of our home at 859 Azalea Street. All proceeds from the sale will go to our Girl Scout Troop 21. Our troop is comprised of women with exceptionalities. Most of our scouts range in age from 30 to 60. The troop was formed in 1976, and some of the founding members remain members today! Shellye Arnold and Lily Bowman, our goddaughter and the daughter of Georgia Lister and Hal Bowman, are co-leaders of this group with me, and we invite you to come by to meet and support our **SPECIAL SCOUTS!**

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to contribute baked goods to the sale. If anyone else would like to contribute goodies for the troop to sell, please contact me at [tinamarie@abundanceretreat.com](mailto:tinamarie@abundanceretreat.com) or 713-819-9339. Or, you can just bring the items to our yard between 11:30 and noon, so they will be available to the masses of neighbors and friends that I'm certain will be attending!

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**LITERACY BY 3 INITIATIVE**

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

"Read, Read, Read!" is the refrain children at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet hear over the intercom each day before dismissal. Why? Because research shows that literacy is the core academic skill for students of all ages. The ability to read and write are predictors to success in all other areas, both academic and interpersonal. In fact, national 3rd grade reading scores are used to predict the number of beds needed to house felons in the future. At Garden Oaks, we are focused on ensuring the success of every child in every subject – especially reading through the Montessori method and HISD's Literacy By 3 initiative. The 3 refers to having all students reading at or above grade level by 3rd grade.

**Three Key Components of HISD's Literacy By 3 Plan**

- **Guided Reading:** Students engage in daily small group instruction with leveled text with the goal of rapidly advancing to their next independent reading level. Guided reading benefits all students as it provides opportunities for support and builds confidence. At home, you can practice guided reading by sitting next to your child. As your child reads to you, sound out unfamiliar words with her and encourage her to keep reading. Keep a journal or list of new words to practice and have a dictionary handy to look up definitions if necessary.
- **Independent Reading/Dynamic Personalized Classroom Libraries:** Students engage in daily independent reading at their level to practice reading and build stamina. Independent reading enhances a child's love for reading as they dig into books they choose! Go to the public library regularly with your child and peruse the books together. Help your child pick out some books that he can read independently and choose a book you can read aloud to them. Use the five finger rule to choose your "just-right book":
  1. Choose a book that you think you will enjoy.
  2. Read the second page.
  3. Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of, or do not know.
  4. If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book.
  5. Still think it may not be too difficult? Use the five finger rule on two more pages.

The website [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) has many more ideas to help you support your child mastering reading skills. Remember that reading is the foundation for success!

**THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY**

(from the VA Office of Public  
and Governmental Affairs)



Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who had died in all American wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress on the last Monday in May.

- **Read-Alouds:** Students engage in teacher facilitated read-alouds to think critically about texts, articulate and support ideas about concepts shared in books, and build comprehension of fiction and non-fiction text. At home the teacher is you! Read a variety of topics and books to your children. You can always record a book and post it to your child online if you are traveling and it will be a cherished treasure for them to listen to for many years to come!

As you prepare for the summer, be sure to schedule time each day for reading. Like any skill, if you practice, you will improve in your ability! You might find this resource helpful in planning for activities for your pre-kindergarten to 8th grade children: [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org).

In the words of Dr. Suess, "The more you read, the more you'll know, and the more you know, the further you'll go!" Remember: READ, READ, READ!



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**GARDEN OAKS MONTESSORI PRINCIPAL  
DR. LINDSEY POLLOCK  
APPEARS ON RADIO SHOW  
MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH DAVID LORMS**  
By Sally Adams and David Lorms

A Montessori School in a public school district? Actually, there are three Montessori schools in Houston Independent School District (HISD). Dr. Lindsey Pollock is the principal of one of these schools, Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School, and she was a featured guest in a recent edition of Make It Happen with David Lorms.

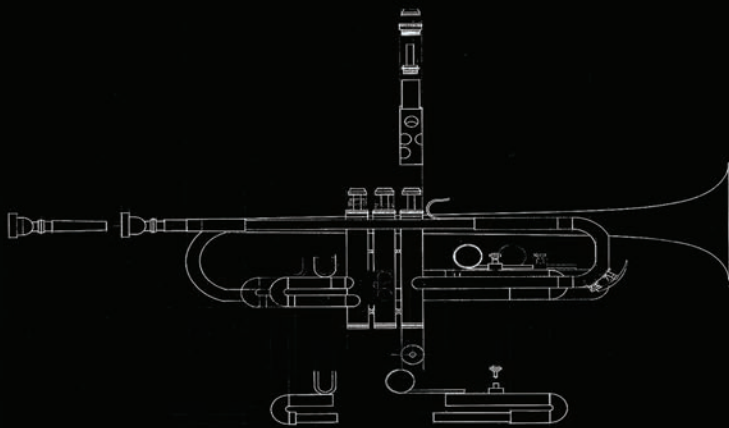
She grew up in Minnesota with active support of generations of her family. Dr. Pollock's mother was an elementary school teacher and her father was a college psychology professor. "My parents supported me in my 'different thinking' and wanted me to expand my horizons. Dad had served in Europe in the military and encouraged me to travel and get to know local foreign exchange students." An early believer in justice for all, while she was in junior high school, she seemed to be a "school troublemaker." Case in point: Pollock felt it was unfair that girls had to practice basketball in the basement gym at 5:00 a.m. and boys got to practice in the "good" gym in the afternoon. She created and collected signatures on a petition in favor of gender equality for the respective basketball teams which she



presented to the school board and city council! "My parents were tolerant of my early activism. My grandparents encouraged me to always do my best." Smiling, she recalls that "they reminded me often that there is no substitute for hard work. They gave me guidance and understanding."

Soon after that she attended a progressive Experimental Laboratory School. "I think my original junior high school principal was weary of my antics and encouraged my parents to let me attend the other school!" she says with a laugh. "One of my classes was *Blind in a Sighted World* where we researched learning differences and simulated how it would be to operate without sight. I still remember what I learned in that class. That's where my interest and

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appreciation of self-directed, linear learning began. I am living proof that you learn more permanently when you have a part in developing your own courses, plus you have a greater commitment to the learning."

When she moved to Houston from Minnesota, she says she was surprised she didn't see cowboys, horses, and deserts. She joined Garden Oaks Elementary School in 2008. A federal grant to support Magnet Schools helped the school transform to an all-Montessori magnet school. Garden Oaks follows the Essential Elements in Montessori Public Schools method. She further explains, "Because private Montessori schools are not regulated, I encourage interested parents to read about Montessori schools before they look into enrollment." Groups that can give them more information are the American Montessori Society, The International Organization of Montessori Schools, and the International Montessori Council. She concluded, "They will give you more information about authentic Montessori."

Classes at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School are comprised of multi-aged groups: pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students in Children's House classrooms; grades 1, 2, and 3 in Lower Elementary, grades 4, 5, and 6 in Upper Elementary, and grades 7 and 8 in Middle School. Pollock is proud to be a part of her school and her district. "This is our first year with the 8th grade; last year we added the 7th grade. Even more exciting is that HISD is currently exploring the possibility of a Montessori High School. It's a groundbreaking public school district. We get to see a lot of innovations come to life."

Dr. Pollock is very happy that Montessori is in high demand – especially in Houston. "We have 3 in HISD, and some in Aldine ISD and Alief ISD. Private Montessori is very expensive and that's why we want to support it in public schools. By the way, we received over 900 applications for only 70 available spots! I have an excellent teaching staff."

"About half of our students are from the neighborhood and the other half chooses to come to Garden Oaks from outlying areas," she explains. Some of her 8th graders have been with her since they were 3 years old, so this will be quite a tearful graduation! "They will be leaving with confidence and a great foundation for high school and beyond," Pollock adds.

She believes in being a role model for learning by doing it yourself. "My faculty and I did a book study on The Growth of Mindset. We realized that we have to share with our kids what we are learning and even how we make mistakes so they see no one gets it right the first time."

"We have a very active community that is instrumental in the success of the school. Our Civic Club Civic club gave us \$4,000 for our recent trip. We took 7th and 8th graders to Ft. Wayne, Indiana for the Montessori Model United Nations. Students completed extensive research on their assigned countries, and then at the event, they participated in debates just like they were in the United Nations. They heard perspectives from all around the world. It was a great experience that these kids will never forget."

What does the future hold for Garden Oaks Montessori? "We received \$26 million in funding from a recent bond. Civic club members, parents, business partners, and teachers have come together to decide how to be good stewards of this money and to determine how to make great education available to more children." To find out more about the school, visit [www.houstonisd.org/Page/6959](http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/6959).

#### **More from Principal Pollock:**

*Greatest Misconception About Montessori:* "It's that 'hippie way' of doing things! Montessori is not a free-for-all. Every child has his or her own work plan. In the classroom you can hear the hum of purposeful learning. It's a very interactive way of learning; a sequential, structured way of learning. Children learn to manage their time and to prioritize."

*Best Gift Ever:* "The most important gift I received was from my parents and grandparents: I never had to be afraid to share my ideas and feelings."

*Favorite Supermarket:* "HEB. They are very supportive of public and higher education."

*Most Unusual Claim to Fame:* "I sang and danced in the Super Bowl XXIV halftime show."

*Extracurricular Activities:* "I sing with the Houston Choral Showcase."

*Dr. Pollock holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications, a Master of Social Work, two Masters of Education in Montessori Integrative Learning and Educational Leadership, respectively, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership.*

*David Lorms hosts Make It Happen With David Lorms, an internet radio show on [www.KBREEZESports.com](http://www.KBREEZESports.com), live every Wednesday at noon with entrepreneurs, business owners, and successful people, talking about their challenges and failures turned into success, and advice for people to better their lives and careers.*

**WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS'  
SUMMER CREATIVE WRITING CAMP RETURNS**

*By Stephanie Dubroff-Acosta,  
Parent Engagement Representative,  
Garden Oaks Montessori*

This is the third summer that Writers in the Schools (WITS) will offer its Summer Creative Writing Camp right here in our neighborhood at Garden Oaks Montessori. Our campus is one of eight WITS camp locations in the greater Houston area for students entering kindergarten through 12th grade; the program at Garden Oaks will be geared toward all students entering kindergarten through 8th grade at any school.

**Storytellers** (*Kindergarten-2nd Grade*) experience dramatic play, reading, dictation, journaling, and independent writing in creative ways. Children create short stories, plays, and poems for a class anthology and performance. Basic literacy skills are addressed in context, and are not a prerequisite for entering kindergarteners.

**Writers** (*3rd-6th Grade*) write stories, essays, poems, and plays with daily exercises that teach literary techniques, extend vocabulary, and encourage creative expression. Students write, edit, and revise original writing that is shared through readings, performances, and an anthology.

**Inventors** (*7th-8th Grade*) explore different literary genres (poetry, fiction, nonfiction) in a supportive writing environment that includes individualized attention and group interaction. Students participate in readings, performances, and publish their work.

In partnership with Rice University's [School Literacy and Culture](#) program, WITS Creative Writing Camp pairs talented, professional authors with experienced classroom teachers for a high-quality summer program that feeds the imagination.

The two-week camp will be held **June 15-26** from **8:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Monday through Friday**, and consist of a field trip or visiting artist, a culminating performance or reading, and a publication or portfolio with student work. Although most classrooms are confined to one grade level, multi-age or multi-grade classrooms may be convened based on enrollment. The cost is **\$495** for the session, with a 10% discount for additional siblings. There is no early- or after-care available. For more information and to register, please go to: [witshouston.org/summer-camp-2015](http://witshouston.org/summer-camp-2015).

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Full Page 7 1/2 W x 9 1/2 H	\$180.00	\$900.00	\$1745.00
Half Page Back Cover	\$150.00	\$750.00	
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1. Placement of ads is subject to the discretion of the editor.
2. Artwork must be e-mailed to [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org) by the 15th of each month for publication the following month.
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**Please remember to pay  
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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT**

**January – December 2015**

Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. **While all memberships are voluntary, you must contribute at least at the Basic Level to be eligible to vote on civic club matters.** Membership dues are to be paid on or before **January 1<sup>st</sup>** for the calendar year.

**Fill in Amount:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Crepe Myrtle (Basic Level) Household Membership    **\$25** (\$5 for Seniors)

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to Beautification (all neighborhood green spaces)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to Garden Club (maintain Friendship Park, Section 1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL**

Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:

**Garden Oaks Civic Club, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206**

OR

Pay online at [www.gardenoaks.org/membership](http://www.gardenoaks.org/membership); upon completion, you will receive e-mail confirmation of your dues payment.

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# MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
3	4	5  <b>Civic Club Meeting</b> <sup>1</sup> 7PM @ GOMM	6	7	8	9 <b>Farmers Market (GF)</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 	11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
17 <b>Girl Scout Troop 21</b> <b>Bake Sale</b> 12-2PM @ 859 Azalea 	18	19 	20 <b>GOMO Meeting</b> 7PM @ GOPB	21 <b>Heavy Trash</b> <b>Pick-Up</b> <b>(Tree Waste)</b>	22	23 <b>Farmers Market (GF)</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
24	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	26	27	28 <b>Last Day of School</b> <b>(GOMM/HISD)</b>	29 <b>Last Day of School</b> <b>(St. Rose)</b>	30 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
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**Please provide contact information for program member(s) at this address:**

Member 1 Information	Member 2 Information
Name: _____	Name: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

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**Payment Options**

- [ ] Enclosed find my payment for 2015 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 pay online (see below).

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

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