

Garden Oaks Gazette

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year and season's greetings to one and all. For those of you who don't yet know me, my name is Matt Gannon, and I'm the new Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) President for 2017. My wife, Erica, and I moved to the neighborhood in January 2015 and live in Section 3 on Azalea Street with our canine son, Fonzie the chihuahua.

As I reflect on the month of January, it's often associated with resolutions and plans for the coming year. Normally, I have to admit that I'm great at making resolutions, but not so great at keeping them (aren't we all?). This year, I made two resolutions: (1) to get more involved with the community in which we live, and (2) to work on my health and improve my diet.

On that note, it seems very fitting that our first GOCC meeting of the year (on Tuesday, January 3) will showcase "whole health, wellness, and nutrition". This brief presentation will be provided by Erin Thole, CNHP. Erin is a supporter and advertiser in the Garden Oaks *Gazette*, and will no doubt help provide some useful insights for those interested in making positive changes to their diet in 2017.

I look forward to interacting with as many of you as possible over the coming months, and encourage you to attend as many GOCC meetings and events as you can. One of the greatest qualities of Garden Oaks, and the reason my wife and I moved here, is the overwhelming sense of community and pride that we all share in our wonderful neighborhood.

In conclusion, I have some very big shoes to fill this year (thanks, Sheila!) and my hope is that the new GOCC Board and I can maintain the high bar set by our predecessors. Please come out, get involved, and enjoy all that Garden Oaks has to offer!

Happy holidays and best wishes to all.

Matt Gannon

GOCC President

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Civic Club Meeting

Guest Speaker: Erin Thole (see p.14) Tuesday, January 3 7:00 p.m. Garden Oaks Montesori 901 Sue Barnett Drive



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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.

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Happy Birthday

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Hannah Stender 1/4
Maeve Mc
Katy Gross Peterson1/8
Diane Heath1/9
Phil Ramirez
Patricia Semands1/19
Jennifer Langdon1/21
Lindsay V
Shellye Arnold1/30
Owen H1/30
Joe Muscara1/30
Caroline C

Belated Birthday Wishes

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Happy Anniversary

Alice & Mark Sarmiento1/30 Bonnie & Rudy Hernandez

Out and About

Rich and **Rebecca Stark** enjoyed a trip to Colorado with Rebecca's sister and brother-in-law.

Tina Sabuco and **Shellye Arnold** vacationed in New York City, and enjoyed "Hamilton". **Tonya Knauth** visited New York City as well, and was interviewed on Fox News while there.

Sheree' and **Ron Peoples** had a great getaway in Ireland.

Beverly and **Steve Jernigan** vacationed in San Miguel de Allende.

The **Zindler-Feit f**amily enjoyed Santa's Ranch in New Braunfels.



The **Lozanos** had a great time in Big Bend National Park.

John and **Cindy Bartos** vacationed at Caddo Lake State Park.

Numerous Garden Oak residents attended the recent Dolly Parton concert, including **Tina Sabuco**, **Shellye Arnold**, **Blake Woods**, and **Brian O'Leary**.

Terry Jeanes and **Brenda de Alba** enjoyed the Barbra Streisand concert.

Welcome to the new puppy in the **AI Thomas** and **Dea Larson** household.

Best wishes to **Mike** and **Stacy Gross** on their new venture "144", featuring artisanal breads and other tasty foods at the local Saturday Farmers Market on Wakefield.

Special Thoughts

Heartfelt condolences to the **Klein** family for the loss of **Mark's** mother, **Sheilla Klein**.

Special thoughts for **Ed** and **Brenda de Alba** on the loss of their beloved feline, Snow.

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



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GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

By Luke Sustr, Secretary

December 6, 2016

Location: The O'Leary-Appling residence, 701 Garden Oaks Blvd.

Welcome: President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2016 minutes as they appeared in the *Gazette*. The motion passed.

Nominations Committee:

Committee Chair Mark Klein presented a slate of candidates for the 2017 Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) Board: Matt Gannon, President; Jim DiCola, Vice President; Teresa Coleman, Treasurer; and Joe Casarez, Secretary. The floor was opened for nominations and, hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to accept the presented slate by acclamation. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jerry Butler had copies of the Profit and Loss statement, the Balance Sheet and the proposed 2017 budget available at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017 budget. The motion passed.

Constable Program: Program Chair Terry Jeanes gave an update on fundraising efforts and noted that October was a record month for donations received. A motion was made and seconded for the GOCC to enter into a contract for two deputies covering the period of 3/1/2017 through 2/28/2018, with the continuation of the second deputy contingent upon adequate funding via additional program donations from residents. The motion passed.

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Ms. Jeanes introduced the deputies present and thanked the Garden Oaks community for their support of the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and followed by a potluck dinner accompanied by the Dublin Harpers, a musical family specializing in lively Celtic harp music.



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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 contributions? The number of neighbors who have paid for 2017 as of press time are represented at right; visit www.gardenoaks.net any time for the latest tallies and for information about supporting these vital programs.

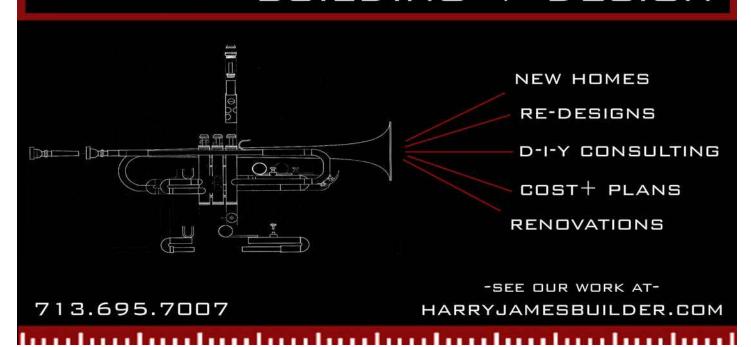
2017 Civic Club Memberships 154



2017 Constable Program Supporters 240



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CITIZENS' PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE

By Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

If you are looking for a volunteer activity to fulfill your New Year's resolution, please consider joining the Citizens' Patrol Program. Volunteers must be Garden Oaks residents 18 years of age or older. Additionally, to participate in the program, you must be able to pass a criminal history check and attend a one-hour training session provided by the Houston Police Department.

November Crime Statistics (7)

Aggravated Assault (1)

900 block of W. 43rd on Sunday, November 27 at 10:14 p.m.

Burglary (3)

700 block of W. 43rd on Sunday, November 6 at 1:56 p.m.

1000 block W. 41st on Monday, November 7 at 6:38 p.m.

3800 block of N. Shepherd on Sunday, November 27 at 7:50 p.m.

Theft (2)

900 block of W. 42nd on Thursday, November 3 at 1:28 p.m.

900 block of Gardenia on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:58 p.m.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

4300 block of N. Shepherd on Friday, November 11 at 7:31 p.m.

Inquiries about joining the Citizens' Patrol Program or other community safety issues may be directed to me via <u>GardenOaks.net</u>, the Citizens' Patrol email <u>gocop77018@aol.com</u>, or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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AIR CONDITIONING TIPS FOR THE WINTER By Mitch Weigand

Why Does My Furnace Blow Cold Air?

We know that the winter months in Houston can bring some pretty cold temperatures. So the last thing you want to experience is cold air blowing from the A/C registers in your home. While some common causes can be solved easily, other problems require the help of your A/C technician.

Check the thermostat

Make sure that your thermostat is set on "AUTO," not "ON." That's where your A/C technician will look first so you should as well. If your thermostat is set to "ON," the furnace blower will run nonstop even when your furnace isn't heating the air. When you switch it to "AUTO," the fan will only blow air while the furnace is running.

Check the ductwork

Go up into the attic and check your air ducts. They're the large flexible tubings that carry the heated air from your furnace to the registers throughout the house. Wear and tear from accidental damage, fluctuating temperatures and advanced age can cause significant tears to develop. If these are large enough, the frigid air within the attic can be sucked into the ducts and blown throughout your home.

Check the pilot light

If your older gas furnace blows cold air, the pilot light may have gone out. If you feel comfortable doing this, just follow the manufacturer's instructions and re-light it. If the pilot light won't stay lit, it may need some routine maintenance by your A/C technician. Also, sometimes the flame sensor needs to be cleaned or a malfunctioning circuit board or faulty igniter needs to be replaced.

Check the furnace air filter

What if the furnace blows hot air, then cold air but then stops blowing air altogether? It's possible that your furnace has overheated. Its safety device, called a limit switch, turned the furnace burners off. The blower keeps blowing to cool the furnace down to a safe level. So what causes the furnace to overheat? Most likely it's a dirty furnace air filter. A dirty filter blocks airflow and causes the furnace to run so long while trying to heat your home that it overheats. Simply change the air filter to remedy the problem. Don't ignore this issue; repeated overheating can damage the furnace's heat exchanger, which is expensive to replace.

Usually it's only a matter of time

Just as it takes a few seconds for hot water to arrive when you turn on your faucet, it's completely normal to experience a few moments of cold air before you'll feel any warmth coming out of the registers. Just give it time to work.

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

GARDEN OAKS MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (GOMO) MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Plans were approved for:

None

Revised plans were approved for:

None

Pending resubmission:

None

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	November	YTD (as of 11/30/2016)
Not a violation	1	8
City pending	0	N/A
City cleared	0	1
Informal w/owner pending	0	N/A
Informal w/owner cleared	0	6
Legal opinion pending	2	N/A
Legal opinion cleared	0	1
1st letter sent pending	1	N/A
1st letter cleared	0	5
2nd letter sent pending	1	N/A
2nd letter cleared	0	0
Prior Year Carryover	6	N/A
Total New Reported	2	20
Total Cleared	1	21
Total In-Progress	4	N/A
Litigation Authorized	0	0
Litigation In-Progress 2 cases re: subdivision of lot 1 case re: number of garages	3	N/A
Litigation Concluded	0	0

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

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 <u>gardenoaks.net</u>, 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 business meetings are posted as well. Homeowners are invited to attend our meetings.



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GOMO Review Meetings

take place at **6:30 p.m.** on the **first Tuesday** prior to Civic Club meetings 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.net.

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



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE STRESSED OUT!

By Erin Thole, CNHP

We live in a time when almost everyone is stressed and pressed for time all the time. This fast-paced lifestyle really takes a toll on our health and can lead to detrimental health conditions such as:

- · Digestive issues
- Depression and anxiety
- Poor sleep
- High blood pressure
- Chronic fatigue
- Anger issues
- Hormonal imbalances
- Weight gain/loss
- Inability to gain muscle
- Weakened immune system
- Cancer and autoimmune conditions

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TIPS FOR MANAGING STRESS

- Make a List. Before going to bed, make a list of all the things you have to do the following day. This will help to unload your mind. If everything is down on paper, or in your phone, then you will be less likely to keep running through the list mentally all night worrying that you forgot something. It may take some practice to stop the running mental list as you lie in bed. Just remind yourself: "I made my list and I have nothing to worry about."
- **Use your list.** The next day as you accomplish your tasks, check them off the list.
- Plan, Plan, Plan. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Do food prep for days in advance, and keep a schedule in your phone for everything from your daily workout, picking up the kids, meetings, etc. This way you always know where you are going.
- **Eat clean!** The better you fuel your body, the better you will feel and the better equipped your body will be to handle your day-to-day stress.



- Check in with yourself throughout the day. This will help you stay centered and grounded. Ask yourself, "How do I feel at this exact moment?" If it is a negative emotion, ask yourself what you can do at this exact second to process and redirect the emotion. Oftentimes, simply breathing deeply and slowly will help. If the situation is out of your control, recognize that and aim for acceptance. This will take practice.
- Take 2 minutes 3 times a day to breathe deeply and slowly. This is a great practice for those days when you are feeling super-frantic and flustered.
- Have a positive word or short phrase that you can repeat to yourself over and over to help calm you down. Some examples: "calm", "peace", "breathe", "it's all going to be ok", "I can do this. ") You may need to try a few to identify the perfect one that works for you.
- Sleep and stick to your sleep schedule! This will help to keep those stress hormones in check.
- **Do something FUN!** All work and no play makes for a very stressful and unhappy existence. Be sure to take some time each week to let loose.
- Work out regularly. Especially on those days when you just don't want to... those are usually the days when you need that release the most and you will be so glad you did it!
- **Don't drink too much alcohol.**Overindulging dampens your productivity and energy, makes it harder to get quality sleep, and causes you to just feel gross the next day.
- Take some time to do some gentle yoga, stretching, mediation, or prayer every day.

Erin Thole, CNHP has been working in the health, nutrition & fitness field for over 8 years. To learn more and request a free consultation, visit www.erinpalmercnhp.com or email erin@erinthebeast.com; CrossFitters: be sure to check out www.erinthebeast.com.

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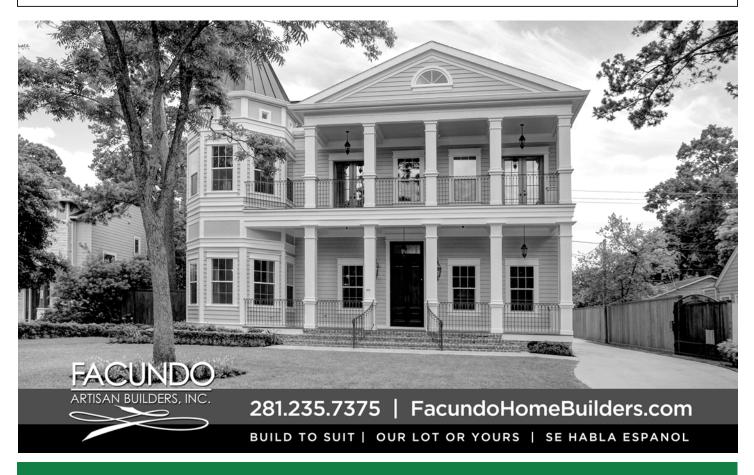


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Mental Health Facts

Fact: 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have a serious mental illness.1



20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition¹



11% of youth have a mood disorder¹



10% of youth have a behavior or conduct disorder¹



8% of youth have an anxiety disorder¹

Impact

††††††††††

50%

50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24.1



The average delay between onset of symptoms and intervention is 8-10 years.¹

50%



Approximately 50% of students age 14 and older with a mental illness drop out of high school.¹

70%



70% of youth in state and local juvenile justice systems have a mental illness.¹

Suicide



3rd

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in youth ages 10 - 24.¹



90% of those who died by suicide had an underlying mental illness.¹

4 Things Parents Can Do



Talk with your pediatrician



Get a referral to a mental health specialist



Work with the school



Connect with other families

¹ This document cites statistics provided by the National Institute of Mental Health, www.nimh.nih.go





TEENAGE MENTAL HEALTH: DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY

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

Children's mental health in the United States is gaining national attention as youth today struggle to navigate our modern world. Time Magazine's November 7, 2016 cover story featured teenage depression and anxiety. The author, Susanna Schrobsdorff, shared that children in the post-9/11 generation are dealing with a world where terrorism and threat are the norm. Additionally, technology has created access to material that disconnects children from supportive adults in their lives and transports them into a world where they are bombarded with adult-level messages of sex and violence that are not developmentally appropriate. This leaves adolescents feeling stressed and overwhelmed as they agonize over the pain and suffering of others while they may be dealing with personal issues such as the development of their personal identity, school pressures, or losses in their lives such as moves, family separations/divorce, and peer relationships.

In fact, the number of adolescents (12-17 year-olds) who have had at least one major depressive episode has nearly doubled since 2006 to 3 million. Anxiety among teenagers between 13 and 18 years old represents a quarter of the population at 6.3 million. Further, in a 2015 study conducted by the University of Texas at Dallas, researchers found that for 13 yearolds, "there is no firm line between the real and online worlds", making it vitally important that adults engage their teenagers in discussions around what they are reading and engaging in online. Additionally, online bullying continues to increase as students as young as 9 open social media accounts and use their cell phones to send threatening messages to classmates.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Alliance on Mental Illness

www.nami.org/Find-Support/Teens-and-Young-Adults

Anxiety and Depression Association of America

www.adaa.org/living-with-anxiety/children

For a teenage perspective on self-harm, visit **Project Aware:** www.projectaware.net

What's a parent to do? Fadi Haddad, MD, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and the author of *Helping Kids in Crisis*, gives the following advice:

Talk about the real stuff. Ask questions that go deeper than the surface. Find out what worries them and celebrate their successes. Ask questions like, "What's the best part of your day?" Become attuned to their emotional world so that you understand what their dreams are, what they struggle with and how their life is going.

Give them space, but pay attention. Give teens space to grow and separate from you, but watch for changes in behavior. Are they giving up activities they used to enjoy? Are they staying up all night or eating differently? Is your outgoing kid now withdrawn? If you're worried, say so. Show interest in their internal life without judgment.

Resist getting angry. Parents often respond with anger or punishment when they find out what has been going on. Remember to respond with compassion first. Your child is suffering so use a phrase like, "It seems like you're having trouble, I'm here to help. Tell me what's happening with you."

Don't put off getting help. If you're worried about your child, talk to a school counselor, therapist or doctor. It's best to get help early.

Treat the whole family. When a child is in crisis, it is imperative to work with the whole family. There may be something in the home environment that was contributing to the stress, so be open to acknowledging that and getting family counseling. You will also need tools and strategies to support your child. Raising a teenager involves the whole family. Embrace your child and understand that they need you more than ever even when they may be unhappy with you setting parameters around the use of technology or the people with whom they are associating. Turn off technology and let them know you love them. To learn more, visit time.com/teenmentalhealth.



A GARDEN OAKS TRADITION CONTINUES: "GAZEBO SANTA" WELCOMED BY HUNDREDS By Tina Sabuco

Santa took time off from his busy schedule to visit the families of Garden Oaks once again this year. On December 7 and 8, Santa set up shop in the festively decorated Gazebo Park. Hundreds of neighbors, including several furry ones, visited Santa, Mrs. Claus and their merry elves. Amongst a flurry of "Houston Snow" (a/k/a billions of bubbles that the magical elves provided), guests nibbled on cookies and candy canes. As they waited to see "the man of the hour," all were invited to visit with Mrs. Claus who delighted children young and old by guessing their names and ages. Christmas magic must have been in the air, because her guessing was extraordinarily accurate again this year! After visiting with Mrs. Claus, each family was welcomed up into the twinkling gazebo to sit upon Santa's lap and chat with him about their Christmas wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were even treated to some art work and goodies made especially for them!

A special thanks goes to Terry Jeanes, Georgia Lister, and Tina Sabuco for hosting this merry event, Marley Dwiggins for her effervescent elving, bakers who brought delicious cookies to share, helpers who decorated our winter wonderland to set the scene for the hundreds of photos taken over the two nights, and to everyone who brought toys for the Constables' toy drive for neighborhood children in need. AND, thanks to Patrick Kelley for making his annual "special appearance" on night 2 of our event. Until next December, HO, HO!











GO KIDS UPDATE

By Lindsey Gabriel, Coordinator

We closed out 2016 with three Santa nights in the neighborhood! GO Families are very thankful to have such wonderful community members who host such great events for our children. Thanks to all, and the children really enjoyed the events.

There are more fantastic things in store for the families of Garden Oaks in 2017!

Leadership Team

The Leadership team met on November 3rd to begin planning for 2017. We anticipate some openings on the leadership team this year. If you are interested in a position or helping in any capacity, please contact me, **Lindsey Gabriel**, GO Kids Coordinator, at lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com. Our official kick-off meeting will take place this month, so look on BigTent and Facebook for additional information.



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 Nancy Perez-Vargas at nancyperez@mac.com to participate. We are always in need of volunteers for this program.

Interested in becoming a member? We welcome families to join our kidfocused group with annual events,



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.

Check out our calendar of events and obtain additional event details at 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 or any member of the leadership team.



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GARDEN OAKS OUTREACH

A color version of the *Gazette* is published each month on the Garden Oaks website www.gardenoaks.net/gocc-home/gazette/.

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



HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FRUIT TREE SALE JANUARY 28, 2017

Citrus, apple, peach, pear, avocado, berry, and pecan varieties hand-selected to grow in our area will be available for purchase.

Location: Texas AgriLife Extension

Bear Creek Park

3033 Bear Creek Drive, Houston 77084

Time: Plant Sale Preview 8:00 a.m.

Plant Sale 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Trees available will be: citrus, apple, peach, pear, avocado, olive, and pecan varieties suitable for our area.

Berry plants available will be: blackberry, blueberry, grape, and Goji berry.

Multi-graft trees available (trees that grow 2 or more varieties of fruit): apple, peach, pear, plum and citrus.

A limited number of wagons will be available so shoppers are encouraged to bring their own.

Harris County Master Gardeners is a program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener volunteers organize plant sales annually as well as joint educational and fundraising events. All sales feature plants that do well in our part of Texas.

2017 GREEN THUMB GARDENING LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

The Harris County Master Gardeners and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offer the Green Thumb Gardening Series of lectures from January through October. These lectures are **free of charge** to residents of Harris County and are offered at multiple locations across Houston; the location closest to Garden Oaks is the Spring Branch Memorial Library.

If you want to increase your knowledge of vegetable and herb gardening, composting, rainwater harvesting, pests, or a variety of other topics, please see the calendar of lectures below.

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

Spring Branch Memorial Library

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930 Corbindale Houston, Texas 77024

January 17 Soils & Compost

February 21 Spring Vegetable Gardening

March 21 Roses: Planting, Growing & Upkeep

April 18 Herbs: Growing & Using

May 16 Insects in the Garden

June 20 Propagation & Seed Saving

July 18 Raised Beds, Drip Irrigation & Rain Barrels

August 15 Fall Vegetables

September 20 Gardening with Children & Grandchildren

October 18 Trees: Planting & Care (including Fruit Trees)

Wildscape Garden Consultant and Garden Oaks resident 713.259.9697 kim@plantahabitat.com www.plantahabitat.com HABITATS Specializing in the use of native and adapted plants to create habitat gardens for our pollinators and urban wildlife.



CENTRAL NORTHWEST SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 12

The Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council (SN 12) represents numerous Houston civic clubs and property owners associations to improve livability by addressing our community's needs and concerns.

Garden Oaks is a part of SN 12 along with the following neighborhoods:

Candlelight Estates, Section 1
Candlelight Estates POA
Candlelight Place, Sections 3 & 4
Candlelight Oaks
Candlelight Oaks Village
Candlelight Plaza
Ella Lee Forest
Garden Oaks Plaza
Mangum Manor
Oak Forest
Pinemont Park Square
Shepherd Forest
Shepherd Park Plaza

SN 12 is bounded by 610 to White Oak Bayou to Reliant Energy power line to Mangum Road on the south; US 290 to Lumberdale on the west; Cole Creek to BNSF railroad line on the north; and North Shepherd Dr. to BNSF RR line to Yale on the east.

2017 MEETING DATES

Wednesday, January 25

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, May 24

Wednesday, July 26

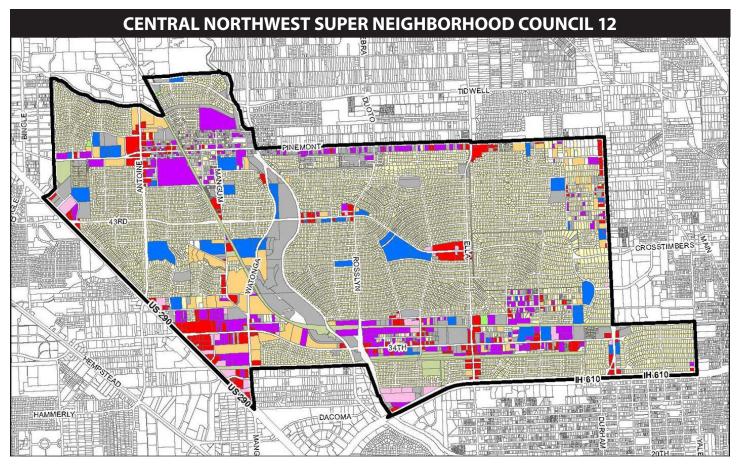
Wednesday, September 27

Wednesday, November 22

The Central NW Super Neighborhood Council meets on the **fourth Wednesday** of **every other month** (unless holiday weeks prevail) from 6:30-8:15 p.m. at the **Candlelight Community Center, 1520 Candlelight Lane, Houston, TX 77018**. Meetings are open to the public.

For further information about SN 12, visit sn12.org or email cnwsuper@gmail.com.

The Super Neighborhood program is sponsored by the City of Houston Dept. of Neighborhoods. For more, visit www.houstontx.gov/superneighborhoods/.



JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
1 New Year's Day	2	Civic Club Meeting* 7PM @ GOMM	4 Trash Pick-Up Today Due to City's Observed Holiday Schedule	5	6	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 938 Wakefield					
8	9	10	11	12	13	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 938 Wakefield					
15	16	17	GOMO Meeting 7PM @ GOPB	Heavy Trash Pick-Up (Tree Waste)	20	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 938 Wakefield					
22	23	24	25	26	27	Farmers Market 9AM-1PM 938 Wakefield					
29	30	31	* Preceded by GOMO meeting beginning at 6:30PM. Acronym Key GOMM = Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School, 901 Sue Barnett GOMO = Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization GOPB = Garden Oaks Professional Building, 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 216								





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