



# Garden Oaks Gazette

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

**AUGUST 2015**

## MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

• **Tuesday, September 1, 2015** •

Grace Church Garden Oaks, 3754 N. Shepherd

6:15 p.m. Registration/Meet & Greet Reception

6:45 p.m. Forum begins

### MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM IN GARDEN OAKS WITH MODERATOR JONATHAN MCELVY

#### Residents to Hear Candidates' Vision for the City of Houston

The Garden Oaks Civic Club, in conjunction with Super Neighborhood #12 and *The Leader* Newspaper, will host a Houston Mayoral Candidate Forum. Jonathan McElvy, publisher of *The Leader*, will moderate the forum, which will foster discussion of mayoral candidates' vision for the City of Houston.

The forum will take place Tuesday, September 1, at Grace Church Garden Oaks, 3754 N. Shepherd Drive, beginning with a 6:15 p.m. meet and greet reception followed by the forum from 6:45-8:30 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided by the YMCA for attendees' children who are at least three years of age and potty-trained.

All seven mayoral candidates (Chris Bell, Stephen Costello, Adrian Garcia, Ben Hall, Bill King, Marty McVey, and Sylvester Turner; see profiles pages 18-21) have confirmed their attendance at the forum.

"The next mayor of Houston needs to be a champion of the people," said Sheila Briones, president of the Garden Oaks Civic Club. "We need a mayor who will implement a bold vision that will bring increased awareness and resources to our neighborhoods which impact the city."

"This election has enormous potential to jumpstart a new conversation about how important Near Northwest Houston is," added Mark Klein, president of Super Neighborhood #12. "If we are to preserve and nurture the quality of life in this area as growth continues unabated, we'll need city leaders who will put neighborhoods first. A neighborhood-oriented mayor will be even more vital as high-density development adds more townhomes and more people, increasing pressure on infrastructure, public safety, and transportation mobility."

McElvy, who will moderate the forum, said the open discussion with all of the candidates will have a strict focus on the needs of this particular community.

"While the overall issues of the city need to be addressed, there's literally a forum a week for these candidates," McElvy said. "While we have them in our backyard, we need to talk about our backyard."

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### August Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 4  
7:00 p.m.  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett Drive

##### GO Kids Back to School Picnic

Saturday, August 22  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Rick Englert SPARK Park  
Sue Barnett @ West 41st

#### SAVE THE DATE

##### Wine Walk

Annual Constable Program Fundraiser  
Saturday, October 17  
4:00-6:30 p.m.

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**AUGUST CIVIC CLUB SPEAKER:  
SALISE SHUTTLESWORTH OF FRIENDS FOR LIFE  
ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION ORGANIZATION**

Salise Shuttlesworth, J.D., founder and executive director of Friends for Life No-Kill Animal Rescue and Adoption Organization, will speak at the next meeting of the Garden Oaks Civic Club, on August 4.



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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.

- 1054 Althea
- 4311 Apollo
- 847 Lamonte
- 979 Lamonte
- 519 West 30th
- 403 West 32nd
- 705 West 34th
- 830 West 41st
- 847 West 41st
- 1066 West 41st
- 726 West 42nd
- 748 West 42nd
- 954 West 43rd
- 1035 West 43rd

### Happy Birthday

- Mark Sarmiento.....8/3
- Elizabeth Klein .....8/4
- Katherine K.....8/4
- Avery T.....8/5
- Rick K.....8/9
- Elizabeth J. .... 8/20
- Matt Veech ..... 8/22
- Tony Padon..... 8/23
- Isabella R..... 8/23
- Trent Salch..... 8/23
- Bridgette Martinez..... 8/26
- Emma C..... 8/28
- Debbie Padon ..... 8/28

### Happy Anniversary

- Pat Buron & Shelley Rogers ..... 8/5
- Sheree' & Ron Peoples ..... 8/7
- Carl & Lisa Rentschler ..... 8/7

### Out and About

**Pene & Dennis Carter** enjoyed a visit to the Outer Banks. **Jenny & Randy Odinet** vacationed in Belize while **Gina Pecoraro & Phil Ramirez** and the kids visited family there. The **O'Guynn** family was spotted at Disney World. **Sarah Cruise** and family visited Crater Lake National Park. **John & Margie Hesse** went to St. Louis. New York City was a popular destination: **Sarah & Elizabeth Klein** along with **Stephanie & Matilda Acosta** enjoyed the sights. The entire **Klein** gang later enjoyed the city together while the **Acosta** gals returned to H-town. **Alisha Cunningham** and her girls enjoyed NYC, too. The **Padon** family enjoyed vacation time exploring Boston, Middletown, Connecticut, and New York City recently. **Shellye Arnold & Tina Sabuco** headed to Belgium and the Netherlands to visit former Garden Oaks residents **Joe Crownover & Jennifer Langdon** who will be returning to Garden Oaks soon.

Many neighbors took to the roads and skies for the July 4th holiday: the **Odinets** spent time in Louisiana with family on the 4th, **Lynn Sievers** saw fireworks over the Hood River in Oregon, the **Johnsons** explored Galway, Ireland, **Terry Jeanes & Patrick Kelley** accompanied Terry's granddaughter on her first hike in Buescher State Park and then a concert at Rohan Meadery in LaGrange. The **Salches** enjoyed the holiday with family in Galveston and the **Sherber** family had a great time in Sargent, Texas. **Caroline Stender** and former GO neighbor **Jana Alsobrook** did a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon, with lunch and a champagne toast at the base.



### Special Thoughts

Special thoughts for the family and friends of neighbor of **Jodi (Joan) Fudge**, who passed away in June. Condolences as well to **Paige & Morgan Whitton** for the recent loss of Paige's father, **Debbie Padon** for the recent loss of her mother, **Ed & Brenda de Alba** for the loss of Ed's stepmother Vivian, and **Tina Rowe** for the loss of her beloved dog Princess, age 19.

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

*Terry Jeanes*

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## GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

By Cindy Bartos, Secretary

July 7, 2015

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 2015 minutes as they appeared in the *Gazette*. The motion passed.

**Announcements:** President Briones has contacted METRO concerning the amount of trash and debris at the bus stop on North Shepherd at 43rd. METRO has agreed to pick up the litter and cut back the bushes.

President Briones contacted the City of Houston concerning the increase in traffic and incidents at the intersection of 34th and North Shepherd. The situation is now under study. One possible solution is to close the entrance to Cottonwood from 34th Street, allowing only one access point from North Shepherd Drive.

The Garden Oaks Wine Walk will be held October 17, 2015 in the backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba. Tickets will be priced at \$85 each and include a raffle for a door prize. Information on sponsorship will be available shortly. Approximately 97% of the funds raised will go directly toward the Constable Program.

The September 1, 2015 Civic Club meeting will not be a regular meeting, but rather a Mayoral Candidates Forum held at the Grace Garden Oaks Church, 3753 North Shepherd Drive. A reception and opportunity to meet the mayoral candidates will take place from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. The forum will begin at



7:00 p.m. [**Editor's note:** *The forum has since been rescheduled to 6:45-8:30 p.m. with the preceding meet and greet reception beginning at 6:15 p.m.*] The Garden Oaks Civic Club, Super Neighborhood #12 (Central Northwest), and *The Leader* newspaper are sponsoring the event. Residents of Garden Oaks and the communities of Houston's Super Neighborhood #12 are invited to attend.

The Garden Oaks Home Tour will be April 24, 2016.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jerry Butler had copies of the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet available at the meeting.

**Speaker:** Cindy Bartos introduced Keith Koski, manager of the City of Houston's Building Materials Reuse Warehouse. Mr. Koski's informative presentation is available at the Garden Oaks home page [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org). More information about the Building Materials Reuse Warehouse can be found at [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/reuse.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/reuse.html) and on Facebook [www.facebook.com/ReuseWarehouseHouston](http://www.facebook.com/ReuseWarehouseHouston).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** Brenda de Alba, sitting in for Committee Chair Dian Austin, had no report. Resident Pam Parks won the raffle drawing.

**Citizens' Patrol:** Program Chair Carl Waters was not in attendance.

**Gazette:** Editor Jenny Espeseth was not in attendance.

**Website:** No report from Webmaster Joe Muscara. President Briones reported the GOCC board is working toward having a redesigned format for the website by January 2016.

**Beautification:** Committee Chair Joan Harmon was not in attendance.

**Constable Program:** Program Chair Terry Jeanes reminded neighbors taking a trip this summer to use the Vacation Watch form available at [www.gardenoaks.org/constable](http://www.gardenoaks.org/constable). Also, this year's National Night Out is Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

**Ad Hoc In-Line Storm Water Detention Project Committee:** Committee Chair Pam Parks reported it was time to contact the city's Public Works Department concerning specifics about the planned construction.

**Government Affairs Standing Committee:** Committee Chair Mark Klein was not in attendance.

### OLD BUSINESS

Lane Lewis, chair of the Harris County Democratic Party and candidate for Houston City Council At-Large Position 1 reported on his success in contacting Senator Whitmire, Reverend Dixon, and City Council members to request their help to provide funding for the Waltrip Ram Band's participation in the National Independence Day Parade.

**Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School:** Principal Lindsey Pollock announced that teachers are scheduled to report back to school on August 10th and the students on the 24th. Enrollment is still open to kindergarten and older students zoned to Garden Oaks.

Friends for Life animal shelter founder and executive director Salise Shuttlesworth will be the speaker at the next Civic Club meeting on August 4, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Attendance: 29



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**BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE**  
*By Joan Harmon, Committee Chair*

Last month, Garden Oaks Boulevard, Randall Berm, and the area from Randall Berm to 610 were cleaned out. The area on Durham will be maintained on a regular basis. Plans for the next couple of months are to keep the irrigation systems maintained and operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The areas will be watered for long periods for deep saturation during this heat.



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

## CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

*By Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6 is approaching. Put your plans together now and let us know of gatherings so the deputies may visit.

Please also be sure to read the article in this issue about watching over our senior neighbors and advise us at [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) of seniors who live alone so patrol deputies can help look out for them as well.

There have been recent reports of vehicle wheel theft in adjoining neighborhoods, so be sure to park your vehicles as far up in your driveway as possible.

PLEASE JOIN TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM via the form in the *Gazette* or at the link below. Even if you pay via PayPal, please complete and submit the information form.

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

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**CONNECT YOUR ALARM COMPANY WITH CONSTABLE DISPATCH:**

Be sure your alarm monitoring company has Constable Dispatch (713-755-7628) as the first responder on your call list when your home's alarm is triggered. Please also program this number in your cell phone for ready access when you or a neighbor needs it.

**GOMO Review Meetings**  
take place at 6:30 p.m. prior to Civic Club meetings  
on the first Tuesday and at 7:00 p.m.  
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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.



**CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

*By Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair*

The Houston Police Department website reported eight crimes in the neighborhood in June. In addition to these reported crimes, the Precinct One Constable's Office sent out alerts during the month regarding three burglaries of unlocked vehicles. As I stated last month, I strongly encourage everyone to take anything of value from your vehicles at night and to make sure you lock your vehicles every time you get out of them. Please do your part to help prevent this crime of opportunity from occurring.

October is just around the corner and so is this year's National Night Out, which will be observed on October 6. Instead of our usual monthly civic club meeting that night, residents are encouraged to stay close to home to meet and visit with neighbors. Please let Terry Jeanes or me know if you plan to host a gathering or block party so we can attempt to have someone from the Houston Police Department or the Precinct One Constable's Office come by to visit.

**June Crime Statistics (8)**

**Burglary (2)**

1000 block of Lamonte on Sunday, June 21 at 3:54 p.m. (residence).

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Thursday, June 25 at 11:38 a.m. (bar or night club).

**Theft (6)**

900 block of W 43rd on Saturday, June 6 at 6:52 a.m. (residence).

900 block of W. 42nd on Friday, June 12 at 5:00 a.m. (residence).

1300 block of Sue Barnett on Saturday, June 13 at 7:42 a.m. (residence).

1400 block of Sue Barnett on Saturday, June 13 at 12:31 p.m. (residence).

1000 block of W. 42nd on Monday, June 29 at 11:00 a.m. (residence).

700 block of W. 34th on Monday, June 29 at 1:20 p.m. (driveway).

Inquiries about joining the Citizens' Patrol Program or other community safety issues can be directed to the 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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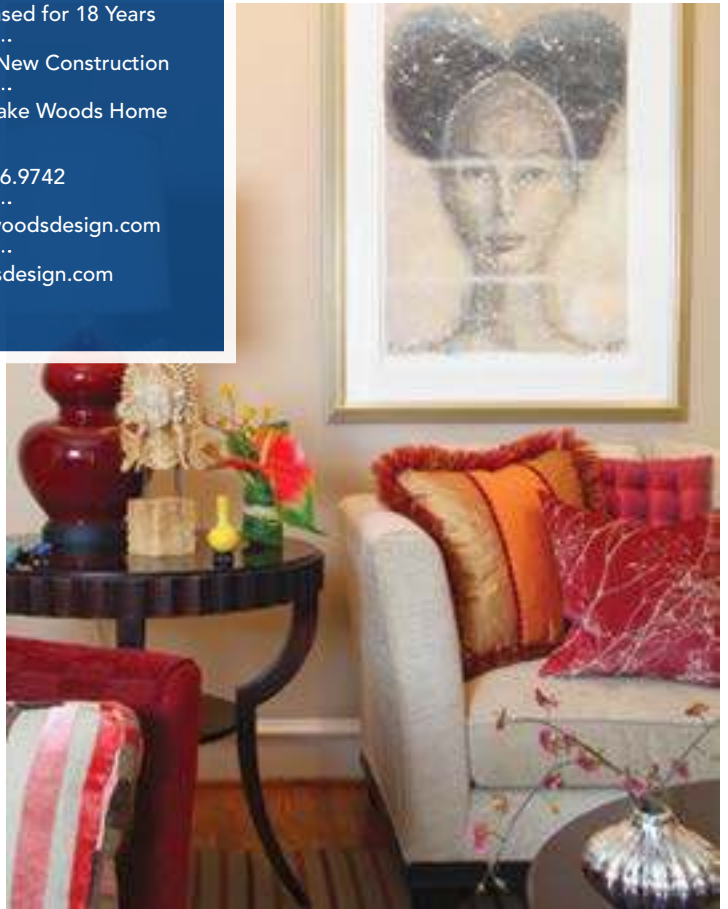
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## THE WINE WALK IS COMING

*By Dian Austin*

The Wine Walk is Garden Oaks' premier annual fundraiser for our underfunded Constable Patrol Program. Our 7th Annual Wine Walk will take place on Saturday, October 17th from 4:00–6:30 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, November 7th.

For those of you who have never attended the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, or who may be new to the neighborhood, you don't want to miss this. The Wine Walk is one of our most fun and cherished annual traditions. We limit the number of tickets to 200 and they have always sold out very quickly in previous years.

Each year we are fortunate to hold our event in the huge and beautifully landscaped backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba at 744 W. 43rd. Their yard is the perfect venue to enjoy sipping wines and tasting foods, connecting with neighbors, and raising funds for the Constable Program.

Thirteen very generous neighbors and area businesses have already stepped up as Table Hosts for our fundraiser. Each Table Host will provide a different wine along with small bites. Our theme this year is "Old World Vines", celebrating European wines. Thanks to all the Table Hosts for making our fundraiser possible!

Tickets will go on sale on September 1 at [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org). There will also be an order form in the September Gazette. As in previous years, we will only sell 200 tickets, so that the event is not overcrowded. Tickets will be priced at \$85 per person (adults only), and include admission and a raffle ticket. The raffle is a new twist this year, providing an opportunity to score some great wine-related prizes. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased when Wine Walk tickets go on sale. All proceeds will go toward the Constable Patrol contract that is paid by residents' donations and civic club budget allocation.

Cash sponsorships are available at the \$300, \$500, and \$1000 levels, and will garner signage at the event, complimentary tickets, and free Gazette advertising. Sponsorship details are outlined in a separate article in this month's newsletter. If you are interested in sponsoring this year, please email Dian Austin at [cavort2@gmail.com](mailto:cavort2@gmail.com).

Our first sponsor to help out for 2015 is Terry Jeanes, RE/Max Metro, at the \$500 level. Terry has been a \$500 sponsor since the beginning of the Wine Walk. She has also been our liaison with the Constable Patrol Program since its inception. Thanks, Terry, for your generous contribution again, and for all your years of hard work keeping our neighborhood safe.

### 7th Annual Wine Walk Constable Program Fundraiser

## *Old World Vines*

**Saturday, October 17, from 4:00–6:30 p.m.  
Rain Date Saturday, November 7**

### GARDEN OAKS 2015 WINE WALK SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

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- INDIVIDUAL sign at entrance to the event
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Pictured above: Civic Club President Sheila Briones with her great nieces and nephews at the bicycle parade.



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**KEEPING WATCH OVER OUR SENIOR NEIGHBORS**

*By Terry Jeanes*

The recent unfortunate death of one of our long-time Garden Oaks residents prompts a call to action for all of us as Garden Oaks neighbors. There are numerous seniors in our community, and many live alone. While most are perfectly capable, many could benefit from neighbors helping to watch out for them. Maybe they could use help with getting their trash or recycling bins set out and brought back in. Maybe having their newspaper placed on the porch for easier reach would be appreciated. Something as simple as a call to check in with your elderly neighbor could be appreciated. "I am going to the store; can I pick up something for you?" The call serves a dual purpose of offering a simple favor and to find out how they are doing.

If you have not already reached out to your neighbors nearby, please do so now. Call or ask them if you may check on them occasionally. Work collectively with a group of neighbors. Do not assume everyone has someone watching over them. If they prefer to keep to themselves, work out a system or a signal. One senior who lives alone has asked her neighbors to check on her if her front porch light is still on after a certain time in the morning. She flips the porch light on each night and flips it off each morning. Personally, I check my neighbors' driveways to see if the newspaper has been picked up. If the paper is still there at 10:00 a.m., I call or knock on the door to see if everything is OK. Deviations from normal

routines can signal that something is wrong. Has the garbage been put out? Is mail stacking up in the mailbox? Is the newspaper still in the yard?

If you watch over an elderly neighbor and are scheduled to leave town, be sure to designate a back-up for your neighbor. Teamwork among neighbors is good for all. The constables also do welfare checks on seniors. A recent welfare check revealed that our senior neighbor had passed away, most likely several weeks prior. Two neighbors who had watched out for her were each out of town for extended periods. Another noted that the trash cans had not been put out, but that recollection was after the fact. Yes, we all are busy, but watchful eyes could make all the difference in the world. Let us avoid the "would have, could have, should have" feeling after an elderly neighbor passes away without our being aware.

Please email the name and address of any Garden Oaks seniors living alone to [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) so the deputy constables can be advised. They currently watch over several seniors in our neighborhood. To request a welfare check, call the constable dispatch at 713-755-7628.

As we gather in October for National Night Out, please discuss keeping an eye on our senior neighbors. Perhaps you can identify seniors on your block who could possibly use an extra set of eyes looking out for them. Our senior neighbors deserve our help.



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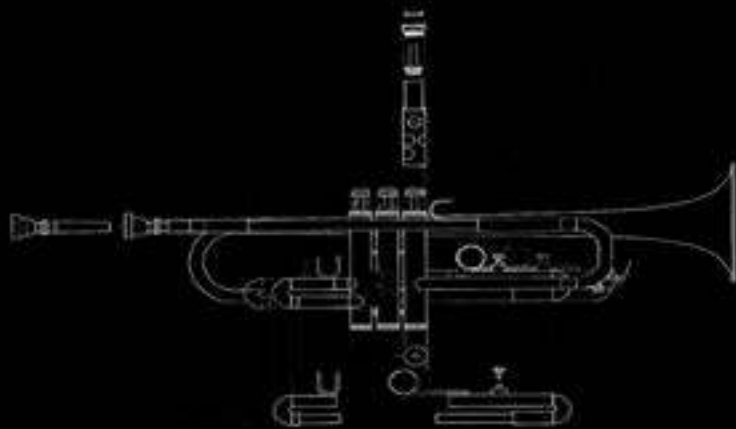
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## WALTRIP RAM BAND TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO PERFORM IN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

*By Amanda Cormier, Waltrip Ram Band Booster Club*

The Waltrip High School Ram Band traveled to Washington, D.C. to perform in the National Independence Day Parade. During their visit, the students were able to visit many of the historical attractions, including the Capitol building, Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, and the Jefferson and Lincoln monuments. The marching band and Jazz Ensemble I gave an additional performance at the World War II Memorial.

Marching bands are invited to participate in the parade based on recommendations from each state's Governor's office. United States Representative Sheila Jackson Lee nominated the Waltrip Ram Band for an invitation to perform in the 2015 National Independence Day Parade, and Governor Greg Abbott signed a proclamation officially recognizing the band as the state's sole representative performer for this year's parade.

The Waltrip Ram Band would like to thank the Garden Oaks Civic Club, Terry Jeanes, Jane Ann Roberts, Emily Roberts, and community supporters for helping to raise over \$13,000 for the band.



Photos courtesy of David Scarbrough Photography.



## 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

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

Dr. Maria Montessori lived over 100 years ago, and yet her educational philosophy is still relevant today. With our world changing at an unprecedented pace, we must prepare our students with lessons that go beyond the “3 Rs” and foster 21st century skills. Montessori education in a public school setting makes this possible through the core values and lessons that are unique to this timeless philosophy.

The term “21st century skills” has made its way into education terminology, but what does it really mean? Business leaders first identified the skills, knowledge, and expertise students must master to succeed in work and life in the 21st century. Ken Kay, President and Co-founder of The Partnership of 21st Century Skills, identified these 21st century skills:

- critical thinking
- problem solving
- collaboration
- communication
- innovation
- self-direction
- global awareness
- self-accountability
- technological literacy

Mr. Kay refers to creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration as the “4 Cs” and considers them equally important for the mastery of core academic subjects. Garden Oaks students practice collaboration, a vital 21st century skill, by conducting research in small groups and then presenting results to the class. They learn to evaluate their progress using the following guiding questions: How is our group working together? What are the positive things the group

does? What could it do better? What do I contribute to the group?

It takes more than technology to teach 21st century skills. While technology is a useful 21st century learning tool, it is but one tool. To teach 21st century skills, the method of instruction and guiding philosophy of education must support the 21st century skills and outcomes. At Garden Oaks, although the Montessori model that guides our program is over 100 years old, the addition of 21st century technology supports our timeless guiding principles. Garden Oaks students have daily opportunities to demonstrate skills like teamwork, collaboration, and self-directed learning through hands-on activities with the Montessori materials and personalized research projects. Instead of relying on a traditional lecture-question format, Garden Oaks teachers facilitate students as they lead their own discussions about books, and write responses to reading passages they have studied. They clarify or challenge others’ comments while referencing information from the material, their own experience, or other current events the students connect with the material they discuss.

Beginning with Garden Oaks’ youngest students, our 21st century curriculum and learning environment are student-focused, unlike traditional teacher-directed learning. Even Garden Oaks’ pre-school and kindergarten students learn to be self-directed. Rather than simply receiving rules and procedures from teachers, Garden Oaks students practice personal responsibility as they participate in the planning of their daily schedules and complete their classroom assignments. Through this daily planning and task identification and completion, Garden Oaks students become

internally motivated. Additionally, we are a *Leader In Me* school and implement the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* in our daily activities!

To learn more about Montessori education, visit the American Montessori Society website at

[amshq.org/Montessori-Education/Introduction-to-Montessori](http://amshq.org/Montessori-Education/Introduction-to-Montessori).

Montessori educator Dr. Steven Hughes talks about the future of Montessori education at

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=faYco1b-IJI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faYco1b-IJI).



**GO KIDS UPDATE**

By Lindsey Gabriel, Coordinator

With approximately 250 active families, GO Kids offers awesome group events for all ages, age-based playgroups, new parent dinner drops, and a monthly Moms' Night Out. We have a special neighborhood and want to provide opportunities for the families to meet one another and for our children to grow up in a close community.

**Interested in becoming a member?**

Please contact **Diana Latta** at [latta\\_diana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:latta_diana@sbcglobal.net).

*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. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!*

*If you have questions or would like more information about the GO Kids group, please contact GO Kids Coordinator Lindsey Gabriel at [lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com) or any member of the leadership team.*



**GO Kids 2015 Remaining Activities**

- **Back to School Old-Fashioned Picnic** - August 22nd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at GOMM SPARK Park, Sue Barnett @ 41st Street. This is our BIGGEST event of the year! There will be entertainment for the whole family, including face painters, a magician, a glitter tattoo booth, bouncy houses, photo booth, water balloons to help keep the kiddos cool, Raisin' Cane's chicken fingers, ice cream, and much more! If you have any questions or are interested in helping out, please contact **Lindsey Gabriel** at [lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com).
- **Halloween Bash** – October 24th
- **Fall Movie Night** – November 13th
- **Neighborhood Fun Run** - November 7th
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MICKEY'S MINUTE

By Mickey Morales

The dog days of summer - what exactly does that mean? I'll have to google it someday. All I know for sure is that August brings us one month closer to the end of the summer heat, which I am getting used to. I'm not saying I like it but I think that I have come to accept that it's not going to go away simply by wishing it would. However, it does bring summer crops like squash, long beans, okra, peppers, and lots of basil. By the time you read this, Farmer Cathy and I should have launched my new product line "Loco Pesto", a name that's sort of a play on words since the pesto will be made from almost entirely of *local* ingredients, including farm-toasted pecans, aged goat cheese, garlic, and of course basil. About the only thing not from around these parts is the olive oil, and even that is from Texas.

August marks the completion of the second year in our current location and the beginning of my fifty ninth year on this lovely planet. Many thanks to the owners of the property and you, our most loyal customers, for making this all possible. We seem to be holding our own and all of our vendors are hanging in there with the normal slow down as families enjoy their summer vacations. Back to school time will begin later in the month and we'll settle into a routine.

Back at the farm, our new flock of chickens should be laying quite well by now, and the girl pigs are a month or so away from mating age. We figure that we may have piglets by Christmas and may be offering pig shares by spring time. The baby ducks will be laying soon too, bringing egg production up, which is good because we have made some inroads with the chefs at Harold's in the Heights, Bramble on Voss, and Southern Goods on 19th. After the tough rainy spring and summer, we are honored by their support in having our products featured on their menus. We also purchased a full-size tractor that is small enough for Miss Cathy to handle, but big enough to help us scale up production of row crops and do our own mowing of the pasture. That's all the news for now; I'm sure I'll have more to report in my next post.

As always, "Come soon, come often, and think cool thoughts."



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**AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE SUMMER**

*By Mitch Weigand*

**It's Not Cool to Have No Cool: Reasons Why Your A/C System Won't Work**

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**Your thermostat is set incorrectly.**

This is an easy one to fix. If someone mistakenly set the thermostat to "heat" instead of "cool" and your fan is set to "on," your A/C system will simply blow hot, unconditioned air because it's turned off. Switch the thermostat to "cool" (the correct mode) and the fan to "auto."

**The freon level is down.** Freon is the gas contained within the A/C system that removes heat from inside your home and carries it to the condenser (the outside unit) where it's released into the atmosphere. A sufficient level of freon is essential for your system to function properly. If there's a leak within the closed system that contains the freon, your system can't remove the heat from the indoor air and the temperature will slowly rise. Your A/C service technician needs to be called so he can locate the freon leak, seal it and replace the lost freon.

**Your evaporator coil is clogged.**

Located in the attic, your system blows air over the evaporator coil (actually a series of copper coils) so heat from your home's air is absorbed and carried outside. If these coils get dirty, they won't be able to transfer heat effectively. This is why replacing your air filter regularly is so important to prevent dirt buildup. If you have a dirty evaporator coil, it's best to have it cleaned professionally by your service technician.

**Your evaporator coil is frozen.**

Similar to dirt buildup, a frozen evaporator coil makes it virtually impossible for your system to remove heat from within your home. This is another reason why it might blow warm air out of your A/C grills. Again, call your service technician so he can diagnose a frozen coil and remedy the problem.

**Something within the A/C system is broken.**

Here's where you will definitely need your service technician. Mechanical issues such as a faulty capacitor or defunct fan motor can occur for a number of reasons and halt the cooling process. These issues are best diagnosed by a professional.

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## HOUSTON MAYORAL CANDIDATES 2015

**Chris Bell**

**Chris Bell** was born in Abilene, raised in Dallas, and is a graduate of the University of Texas and South Texas College of Law. He has lived in Houston since 1988. Chris was a television and radio news reporter, covering the courts for KTRH in Houston while attending law school. In 1992, he was named Best Radio Reporter in the state by the Texas Associated Press.

He was elected to Houston City Council in 1997 and served under mayors Bob Lanier and Lee Brown. His leadership positions included chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Ethics Committees.

Chris was elected to Congress in 2002. He was selected as one of two freshmen to serve on the Democratic Whip Team. He served only one term in Congress, as a controversial mid-decade redistricting of Texas congressional seats made the re-election of some Houston-area Democrats difficult. Chris ran for Governor of Texas in 2006.

Chris is a name partner in the litigation firm of Berg Feldman Johnson Bell, LLP. He has served on national and community boards; having lost his mother to Parkinson's disease, he serves with the Houston Area Parkinson's Society Advisory Board and nationally on the board of StemPAC.

Chris and Alison Ayres Bell have been married almost 23 years and they have two sons, Atlee and Connally.

**Steve Costello**

**Steve Costello** is a husband, father, and grandfather who loves Houston more than any place on Earth, and wants it to be the best it can be for your kids and grandkids. While Steve believes Houston is the greatest city in the nation, he also recognizes that we can, and must, do better.

That is why as your next mayor, Steve will work to fix our roads and traffic, prioritize our public safety, and protect taxpayer money.

Houston is where Steve has spent most of his adult life. It is the city where he grew a successful engineering firm from scratch. And it is a diverse community he is proud to represent as a member of city council.

An engineer by trade, Steve was trained to look at problems and work to find a logical solution.

Steve continually works to serve his neighbors and his community. He has helped protect and expand our parks and public green space through public advocacy efforts, and has also worked to cut wasteful spending, develop solutions to our street and drainage needs, and fought to protect our most vulnerable against dangerous "pay-day" lending as a member of Houston City Council.

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**Adrian Garcia**

Prior to being elected Harris County Sheriff in 2008, **Adrian Garcia** spent 23 years with the Houston Police Department gaining valuable law enforcement experience. His dedication was recognized by former Houston Mayor Bob Lanier who appointed Adrian to the position of HPD's liaison to the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office. In 1999, Adrian was named Director of this anti-gang effort.

After leaving HPD, Adrian served six years as a Houston City Council Member, eventually becoming Mayor Pro-Tempore under Mayor Bill White. On City Council, Adrian gained valuable experience in how government works—experience that helped him maintain a transparent Sheriff's Department that is accountable to the taxpayers of Harris County.

Aside from the vital work Adrian did as a Houston police officer and city council member, he was retained as a consultant for the U.S. State Department to evaluate law enforcement and policing programs in Central America. He has also repeatedly served as a panelist on Harvard University's Criminal Justice Project.

In 2008, Sheriff Garcia provided new, innovative ideas in the Sheriff's Department. He brought more diversity to the department's command staff, initiated a minority supplier diversity program and re-evaluated the way the jail system worked. He has worked to be a visible, community-oriented law enforcement officer.

**Ben Hall**

**Ben Hall** served as the Houston City Attorney under Mayor Bob Lanier and provided legal counseling and advice to all city departments, the mayor's office and city council. He has also served as the Special Legal Counsel to the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority and is a successful businessman.

Ben and his wife, Sandra, are the owners of the historic KCOH radio station, the oldest black talk radio station in Houston. They also own KCOH-TV and a successful real estate business and law firm.

Ben is a Harvard Law School graduate, holds a Ph.D. degree from Duke University and studied at Bonn Universitat in the former Bonn, West Germany.

Ben believes the City of Houston and its residents are best served when government focuses on core city services without tax increases.



## HOUSTON MAYORAL CANDIDATES 2015

**Bill King**

A lifelong resident of the Houston area, **Bill King** grew up the son of a union pipefitter and worked his way through the University of Houston, earning both his bachelor's degree and law degree there.

For the last 40 years, Bill's business and law career has frequently intersected with the City of Houston. He served as president of Southwest Airport Services at Ellington Air Force Base from 1999 until February of this year. As the managing partner of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, Bill gained unique insights into the City of Houston's finances — and he worked with Mayor White to help Houston establish a land bank of abandoned lots.

In 2012, Bill co-chaired the Houston Independent School District bond campaign to rebuild its dilapidated schools throughout the city. Prior to that, his efforts to revamp the region's hurricane preparedness plans earned him several high-level appointments and national recognition. He serves on the International Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

As a columnist for the *Houston Chronicle*, and now as a candidate for Mayor, Bill has earned a reputation as an outspoken advocate for fixing the streets, solving more crimes, and balancing the city budget.

**Marty McVey**

**Marty McVey** has invested in and founded businesses in the real estate, clean energy services, and healthcare sectors. He is also a licensed Real Estate Broker in Texas.

Appointed Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD) in 2011 by President Obama, Marty has built relationships around the world to assist the poorest and most vulnerable. He has provided guidance to the federal government regarding investments in training, research, and technology-transfer to developing countries. Marty served as Chairman for the Haitian Reconstruction Task Force & Chairman of the BIFAD Budget Committee.

Actively promoting Houston's economic development and sustainability, Marty has served as Chair of the Political Engagement Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership. He strongly supports Halo House Foundation and Human Rights Watch. Marty is a lifetime member of the NAACP, an Advisory Board Member of the Tahirih Justice Center, and a member of the Bush-Clinton Ike Coastal Recovery Fund.

Marty earned Bachelor and Master of Business Administration degrees from American University. He received a Global Master of Business Administration degree from Georgetown and a Master Universitario en Administración Empresas from Esade University. In addition, Marty has completed Harvard's Developing Future Leaders' Program.

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**Sylvester Turner**

**Sylvester Turner** is uniting Democrats, Republicans, business leaders, unions, community groups, and thousands of Houstonians to improve our roads, make our neighborhoods safer, support our public schools, and give working people a better chance to get ahead. He recently completed his 26th year in the Texas Legislature, where he stopped utility companies from unfairly raising gas and electricity rates, worked to make health care more affordable for children and families, and led the fight to restore billions of dollars in cuts to public schools. He continues to fight for children, seniors, and everyone in between.

Sylvester was raised in the Acres Homes community and lives there today. The Turners raised nine children in their two-bedroom home. Sylvester's mother worked as a maid in the historic Rice Hotel, and his father worked as a painter for Continental EnSCO and on the weekends mowed yards with his sons to make extra money. Sylvester's father died when he was 13. Sylvester attended neighborhood public schools until forced integration and he was bused to Klein High School, where he was elected president of the student body and graduated as valedictorian. Sylvester attended the University of Houston and Harvard Law School before joining the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski. He founded the law firm of Barnes & Turner in 1983, where he works today.



**Jonathan McElvy**  
(Forum Moderator)

**Jonathan McElvy** is the Publisher and President of McElvy Media LLC, which produces *The Leader* Newspaper. He purchased *The Leader* in 2012 from previous publisher Terry Burge.

Jonathan was born October 2, 1974 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has a master's degree in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Alabama. He moved to Houston in 2006 and worked for Houston Community Newspapers as Editorial Director and General Manager. He later served as Vice President of News and Development at ASP Westward.

Jonathan and his wife, Meghan, have an 8-month-old son named Hank.

## MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

6:15 p.m. Registration/Meet & Greet Reception

6:45 p.m. Forum begins

Grace Church Garden Oaks  
3754 N. Shepherd

Sponsored by the Garden Oaks Civic Club,  
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**SAVE TIME AND MONEY:  
PLAY WARDROBE SUDOKU**

By Jessica Modad

Imagine never paying a checked bag fee again, easing morning chaos, traveling lightly, and wearing only clothing you love.

It. Is. Possible.

Early this year, I examined every part of my life, and committed to live by a simple motto: *Less but Better*. Part of Less but Better was falling in love with real (read: non-workout) clothes again. Yoga pants and I were breaking up, except for when I was actually going to yoga. To form my simplification plan, I needed to do some research - to the interwebs I went! There is a lot of talk these days in the blogosphere about "capsule wardrobes". Simply defined, a capsule wardrobe is roughly 30-40 items of clothing that:

1. Work together seamlessly.
2. Define your style.
3. Make it easy to look and feel great.

While I loved the idea of a capsule wardrobe, I was not ready donate most of my closet to Goodwill. My research continued and I eventually stumbled upon Wardrobe Sudoku. The way this closet concept works is to collect 4 tops, 4 bottoms, 4 pairs of shoes, and 4 accessories and then lay the coordinating pieces in a grid. You can then choose outfits by selecting items in the diagonal, vertical, or horizontal lines, or the square of four in the center.

Armed with a print-out of the grid, and 16 items, I was ready to give Wardrobe Sudoku a try. For the next eighteen days, getting dressed was everything I love... efficient, effective, and orderly. I looked and felt like a new person!

The perfect opportunity to share this exciting new game soon presented itself. A friend called and asked that I help her pack for a two-week European vacation. She wanted to pack lightly, so I suggested she give Wardrobe Sudoku a try. After playing the game for just one hour, her small suitcase was 3/4 full and had EVERYTHING she needed for the trip!

Want to play? Give it a try it and you'll be amazed at how you too can benefit from this Less but Better strategy.

To learn more about capsule wardrobes, visit [theproject333.com](http://theproject333.com), and for more about Wardrobe Sudoku, see [su-sews-so-so.blogspot.com](http://su-sews-so-so.blogspot.com).

Top	Bottom	Shoes	Accessory
Accessory	Shoes	Bottom	Top
Bottom	Top	Accessory	Shoes
Shoes	Accessory	Top	Bottom



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**Please remember to pay  
Civic Club and Constable Program  
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**REUSE WAREHOUSE**

Source: City of Houston ReUse Warehouse website ([www.houstonreuse.org](http://www.houstonreuse.org))

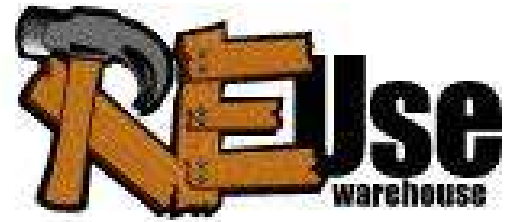
Construction material accounts for 38% of the waste stream in the Houston area. The **Building Materials Reuse Warehouse**, a component of the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department, benefits the community by providing space for excess building materials that would otherwise be dumped in local landfills. They accept material from individuals, supply companies, and builders, and make it freely available for reuse by any non-profit organization. The Reuse Warehouse is funded in part by a grant from the Houston-Galveston Area Council, a region-wide voluntary association of local governments in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning region of Texas.

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**281-814-3324**

[reuse.warehouse@houstontx.gov](mailto:reuse.warehouse@houstontx.gov)

Tuesday – Friday  
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Every 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month  
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday – Monday

[www.houstonreuse.org](http://www.houstonreuse.org)

**CITY OF HOUSTON  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTERS**

The City of Houston’s Environmental Service Centers (ESC) are drive-through drop-off locations for Houston residents to bring their **household hazardous waste** such as anti-freeze, batteries, fuel, oil, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, herbicides and household cleaners. **Residential electronic scrap** items will also be accepted (monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, scanners, fax machines, telephone handsets, VCRs, CPUs, cellular phones and other small consumer electronics). These items should not be placed on the curb with or in your container for collection with garbage or tree waste / junk waste pickup. Clean, white **styrofoam blocks** (plastic #6) are now accepted at the ESC- South location. Packing “peanuts” are not accepted.

**ESC-South  
 11500 South Post Oak**

Open Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
 and 2nd Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**ESC-North  
 5614 Neches, Building C**

Open 2nd Thursday of the month 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Free Reuse Chemical and Paint Take-Away**

Every Friday from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., household chemicals and paint that were brought to the Environmental Service Centers (ESC) for disposal, but appear to be in good condition are made available for citizens to reuse. Citizens may take away these items at no charge. A signed liability waiver will be required before removing materials from the site. There is a limit of six (6) chemical items and a cart load of paint per week. Take-away service is only available at the ESC-South location.

**ReStore**

(Craft Items, Books, Post-Consumer & Industrial Scrap)

The ReStore, which acts as a book swap, a recycling information library, as well as a repository for craft items and post-consumer and post-industrial scrap (useful for art projects), is now located at the ESC-South. Items can be dropped off at Westpark and the ESCs during normal service times. Items can be taken away from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. every Friday during the Reuse Chemical Take-Away.

## AUGUST IS JUNK WASTE MONTH

Source: City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department website ([www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org))



Heavy trash is routinely picked up for all of Garden Oaks on the **third Thursday of every month**. The city has been making additional pick-ups of storm debris since the severe flooding we experienced earlier this summer, but the temporary storm debris collection schedule has now ended. As we return to our regular heavy trash collection schedule, here is a reminder of what kinds of heavy trash are acceptable each month.

**Tree waste** is collected during **ODD**-numbered months.  
**Junk waste** is collected during **EVEN**-numbered months.

This method of collecting large waste comes with the benefits of diverting materials that can be recycled from landfills, saving landfill space and valuable tax dollars.

**Thursday, August 20th** is **Junk Waste Month** for all of Garden Oaks.



## Tree Waste/Junk Waste Collection Schedule

January	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste
December	Junk Waste

## Tree Waste vs. Junk Waste: What's the Difference?

**Tree waste** is defined as clean wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. **It does not include** lumber, furniture, or treated wood. Tree waste months are January, March, May, July, September, and November, i.e. the ODD months. Tree Waste can be put out in any month, but it will be recycled only if collected during the ODD months.

**Junk waste** includes items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky materials. Junk waste will NOT be picked up during a tree waste month. Junk waste months are February, April, June, August, October, and December, i.e. the EVEN months.

Tree waste and junk waste should be placed adjacent to the street (or curb, if you have one) between the hours of **6:00 p.m. the Friday before and 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day**. The city can issue fines if heavy trash is put out too early.

Residents who wish to dispose of tree or junk waste before their scheduled monthly collection may take it to one of the **Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers**. The closest one to Garden Oaks is:

**9003 North Main (just north of Crosstimbers)**

**Open Wednesday–Sunday**

**10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

*(Open 7 days a week during temporary disaster recovery schedule; during daylight savings, hours change to 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)*

This facility accepts junk waste, tree waste, and recyclables free of charge.

Residents may use this facility up to four times per month and must provide proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license or utility bill showing a Houston address.





## 2015 Constable Patrol Contributor Application & Contact Information

New Member or  Renewal

**Property Address :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone at this address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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: _____

**You may provide information for person(s) to contact in an emergency:**

Emergency Contact Information	Emergency Contact Information
Name: _____	Name: _____
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

### 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?***

- Yes! Please accept my additional gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the year (enclosed).

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

**or pay online at**

**[www.gardenoaks.org/constable](http://www.gardenoaks.org/constable)**



## 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.

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**Fill in Amount:**

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Red Oak (Patron Level) Household Membership    **\$75** (\$15 for Seniors)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Business Membership (Non-Voting Membership)    **\$50**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!



# AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Acronym Key</b> GOMM = Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School, 901 Sue Barnett GOMO = Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization GOPB = Garden Oaks Professional Building, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216						1 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
2	3	4 <b>Civic Club Meeting<sup>1</sup></b> 7PM @ GOMM	5	6	7	8 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
9	10	11 	12	13	14	15 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
16	17	18	19 <b>GOMO Meeting</b> 7PM @ GOPB	20 <b>Heavy Trash Pick-Up (Junk Waste)</b>	21	22 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield <b>GO Kids Back-to-School Bash</b> 5-8PM @ SPARK Park <sup>1</sup>
23	24 First Day of School (GOMM/HISD) 	25 	26	27	28	29 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
30	31	<sup>1</sup> Preceded by GOMO meeting beginning at 6:30PM. <sup>2</sup> Rick Englert SPARK Park, Sue Barnett @ 41st Street				



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**SEPT 1, 2015 AT 6:15 PM**  
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*A public conversation with the  
seven mayoral candidates,  
focusing on their vision for the  
City of Houston.*

*Moderated by Jonathan McElvy,  
publisher of The Leader newspaper.*

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6:15 - 6:45 pm Meet & Greet Reception

6:45 - 8:30 pm Forum

Open to the public, free of charge.

Register online at [theleadernews.com](http://theleadernews.com) or call 713-686-8494.

Childcare provided by the YMCA for attendees' children  
at least three years of age and potty-trained.

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*families growing together*

# **5th Annual GO Kids Back to School Bash**

Join us for a picnic in the park  
and lots of family fun!

**Saturday, August 22**

**5:00-8:00 p.m.**

**at the SPARK Park**

**Sue Barnett @ 41st Street**

Children of all ages welcome.

GO Kids will provide Raisin' Cane's and ice cream.

Visit our Big Tent and Facebook pages for more details.