



# Garden Oaks Gazette

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## GO Constable Program at Risk

By Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

As we go to press, we are seeing **numerous crime alerts about activity in and around Garden Oaks**. These activities underscore the need to increase the participation of residents in the Garden Oaks Constable Program.

**CRIME ALERT:** One of my biggest concerns is for any neighbor being held at gunpoint. Yes, it can happen here, as evidenced by the recent armed robbery at LV Nails Spa on Sunday, August 14, where 20 occupants were held at gunpoint by 2 masked assailants. In nearby Oak Forest, less than five minutes away, two other residents were held up at gunpoint in their driveway and one of them was hit on the back of her head. **Both of these incidents occurred within a 24-hour period.**

**It is definitely time to step up and support our Constable Patrol Program in whatever way you can. Host a fundraiser, walk your block, call a few neighbors, support the upcoming Wine Walk (our constable program fundraiser), or make a contribution to the Garden Oaks Constable program.**

It is easy to become a constable supporter online via this link:

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

The most recent Constable Supporter List is available for viewing on the same page.

**Safety and Crime Prevention are important to all of us.** As of this writing, the account balance for the GOCC constable account inclusive of all funds, mail-outs, and fundraising will only carry us through July 2017.

**If you want to keep the Garden Oaks Deputies on our streets, please support the Constable Program.** Our three deputies make up 120 hours of dedicated patrol plus provide quick response to any unwanted activities in GO. One contract is underwritten by the Garden Oaks Civic Club from resident contributions, and is underfunded. The other two contracts are paid from GOMO surplus funds with the vote of the GOMO membership; the recent GOMO litigation put the ability to pay for those contracts in jeopardy.

**[Editor's note: GOMO's newly adopted budget no longer includes payment of the two additional constable patrols. Those two constable contracts will be discontinued after February 2017, leaving the neighborhood with only one constable contract. Please see insert for more info.]**

Thank you to Gina Greenslate, Tina Rowe, Sandy Altman, Martin & Yasmin Parr, Brooke Murphy, and Sheree Peoples for volunteering to help with our grassroots efforts to increase Constable Program participation. We are looking for added team members; please email [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) to join us.

**So please step up and support the Garden Oaks Constable Program; our community's crime prevention is PRICELESS. Let's Keep Our Garden Oaks Deputies Who Have Our Backs.**

Please contact [Terry@TerryJeanes.com](mailto:Terry@TerryJeanes.com) if you are interested in helping with our Constable Program participation campaign.

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 6  
7:00 p.m.

Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett Drive

#### National Night Out

Tuesday, October 4  
(in lieu of October Civic Club Meeting; see page 11)



Constable Dispatch  
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# Popsicle Party!

Garden Oaks residents enjoyed over 150 popsicles in 10 flavors from the Steel City Pops popsicle cart at the Gazebo park on August 8. Several GO residents coordinated and underwrote this Popsicles for Peace event to help beat the August Houston heat and promote community and fun in Garden Oaks.



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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.

- 963 Althea                      963 West 41st
- 3206 Lawrence                1050 West 41st
- 1342 Sue Barnett              1079 West 41st
- 1586 Sue Barnett              737 West 42nd
- 420 West 30th                 761 West 42nd
- 709 West 41st                 827 West 43rd

**Happy Birthday**

- Rita Hartman .....9/8
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- Jacopo W. .... 9/20
- Allison Mattingly .....9/21
- John Beddow ..... 9/22
- Candice Croker ..... 9/25

**Happy Anniversary**

- Trent & Megan Salch .....9/5
- Mike & Diane Heath .....9/7
- Phil Ramirez & Gina Pecoraro .....9/7
- Rick & Tonya Knauth ..... 9/29

**Out and About**

Summer keeps on dishing out fun for Garden Oaks folks. **Carl Waters, Jr.** turned the BIG 60 on August 29th. He and his wife, **Leslie Ryan**, spent a week with friends in California. An early birthday gift from Leslie was a round of golf at Spyglass Hill Golf Course at Pebble Beach.

Some other Garden Oaks neighbors were California dreamin' as well: the **Seghers family** enjoyed a California road trip and the **Knauth family** explored San Francisco. **Joan Harmon** celebrated her birthday in San Francisco and the wine country joined by daughter Stephanie, three sisters, and three nieces.

The **McKeowns** enjoyed Terlingua Caverns of Sonora and the McDonald Observatory. The **Stevens gang** went camping in Rocky Mountain National Park while the **Shamblen family** roughed it on Sanibel Island, Florida.



The **Rodriguez family** traveled to Puerto Rico for fun and celebration at a family wedding.

The **McLean** clan visited Edinburgh while the **Appling-O'Leary family** added several pins to the family travel map, including Austria and Germany.

The **Espeseth family** enjoyed Lake Geneva, Wisconsin with Jenny's sister, nieces, and parents, **Mike & Diane Heath**, while the **Cruise family** explored Ohio.

The **Saranies** toured Buffalo Bayou Cistern here in Houston, while the **Lozanos** enjoyed some jazz in New Orleans.

**Terry Jeanes & Patrick Kelley** enjoyed a great Clint Black concert in Baton Rouge.

Lots of Garden Oaks folks visited Whitewater Amphitheatre for various concerts, including **Marisa Zindler & Jason Feit**.

**Terry Jeanes** and **Carolyn Lentini** had a "small world" experience while reconnecting from junior and senior high school days at their recent 40th class reunion. Carolyn's husband **Tony** asked Terry how Garden Oaks was doing, and Terry and Carolyn immediately recognized each other's maiden names on their name tags. Even crazier, the two had previously talked via phone but never saw each other in the neighborhood.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Reid Reichle** for his graduation from Sam Houston State University with a degree in criminal justice. **Rusty & Linda Reichle** are his proud parents.

Kudos to interior designer **Blake Woods** for his work appearing in the cover article of the August issue of *Houston House and Home*, showcasing his transformation of a Woodlands spec home into a designer showplace.



**Special Thoughts**

Special thoughts for **Ed & Brenda de Alba** following the loss of their cat, AJ.

Please submit information about events, celebrations, and other tidbits to [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com) no later than the 8th of the month.

*Terry Jeanes*

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## GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

By Luke Sustr, Secretary

August 2, 2016

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

### Welcome and Introduction:

President Sheila Briones welcomed those in attendance at 7:06 p.m. and introduced City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. President Briones also noted the many positive changes Mayor Turner has enacted since taking office in January 2016, such as establishing a street pothole repair program, selecting the first Hispanic woman to serve as interim Chief of Police, establishing a summer initiative program for youth known as Hire Houston Youth, selecting an Education Czar, selecting a Flood Czar, and eliminating the 2017 fiscal year budget shortfall of \$160 million dollars.

**Guest Speaker:** Mayor Turner gave a very informative, professional and personal presentation speaking to his background, changes implemented since sworn in as Mayor and future plans that will benefit the great City of Houston.

At the conclusion of Mayor Sylvester Turner's presentation there was a ten-minute break before a short business meeting.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Welcome:** President Sheila Briones called the GOCC meeting to order at 8:21 p.m. with 62 people in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 2016 minutes as published in the Gazette, hardcopies of which were available at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jerry Butler was present at the meeting with hard copies of the current organization's profit and loss statement and balance sheet available to attendees.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Constable Program:** Committee Chair Terry Jeanes discussed an incident involving a high-speed chase with two helicopters surrounding Section 1. Our constables quickly arrived minutes later. Residents were reminded to sign up for crime alerts on the Precinct 1 Constable website at <http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/crime-alerts/>. Ms. Jeanes also urged residents to support the Constable Program by sending in donations or holding a fundraising event to fund the GOCC constable contract for next year as only 12 months of funding remains.

There were no reports from the following committees:

- Membership
- Gazette
- Garden Oaks Website
- Beautification
- Garden Oaks Citizens' Patrol
- Ad Hoc In-Line Storm Water Detention Project Committee
- Government Affairs Standing Committee

### OTHER BUSINESS

GOMM Principal Dr. Lindsey Pollock provided a progress update on the school's construction. As of August 2, twelve temporary modular buildings have been placed on site. Construction has been re-forecasted to break ground in November 2016. Dr. Pollock noted that SPARK Park will endure some setbacks during construction, but will be returned to its original condition upon construction completion. The "parking variance" mentioned in last month's July 2016 minutes has been granted by the City of Houston. Dr. Pollock extended gratitude to those residents who attended and spoke at the recent City Hall meeting.

Dr. Pollock mentioned school registration for the following school year begins in November 2016. An attendee asked of the school's "crossing guard" policy during construction to which Dr. Pollock advised that a traffic study was performed and she would check with the Project Advisory Team as to whether or not the community was informed prior to the study. Ms. Jeanes suggested the use of orange crossing cones as a safety measure at the cross walk to ensure drivers see pedestrians.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Jeanes requested anyone submitting information for her "Heard Under the Oak Tree" column to do so by the 8th of each month in order to meet the *Gazette* deadline. An attendee asked how and why the Wine Walk became a private event and President Briones noted the details were stated in the July 2016 minutes of meeting. Vice President Chris Lindsay provided further clarification that the event could not continue as a GOCC event at the de Albas' residence due to a vote by the Board. The previous GOCC-sanctioned Wine Walk Committee decided to host a private event not sanctioned by the GOCC at the de Alba's residence under a new organization called "GO Constable". There is no current GOCC-sanctioned Wine Walk Committee. Ms. Lindsay also explained the Board approved GO Constable renting supplies from GOCC as the supplies are available for use during the proposed GO Constable October 2016 event and the revenue would benefit the GOCC, and thus the Constable Program. GO Constable's private fundraising event is for the sole purpose of donating all proceeds to the GOCC Constable contract.



A motion was made by Ms. Susan Kostelecky for the GOCC to withdraw support of GO Constable by removing the GOCC fundraising five-month schedule prohibition, deny all *Gazette* event advertisements for GO Constable, deny the rental of GOCC-owned supplies to GO Constable, force GO Constable to include a disclaimer on advertising materials that their event is not GOCC endorsed and to deny GO Constable ticket and sponsor payments to be made payable to GOCC. An objection was made to the motion for being too multifarious and the motion was divided into the following motions:

1. A motion was made by Ms. Kostelecky and seconded for the GOCC to require GO Constable to include a disclaimer on all advertising materials that their event is not GOCC-endorsed. Ms. Jeanes spoke against the motion referencing the history of the Constable Program. A vote was taken and the motion failed.
2. Ms. Kostelecky made another motion, which was seconded, for the GOCC to withdraw support of GO Constable by removing the GOCC fundraising five-month schedule prohibition. Ms. Jeanes and Ms. Shelley Rogers spoke against the motion and clarified this policy was requested by GO Constable to avoid sponsor fatigue. Discussion followed such that further clarifications were provided to justify that GO

Constable *Gazette* advertisements are 100% underwritten by GO Constable which will be covering all other expenses associated with the winetasting fundraiser as well. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

3. Ms. Mel Johnson made a motion that was seconded by another member to discontinue further opposition regarding the GO Constable event to allow the fundraiser to continue as planned to support the Constable Program and re-visit the subject in 2017 to possibly recover the Wine Walk as a GOCC-sanctioned event. This motion was made as a compromise to those persons for and against current 2016 event planning. Discussion followed with several persons stating various pros and cons. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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## SEPTEMBER CIVIC CLUB MEETING SPEAKERS:

### ED GONZALES AND HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF RON HICKMAN

**Ed Gonzalez** is a lifelong Houstonian who has served his city as an elected official, police officer and community leader. He is currently the Democratic Party nominee for Harris County Sheriff.

Gonzalez served the Houston Police Department for 18 years, starting as a civilian employee and then as a police officer – rising to the rank of Sergeant, leading murder investigations and serving on the elite hostage negotiating team.

Gonzalez then served three terms on the Houston City Council using his law enforcement experience to increase neighborhood protection and reform our criminal justice system. While serving on the City Council, Gonzalez chaired the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and became Mayor Pro-Tem.

Gonzalez resides in Lindale Park with his wife, Dr. Melissa Gonzalez, and their daughters.



**Sheriff Ron Hickman** began his career in law enforcement after graduating from the Houston Police Department Training Academy in June of 1971. Serving the Houston Police Department as an Underwater Search and Recovery Officer, a Bomb Squad Technician, and later in the Planning and Research Division, Sheriff Hickman was exposed to a variety of law enforcement assignments early in his career. While assigned to the HPD Planning and Research Division, Hickman discovered a career long passion for building computer systems to aid law enforcement operations.

In 1983, Hickman began a career with the Precinct 4 Constable's Office, where he was quickly promoted to Sergeant. Since that time, Sheriff Hickman has fought to improve the standards of law enforcement computerization, communication and automation.

In November of 2000, Hickman was elected Constable of Precinct 4. He took office on January 1 of the following year. As Constable, Hickman sought to meet the community's needs, and address opportunities to enhance countywide law enforcement operations.

In March 2013, then Constable Hickman was named National Constable of the Year by the National Constables and Marshals Association, for the second time. Hickman had previously been awarded the same honor in 2007. In 2006, he was named Texas Constable of the Year by the State's Justices of the Peace and Constables Association. Sheriff Hickman is a graduate of the University of Alabama, the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, and is a 2014 graduate from the prestigious FBI National Academy. He spent five years as an instructor teaching information technology for the Law Enforcement Management Institute at Sam Houston State University. In May of 2015, Sheriff Hickman was recognized as an outstanding leader by the Leadership North Houston Program of Lone Star College.

In May of 2015, Ron Hickman was appointed Sheriff by Harris County's Commissioners Court. Joined by his wife Connie, a Navarro County Justice of the Peace, Sheriff Hickman has remained a pillar in his local and faith based communities, and amongst the law enforcement professionals of Texas and Harris County.

In May of 2015 Sheriff Ron Hickman received the John Pickleman Leadership North Houston Fellow Award from Lone Star College. Sheriff Hickman serves as the NaCo (National Association of Counties) Representative for the Texas Association of Counties and on the Legislative Committee for the Sheriff's Association of Texas.





**GARDEN OAKS  
CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP  
& CONSTABLE PROGRAM  
PARTICIPATION**

Ever wonder how many of your neighbors at the 1,400-odd households in Garden Oaks have paid their civic club membership dues and/or constable program supporter fees for 2016? Our neighborhood participation rates as of press time are represented at right; visit [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org) any time for the latest tallies and for information about supporting these vital programs.

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**Constable Program  
Supporters  
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## SPEED CUSHION INFORMATION

By Cathy Wahren

Several Garden Oaks residents received a notice of a public participation meeting addressing the installation of speed "cushions" in Shepherd Park Plaza, our neighbor to the north. There were at least 100 people there, and lively interest, so I thought I'd share my notes with those who were unable to attend.

First of all, here's the definition of a "speed cushion": it is more or less square, with a dip in the middle which allows emergency vehicles to straddle it. They are made from recycled rubber, and bolted into the concrete pavement. Two or three speed cushions are typically used at one location. They must be located away from an intersection and cannot block a driveway.

A speed "bump" is the old-timey small asphalt type that was often used in parking lots. A speed "hump" is also asphalt, but broader, extending across the entire pavement.

Speed cushion requests are handled by the Public Works Department's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). The NTMP manages two processes: "speed control" (e.g. speed cushions) and "volume control" (e.g. stop signs). As of June 2015, the city has a new streamlined system for processing "speed control" requests.

Two new changes should significantly minimize processing time for speed cushion requests. First, public participation meetings are no longer required, but can be requested. Public input will be solicited via contact using HCAD records, extending 1/2 mile beyond the study area boundaries. Secondly, a traffic study is no longer required.



However, the city does have a backlog of over 160 applications currently pending review. The new process involves written notice, public works and council member consideration of responses, prioritization, and council vote. The work is paid for using the affected council member's "service request funds" budget. Upon request, a neighborhood "study area," bounded by arterial roadways (i.e. those with heavier traffic), will be evaluated.

The "speed control" program does not address stop signs or speed limits; those issues fall under the "volume control" process. Stop signs and stop light projects require a study to determine whether the amount of traffic "warrants" the need. The 30 mph speed limit for residential streets is a state minimum; no slower speeds can be posted unless the law changes.



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**CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE**

By Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

How to participate in National Night Out?

**Volunteer** your front yard or driveway as a place for your neighbors to gather (suggested time frame 7:00-10:00 p.m.)

**Lock your door and turn on your porch light** as you gather outside meeting old friends and making new ones.

**Exchange contact information** (home, work and cell phone number along with email addresses) with neighbors so you can contact each other if you see something suspicious.

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It was started in 1981 in a Philadelphia suburb when neighbors became tired of increased criminal activity. The goal of the program is to promote police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Nationally 38 million neighbors participate in the program in over 16,000 communities.

If you are hosting a block party, please let Terry Jeanes or me know. We will try to have an officer stop by your event.

**July Crime Statistics (17)**

**Burglary (6)**

- 3000 block of N. Durham on Thursday, July 7 at 4:23 a.m.
- 900 block of W. 41st on Tuesday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m.
- 900 block of W. 41st on Tuesday, July 12 at 5:16 p.m.
- 3000 block of N. Durham on Tuesday, July 26 at 4:25 a.m.
- 3000 block of N. Shepherd on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:07 a.m.
- 700 block of Sue Barnett on Friday, July 29 at 11:00 p.m.

**Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (5)**

- 900 block of W. 42nd on Sunday, July 3 at 9:00 a.m.
- 200 block of W. 34th on Friday, July 8 at 8:14 a.m.
- 3100 block of N. Shepherd on Friday, July 8 at 5:31 p.m.
- 800 block of W. 34th on Friday, July 22 at 5:31 p.m.
- 800 block of W. 42nd on Sunday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m.



*You are cordially invited  
to join your Garden Oaks neighbors  
in celebration of the 32nd annual  
**National Night Out**  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
at the time and place of your choosing*

**Auto Theft (1)**

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Friday, July 29 at 1:15 p.m.

**Theft (5)**

- 4000 block of N. Shepherd on Friday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- 900 block of W. 43rd on Wednesday, July 27 at 3:00 p.m.
- 900 block of W. 43rd on Thursday, July 28 at 5:00 p.m.
- 500 block of W. 30th on Saturday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- 700 block of W. 43rd on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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**INTERSECTION TRAFFIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT**

*By Sheila Briones*

The Civic Club has been working with the City of Houston Public Works Department (HPWD) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) since May 7, 2015 regarding traffic issues at the intersection of W. 34th and N. Shepherd. Numerous Section 1 residents have complained of dangerous posed by traffic in and out of Cottonwood and the strip shopping center which houses Shepherd Park, Pink's Pizza, Garden Oaks Vet, and Molly's Mutt House.

On July 5, the Civic Club received an email from Council Member Ellen Cohen's office, informing us that TxDOT and HPWD plan to assess the intersection over the next six months in a pilot program to determine the best solution for this intersection. Barricades are a possible solution, but TxDOT and HPWD want to try several different types of traffic devices to determine the best fit to ensure safety at this intersection. The first trial will be curbing installed to limit turns into and out of N. Shepherd Trail (the smaller street) and also examine the placement of the driveway access located on N. Shepherd Drive.



Pylons on 34th Street east of Shepherd Drive

The Civic Club will continue to update residents as more information becomes available. Please feel free to submit any feedback to me at [president@gardenoaks.org](mailto:president@gardenoaks.org) as the pilot program progresses.

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**AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE FALL**

By Mitch Weigand

**Beating the Summer Blues: Air Conditioning Tips for Late Summer**

**Part Two**

As summer winds down, your A/C system is still having to deal with the highest temperatures and humidity of the year. Problems can occur which, if not corrected now, can require costly repairs next year or even a new installation. Last month, we discussed restricted air flow and low freon. Here's what we'll talk about now:

**Frozen Coils**

You may not think it's necessary to worry about anything being too cold in this Houston heat but frozen evaporator coils are a common A/C problem. One way your A/C system cools your home is by dehumidifying the indoor air. The moisture pulled from the air creates condensation on the evaporator coils. When

your A/C is working properly, this condensation drips away. When there's an underlying problem, that condensation can build an ice layer on the evaporator coils.

There are several common problems which can lead to frozen coils including clogged air filters, low freon levels, leaks in the ducting system, blocked A/C registers or vents, and dirty evaporator coils. Now is an ideal time to schedule an appointment with your A/C service technician for inspection of your entire A/C system so that problems can be corrected and you won't have to deal with frozen coils or worse next summer.

**Blown Capacitors**

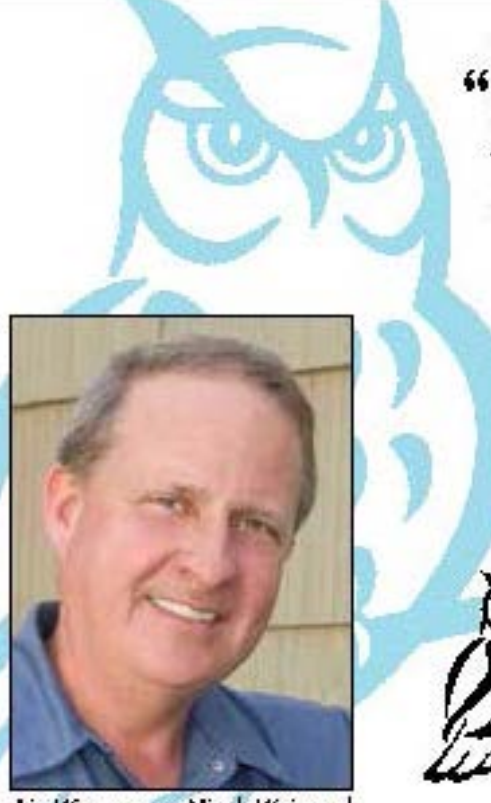
One of the most common problems arising in late summer is a blown capacitor. A capacitor is an electronic device that stores an electrical charge. In A/C systems, they are used to turn fan motors and compressors the correct direction. Other motors such as an electric car engine or

home generator have them as well; pretty much any motor that uses electricity to function has a capacitor or two.

After a brutal summer, capacitors become weak and struggle to keep the motor and compressor supplied with sufficient electricity. In a worst-case scenario, they fail completely and your A/C system stops functioning. Also, because capacitors involve electricity, they are susceptible to power surges which can occur during and after summer thunderstorms. Some are built with a pressure-sensitive interrupter, which allows them to fail before internal pressure causes serious damage to your A/C system.

Fortunately, a blown capacitor is an easy fix for your A/C service technician. However, please do not attempt to replace a capacitor or any interior A/C components yourself. Leave that to a trained professional.

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



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

## GARDEN OAKS MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (GOMO) MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2016

### Plans were approved for:

1007 W. 43rd  
713 W. 39th  
1022 Lamonte

### Revised plans were approved for:

None

### Pending resubmission:

1038 Gardenia

### Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity

A single reported violation might progress through several stages before being resolved. This chart summarizes last month's activity and the totals for the year.

2016	July	YTD (as of 7/31/2016)
Not a violation	1	5
City pending	0	N/A
City cleared	0	1
Informal w/owner pending	5	N/A
Informal w/owner cleared	1	5
Legal opinion pending	3	N/A
Legal opinion cleared	0	1
1st letter sent pending	1	N/A
1st letter cleared	0	3
2nd letter sent pending	0	N/A
2nd letter cleared	0	0
<b>Prior Year Carryover</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total New Reported</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Cleared</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total In-Progress</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Litigation Authorized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Litigation In-Progress</b> 2 cases re: subdivision of lot 1 case re: number of garages	<b>3</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Litigation Concluded</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

GOMO funded two shifts of the Constable Program for the month at a cost of \$12,790.

The GOMO website has been updated and now includes:

- Meeting minutes for January-July 2016
- 1st and 2nd Quarter FY 2016 financials
- Member FAQ content on bylaws, violation enforcement, and tax status



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

GOMO news, director and office contact information, 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, bylaws, policies, financial reports, transfer fee information, meeting schedule, 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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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  
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## GOMO ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) will be held at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 19** 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 is 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](http://GardenOaks.org/gomo).

### Director Positions Open

The following Director positions will be filled at the annual meeting; with one exception noted below, the current term of each will end October 31 and the new term of each will end in October of 2019:

#### Section 1

The director position currently held by Wayne Forster ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2019.

#### Section 2

The director position currently held by Ed de Alba ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2019.

#### Section 3

The director position currently held by Kathy Silver ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2019.

The position previously held by Vidal Martinez is open for election. The term for this position runs through October 2017.

#### Section 5

The director position currently held by Teresa Coleman ends October 31. The term for this position runs through October 2019.

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.
- 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 Can No Longer Fund Constable Patrols and Neighborhood Beautification

GOMO reviewed and adopted a budget for 2017 at its business meeting held August 17. Major changes from prior year's budgets include the elimination of spending of "Surplus Funds" as required by the bylaws for FY 2016-2017. These funds have been used for neighborhood related items such as Constable Patrols and Neighborhood Beautification.

In practical terms, this means that next year Garden Oaks will lose the two Constable Patrols funded by GOMO (cost \$153,500) and Beautification funding (cost \$20,000). These steps were taken as a result of the outcome of the Section 3 garage lawsuit. While the lawsuit found GOMO to be improperly formed only with respect to the homeowners in the lawsuit, out of an abundance of caution, GOMO decided to place all transfer fees and other income received after the judgment date, June 8, 2016, into a separate account.

GOMO appealed the ruling and is confident that the appeal will establish that GOMO was and is properly formed and that it has the authority to enforce Deed Restrictions and collect Transfer Fees. However, until such time, GOMO will limit spending to deed restriction enforcement and operating expenses.

Due to its contractual obligations with Harris County, GOMO will continue to fund the two Constable Patrols until February 28, 2017.

### Policies & Website Additions

New Policies added to website in past year include:

- Refund of Overpayment of Transfer Fees
- Building Plan Submission Form
- Calculation of Transfer Fee (Recorded)
- Deed Restriction Enforcement Procedure (Recorded)

The new policies are posted with previously adopted policies on the GOMO pages of the [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) website.

A draft Sign Policy is published on the website and included in the Annual Meeting packet. Members are requested to provide input on the Sign Policy. You can submit your suggestions by email, [manager@gardenoaks.org](mailto:manager@gardenoaks.org), or use the Questions form on the website [www.gardenoaks.org/gomo/requestfortimeor.html](http://www.gardenoaks.org/gomo/requestfortimeor.html).

This past year GOMO added sections covering Member Q & A, Minutes, Pre-Meeting Topics to be Discussed at Business Meetings, and Litigation Updates to the website. A draft version of the GOMO/GOCC website is in pre-launch review. The new site will have a "Members Only" section to allow building and maintaining email communication with members.



**Invitation to GOMO 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 than by attending the meetings. The executive session portions of GOMO meetings (for personnel, litigation, contract negotiation, enforcement actions and attorney-client privileged issues) are closed to members. Occasionally, the Board comes out of executive session and votes on issues discussed in executive session. Members are welcome to attend the post-executive session voting and discussion, if any.

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 single 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. GOMO Directors have a plan review/business meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and a plan review/special meeting (as needed) prior to the regular Civic Club meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. The third Wednesday meeting is held at 7:00 pm at the GOMO Office located in the Garden Oaks Professional Building at 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216. The first Tuesday meeting is held at 6:30 pm at the Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School at 901 Sue Barnett. You are very welcome to attend.

**Current GOMO Finances** (as of 7/31/2016)

Total Assets:	\$424,016.02
Separated Assets:	\$30,674.61
Available Assets:	\$393,341.41
Net Income All Accounts for Current Fiscal Year*:	-\$1,515.49
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**HISD MAGNET APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

Here is some information for parents as the new school year has begun and considerations for the 2017-2018 school year start to cross your mind.

Magnet applications will be available online **September 30 – December 9**. Applications submitted after December 9 will not be considered for the lottery, but will be placed on a waitlist in the order received AFTER the lottery waitlist.

**Choosing Schools**

**HISD Magnet School Choice Fairs** will be held from **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** at the campuses listed to the right; although hosted at high schools, ALL magnet schools are represented, so you really only need to attend the one nearest you. These school choice fairs are a great way to explore which schools would be a good fit for your child and determine which you would like to tour.

HISD magnet schools will begin their tours Thursday, October 6. **Elementary and K-8 school** tours are for parents only and will be conducted at **9:00 a.m.** Prospective students may accompany their parents on tours of **middle and high schools** which take place at **1:00 p.m.** (These tours are scheduled in the afternoon so that prospective students who want to tour can be counted as present during attendance in the morning at their current school.) Tours will continue each Thursday through December 8.

**Applications**

Applications will go live on **September 30** with a deadline of **December 9**. This year, applicants can only apply to 5 schools. This is a change from years past, where parents could choose 10 schools. Please choose your schools wisely. I highly encourage parents to specify 5 school options rather than only 1 or 2 schools.

As last year, you are asked to rank your school choices, with the school in your #1 slot being your most desired and #5 being the least desired of the 5 choices.

Please note: if you are applying to 5 Vanguard magnet schools and your kindergartener does not meet the Vanguard requirements, all of your applications for Vanguard will be marked as unqualified.

Whatever you decide, make certain that you initial and click SUBMIT on your applications by December 9 to be considered for the lottery (Phase 1). **Applications that come in after December 9, but before May 31, will NOT be considered for the Phase 1 lottery, but rather placed in the Phase 2 application group.**

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>September 17</b> | <b>Westbury High School</b><br>11911 Chimney Rock<br>Houston, TX 77035-4403                                    |
| <b>October 1</b>    | <b>Chavez High School</b><br>8501 Howard Drive<br>Houston, TX 77017  |
| <b>October 22</b>   | <b>Heights High School<br/>(formerly Reagan High School)</b><br>413 East 13th Street<br>Houston, TX 77008-7021 |
| <b>November 5</b>   | <b>Austin High School</b><br>1700 Dumble<br>Houston, TX 77023-3139   |
| <b>December 3</b>   | <b>Sterling High School</b><br>11625 Martindale<br>Houston, TX 77048-2005                                      |

Once the Phase 1 lottery waitlists have been cleared (by parents accepting or declining spots), only then will Phase 2 applicants be considered for open spots. These Phase 2 applicants are offered open spots based based on the time and date stamp on their applications. Applications received after May 30 and ALL Out Of District Applicants are considered Phase 3, and will be considered after Phase 1 and Phase 2 applicants have declined any remaining spots.

**Notifications**

Elementary applicants will be notified of acceptance or waitlist number on **March 22**. Middle School and High School applicants will be notified on **March 23**.

Parents must reply no later than **April 6** if they are accepting an offered seat. Magnet Entrance Agreements must be turned in to the school when you accept an offered spot at this time.

If you are notified of an offered spot after this time frame, parents have 3 days (72 hours) to accept the spot and turn in the Magnet Entrance Agreement. If, after 3 days there is no response, the spot will be declined and offered to the next applicant on the waitlist.



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"Not Placed" means that your child's application was not part of the lottery. Perhaps you are zoned to the school you applied to, or your application was received after the deadline.

"Qualified" means that your child is qualified for our program. (It does not mean that you are offered a spot.)

"Does Not Qualify" means that your child did not qualify for the program, most likely based on Vanguard testing. My understanding this year is that students who do not qualify for a program will not be able to apply to the school. (Note: Dual Language and Montessori programs have requirements for grades above grade 2.)



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## HABITAT GARDENING TIPS

By Kim Ellis

Well, August did not disappoint with its heat, but that was to be expected. 2016 has been the year of extremes, from torrential rain to unrelenting heat. How are our plants supposed to deal with it? "Poorly" is probably the best answer. The best I can tell you is to be patient, and some of the plants will make it through. Watering for plant survival remains the top task for September, with the promise of fall gardening right around the corner. Fortunately, we are moving into cooler temperatures, seasonal rains and cool fronts which will lessen the stress on us to keep all things perfect in the yard... except WEEDS. Weeds will always be there.

September should release the oppressive heat, allowing for a little more time in the garden, but it's still best to spend that time outside in the early morning or early evening hours. Even with the cooler temperatures continue wearing protective clothing and sunscreen, and stay hydrated. For plants that didn't make it through August, it might be best to just mulch that area and wait until mid-September to install anything else permanent. Plants that can take September planting are nursery leftover heat-loving annuals, lawn grass sod, ornamental grasses, and palms. We can start some additional garden seeds for the fall, including cool season flowers like calendula, snapdragons, and nasturtiums, as well as cool season vegetables of radish, turnip, beets, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce and arugula, and many perennial herbs directly into the garden. It's best for most of these new seedlings to have some shade or shade cloth and be slowly acclimated to the direct sun. If you can find early strawberry starts at the nurseries, planting them now will provide stronger plants in the spring. If you have to plant perennials, it's best to wait until the later part of September.

Fall nectar plants are so important for migratory hummingbirds and butterflies. Some of the best fall nectar plants and fall bloomers are the cupheas, Copper Canyon Daisy,

fall aster, Firespike, Greggs Mistflower, White Mistflower, Mexican Bush Sage, Mexican Mint Marigold, and Mountain Sage. If you find bare root plants at your nursery or mail order company, you should not plant them in the fall, as they will put all of their growth to the roots, not the shoots. Also bulbs will be available in mail order catalogs, but it's best to hold out on planting until late fall or into winter. It is not ideal to plant roses or trees in September...best to wait until October. All newly planted plants should be mulched and kept moist but not damp when hotter temperatures are bearing down. If you want to plant fall color, select nursery plants with a lot of buds that will open for you over the following weeks. If you pick the prettiest plant at the nursery, it is likely that it's best blooms are already gone.

September maintenance is again focused on watering, until the cooler temps start to kick in. In mid-September, you can start taking cuttings of woody hardwood and perennials for your own garden or sharing with friends. Keep deadheading leftover wildflower blooms, or leave them for wildlife to feed on if you don't mind the look. If mid-August rains have some of your plant foliage looking yellow, it's good to remove that foliage to help prevent mildew. You can also work the area around the plant to make sure there are no low spots for rain or irrigation water to stand, and that air circulation is good around the plant. Keeping soil mulched will help keep cool season weeds from being able to germinate. Leftover summer herbs, like basil and rosemary can be cut back to promote new fall growth. Also, in mid-September you can divide and replant existing garden irises and daylilies. It's best to leave most of your shrubs and vines alone to allow for the best spring blooms. Water is still really important for garden wildlife, but fall blooms are becoming equally important. All migrating wildlife will need extra energy for their long journeys. Fall nectar is more important than host plants at this time of year, as making the journey south is the most important part of the life cycle right

now. Supplemental sugar water for hummingbirds, birdseed in feeders and freshwater for all wildlife will help them make their way through our area and to their wintering grounds. Ornamental grasses will be glowing in the fall, with their nutritious seed heads and spent perennial blooms will be looking like sad puffs in the garden, but if you can stand leaving them on the plant, you will be providing great nutrition for migrating and wintering birds and butterflies.

### Sustainable gardening tips for September include:

- mulch your beds for weed control and better water retention
- mulch in grass clippings, as they will decompose quickly and fertilize your lawn
- water deeply, rather than short showers



### Plant of the Month

*Ageratina havanensis* -  
White Mistflower

Havana snakeroot or white mistflower is a native, perennial, rounded shrub, 2-6 ft. tall, Prolific, long-lasting, fragrant, pinkish-white flowers occur in fuzzy, terminal, ageratum-like clusters. It likes full sun and dry soil conditions. It is drought tolerant and adapts to most well-drained soils. It can be transplanted year-round if cut back by one third. White Mistflower is ideal for a woodland edge. The pinkish-white flowers are fragrant and showy. White mistflower provides late summer and early fall color. White Mistflower attracts hummingbirds, moths & butterflies. Butterflies and moths love the upright, fuzzy blooms.

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





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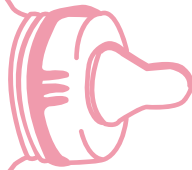


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**MICKEY'S MINUTE**

*By Mickey Morales*

Well, it looks as though we're in the home stretch. The kids are back in school and we are dealing with the last of this summer's heatwave. In the past I used to deceive myself into believing that summer ended in August; however, in the ensuing years, I have learned otherwise. All that being said, let us pray for an early fall and an end to this oppressive heat.

By the time you read this, the Bacon Bits (Violet's offspring) should be off to freezer camp and ready to fill the larder of a few of our loyal customers. Fear not if you won't be the happy recipient of this wonderful bounty because our neighbor Emma Moon, of Ranch to Kitchen, has all the protein you'll need to get you through our terrible hard cold winter, as though that ever happens.

At the time of this post, I'm still not sure where we will be located during the build-out of Heights Brewing's efforts to convert our current home into their new space. So, be sure to follow us on our Facebook page (The Farm Stand at Petrol Station) to keep up with current events. As you have probably noticed by now, we have expanded the café area with more seating and coverage and a few new faces. Joshua Kemper of Green Dragon Coffee has joined me, taking over the coffee brewing duties, freeing me up to do more interesting things in the food world. I'm hoping that our new tenants will allow me to extend my hours once they're open and serve a late lunch to both y'all and their early patrons as well: things like burgers, sausage links, carne tacos, flautas, tostadas and the like. I'm already there; why not hang out a little longer?

As always, "Come soon, come often and come hungry for local food."

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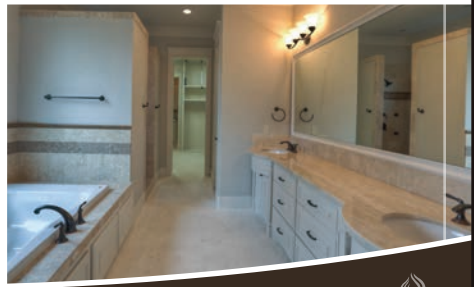
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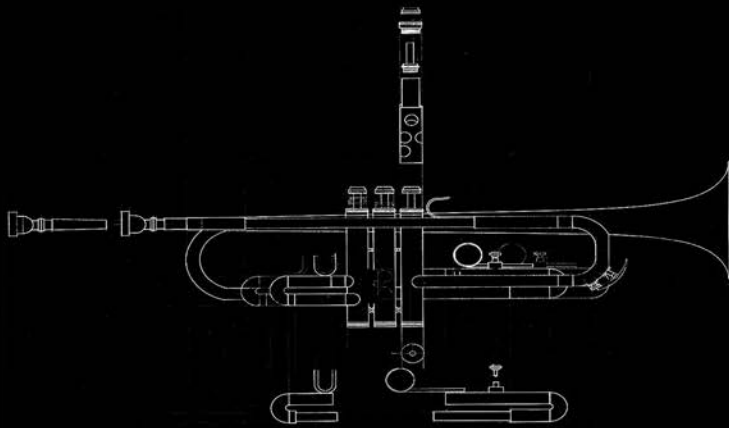
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# SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*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				1	2	3 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
4	5 <b>Labor Day</b>	6  <b>Civic Club Meeting*</b> 7PM @ GOMM	7	8	9	10 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
11	12	13	14	15 <b>Heavy Trash Pick-Up (Tree Waste)</b>	16	17 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
18	19	20 	21 <b>GOMO Meeting</b> 7PM @ GOPB	22	23	24 <b>Farmers Market</b> 9AM-1PM 948 Wakefield
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*By Terry Jeanes, Constable Committee Chair*

**Our constable program is in jeopardy. Serious jeopardy.** We currently have 3 constable contracts. We will lose 2 of those 3 contracts in February 2017. That will leave us with only 1 deputy rather than 3, with only 40 hours of constable coverage per week, rather than 120 hours.

Each constable contract provides 40 hours per week of professional law enforcement services. Those services include patrolling our neighborhood, responding to calls, pulling over speeders and suspicious vehicles, and standing ready to help out in any way needed in Garden Oaks.

We have been lucky to have had almost 24/7 coverage, with constable deputies present in the neighborhood almost around the clock.

The two contracts previously paid by GOMO from their surplus funds will be dropped as of February 2017. We will be left with only the one contract that is currently paid by the Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) through donations from residents.

Only about 330 people currently contribute to the constable program each year. That leaves us short of funds, which means that fundraisers (such as the wine walk and others) are necessary to raise enough money to cover even one deputy.

Each contract costs about \$85,000 annually.

To continue our constable program, **we need more contributors and we need each contributor to increase the amount donated.** The suggested minimum donation is \$225 per household per year. Options to pay monthly or annually by draft or by check are available.

**Please do your part.**

- **Donate today at [gardenoaks.org/constable](http://gardenoaks.org/constable).**
- **Volunteer to help our grass roots effort at [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) and include "volunteer" in the subject line; send name and address.**



## 2016 Constable Patrol Contributor Application & Contact Information

New Member or  Renewal

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

**Please provide contact information for program member(s) at this address:**

Member 1 Information	Member 2 Information
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Emergency Contact Information	Emergency Contact Information
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- Enclosed find my payment for 2016 of \$225. (Make checks payable to **Garden Oaks Civic Club**)
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***Many of our neighbors live on limited, fixed incomes. Are you willing to sponsor a neighbor?***

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