

# Garden Oaks Gazette

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## THE WINE WALK IS HERE!

By Dian Austin, Wine Walk Chair

Yes, Garden Oaks' most fun event is set to take place this month. And, thanks to all the ticket purchasers, table hosts, and cash sponsors, we are expecting to net some \$25K for the constable program!

Shortly before press time, we sold our last tickets for the event. If you missed the boat but are interested in attending, consider a sponsorship! Sponsors are guaranteed tickets, even though we have sold out. See page 14 of this issue of the *Gazette* for our current list of sponsors and visit <a href="https://www.gardenoaks.org">www.gardenoaks.org</a> for information about sponsorship benefits and payment online.

We currently have 12 generous neighbor groups and area businesses to serve as table hosts, each providing a sample of a different wine.

**What:** Garden Oaks 7th Annual Wine Walk, sampling wines from the

"Old World Vines", celebrating European wines

**When:** Saturday, October 17 (rain date November 7) from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

**Where:** 744 West 43rd, the gorgeous backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba

**Why:** To mingle with your neighbors, have some fun, and most

importantly... Support the Constable Program!

**Note:** This is a private adults-only non-smoking gathering, and

attendees must be at least 21 years of age. No pets are allowed. There will be limited parking on W. 43rd, so please try to "walk the walk" and either walk or bike over for the event. If you park on neighboring streets, please be respectful of driveways,

property, etc., as you always are.

Please arrive no earlier than 4:00 p.m. (unless you are a table host and setting up your table). Low-heeled shoes are best to navigate

the flagstone pathways.

If you have purchased tickets, you should have received a confirmation email. (If you did not receive such, please email <a href="mailto:cavort2@gmail.com">cavort2@gmail.com</a> or call 713-691-6505.) Tickets/raffle tickets will be held in the purchaser's name at the check-in table.

Thanks to everyone for their support of the constable program!

# OCTOBER 2015

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **National Night Out**

Tuesday, October 6 (in lieu of October Civic Club Meeting; see page 7)

#### Wine Walk

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

#### **November Civic Club Meeting**

Tuesday, November 3 7:00 p.m. Garden Oaks Montessori 901 Sue Barnett



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#### PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE IN GAZETTE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

In an effort to allow our volunteer Gazette team adequate time to produce and deliver the Gazette before the 1st of each month, we are changing our deadline for submissions from the 15th to the 10th day of each month.



#### SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTA!

By Tina Sabuco

Those jingling bells are just around the corner – and here is your first reminder to save the date for "Gazebo Santa". Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting with families in Gazebo Park on **Tuesday, December 8th** and **Wednesday, December 9th** from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** 

Elves Georgia Lister, Terry Jeanes, and Tina Sabuco will be on hand once again this year to assist Santa in spreading Christmas cheer. These three busy elves will also be decorating Gazebo Park in late November for all Garden Oaksians and nearby neighbors to enjoy.

If you would like to become an elf and help with decorating or if you have any questions about the event, please contact Elf Tina at tina@artsaliveinc.com.

#### Garden Oaks Gazette

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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.

1010 Althea 906 Lamonte 963 Lamonte 1050 Lamonte 745 Sue Barnett 431 West 30th 507 West 30th 319 West 34th 332 West 34th 708 West 43rd



#### **Happy Birthday**

Dian Austin
Sue Schmidt
Julian S 10/5
Lisa Rentschler 10/7
Tina Sabuco 10/9
Michael Padon 10/12
Rita Donaldson 10/15
Pene Carter
Fritz I 10/25
Linda Reichle 10/25
Mark Saranie 10/25
Layne H 10/27
Jack Runge

#### **Happy Anniversary**

Debbie & Tony Padon 10/6
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Gig & Betsy Runge10/9
Jim & Sally McDaniel10/12
Holly & Matt Veech10/14
John & Tina Beddow10/21
Lori Kennedy & Joe Muscara10/23
Jayne & Mike Maltbie10/28

#### **Congratulations**

Joyous congratulations are in order for Eric and Jessica Jarvis on the finalization of their adoption of precious baby son **Jude**.

#### **Special Thoughts**

Condolences to Larry Broughton following the recent loss of his mother.

#### **Healing Wishes**

Best wishes to Sandy Altman for a speedy recovery from hand surgery.

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





Lynn Sievers spent some wonderful time in Italy.

**Out and About** 

Jason and Aitu Taube spent two weeks vacationing in Europe.

Ron and Sheree' Peoples visited Nashville and rendez-vous'ed with daughter D'yon.

A major celebration was held at the Reichles' as many friends and family members celebrated Rusty's birthday entering the next decade.

Blanche and Adelaide Leonard traveled to Santorini for the joyous occasion of daughter and sister Miranda's marriage to fiancé **Andrew Mitchell.** 

The **Kleins** and the **Acostas** enjoyed the Fayette County Fair and ZZ Top playing in La Grange.

Tina Sabuco was seen in the crowd at the Houston Arts Partners Conference.

Heartfelt sympathy for Carol Hazel and son Thomas with the passing of husband and father, Tom Hazel, in August.



#### MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM RECAP

Area residents attended the Mayoral Candidate Forum held September 1 at Grace Church Garden Oaks and hosted by the Garden Oaks Civic Club, Super Neighborhood #12 (Central Northwest), and *The Leader* newspaper. Attendees mingled with the candidates during a meet and greet before the forum. The question and answer session was moderated by Jonathan McElvy, publisher of *The Leader*.









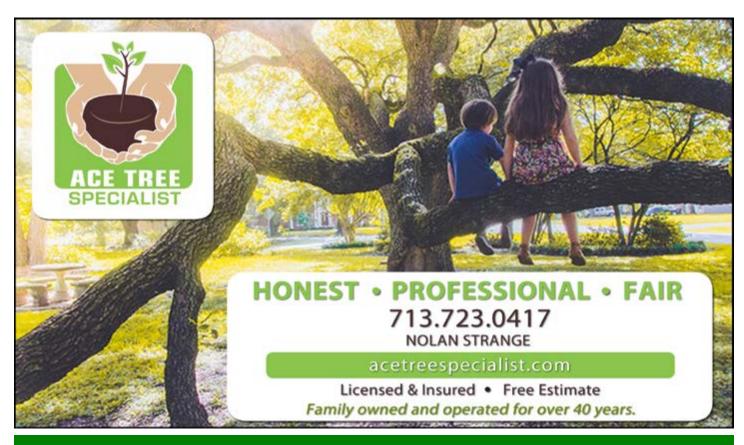


# **Child Care Offered at Civic Club Meetings**

The Civic Club is pleased to offer members an arrangement with the Joe and Harriet Foster Family YMCA to provide child care during civic club meetings. YMCA child care specialists, each trained in first aid and CPR, will care for your children from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (the usual duration of civic club meetings) in an area adjacent to the meeting location for a nominal charge of \$1.00 per child.

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#### **CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE**

By Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

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:

www.gardenoaks.org/constable

**Sign up for Precinct One Crime Alerts:** 

pct1constable.net/signup/crime-alerts

**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.

# **Emergency Numbers**



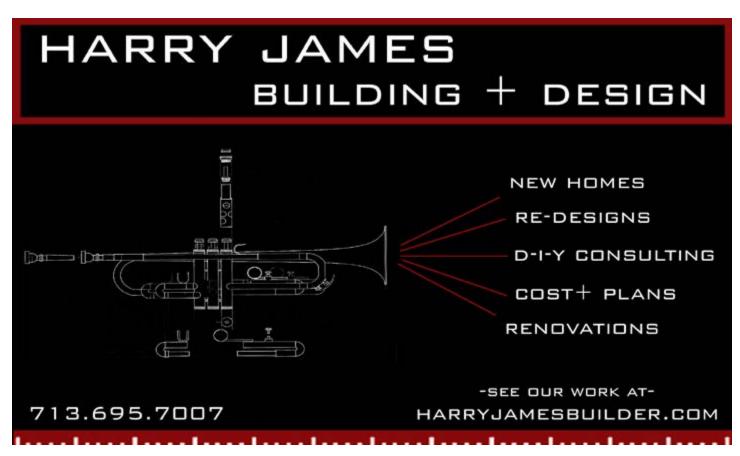
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#### CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE

By Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

A final reminder: If you're planning a **National Night Out** block party on Tuesday, October 6, please let Terry
Jeanes or me know so we can request an officer from
Harris County Constable Precinct One or Houston Police
Department to stop by your party.

#### **August Crime Statistics (13)**

#### Robbery (1)

3300 block of Lawrence on Friday, August 7 at 11:19 a.m. (residence-lawn crew).

700 block of North Loop West on Wednesday, August 12 at 3:14 a.m. (restaurant).

#### **Burglary (4)**

700 block of W. 42nd on Sunday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. (residence).

200 block of W. 31st on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. (garage).

300 block of W. 33rd on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:41 p.m. (residence).

2900 block of N. Shepherd on Saturday, August 22 at 10:24 p.m. (restaurant).

#### Theft (7)

800 block of W. 41st on Tuesday, August 18 at 12:28 p.m. (street).

500 block of W. 33rd on Wednesday, August 19 at 11:28 a.m. (garage).

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Thursday, August 20 at 1:00 p.m. (restaurant).

800 block of W. 32nd on Wednesday, August 26 at 10:15 a.m. (residence).

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Thursday, August 27 at 1:40 p.m. (bar).

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Thursday, August 27 at 1:50 p.m. (bar).

3000 block of N. Durham on Sunday, August 30 at 2:05 a.m. (unknown).

Inquiries about joining the Citizens' Patrol Program or other community safety issues can be directed to the website <u>GardenOaks.org</u>, the Citizens' Patrol email <u>GOCOP77018@aol.com</u>, or by phone at 713-864-1992.



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

# GOMO UPDATE & ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 21

The annual meeting of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) will be held at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 21**, at **Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School** located at **901 Sue Barnett Drive**. All Section 1, 2, 3, and 5 homeowners ("Members") are welcome to attend the business meeting. Election of several Directors and voting on disbursement of surplus funds are on the agenda. If you are interested in serving as a Director, please contact any of the current GOMO Directors listed here in the *Gazette* or on the GOMO web page: **GardenOaks.org/gomo**.

#### **Director Positions Open**

The following Director positions will be filled at the annual meeting; the current term of each will end October 31 and the new term of each will end in October of 2018:

#### Section 1

Mark Saranie is standing for re-election to the position he currently holds.

#### Section 2

The position currently held by Gale Gorman is open for election.

#### **Section 3**

Dea Larson is standing for re-election to the position she currently holds.

#### **Section 5**

The position currently held by David Garver is open for election.

To serve as a Director, a Member must satisfy the following requirements:

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must own property and live within the Garden Oaks Section corresponding to the position for which the Member is standing for election.
- All property owned in Garden Oaks by the Member must be in compliance with the Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions, excluding violations that existed before the Member's ownership thereof.
- If no Member residing in the Section stands for election, then a Member who owns property in that Section but lives in another Section may stand for election as a "Non-Section Director" whose term is one year.

#### **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.

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

#### **Surplus Funds**

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

GOMO currently supports two Constable Patrols in Garden Oaks as well as maintenance of neighborhood green spaces.

There is a single funding proposal for disbursal of surplus funds:

Proposal 1. To provide funds for continuing coverage by two constable patrols of Garden Oaks, 40 hours per week each, for the period January 1, 2016 until February 28, 2017. These two constable patrols are meant to supplement the current patrol already provided by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and Garden Oaks residents. Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization will pay for the service and the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be in charge of scheduling. Anticipated cost for renewal of the two constable patrols is \$160,000 for the year.

The disbursal proposal and Bylaw Amendments require a majority vote for approval at the October 21 meeting. Proxy ballots are being mailed to homeowners in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5. The mailing also includes additional information about the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization and its activities.

#### **Legal Changes Prompt Adoption of New Policies**

During its 2011, 2013, and 2015 sessions, the Texas Legislature made a number of changes to Homeowners Association (HOA) law. These changes have prompted the adoption of four new GOMO policies: Payment Plan (for unpaid Transfer Fees), Document Retention, Document Production & Copying, and Rainwater Recovery Systems.

#### **An Open Invitation to Our Meetings**

All GOMO Members are invited to attend our meetings. Democracy works best in an open environment – and that is as true at the neighborhood level as it is at the federal and state levels. There is no better way for the people of our community to see for themselves how we evaluate the building plans brought to us and how we reach consensus. GOMO is currently working to add more information to our website and building capability for email communication with members.

Attending a GOMO meeting is also the best way to get your questions answered. The GOMO Board is made up of 12 people and the Board doesn't have an "opinion" about a topic unless a majority of a quorum forms a consensus view. So, no one Board Member is able to tell you what GOMO "thinks" about an issue or idea until we have an opportunity to deliberate and form a collective opinion. The formation of GOMO policy and opinion takes place at 7:00 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at our business meeting held at the GOMO Office located in the Garden Oaks Professional Building at 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216. You are very welcome to attend, make suggestions, propose ideas, ask questions, clarify rumors, or simply observe the process.







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#### **MICKEY'S MINUTE**

By Mickey Morales

As I sit here in mid-September, there is a hint of fall in the air; my hand-held device says it's a comfortable 67 degrees outside with an expected high of 86. I hope this trend holds, because lots of good things will begin to happen. What most folks don't know is that those tomato plants that we babied throughout the summer, especially the larger varieties, won't set unless the temperature at night drops below 70 degrees. The hens like the milder weather as well and begin to produce more eggs.

By now, we should be planting fall and winter crops like Swiss chard, collards, kale, broccoli, radishes, beets, turnips, and cauliflower. But not to worry, your favorite summertime veggies such as long beans, basil, okra, and squash will be around until the first frost. Speaking of squash, Halloween is approaching which means it's pumpkin gathering time. When you're done with those pumpkins, please bring them by the market so we can share them with the goats and chickens. Because of the long and unusual fall, the winter and spring rains, and equipment breakdowns, Farmer Cathy has pumpkin vines growing everywhere, which has resulted in a bumper crop of squash blossoms that wound up on the menu of several fine restaurants.

# Local Farmers' Market

Every Saturday Rain or Shine 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 948 Wakefield

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Meanwhile, your neighborhood market should be fully repopulated with our usual group of vendors. We plan to hold our pop-up luncheon fundraiser soon and have some market t-shirts for the first time... so much to look forward to along with the cooler weather! We also will be featured in an article in the upcoming November/ December issue of the new *Edible Houston* magazine, written by our steadfast market supporter Jeremy Goodwin. Yes indeed, we are closing in on the completion of our fourth year, all due to your continued support. We thank ya'll very much!

As always, "Come soon, come often, and bring your pumpkins".





#### AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE FALL

By Mitch Weigand

#### **Ensuring a Comfortable Home for** the Fall and Winter Seasons

We have experienced an incredibly hot summer this year, and now it's a relatively "mild" 87 degrees outside as I write this column. We all know that summer will eventually ease into fall in Houston and things will cool off, the word "eventually" being the operative word in that statement.

However, no matter what the temperature is outside, it's easy to achieve the perfect indoor environment. The key is proper use and maintenance of your air conditioning system. Here's what to

#### 1. Schedule a Fall Check-Up

Before holiday guests arrive, have a routine maintenance check performed on your furnace. This check-up will ensure that all components are working properly, safely, and efficiently.

#### 2. Upgrade to Variable Speed Heating

Variable speed heating enhances your indoor comfort while using less energy. "Variable speed" refers to how a furnace's indoor blower motor operates. It allows your furnace to operate at an energy-efficient lower speed and, when necessary, a higher speed for increased warmth. With this smarter system, your furnace doesn't have to turn on and off as often which will save money, plus you won't experience uncomfortable drops or rises in temperature.

#### 3. Have a Programmable Thermostat Installed

With a programmable thermostat, you can pre-set temperatures to match your daily schedule, whether you're at home relaxing or away for the holidays. The newer thermostats have touchscreen controls which are easy to use and have some neat side benefits like informing you what the temperature is outside so you know how much (or little) to bundle up, and when it's time to change your A/C system's air filter.

#### **Halloween Safety Tips for Houston**

Halloween is a great night to spend with friends, neighbors, and family while having fun! These tips will help ensure a safe night too.

- Before your kids go out trick-ortreating, give them a healthful, filling meal so they won't munch on too much candy and wind up with an upset stomach.
- Children age thirteen and under should always have a parent or adult go with them while trick-or-treating. If your child wants to go out with friends, make sure an adult will still accompany them.
- Be careful when crossing the street. Look both ways and wait for cars to pass before proceeding.
- · Flashlights with fresh batteries are essential for safely navigating dark streets.
- Give your kids a curfew. Advise them to call if they're going to be late. Also, make sure you know which area and subdivision(s) they will be trick-or-treating in.

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For any questions about sponsorships, email Dian at cavort2@gmail.com or call 713-691-6505.









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#### THINK-PLAN-DO

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

THINK-PLAN-DO! That is our campus theme for the 2015-2016 school year. While it seems a simple concept to think and plan before you act, it is amazing how often we find ourselves operating with paradigms and habits that have become ingrained in our ways of thinking and doing. Thinking and planning before we act are skills and habits for success in personal and professional settings. They are key in setting priorities and goals such as budgeting, keeping agreements, participating in activities, and even deciding where you will spend your time. By aligning your mind with thoughts and habits that will serve as the foundation of your lifetime habits, Montessori education provides children with the opportunity to be empowered learners from an early age. At Garden Oaks, students in our Children's House (pre-kindergarten and kindergarten) classes learn to plan their work and maintain their working environment. They are guided in choosing work from the shelves and engaging in materials and exercises that are self-correcting. As children move through the Montessori levels of learning, they become more responsible for setting personal goals and planning their work schedules with the teacher each week.

While the Montessori learning environment is ideal for encouraging students to Think-Plan-Do, we also integrate the 7 Habits for Happy Kids or The Leader in Me in our classrooms, too. Using the tools of *The Leader in* Me (LiM), our students have created classroom mission statements as well as personal mission statements to support their mental habits and behaviors in order to focus on setting and achieving PIGS (pretty important goals) and WIGS (wildly important goals). Students set personal and academic goals in each subject area and track progress in their personal binders. By formalizing these goals, students are able to see their ideas become goals on paper and then make step-by-step plans to work to achieve their goals!

At home, you can THINK-PLAN-DO with your children (or loved ones of any age) through any of the following activities:

- Plan a month of meals at home and/or lunches to take to work or school. You can factor in the cost of meals and compare eating in vs. eating out.
- Plan your personal and household budgets by creating a plan of priorities and the ideal amount you would need to meet your obligations. Discuss the difference between wants and

- needs. Record your individual budgets and compare at regular checkpoints.
- Plan a health and fitness routine. Monitor your height/weight and checkpoints. What is your resting heart rate? How many hours of sleep should you be getting? Keep a journal to track your progress!
- Create your family and individual mission statements. Check out this Covey resource: <u>www.</u> <u>stephencovey.com/mission-</u> <u>statements.php.</u>
- Plan your family calendar and post it in your home. I personally find a whiteboard very helpful or a desk calendar that you can hang on the wall.

Thinking ahead with purpose, planning with intention, and doing what you have intended are keys to lifelong success. Instilling these habits into personal practice is part of our Montessori tenets which focus on maximizing the potential of every child in the context of an interconnected, global society! We offer tours every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m., so come visit and see our student leaders in action!







#### HISD MAGNET APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

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

Magnet information for the 2016-2017 school year is now available.

Magnet applications will go live online **October 1** and are due no later than **December 18**. This extends the application period by 4 weeks or more.

If you do not submit your child's application submitted by deadline, it will NOT be included in the lottery.

Magnet school tours will be offered every Thursday from October 8-December 10 (Garden Oaks Montessori extends this end-date to the first Thursday of April.)

Tours will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. for elementary and K-8 schools and at 1:00 p.m. for secondary schools. There will be three additional 1:00 p.m. sessions for elementary (excluding Garden Oaks and perhaps Wilson Montessori since the Montessori work period has usually ended by that time and children are in other rooms for ancillary activities, etc.)

Magnet application status notifications will be sent to parents March 24.

Parents will need to accept or decline their children's spots by April 8.

\*\*Garden Oaks Montessori encourages parents of zoned K-5 grade students who wish to enroll for the 2016-2017 school year to complete the online application. This will give us an idea of how many spots we have for our lottery for each grade level.

All Pre-K students are entered into the lottery regardless of zoned status.

6th-8th grade students are entered into the lottery regardless of zoned status as well, and must have current Montessori experience to be eligible for admission.

#### YOUR BABY HAS A BEARD: LEAD LIKE A PARENT AND PARENT LIKE A LEADER

By Jessica Modad

Parents are nurturing, compassionate, and supportive.

Leaders are focused, committed, and visionary.

How great would it be to build a bridge between your work and home life and achieve REAL work-life balance? By applying best practices from effective organizations, parents, and leaders, you can "Lead like a Parent and Parent like a Leader".

The following are three areas where it is easy to begin experimenting with this concept. Why not give it a go? Choose one area and play with how it feels and fits into your life.

#### **Culture**

Creating a desirable company culture ensures that team members stay active and engaged within the organization. The foundation is a clear and compelling vision statement. Does your family have a vision statement or guiding principle? Taking even the smallest amount of time to reimagine and clearly articulate vision can make huge in-roads to identifying your family's unique spin on life.

#### Communication

How does it feel to have a conversation and know that you have been heard and your feelings acknowledged? What about being able to complete a sentence without interruption, or having the confidence to suggest a creative way to solve a problem? Patience, compassion, and being supportive are all qualities we use (or aim to use) when communicating with a toddler or mentoring a teenager. What can you do to bring active listening and nurturing to your workplace?

#### **Planning**

Whether an enterprise of one or an organization of 100,000, we create, review and revise plans regularly so that effective outcomes are achieved. Both short- and long-term planning are essential to the success of any organization. In our family lives, shortterm planning can be as simple as weekly meal planning or organizing the activity schedule. Long-term planning could include setting financial goals for college funds, retirement, or home remodeling projects. Investing time in our families reaps short-term dividends and contributes to long-term gains.

Think of ways that you can bring the comfort of the dinner table to the conference table and see every member of your family as an important stakeholder. "Leading like a Parent and Parenting like a Leader" is about applying leadership principles everywhere, all the time, regardless of whether your baby has a bottle or a beard.





#### **BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE**

By Joanie Harmon, Committee Chair

It has been a "feast or famine" type of summer this year, beginning with six weeks of daily rain deluges followed by weeks of the hot and dry weather.

The corner of Durham and Loop 610 has been cleaned up so the sidewalk can again be walked upon, and the wild overgrowth at Randall Berm has been tidied up as well. The next few months should be quieting down, but look for some color to appear on The Boulevard.

P.S. Don't forget to put down some winterizing fertilizer for your grass this fall. Yes, It DOES make a difference to your lawn!

See you at the Wine Walk and Neighbors Night Out!



#### **OPEN GARDEN DAYS**

Not sure what to plant in your yard or have questions about your existing plants? Open Garden Days give you the perfect opportunity to talk with friendly and knowledgeable Master Gardeners and see planting solutions in person. Visitors can also learn about research trials, composting, cylinder/container gardening, rainwater harvesting, and greenhouse projects.

The Bear Creek demonstration gardens include raised vegetable beds, an herb garden, a butterfly garden, a fruit orchard, a meditation garden, and bog garden. Flower and perennial beds include Texas Superstars, All American Selections, border plants, roses, shade plants, daylilies, drought-tolerant varieties and more. All are selected to show area residents which plants perform well in our area.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension 3033 Bear Creek Drive Houston, Texas 77084 281-855-5600 http://harris.agrilife.org/hort

# GREEN THUMB LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Harris County Master Gardeners are pleased to offer the Green Thumb Gardening Series of lectures. These lectures are **free of charge** to residents of Harris County. Space is limited, so call to register at **281-855-5600**.

# Third Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Spring Branch Memorial Library 930 Corbindale Houston, Texas 77024

October 20 Propagation & Seed Saving

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educational activity\*\*

11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Self-guided tour of the gardens

**September 22** Indoor Gardening

**October 27** Propagation & Seed Saving

**November 24** Holiday Plant Care

\*Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more with one week notice. Call Will at 832-264-3466 for more information or email ogd.harrishort@gmail.com.

\*\*Educational activities are for children age 7 and older. Children under 7 may complete activity with a parent (no more than two children under 7 per adult, please).



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#### GO KIDS UPDATE

By Lindsey Gabriel, Coordinator

In September, the Leadership Team met to review the remaining events for 2015. It was wonderful to see some new faces at the GO

Kids open monthly meeting! If your family is new to the neighborhood, we welcome you to join our kid-focused group with age-based playgroups, new parent dinner drops, and a monthly Moms' Night Out as well as many other amazing activities.

October starts off with a group of GO Kids parents hosting a table at the Wine Walk to support the Garden Oaks Constable Program. If you're there, please stop by our table! If you're not attending, make sure to support this amazing program that helps keeps our neighborhood safe. Our constables do an excellent job and GO Kids is thankful for what they do every day.

October 24th is the Annual Halloween Bash – all the details will be posted on BigTent and the GO Kids Facebook group. We hope to see you there!

Also, keep your eye out for age-based playgroups now that the school year has begun!

# GO Kids Fall 2015 Events

Halloween Bash October 24th

Fall Movie Night November 13th Neighborhood Fun Run

November 7th

**Santa Night** December 1st

Check out our calendar of events and obtain additional event details at www.bigtent.com.

Interested in becoming a member? Please contact our Membership Coordinator, Diana Latta, at 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 the GO Kids Coordinator, Lindsey Gabriel at <u>lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com</u> or any member of the leadership team.



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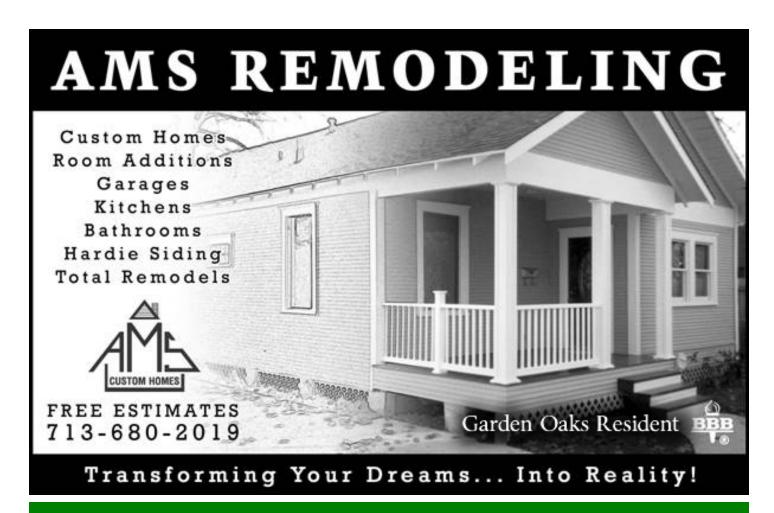
#### ROLLOUT! HOUSTON FREE MOBILE APP

Having trouble remembering when to roll out the recycling and trash bins? There is now an app for that.



Rollout! Houston was created from the City of Houston's third hackathon event, where coders, designers, storytellers, marketers, writers, artists, kids, and beginners create solutions to city problems or tools for residents.

The free app can be found on the iTunes app store by searching "Rollout! Houston".



# **OCTOBER 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
4	5	National Night Out	7	8	9	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
11	12	13	14	Heavy Trash Pick-Up (Junk Waste)	16	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield Wine Walk
18	19	20	GOMO Annual Meeting 7PM @ Garden Oaks Montessori School 901 Sue Barnett	22	23	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield GO Kids Halloween Bash
25	26	27	28	29	30	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield





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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 1st for the calendar year.

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