



# Garden Oaks Gazette

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club



## 2016 HOME & GARDEN TOUR MARCH HIGHLIGHTED HOME & GARDEN



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### 851 West 43rd

This “Century-Built” Home is one of four designed in Houston, with its name indicating how long concrete-block homes were expected to last. Designed by Houston architect Allen R. Williams, Jr. in 1942, this home is one of three still remaining. Its walls are made of hollow, lightweight concrete tiles, the slabs have grade beams and piers, the windows are metal, and the roofs are concrete panels insulated with fiberglass boards. Renovated in 2013 with homage to the original design, this mid-century home has a modern kitchen with state-of-the-art appliances and modern bathrooms filled with luxurious spa amenities.

### 737 Sue Barnett - Abigail's Garden

*Abigail's Garden* is a residential garden that became more personal when the homeowner began butterfly gardening in remembrance of her lost twin daughter, Abigail. The owner's background in wildlife and environmental sciences quickly led the butterfly garden to expand to wildscape gardening for all wildlife, with native and well-adapted plants. By providing year-round, adequate and varied food, water, shelter and space, *Abigail's Garden* attracts and supports an abundance of urban wildlife, all on a 1/3-acre lot. *Abigail's Garden* has been through a major overhaul this past winter to better provide for the wildlife, and allows visitors to see that a wildscape garden can be thoughtfully designed, planted and maintained in a residential setting.

## MARCH 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March Civic Club Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 1 • 7:00 p.m.  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett Drive

### 2016 Home and Garden Tour

- **VIP Preview, Party & Auction**  
Saturday, April 23  
5:30-10:30 p.m.
- **Tour Day**  
Sunday, April 24  
12:00-6:00 p.m.

Tickets for both events available online at [gardenoaks.org/hometour](http://gardenoaks.org/hometour)

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**NEW PUBLISHER WANTED FOR THE HOUSTON & HEIGHTS TRIBUNE**

After twenty-nine years of publishing and promoting positive press through *The Houston & Heights Tribune*, long-time Garden Oaks resident, **Sharon Lauder**, is selling her newspaper business and will focus on her real estate business. *The Houston & Heights Tribune* is the oldest monthly newspaper in the City of Houston. Sale price is \$95,000 or best offer. For more information, please visit [www.houstontribune.com](http://www.houstontribune.com) or call 713-206-0953.

Dear Neighbors,

The Garden Oaks *Gazette* needs your help! We are seeking a new editor and/or assistant editor, or help in any capacity.



Please contact **Sheila Briones** at the phone number or e-mail address listed below to discuss how you can get involved. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to spend some time helping to produce our monthly neighborhood newsletter.

Many Thanks!



*Are you zoned to Garden Oaks Montessori?*

Are you planning for your child (Kindergarten to 5th grade) to attend Garden Oaks Montessori next school year?

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We offer tours of our school each Thursday at 9:00 am, through April 7, 2016

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**Garden Oaks Gazette**

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**HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE**

By Terry Jeanes

**Welcome, New Neighbors!**

Congratulations on joining our community. We look forward to seeing you at a civic club meeting soon.

- 1050 Gardenia
- 1554 Sue Barnett
- 805 1/2 West 30th
- 503 West 33rd
- 404 West 34th
- 831 West 41st
- 835 West 41st
- 866 West 41st
- 737 West 42nd



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**Happy Birthday**

- Ollie H. .... 3/3
- Sydney N. .... 3/3
- Lori Kennedy .... 3/5
- Stephanie Acosta .... 3/6
- Lori Doran .... 3/6
- Jennifer Garza .... 3/7
- Taylor C. .... 3/8
- Dodie Davis .... 3/11
- Jeff Martin. .... 3/11
- George Appling .... 3/13
- Robb Bunge. .... 3/15
- Curtis Hall .... 3/15
- Angelica Sullivan .... 3/16
- Marshall H. .... 3/18
- Susan Kostelecky .... 3/26
- Sharron Sanborn .... 3/26
- Nathan S. .... 3/26
- Lindsey Bartlett. .... 3/27
- Olivia S. .... 3/29
- Will Zugheri .... 3/30

**Happy Anniversary**

- John & Nhika Murphy ..... 3/15
- Jeff & Gaylynn Martin ..... 3/21
- Mark & Susan Saranie ..... 3/24
- Sean & Caroline McLean ..... 3/27

**Out and About**

It was a huge birthday celebration for **Shellye Arnold**, thrown by **Tina Sabuco** at Smither Park and attended by many Garden Oaks neighbors and friends, sharing and celebrating "All Things Shellye".

KUDOS to all the volunteers for the Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast. What a fabulous event!

**Terry Jeanes** and **Patrick Kelley** enjoyed an anniversary mini-cruise to Cozumel.

**Missy Alwais** enjoyed a special Spurs game in San Antonio to celebrate her birthday.

**Sam Stengler** enjoyed some time in Carmine.

The **Salches** continued a family tradition of attending Mardi Gras Galveston festivities.

**Shellye Arnold, Tina Sabuco, Joe Crownover, Jennifer Langdon, and Jenny and Randy Odinet** enjoyed the Memorial Park Conservancy's Green Gala.

**Special Thoughts**

Special Thoughts for the family of **Ann Sledge** who passed away in January. Our heartfelt sympathy is with husband, **Ron**, and sons **Chad** and **Collin**.

Condolences to **John and Cindy Bartos** on the recent loss of John's father.

Special thoughts for the **McLean** family as well following the loss of their beloved pet Princess Lucy.

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

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**MARCH CIVIC CLUB SPEAKER:  
SUZANNE DEBIEN**

*By Sheila Briones, Civic Club President*

Suzanne Debien, president of Central City Air (CCA), will be speaking at the March 1 civic club meeting on the topic of "Is Your Home Healthy? How Do You Know?"

Suzanne has lived in Garden Oaks since 1973, began her real estate career in 1976, and eventually joined her late husband, David Debien, to run the air conditioning and heating company that he started in 1986. Suzanne is active in the Garden Oaks community and helps organize many events.

From the beginning, Central City Air has been on the forefront of revolutionary designs and installation. David loved to discuss his ideas about customized installations and the amazing results achieved from his proprietary designed evaporator coil with an adjustable expansion valve. He was a true

visionary in the air conditioning industry. Pairing David's technical instincts with Suzanne's business acumen and customer service focus, Central City Air grew to national renown. Suzanne and David worked to develop the company to what it is today. Suzanne spearheaded the customer service, marketing, and development of the company, and has taken great care to conserve David's principles for Central City Air's consistent quality service. Although he has passed away, Suzanne continues David's dedication to the advancement of the industry. CCA is committed to offering the public the best technical expertise and energy efficient design solutions for healthy air and uncompromised comfort.



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

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

**GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

*By Luke Sustr, Secretary*

February 2, 2016

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

**GOMM Bond Renovation:** GOMM Principal Dr. Lindsey Pollock introduced District I Trustee Anna Eastman of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) Board of Education, Senior Project Manager Spencer Wingate of Rice & Gardner Consultants, Architect Sam Swart of Hill Swart Chu Architects, and construction firm Balfour Beatty/B3Ci's Project Manager to present the design and discuss the construction process and timeline with community stakeholders from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

**Welcome:** Following the school renovation presentation, President Sheila Briones called the business portion of the civic club meeting to order at 7:56 p.m. and introduced the 2016 Secretary, Luke Sustr.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jerry Butler was not present at the meeting; however, hard copies of the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet were available to attendees.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2016 minutes as published in the *Gazette*, and the vote passed by a majority of civic club members present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** No report.

**Garden Oaks Citizens' Patrol:** No report.

**Gazette:** The February issue of the *Gazette* is available online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org). Hard copies will be delivered to Section Delivery Coordinators on February 3, 2016 for home delivery. No further report.

**Garden Oaks Website:** Webmaster Joe Muscara had no report.

**Beautification:** No report.

**Home Tour:** Brenda de Alba reported \$19,000 in sponsorships to date. The Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2016.

**Constable Program:** Program Chair Terry Jeanes introduced Garden Oaks Patrol Deputy Corey Greer who discussed a recent burglary in 3100 block of Lawrence Street in Section 1. Two suspects wearing ski masks kicked in the back door of the home and stole several items. The surrounding streets were blocked off and the suspects were later taken into custody. Officers were able to recover stolen items. Firearms were recovered the following day in a yard two blocks away from where the offense occurred. Officers are currently working to determine if the firearms belonged to the suspects.

Deputy Greer also reported that a postal worker was held up at gunpoint at the Garden Oaks Post Office on January 28 at approximately 11:30 a.m. with video evidence of the incident. The suspect has been identified and a reward offered by the U.S. Postal Service for information leading to his arrest. *[Editor's note: The suspect was arrested on Friday, February 5. See Citizens' Patrol Program Update on page 10 for more information.]*

**Ad Hoc In-Line Storm Water Detention Project Committee:**

Committee member Mark Klein reported that construction of the Garden Oaks/Shepherd Park Plaza storm water project along Alba Road will begin in Garden Oaks this year. There are three phases to this project; phase three designs for Sue Barnett have not begun. Civic Club members asked if there would be sidewalks constructed on Sue Barnett around the school. Mr. Klein responded that because Sue Barnett serves a school that sidewalks should become part of the project. He reiterated that the City wants sidewalks for all of its street rebuild projects, but that the Garden Oaks community voted not to have sidewalks along Alba and Golf.

**Government Affairs Standing Committee:**

Committee Chair Mark Klein reported that the City of Houston is rapidly repairing street potholes and urges all residents to download the city's 3-1-1 application to our smartphones in order to send snapshot reports of potholes we encounter. The city has committed to rectifying reported potholes within 48 hours of being reported. Mr. Klein also reported that the city is considering a "texting while driving" ordinance.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

President Briones announced the next regular meeting scheduled Tuesday, March 1, 2016 with Suzanne Debien, President and CEO of Central City Air, as the featured speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with 31 members in attendance.

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MARKET ANALYSIS

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

### Construction Plans Approved

738 West 43rd

### Review Pending

332 West 34th

### Pending Resubmission

531 West 32nd

### Reported Violation Follow-Up

Determined not to be a violation:	2
Legal opinion(s) requested regarding possible violation(s):	1
Informal contact with owner pending:	1
Awaiting owner response to first letter:	1
Owner has agreed to remove the violation:	1
Owner has removed the violation:	1
Second Letter:	0
Litigation begun:	0

GOMO funded two shifts of the Constable Program for the month at a cost of \$12,794.

An election for a Section 5 director is scheduled for the April 20, 2016 business meeting at 7:00 p.m. The director's term will run through October 31, 2018. Members wishing to stand for this position should contact any of the GOMO directors listed in the *Gazette* or on the GOMO web page.

The requirements for the position are:

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must own property and live within Garden Oaks Section 5. 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.
- Must sign a statement attesting to meeting the requirements above.

The GOMO website has been updated this month to include:

- Quarterly fiscal year financials (Balance Sheet and P&L)
- Guidelines regarding appraised values and calculating the transfer fee
- A request form where members can ask questions and request a time to address the Board

Garden Oaks is a deed-restricted community of 1400 homes. The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is entrusted by homeowners and property owners (members) of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 to ensure compliance with deed restrictions. The directors of GOMO are member-elected volunteers.

GOMO news, director and office contact information, and meeting times and locations are published monthly in the Garden Oaks *Gazette*, delivered by volunteers to all homes in Garden Oaks.



At our website, [gardenoaks.org/gomo](http://gardenoaks.org/gomo), homeowners can find: Deed Restrictions, Plan Approval information, GOMO Bylaws, Policies, Financials, Transfer Fee information, meeting times and locations, information about election of directors and officers, and contact information for all officers and section directors. The minutes of GOMO meetings are available on request and homeowners are invited to attend our meetings.

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## GOMO Review Meetings

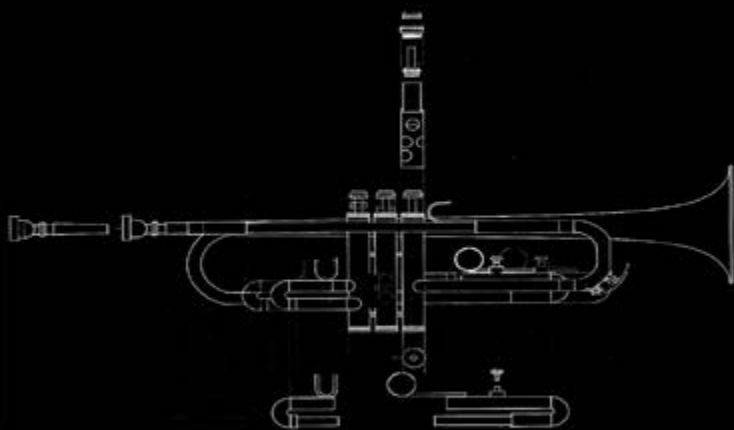
take place at 6:30 p.m. prior to Civic Club meetings on the first Tuesday and at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

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.

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**CITIZENS' PATROL UPDATE**

*By Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair*

From the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas:

**Houston Man Charged in Garden Oaks Post Office Robbery**

*A 40-year-old man has been arrested following the filing of a criminal complaint alleging he robbed a post office and brandished a firearm during a crime of violence, according to U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson.*

*Joe Robert Martinez, of Houston, was taken into custody Friday, [February 5] and expected to make his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Johnson [on Monday, February 8].*

*Martinez is charged with robbing the post office in Garden Oaks, located at 3816 North Shepherd in Houston on Jan. 28, 2016. The criminal complaint alleges he entered the post office and inquired about tracking a package. He then exited the building, but soon returned with a gun and allegedly*

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**713-755-7628**

All Other City Services **311**

*demanded the clerk open the cash drawer and give him money. He ordered her to her knees, then he left with the currency, according to the allegations.*

*If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison for the robbery in addition to mandatory minimum of seven years for the firearms charge.*

*The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in cooperation with the Houston Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joe Porto and Heather Winter are prosecuting the case.*

**January Crime Statistics (6)**

**Burglary (3)**

1400 block of Sue Barnett on Thursday, January 14 at 10:22 a.m.

200 block of W. 31st on Sunday, January 17 at 8:27 a.m.

3100 block of Lawrence on Monday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m.

**Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2)**

800 block of W. 41st on Monday, January 11 at 7:44 a.m.

600 block of W. 34th on Thursday, January 14 at 10:36 a.m.

*Inquiries about joining the Citizens' Patrol Program or other community safety issues may be directed to me via the neighborhood website [GardenOaks.org](http://GardenOaks.org), the Citizens' Patrol email [gocop77018@aol.com](mailto:gocop77018@aol.com) or by phone at 713-864-1992.*

## AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE SPRING

By Mitch Weigand

### The 50% Rule Regarding A/C Replacement Plus American Standard Ranks #1

While enjoying the wonderful springtime weather, we can almost forget we live in Houston. Yeah almost. No one is thinking about their A/C system because who needs it now? However, it's virtually impossible to ignore in summer when indoor temperatures hover around 90 degrees with 90% humidity because your system isn't working. What do you do?

You call your A/C service technician to come out and inspect it. He's got good news and bad news. The good news is your home can be back to 75 degrees by tonight but the bad news is that the repair is going to be very expensive, around \$3,500. Should you repair or replace? How do you make an informed decision?

#### Let's Examine the 50% Rule

When the cost of repair nears 50% of the replacement value of your

A/C system, it's time to replace it. In Houston, the average life expectancy of an A/C system is 10-12 years. If your system is nearing the end of its productive life, you need to weigh the repair cost against the genuine possibility that additional repairs may be needed or even a complete replacement.

Fixing a decade-old A/C system is like putting a new \$3,500 transmission into a 10-year-old car that has over 400,000 miles on it. Yes, you now have a car that works but it is still 10 years old with over 400,000 miles on the odometer. It's just not worth it.

#### New equipment equals improved efficiency

An A/C system that's approaching the end of its life expectancy will be much less energy efficient than today's new equipment. Typically, a 10-year-old system will have an 6-10 SEER\*. Compare that to a new system whose SEER can be as high as 20.

Also, keep in mind the savings on your monthly energy bills. Consider the energy consumption of your old unit versus a new one and the potential savings over its lifetime. If

your old A/C system has a 10 SEER, a brand-new system with a 15 SEER can save you 47% every month in energy bills. It's time to get it replaced.

#### American Standard ranks #1

In the February 2016 special edition issue of Consumer Reports which focuses on home improvement, American Standard (my favorite brand and the only one I install) ranks #1. The consumer advocacy organization based this ranking on an extensive customer survey which showed American Standard needed the fewest repairs overall. This impressive ranking applies to the company's residential air conditioning systems, heat pumps and furnaces.

\*SEER: Stands for Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio. A rating that denotes the efficiency of air conditioning equipment. It is the amount of cooling your equipment delivers for every dollar spent on electricity. The higher the SEER, the more efficient the unit and the lower the operating cost.

*Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™.*



## Garden Oaks 2016 Home & Garden Tour

### 2016 HOME & GARDEN TOUR SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

By Brenda de Alba

Continued thanks and appreciation to the generous sponsors who have stepped forward to help underwrite this year's home and garden tour! The tour only happens every two years and would be unsustainable without the support of our sponsors. If you live in Garden Oaks and are a business owner, I hope you will consider supporting our neighborhood through a tour sponsorship. Sponsorships begin as low as \$250. If you've been meaning to contact us, please don't delay as our printing deadlines for posters, t-shirts, and tour tickets is MARCH 15th! A sponsorship form is included one last time in this month's Gazette.

Eleven additional tour sponsors have committed since our last report:

#### Platinum Sponsor (\$3000+)

- **Katy Hall Wyly - John Daugherty Realtors** has stepped forward as a new Platinum sponsor this year.

#### Gold Sponsors (\$1000)

- **The Reyna Realty Group** is a new Gold sponsor this year.

#### Silver Sponsors (\$500)

- **Facundo Artisan Builders** is a returning sponsor for their sixth tour.
- **Jason Cothren with Blackbird+Cothren**, a Houston design and build firm specializing in modern landscapes and interiors, has also stepped forward as a new sponsor this year.
- **Stewart Title** is a brand-new sponsor this year.
- **Wyly and Cook, LLP**, insurance and injury attorneys, are also new sponsors this year.

#### Bronze Sponsors (\$250)

- **Jennifer Klein, AATB Pilates and Jennifer Klein Physical Therapy**, is another returning sponsor and this is her third tour sponsorship.
- **Northwest Chiropractic Center and Dr. George Junkin** have also stepped forward as new sponsors this year.
- **Peggy Smith, Realtor** is another new sponsor this year.
- **Richmonds Air Heating & Air Conditioning** has agreed to be another new sponsor this year.
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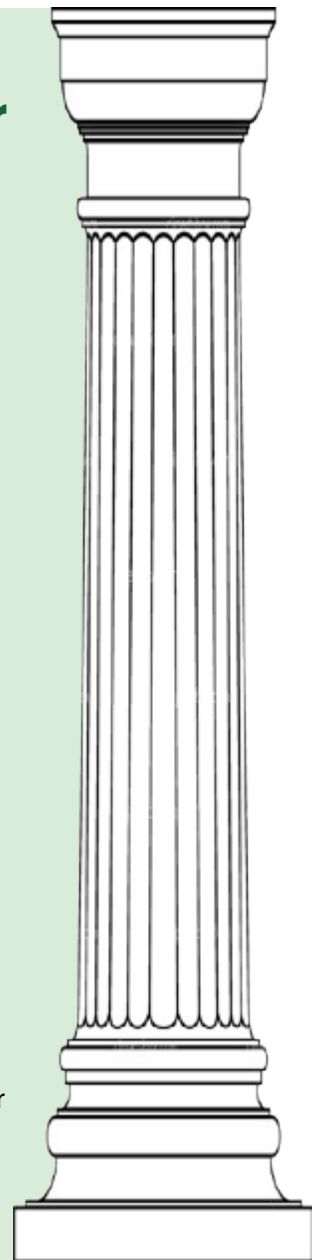
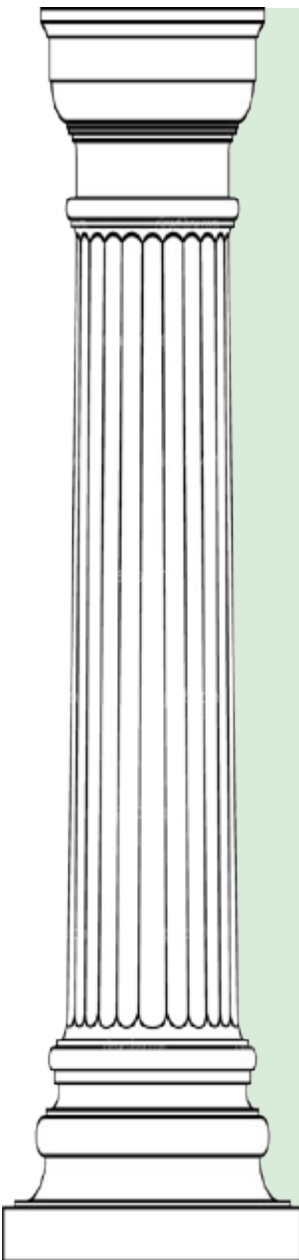
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### 2016 HOME AND GARDEN TOUR AUCTION UPDATE

By Heidi Lozano and Salma Turrubiarres, Auction Committee Co-Chairs

The Auction Acquisition Team is hard at work securing amazing donations for the Silent and Live Auctions at the VIP Tour, Dinner & Auction on Saturday, April 23. We have a great variety of vacation rentals in Rockport, Caddo Lake, and the Frio River. There are also health and wellness packages, photography packages, tickets to various events and restaurant certificates. We're working on adding more adventures and experiences. If you'd like to donate, please complete and submit the donor form available in this month's *Gazette* or online at:

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This year we'll be using the Greater Giving software with mobile bidding via smart phone or iPads provided on site. This software is also used during the Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast Silent Auction. If you are already registered in the system, all you need to do is check in at the event. If you need to pre-register please send contact information to [GOHT.Auction2016@gmail.com](mailto:GOHT.Auction2016@gmail.com) or text to 281-734-7693 with name, cell number and address.

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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**  
*By Terry Jeanes*



The first annual Soar Like An Eagle Scholarship for graduating seniors who have attended Garden Oaks Elementary/Montessori Magnet for a minimum of 3 years will be awarded this May at the annual Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce Education Luncheon. Applicants (or those who know of someone who may wish to apply), please email Terry Jeanes at [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).

Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to the Greater Heights Community Fund, the community service arm of the Greater Heights Area Chamber of Commerce, as GOMM and many of its business partners are members.

Stay tuned for more information on a Soar Like an Eagle Scholarship Facebook page and email address, as well as an online donation link to the Heights Community Fund.

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**MICKEY'S MINUTE***By Mickey Morales*

Baby goats, baby goats, baby goats! By the time this post reaches y'all, Farmer Cathy should be covered up with kids, which means as soon as they're able to be away from their mommies for a bit, we should have a few weeks of our signature petting zoo. We will keep you posted on our Facebook page when those dates will occur. We should also have piglets born toward the end of March, so sometime in April we can repeat the process all over again and be able to get a firm count on my pig share numbers available. I'll put out a sign up sheet a week or so after the babies arrive, so y'all can let me know if you want a half or whole finished hog later this spring.

In other news, because I need one more thing to do, I have started doing Steak Night duties at Sassafras on Monday evenings from 6:00-10:00 p.m. I'm doing my best to incorporate local products in the sides menu and still hit a price point that's affordable, so please come and allow me to cook your dinner while you have an adult beverage from the bar. Sassafras is located on the north side of Pinemont (heading west toward Antoine) just before the railroad tracks.

I also received good news yesterday that we will have Farmstand t-shirts available soon with clever slogans on them. By wearing one, you can let everyone know you are a proud member of the non-barcode society that votes with their dollars to support local, sustainable, small, honest farmers and ranchers.

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The Farmstand itself seems to be churning along nicely. We have added fresh bread and pastries from Angela's Oven, and Karen should be back soon following her broken wrist debacle, as well as Jacob with his plant starts for your spring and summer garden.

As always, "Come soon, come often and wear your new spiffy t-shirt".

**GO KIDS UPDATE**

By Jaime Cain-Mireles

The 1st Annual GO Kids Mardi Gras parade at Graham Park kicked off events for 2016 - everyone had a fun time! The bikes, wagons, scooters and strollers were impressively decorated. It was great to see new faces and meet new families. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out to make this event happen. We look forward to this event next year!

Save the date for the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by the Zugheri Family on **Saturday, March 26** at the GOMM Spark Park.

There are a few positions available on the leadership team. If you are interested in a position or helping out in any capacity, please contact **Lindsey Gabriel**, GO Kids Coordinator, at [lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com).

**GO Kids Dinner Drops**

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

**Interested in becoming a member?**

We welcome families to join our kid-focused group with annual events, age-based play groups, new parent dinner drops, and a monthly Moms' Night Out as well as many other activities throughout the year. Please contact our Membership Coordinator, **Diana Latta** at [latta\\_diana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:latta_diana@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

Check out our calendar of events and obtain additional event details at [www.bigtent.com](http://www.bigtent.com).



*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 [lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com) or any member of the leadership team.*

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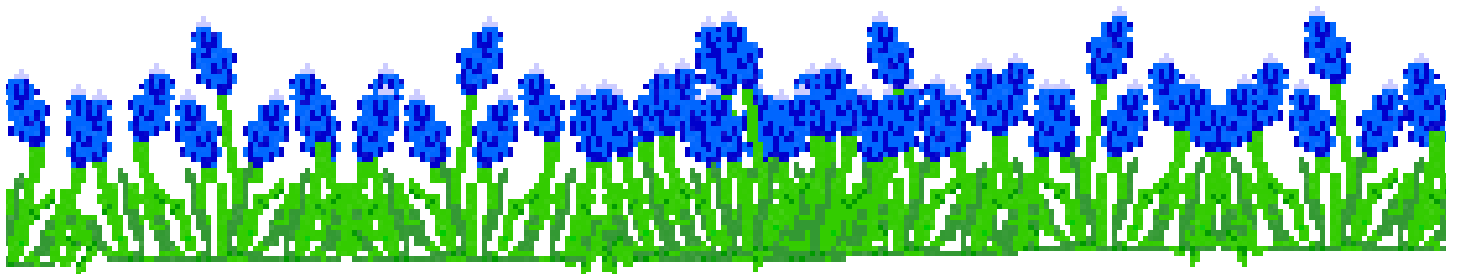
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## HABITAT GARDENING TIPS

By Kim Ellis

Well, Punxsutawney Phil says that spring will come early this year, and weather gurus say that our last frost in Houston should have been back in mid-February, so everyone should be getting excited about getting out in the garden. One of my favorite parts of early spring is finding the dormant plants that are popping up in the garden. March is that transitional month where we play the game of too cold and just right for throwing out seeds, transplanting, fertilizing and watering. March is also the start of WEEDING season, so start doing your stretches.

Any of the rainy, chilly rodeo weather days can be spent finishing up planning your garden layout and visiting your local garden centers to see what's coming in from the growers. When planning, think about the plants you want to put in the same areas, and make sure they have the same water and sun requirements. It's helpful to keep a garden journal, reminding you of what plants did good and where. If you feel that Phil might have gotten it wrong, spend the first part of the month prepping your beds for seeds and transplants, with a nice layer of organic compost around the yard and in beds to feed your new garden additions as well as your established plants. It's also a great time to have your sprinkler system audited, and to switch your flower bed zones to drip irrigation.

In the garden, your fall planted annuals will really start to put on a show. If you need an instant pop of color in the garden to welcome spring, buy some snapdragons, violets or dianthus to get you through early May when the perennials will take the lead. Deadheading the spent flowers will help them look prim and proper. You can continue dividing and transplanting established ornamental grasses, fall blooming bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees, but finish up quickly to eliminate the need for more pampering if done

after the heat picks up. Most bare root roses should be in the garden by now, but if you still have one to plant, get it in ASAP. You'll need to prune all established roses as soon as possible, as late pruning equals late blooming. If you're feeling lucky, direct seed warm season perennials, veggies, and herbs, but cover if temps fall into the mid 30s or below. March is the last ideal month to plant a new tree, before temperatures rise. You can also plant vines, groundcover, ornamental grasses, and herbs. It looks great to mix your vegetables and herbs into your garden beds. Established shrubs, perennials and herbs can be pruned to encourage fuller growth unless frost damage has occurred, and then wait for new growth to show before trimming. For lawns you can lay sod, but don't seed until April. Mulching will help prevent weed seeds from germinating, but you may need to pull the weeds if they are in your lawn.

With temperatures still being mild, you should only need to water newly transplanted plants, seedlings or plants showing stress from low water.

For the wildlife, it is still most important to provide a safe and clean water source. Herbs are a great way to attract many of the swallowtail butterflies. Bronze fennel, dill, parsley and carrot tops are host plants for the swallowtails, where you can watch the entire life cycle from egg to emerged butterfly.

### Sustainable Gardening Tips for March

- start a compost pile in your yard with fallen leaves, newspaper and scrap veggies from your kitchen
- use that compost as a natural fertilizer to amend your soils
- mulch your beds for weed control and better water retention
- learn about native and well adapted plants in our area, and strive to replace an exotic/ invasive plant in your yard with their native alternative
- clean bird feeders and water sources often



### Plant of the Month: Texas Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*)

This Texas lupine has light-green, velvety, leaves, usually with five leaflets. They can grow up to about 2' and are topped with clusters of up to 50 fragrant, blue, pea-like flowers. The tip of the cluster is conspicuously white. They require low water and full sun. There are six *Lupinus* species which are the official state flower of Texas.

It is used by bees, and is the larval host plant for the Hairstreak butterfly and Elfin butterfly.

The best time to throw bluebonnet seeds out in the garden is in early winter, but many growers and nurseries are now carrying bluebonnets that we can put directly into our yards as 4" plants. Look for them at your local neighborhood nursery. If you leave these plants in your garden beds, the seeds will drop and more bluebonnets will grow next spring for you. You can also find seeds for white, pink, and Aggie Maroon bluebonnets.

Sources: *Month-By-Month Gardening Texas* by Skip Richter, Doug Welsh's *Texas Garden Almanac* and The Wildflower Center of Texas

**GARDEN CLUB UPDATE**

By Cathy Wahren,  
GO Garden Club President

Our February speakers were a real treat! Club member Madelyn Browder organized a last-minute change through her contacts at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, where she volunteers. Mark Belcher, who works there in IT, is an avid beekeeper. He brought all the equipment needed for a PowerPoint presentation, plus various items for show and tell. There was a surprise, though, in that the "lady that works upstairs," per Madelyn's introduction, and who served as the main spokesperson--turned out to be none other than Dr. Nancy Grieg, the Director of the Cockrell Butterfly Center! She also keeps bees. Their presentation was wonderfully done with big, bright colorful imagery, and provided vast amounts of information (in layman's terms, thankfully) with warmth, wit, and an opportunity for brief questions



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on the fly. From the feedback I've received so far, it appears everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The Garden Club is considering a visit to the Butterfly Center for either our spring or fall field trip. In the meantime, we have scheduled a **Work Day** at Friendship Park on Lawrence for **Saturday, March 12** from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., to spruce things up in anticipation of the 2016 Home and Garden Tour. Many hands

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## TOAD ABODES

*(Information compiled from internet sources)*

Unfortunately, toads often receive a bad rap. They are frequently considered ugly and avoided due to the myth that toads can transmit warts.

There are many species of toads that live across the world in almost every habitat imaginable, devouring insects like plump, bottomless pits. A toad's diet is comprised of animals considered by many to be pests, such as slugs, mosquitoes, roaches, ants, etc. One adult toad can eat as many as 10,000 insect pests during the summer months. Even the tadpoles that develop from eggs laid by female toads in water feed on countless mosquito larvae.

You can entice these "round-the-clock" insect terminators to work in your backyard by making a toad abode. They are easy to build and a fun project to do with children. Half-bury a large flowerpot on its side in a shady spot or, take the same pot, drill holes at the rim in the shape of a door, tap gently with a hammer to remove the chip, invert, and decorate to your heart's content (nontoxic paints, please). Another option is to arrange flat rocks with a toad-sized space underneath.

The best location for your toad abode is an area of damp dirt usually covered by shade during the day. Areas that are frequently watered by sprinklers, near gutter downspouts, or dripping drains on air conditioning units will work great. The moisture and shade will create a nice environment for your new neighbor, and the toad will use the dirt to customize its own bed.

After you have placed the toad abode in your yard, with a little extra care, you can transform your abode into a castle fit for a king. The first step is adding leaf litter to the inside of the abode. This will give the toad something to hide under when temperatures become too hot during the day. Next, take a shallow saucer (at least 6 inches across and 2 inches deep) with gently sloping sides, push it firmly into the dirt until the sides of the saucer are covered, and fill it with water. Now your toad abode has its very own wading pool! This will be a fine place for your abode's future resident to soak. Just be sure to keep the bowl clean, and filled with water during the spring, summer, and fall.

Now that you have placed the toad abode in your yard, try not to move it too much. You may spook any toads interested in making the abode their home. You will also want to avoid toxic chemicals that are occasionally



sprayed on lawns. Toads, like all other amphibians, have very porous skin, and such chemicals can cause harm. If you are fortunate enough to have one of these little insect-eaters make your toad abode its own, your time spent outdoors will be more enjoyable, with fewer pesky insects and the relaxing and amusing sounds of your amphibian friend!



## THE HEALING POWERS OF BONE BROTH

By Erin Palmer, CNHP

Bone broth is a traditional healing food that has been used for hundreds of years for its many medicinal purposes.

Here are some of the many benefits of bone broth:

- Bone broth contains valuable minerals in a form your body can easily absorb and use, including calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, silicon, sulfur chondroitin, glucosamine, and a variety of trace minerals.
- The gelatin found in bone broth is a hydrophilic colloid. It attracts and holds liquids, including digestive juices, thereby supporting proper digestion.
- Bone broth also inhibits infection caused by cold and flu viruses.
- It fights inflammation, courtesy of anti-inflammatory amino acids such as arginine, glycine and proline.
- It reduces joint pain and inflammation due to the chondroitin sulphates, glucosamine, and other compounds extracted from the boiled-down cartilage.
- It promotes strong, healthy bones: bone broth contains high amounts of calcium, magnesium, and other nutrients that play an important role in healthy bone formation.
- Bone broth promotes healthy hair and nail growth, thanks to the gelatin in the broth.
- Making your own bone broth is very cost effective and easy, as you can make use of leftover carcass bones that would otherwise be thrown away.

Medical scientists have long known that your overall health is dependent on the health of your intestinal tract. Many of our modern diseases are rooted in an unbalanced mix of microorganisms in your digestive system, courtesy of an inappropriate and unbalanced diet that is too high in sugars and too low in healthful fats and beneficial bacteria.

Broth plays an important role in healing as it is easily digestible, helps heal the lining of your gut, and contains valuable nutrients. Abnormalities within the immune system are common when a person's diet is not healthy and such immune abnormalities can then allow for the development of virtually any degenerative disease.

Making Your Own Broth:

It is very quick and easy to make your own bone broth at home. It needs to be homemade or come from a health food store or restaurant that makes its own bone broth. Prepackaged broth is not the same and does not hold any of the above-mentioned health benefits.

There are a couple of ways that you can make your broth depending on how much time you have to put into it.

Bare Bones Fast Recipe:

- 12 chicken breast bones, 1-2 whole chicken carcasses, or 2 pounds of beef bones (make sure all bones are from grass-fed or pasture-raised animals)
- 1 gallon of pure water
- 1 inch of raw ginger root
- 2 tablespoons raw apple cider vinegar

Place all ingredients in a crock pot or stock pot and cook on high for 12 hours, low for 6-12 hours. The longer it cooks the more nutrients are extracted. Let it cool and remove all of the bones. Strain the broth through a cheese cloth and store the liquid in the fridge or freezer. This will make about 3 quarts. I put it in mason jars and put 2 in the fridge and one in the freezer. Use at least 1 cup a day in cooking or just warm to drink.

*Erin Palmer, CNHP has been working in the health, nutrition & fitness field for over 7 years. To learn more and/or to request a free consultation, visit [www.erinpalmercnhp.com](http://www.erinpalmercnhp.com) or email [erin@erinthebeast.com](mailto:erin@erinthebeast.com). CrossFitters: be sure to check out [www.erinthebeast.com](http://www.erinthebeast.com).*



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**GO FOR CHANGE**

*By Susan Kostelecky*

A group comprised of concerned Garden Oaks homeowners, GO for Change, has been formed to learn more about recent legal proceedings between the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) and certain homeowners, and their bearing on GOMO's authority to enforce deed restrictions going forward. Our group aims to request greater transparency from GOMO and its assurance of compliance with and equitable enforcement of deed restrictions by GOMO in the future. We also seek to explore the possibility of clarifying and enhancing the deed restrictions to better reflect current standards, and advocate for the use of GOMO funds for this purpose.

Please join our newly-created Facebook page "GO FOR CHANGE" and plan to attend our upcoming informational meeting (details forthcoming on our Facebook page and on signs to be posted in the neighborhood). Should you need to contact us directly, our e-mail address is [gochange@outlook.com](mailto:gochange@outlook.com).



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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT**

**January – December 2016**

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.

**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)
\$ _____	Community Household Membership (includes 2 tickets to the 2016 Home/Garden Tour)	<b>\$100</b>
\$ _____	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!

## *Gazette* Advertising Rates/Sizes/Submission Guidelines

Size	Single	Six Months	Twelve Months
2 1/4 W x 2 3/8 H	\$60.00	\$300.00	\$580.00
2 1/4 W x 4 1/4 H	\$90.00	\$450.00	\$870.00
Half Page 7 1/2 W X 4 1/2 H	\$110.00	\$550.00	\$1065.00
Full Page 7 1/2 W x 9 1/2 H	\$180.00	\$900.00	\$1745.00
Half Page Back Cover	\$150.00	\$750.00	
Full Page Back Cover	\$225.00	\$1125.00	
Full-page insert, single-sided	\$280.00		
Full-page insert, double-sided	\$325.00		

**Please note:**

1. Placement of ads is subject to the discretion of the editor.
2. Artwork must be e-mailed to [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org) by the 10th of each month for publication the following month.
3. Artwork may be submitted in one of the following formats: **JPEG** (.jpg), **PDF** (.pdf), **GIF** (.gif) or **TIF** (.tif).

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**Tell them you saw  
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**GARDEN OAKS OUTREACH**




A color version of the *Gazette* is published each month on the Garden Oaks website [www.gardenoaks.org/involvement/gazette.html](http://www.gardenoaks.org/involvement/gazette.html).

Classified Ads are \$20 per run for residents, and are for personal services only, e.g. help wanted, items for sale, infant care needed, etc.

**Please remember to pay  
Civic Club and Constable Program  
Dues for 2016.**

**Pay online at  
[gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org)  
or complete the enclosed forms.**

# MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Civic Club Meeting <sup>1</sup> 7PM @ GOMM	2	3	4	5 Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
6	7	8 	9	10	11	12 GO Garden Club Work Day 9AM-12PM Friendship Park Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
13	14 Spring Break (GOMM/HISD/St.Rose)	15	16 GOMO Meeting 7PM @ GOPB	17 Heavy Trash Pick-Up (Tree Waste)  St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26 Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield GO Egg Hunt 3PM @ GOMM SPARK Park
27	28	29	30	31	<sup>1</sup> Preceded by GOMO meeting beginning at 6:30PM. <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	





**2016 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 2016 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)



## 2016 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour VIP Party

*Mi Casa Es Su Casa*



Saturday, April 23

5:30-7:30 pm Self-Guided Home & Garden Preview Tour  
7:30-10:30 pm VIP Party

Whitney Oaks Hall  
816 E. Whitney Street  
Houston, TX 77022

To purchase tickets, visit [www.gardenoaks.org/hometour](http://www.gardenoaks.org/hometour), or complete the form below, enclose a check payable to the Garden Oaks Civic Club, and mail to:

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB, ATTN: VIP PARTY, PO BOX 10273, HOUSTON, TX 77206

- \$75 Individual Seating (Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_)
- \$700 Reserved Table for 8
- \$800 Reserved Table for 8 with one bottle premium liquor
- \$1500 Two Reserved Tables with two premium liquors

Ticket prices include dinner, music, dancing, and two drink tickets for wine or beer.  
Set-ups will be available for attendees who wish to bring their own bottles of hard liquor.

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

Table Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

I am unable to attend. Please accept my enclosed donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please e-mail [VIPParty@gardenoaks.org](mailto:VIPParty@gardenoaks.org) with any questions.



# Garden Oaks 2016 Home & Garden Tour

## Auction Acquisition Form – Deadline March 15, 2016

*Silent and Live Auctions will be held April 23, 2016. This year's proceeds benefit the Garden Oaks Montessori Middle School sponsored by the Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet PTO, a non-profit organization, EIN 45-2133035.*

Please return form to [GOHT.Auction2016@gmail.com](mailto:GOHT.Auction2016@gmail.com) or mail to:

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

Donor or Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to Appear in Listing: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions and/or Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If donation is a gift certificate:  Gift certificate enclosed

Please prepare certificate

Item to be delivered: When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Item to be picked up: When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Display Items Available: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Silent Auction Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

*Items must be received by March 15, 2016 for recognition in printed materials.*

*We reserve the right to group items unless we receive a specific request from donor.*

**Thank you for your generous support!**



# Garden Oaks 2016 Home & Garden Tour

**\$2,500**

**Website** - Sponsorship recognition through 12/2016 with link to your website

**Facebook** – Sponsorship recognition on GO 2016 Home & Garden Tour FB Page

**Gazette** – Sponsorship listed in printed Gazette newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor through June 2016  
Half page Ad (Value \$110)

**Tickets** – 6 Tickets to Tour (Value \$150)  
4 Tickets to VIP Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$300)

**Signage** – Single sign at Home/Garden day of tour  
Company handouts & listing on banner at Command Center

**Promotional**- Name printed on Day of Tour Tickets  
Name printed on tour poster (150 distribution)  
Name printed on tour T-shirt (220 distribution)

**\$1,000**

**Website** - Sponsorship recognition through 12/2016 with link to your website

**Facebook** – Sponsorship recognition on GO 2016 Home & Garden Tour FB Page

**Gazette** – Sponsorship listed in printed Gazette newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor through June 2016  
2¼” W x 4¼” H Ad (Value \$90)

**Tickets** – 4 Tickets to Tour (Value \$100)  
2 Tickets to VIP Preview & Sponsor Party (Value \$150)

**Signage** – Shared sign at Home/Garden day of tour  
Company handouts & listing on banner at Command Center

**Promotional**- Name printed on Day of Tour Tickets  
Name printed on tour poster (150 distribution)

**\$500**

**Website** - Sponsorship recognition through 12/2016 with link to your website

**Facebook** – Sponsorship recognition on GO 2016 Home & Garden Tour FB Page

**Gazette** – Sponsorship listed in printed Gazette newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor through June 2016  
2¼ “W x 2 3/8” H Ad (Value \$60)

**Tickets** – 4 Tickets to Tour (Value \$100)

**Signage** – Shared sign at Home/Garden day of tour

**Promotional**- Name printed on Day of Tour Tickets

**\$250**

**Website** - Sponsorship recognition through 12/2016 with link to your website

**Facebook** – Sponsorship recognition on GO 2016 Home & Garden Tour FB Page

**Gazette** – Sponsorship listed in printed Gazette newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor through June 2016

**Tickets** – 2 Tickets to Tour (Value \$50)



# Garden Oaks 2016 Home & Garden Tour

## SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE FORM

<b>Business Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Contact Person:</b>
<b>Business website:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

**Yes! We look forward to partnering in the 2016  
Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour at the following level:**

Platinum \$2,500

Gold \$1,000

Silver \$500

Bronze \$250

### **Payment Options:**

Enclose check payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club. Mail to: Garden Oaks Civic Club ATTN GOHGT, PO BOX 10273, HOUSTON TX 77206

Pay by Paypal: Enter [www.gardenoaks.org/hometour](http://www.gardenoaks.org/hometour) then click "sponsors" on the side of the page

Send an invoice to the above address

*Attention: Printing deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>, The sooner you reply and pay, the sooner your advertising begins. An email will be sent to confirm your gift along with information about the next steps you must take to advertise.*

To contact the Underwriting Chair, please email [htsponsorships@gardenoaks.org](mailto:htsponsorships@gardenoaks.org).

Thank you for your support!