



GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB  
gardenoaks.org

**ATTENTION: Garden Oaks Residents, Surrounding Neighborhoods & Businesses**

## **ELEVATED HIGH-SPEED RAIL TOWN HALL MEETING**

Did you realize that one of the “preferred” routes being proposed for a high-speed rail is the BNSF railroad along 34<sup>th</sup> street? The same rail line adjacent to highly populated places where students and families congregate, such as Graham Park, Lutheran High North School, Harriet and Joe Foster Family YMCA sports fields, Waltrip High School, multiple baseball fields, and countless family homes.

The high-speed rail (*elevated 18 feet above the existing BNSF tracks and topped by another 18 feet of power lines*) is being proposed by the private Texas Central Railway to carry passengers between Houston and Dallas at 200 mph. There would be two elevated tracks with high-speed trains running every 30 minutes from 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are **accepting public comments through January 9, 2015**. The final public town hall meeting is being held just 4 days before the comment deadline:

### **Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council (CNSNC)**

Date: Monday, January 5, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Lutheran High North

1130 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, Texas 77018

All concerned area residents and business representatives are urged to attend this meeting. At the meeting, there will be sample comment points available that may be included in your comments to the Federal Railroad Administration and elected officials.

For additional information and to view a map showing the two proposed routes through Harris County, go to the following link: [dallashoustonhsr.com](http://dallashoustonhsr.com)



**2015 Constable Patrol Contributor Application & Contact Information**

[ ] New Member or [ ] Renewal

<b>Property Address :</b> _____ <b>Phone at this address:</b> _____
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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: _____

**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	<b>\$25</b> (\$5 for Seniors)
\$ _____	Red Oak (Patron Level) Household Membership	<b>\$75</b> (\$15 for Seniors)
\$ _____	Business Membership (Non-Voting Membership)	<b>\$50</b>
\$ _____	Contribution to Beautification (all neighborhood green spaces)	
\$ _____	Contribution to Garden Club (maintain Friendship Park, Section 1)	
\$ _____	<b>TOTAL</b>	

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!

# Pancake Breakfast

Sat FEB 7 at 8am

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WITH US!**



21st Annual Garden Oaks Montessori  
Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction

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# Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet

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## By the Numbers

**\$400,000** The annual funding gap between resources provided by local, state, and federal agencies and the actual cost to run Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet, an authentic Montessori public school program.

**\$10,000** The annual cost per child for the Pre-Kindergarten Age 3 (Pre-K3) educational program at Garden Oaks, none of which is covered by local, state, or federal funding. Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet covers tuition costs for approximately 25 students each year who cannot afford it as well as a dozen more in Pre-K4.

**\$8,000** The average cost for a teacher to earn a Montessori Certification (in addition to their Texas public school certification). Our school provides a few grants to cover this cost each year, but it is typically borne by the teachers themselves.

**900** Families applied for 70 open enrollment slots in 2015, an indication of the high demand for authentic Montessori instruction in our public schools, and the success of this program.

**100** Percent of our teachers are TEA and Gifted and Talented certified. Nearly all of them are Montessori certified or in the process of obtaining their certification. Seventy-five

percent of our teachers are certified as English as a Second Language (ESL) educators. Four of our teachers have their Masters degree, and two have earned Doctorate degrees.

**53** Percent of our students are classified as low-income for the purpose of child nutrition assistance.

**8th** Grade classes were added in 2014 making our school one of only two Pre-K – 8 Montessori programs in HISD, and one of only four in HISD to offer Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 classes.

**5** Of the most prestigious high schools in Houston (HSPVA, Carnegie Vanguard, East Early College High School, and the DeBakey High School for Health Professions) have enrolled our graduates.

**4** New classrooms were added in 2015 to accommodate students already in the school (not new students) at a cost of \$23,000 each.

**1** Person can make a difference. Your tax-deductible donation to Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet ensures that more children from all learning and socio-economic backgrounds will have the opportunity to benefit from a world-class learning environment right here in our neighborhood.



## Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet PTO 2015-2016 Donation Form

### Suggested Donation Levels

\$100- One GOMM supporter window decal and name listed on the supporter page of the GOMM website

\$250- Window decal, name on supporter page and free GOMM t-shirt

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GOMM PTO accepts cash or checks, or you can donate online via credit card or PayPal at <https://gopto.org/donate-2/>

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I am pleased to support the Garden Oaks Montessori Stuff the Bus Campaign for the 2015-2016 School Year

\_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_ \$5,000 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$50 \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

Your generous donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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