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President's Message

Matt Gannon, Civic Club President

As we are busy with spring cleaning and sprucing up our yards, it seems appropriate to provide an update on our planning efforts for next year's Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour.

I'm happy to announce that we had a positive response to the request for volunteers through social media and our recent meetings. To date, the following people have stepped up to assist:

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As you can see, we still have multiple positions open, so it is not too late to get involved! No experience is needed, so please email me at president@gardenoaks.org if you have any interest. Let's make this a fun event for the whole community.

I also have a couple of other neighborhood updates...

As some of you may have noticed, our "Garden Oaks" neighborhood signs have been getting refreshed; photos are available on our website (gardenoaks.org).

Following a request from several neighbors, please be careful when driving/parking on the grass easements on our streets, especially during wet conditions. Unfortunately, driving on the grass often creates nasty divots that do not self correct and those create puddles for standing water, bugs, algae, etc. See Jim DiCola's article "Whose Grass Is It" on page 9.

Our next GOCC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet. Our guest speaker will be from the City of Houston and the topic is recycling,

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 7 PM
Garden Oaks Montessori
901 Sue Barnett

Topic: City of Houston
Recycling

Spring Fling on Sue Barnett Drive

Saturday, April 29
(Rain date May 6)
4 - 6:30 PM
1300 block of Sue Barnett

Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

Saturday, October 21
4 - 6:30 PM
744 W 43rd

2018 Home and Garden Tour Volunteers Needed

See President's Message

Nice Grouping!

Joe Muscara, Gazette Editor

Garden Oaks and Oak Forest were named one of Houstonia's 10 Best Places to Live in 2017. Hooray for us. It is nice to be acknowledged for the great neighborhood that we have. The section featured our Oak Forest neighbor Emma Moon and some great info about the area. But I wonder, why are we grouped with Oak Forest?

I don't have anything against Oak Forest. I know a lot of great people over there. But I often notice a tendency for some to group Garden Oaks with them. I find it a bit odd for a few reasons. One is that they leave out Shepherd Park Plaza, our neighbors to the immediate north. I think that's a nice neighborhood, yet no one groups us with them nor any other adjacent neighborhood. I also think Garden Oaks is noticeably different from these other neighborhoods. As much as I might like the others, I'm often struck when I come back into Garden Oaks with how different it feels. Our large setbacks, our curved, (mostly) curbless streets, and the overall feel is very unique. I know these things may not matter to people who might want to group us together for marketing or promotional purposes, but I think it does matter to people who might want to see what we are about. I know that in my case, that is why we chose Garden Oaks over any of the nearby subdivisions.

Speaking of marketing, there is an establishment in Garden Oaks that likes to say they are "in the heart of GOOF," where that is supposed to stand for Garden Oaks/Oak Forest. The establishment is actually pretty close to the center of Garden Oaks proper, and about a full mile from the nearest part of Oak Forest. On top of that, neighborhoods are given names from abbreviations such as SoHo, TriBeCa, or even EaDo because they don't already have names. We already have a name. It's not GOOF, it's not "Garden Oaks Forest." It is Garden Oaks.

Until next month, I'm...

Still the editor

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Montessori Education Coming Full Circle

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

What do **you** think of when you hear the word Montessori? Most people reply that Montessori is an educational approach for pre-schoolers, but in fact, Montessori education is for people of ALL ages! Here at Garden Oaks, our program starts at 3 years old and ends at 8th grade. This year Waltrip HS welcomed a Montessori pathway option on campus, so HISD now offers Montessori education from 3 years old to high school. But it doesn't end there – Montessori methodologies have now been adapted to serve elderly people, too. Many nursing homes, elder care, and elder daycare centers are using Montessori methods to deal with memory loss and dementia caused by Alzheimer's or strokes.

This approach is attributed to New York psychiatrist Barry Reisberg who coined the word "retrogenesis" to describe the way in which a person's mind deteriorates. This process mirrors the development of the brain — the skills first developed are the last to go. Gerontologists track this pattern to help understand where patients are on the continuum. An example would be a person with memory loss who might have a difficult time with conversations but who can still sing a song learned as a child, play an instrument, or work with tools — all skills supported by muscle memory and hands-on manipulation.

Montessori education considers each person as a whole with each aspect equally important and inseparable from the others, including the physical, emotional, cognitive, social, spiritual, and aesthetic aspects. A Montessori atmosphere is characterized as a place of respect where learners express a caring attitude for each other and for the environment. Additionally, Montessori learning incorporates the sensory processes that include hands-on manipulation of objects and working collaboratively with others.

For individuals with memory issues, these techniques are especially effective as tasks are broken down into smaller parts and designed to meet the needs of each person. By supporting the person with smaller tasks at which they can succeed through repetition and the use of the senses, learners associate a positive experience with a difficult task.

Some of the Montessori tasks cited in the literature for use with the elderly include puzzles, world flags, letter recognition blocks, practical life skills including spooning rice and fine motor tasks, connecting PVC pieces, sorting laundry, and cooking with support in a safe kitchen environment. Conversations with peers and collaborating on a task are also useful in creating connections and improving cognitive functioning.

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Spring Fling Beautification Fundraiser

Susan Kostelecky

We are excited to announce the final details, hosts, sponsors, and table hosts for the Spring Fling on Sue Barnett Drive event on April 29 (rain date May 6) from 4 – 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$40 for adults which includes all food and drink, and \$5 for children 3 and older. Children under 3 are free. Ticket sales are scheduled to end on 4/22 to allow the table hosts to plan accordingly so that they can provide food for the ticketed attendees.

Tickets are available online at www.tinyurl.com/2017springflingtickets

The 1300 block of Sue Barnett will be closed from 1318 – 1346 Sue Barnett to allow safe passage for all of the attendees as they Sip & Stroll and enjoy the gardens, food and drink, silent auction, music, and all of the event's activities.

Goal: To help beautify Garden Oaks by raising funds for non-routine maintenance of the Garden Oaks pocket parks that are maintained at the expense of the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Food & Drink: Some of our Table Hosts/Food & Drink Providers include (food and drink items subject to change): The Baker's Man (dessert), The Barking Pig, the Driver family (sweets and frozen fruity drinks), Eureka Heights Brew Co. (beer), Frenchy's Chicken (chicken), GO Kids (champagne, Shirley Temples and chocolate covered strawberries), the Goads (beer and cocktails), Great Heights Brewing Company (beer), The Happy Macaron (macarons), Heights A/C & Heating (meat and cheese from Houston Dairymaids and wine), The House Manager (appetizers and wine), La Fresca Pizza (pizza, wings and breadsticks), Marchese's Kitchen (chicken salad and sausage), Mi Sombrero (Mexican food), Natran (Gatlin's BBQ), Naturally Sweet Treats (organic cupcakes), the Petrelli family (chicken nuggets and soft drinks), Rainbow Lodge (smoked duck gumbo), Spaghetti Western (bow tie pasta with chicken and mushrooms), and Union Kitchen (something awesome!).

RPM (Rescued Pets Movement) is hosting a great silent auction, Friends of Oak Forest Park will participate by providing a fairy tale story time for young attendees, and Animal Justice League will host a table.

Shop & Activities: Wabash Feed will be selling yard art, EcoFab Arts will sell their gorgeous glass yard art, and the Garden Oaks Garden Club will have container gardens in many sizes and styles available for sale.

Lauren Jensen Simpson of St. Julian's Crossing will present a talk about planting for pollinators with a focus on bees, including giveaways for the kids and a drawing for a bee hotel. Our own Kim Ellis of Habitats will be available

for gardening questions.

Music and bubbles will be provided by Retrograde Events, and Houston Yard Art is providing a fun photo op backdrop. GO Kids is providing two bouncy houses and we will also have face painters and chalk art for kids.

Fairy Houses: Enter a Fairy/Gnome house for display and/or competition! Visit the GOCC website at www.gardenoaks.org and go to the event page for the application form and information.

Gardens: Featured front yard gardens open for touring are: Gurrola family garden (1339), Driver garden (1341), Kostelecky garden (1318), and Zamora garden (1346). These gardens are varied and range from a one-year-old garden to established large gardens, from elegant to whimsical, and with a pollinator friendly focus.

We would like to thank the residents of the 1300 block who are opening up their properties for table hosts, bouncy houses, fairy garden displays, and plenty of food and drink: the Braun, Chang, Coward, Driver, Gurrola, Klein, Kostelecky, Petrelli, Stark, Taylor, Warren, and Zamora families. Thank you for making this fundraiser possible!

Sponsors: Our generous sponsors are:

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We hope to see you at this fun new neighborhood event and fundraiser!

(Montessori, continued from page 3)

This could be a group project, such as determining categories of food or working to develop a plan of action for the group (choosing a location to visit after considering the options). While Montessori education for the elderly will not "cure" dementia or Alzheimer's, the approach is implemented with a strengths-based focus. By supporting the skills that patients have and building on them, caregivers can provide support in a caring, nurturing environment that can give strength and reassurance to the individual and the family.

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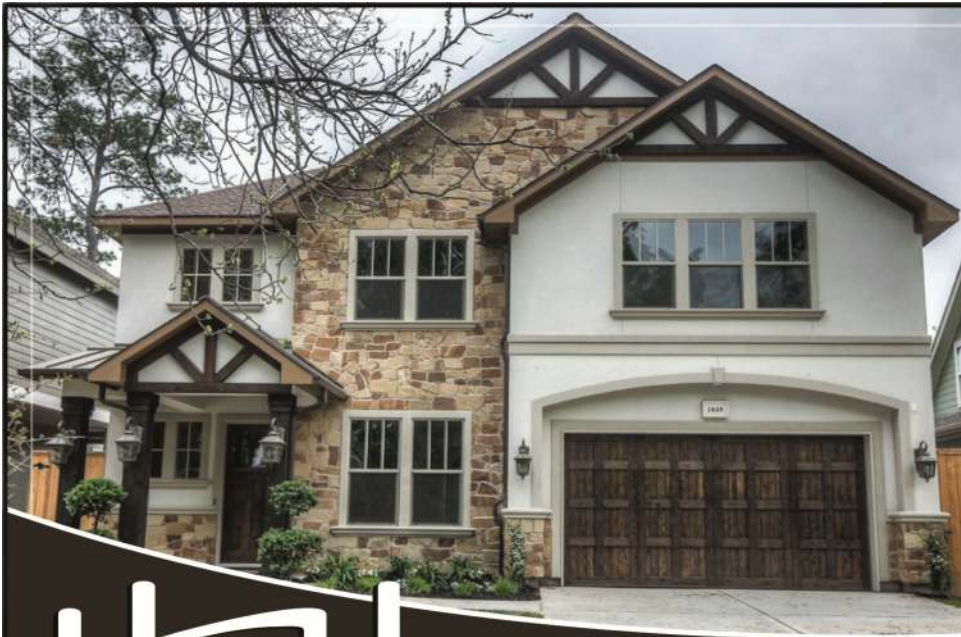
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Citizens' Patrol Update

Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

As you can see below, we had quite an uptick in reported crimes last month over February. Please remain alert when you are out in the community and report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

Crime Statistics (16)

Aggravated Assault (1)

4000 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Wed, Mar 1 at 7:54 p.m.

Aggravated Robbery (1)

4000 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Fri, Mar 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Auto Theft (2)

400 block of W.34th St. on Mon, Mar 20 at 8:58 a.m.

900 block of Gardenia Dr. on Fri, Mar 24 at 6:45 a.m.

Burglary (2)

3800 block of N. Shepherd on Sun, Mar 19 at 10:15 a.m.

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Wed, Mar 22 at 2:12 p.m.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (5)

3900 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Fri, Mar 10 at 7:58 p.m.

1000 block of W. 41st St. on Sat, Mar 11 at 8:30 a.m.

1300 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Sun Mar 12 at 7:26 p.m.

500 block of W. 34th St. on Tues, Mar 21 at 8:03 a.m.

4000 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on Fri, Mar 31 at 7:18 p.m.

Evading Arrest (1)

1400 block of Sue Barnett Dr. on Mon, Mar 6 at 4:04 a.m.

Robbery (1)

4100 block of N. Shepherd on Thur, Mar 23 at 12:02 p.m.

Theft (3)

3300 block of Lawrence on Wed, Mar 8 at 12:55 p.m.

4200 block of N. Shepherd on Wed, Mar 15 at 4:52 p.m.

1000 block W. 41st St. on Wed, Mar 22 at 11:33 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), the Citizens' Patrol email account (gocop77018@aol.com) or by phone at 713-864-1992.



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Whose Grass Is It?

Jim DiCola, Civic Club Vice President

As I look around our neighborhood I see residents with rocks on the grass out by the street in front of their homes. Others have erected green poles to keep people from parking there. Others have installed reflectors. Others just have **huge** ruts and have given up trying to prevent them from happening. The rocks and other objects are there as an attempt to keep cars from coming off the roads and onto "their grass." I get it because often the ground is soft, especially after rainy days, and when cars come off the road and onto the grass, the ruts can be enormous. Man, does that look bad!

I put "their grass" in quotes because that area by the street is city property. It is an easement that belongs to the City of Houston. Yes, we as property owners try to maintain it like it was "our grass." You may be interested to know that the city legal department told me just last week that if we place things by the road, and a vehicle sustains damage by hitting them, the homeowner could be liable for that damage. Let's keep that between us!

The funny thing is, as I was passing a construction delivery truck the other day, that driver stayed on the pavement and I, in my truck, was able to stay on the pavement too. I even watched a recycling truck and a UPS truck pass each other and both stayed on the pavement. So there is plenty of room, especially if it's just two cars passing.

I personally called UPS and FedEx last year and had their representatives come to the neighborhood to tell them to ask their drivers to stay on the pavement. I have even talked to their drivers personally. I think they have been doing a good job of staying off the grass.

Right now, with all the drainage and waterline repairs being done, our neighborhood is pretty torn up. But this construction will end, the grass will be re-sodded, and the neighborhood will look great again. In the meantime, if we all start practicing to stay on the pavement now, maybe we can keep the ruts out of the grassy areas in the future. Maybe the reflectors and rocks and poles can eventually come down?

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Joe Casarez, Secretary

April 4, 2017

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

Welcome and Introduction:

President Matt Gannon welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A motion was made and passed to accept the March 2017 minutes as published in the *Gazette*.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Teresa Coleman had hard copies of the Treasurer's report. The Constable budget is feeling the impact of paying for two constables. Current expenses are coming in under budget.

Guest Speaker: Teresa Coleman introduced guest speaker Trudi Smith, Director of Events for Buffalo Bayou Partnership, who has held the position for the past 12 years. The Buffalo Bayou Partnership oversees the beautification and redevelopment activities along Houston's Buffalo Bayou waterway. Over the past 15 years the Partnership and board of directors have raised and leveraged over 150 million dollars in projects and public funds for the redevelopment of Buffalo Bayou.

Buffalo Bayou extends 52 miles in length from Katy to the Gulf of Mexico. The Partnership is focused on the 10 mile stretch between Shepherd Drive and the Turning Basin. Projects along the bayou include art installations like "The Bubble", an interactive piece by

local artist Dean Ruck, which has a red button located on the Preston St. bridge that activates compressed air, creating large bubbles in the bayou. Other art pieces include variable colored lights along the bayou that change color depending on the phase of the moon. This extends along the trails, bridges and water from downtown to the Shepherd Dr. bridge.

BBP has also improved and renovated the hike and bike trails along the bayou. There are bike and kayak rental facilities and cafes. Other sites to explore are the Buffalo Bayou Cistern, Sabine Promenade, Sesquicentennial Park, Allen's Landing, and Buffalo Bend Nature Park.

You can visit the Buffalo Bayou Partnership Park website (www.buffalobayou.org) for additional information, amenities, and trail guides.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constable Program: GOCC is committed to providing two constables; it is important to get as many households participating in this very beneficial program for the neighborhood. One can join the Constable Program at www.gardenoaks.org.

Beautification: No update.

Website: Pam Parks announced an updated home page with information on fundraisers, construction projects, and images of the new Garden Oaks signs.

Information for Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) and the Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) can be found at www.gardenoaks.org.

Garden Oaks Citizens' Patrol:

Program Chair Carl Waters, Jr. noted that there were 16 crimes reported in March 2017 on the website used by HPD to report information to the public (CrimeReports.com). Eight of the crimes were committed on N. Shepherd Drive. Most were burglaries, including one stolen vehicle, which was involved in a pursuit and ended in a ditch with the suspect sustaining two broken legs. More details will appear in the monthly article in the April *Gazette*. Mr. Waters also reminded GO residents not to leave items in vehicles where they can easily be seen to dissuade a quick smash and grab. Volunteers to help patrol the neighborhood are needed and if interested, please contact him via the GOCC website. One must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check with the Houston Police Department.

Membership: Chairperson Dian Austin was not able to attend but Brenda de Alba provided the following membership update: as of April 1st, there are 250 paid civic club members, an increase of 20 members. Contributors to the Constable Program currently stand at 328, an increase of 24 members. If any GOCC members would like a decal for your vehicle, please email membership@gardenoaks.org with your name and mailing address. The

\$25 Barnes and Noble gift card door prize was won by Debra Jean.

Gazette: Editor Joe Muscara thanked everyone for getting their submissions in on time for the March *Gazette* and reminded everyone that April 10th is the deadline to submit for the May *Gazette*.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet: GOMM Principal Dr. Lindsey Pollock said the school's construction project is continuing smoothly. If you have received notification that your child has been accepted to GOMM, please contact the school office to notify them of your acceptance. If you know anyone who has moved into the neighborhood and has a child of kindergarten age or older, please have them contact the GOMM office as soon as possible if they plan to enroll this fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the **2018 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour:** Sue Schmidt has volunteered to chair the event and several other volunteers have stepped forward as well.

Susan Kostelecky provided an update on the addition of vendors and table hosts for the upcoming **Spring Fling** fundraiser.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2nd. The guest speaker will be from the City of Houston and the subject will be recycling.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Heard Under the Oak Tree

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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Amelie P. - 5/24
Lauren S. - 5/24
Shannon Miller - 5/31

Happy Anniversary

Victor and Deborah Seghers - 5/3
Jason and Alisha Cunningham - 5/16

Out and About

Emmett and San Juanita Doherty traveled to Santa Fe for a reading from daughter Marisa's senior project - a collective book of poetry and short stories. Marisa graduates

in May from Santa Fe University of Art and Design with a degree in creative writing.

Spring Break trip catch up: The Feits enjoyed an extended time traveling to Bali. **The Noser family** enjoyed a trip to New York City. **The Sherber girls** enjoyed Lake Conroe with their nana, papa, and uncle. **The McLean family** enjoyed skiing at Lake Louise. **Jaime Hunt** showed her guinea pigs at HLSR in March.

Megan Noser and Sarah Klein completed a two-week run of the HITS' production of Footloose at Miller Outdoor Theatre; total attendance for the six days of shows was 25,000! **Caroline McLean** traveled with friends to San Juan Puerto Rico. **Tina Rowe** enjoyed a trip to Amsterdam.

Congratulations

Cameron Carlin has been selected to be a resident assistant for his dorm, an ambassador for Trinity, and a teaching assistant for his professor next year.

Condolences

Special thoughts to **the Gross family** on the loss of their beloved pup, Kayla.

To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit information no later than the 8th of the month to Terry Jeanes at terry@terryjeanes.com.

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

GOMO Update, March 2017

*Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager***Plans were approved for:**

- None

Pending resubmission:

- 523 W 33rd

Revised plans were approved for:

- None

Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity for March (Year to Date)

New reported violations – 2 (4)

Resolved/cleared – 3 (6)

Unresolved/pending – 2 (N/A)

Litigation in progress – 3 (N/A)

Of the 32 violations reported by members throughout 2016 through Q1 2017, 29 or over 90% were found not to be violations or were corrected after GOMO contacted the owner. The remaining 3 reported violations are under further review. No new litigation has been undertaken since 2012 and of the three cases currently active, two are in the final stage of resolution.

Content additions to the website since last month are the following:

- Meeting minutes for Feb 2017
- Building plans: Note about waivers
- Addition to Member Q & A:
 - Addition to Building Plans: Why GOMO does not grant waivers
 - Misc: Legislative Updates re: HOA

Garden Oaks is a deed-restricted community of 1400 homes. The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization is entrusted by home 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.

At gardenoaks.org, 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. Home owners are invited to attend our meetings which 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.

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Tina Sabuco

Thank you Garden Oaks neighbors and friends, surrounding neighborhoods, and our local Brownie troop 122017 for helping with our upcoming 4th annual special needs Girl Scout troop 21 Bake Sale. We will be at **Triangle Park on Azalea and Alba** again this year on **Sunday, May 21 from Noon – 2pm** (note, last month's *Gazette* article mentioned an incorrect time so please note that the sale ends at 2pm). My wife, Shellye and I lead this troop, along with 4 other leaders. This is the only fundraiser we have for the entire year. Thanks to you — our neighbors and friends — this very special troop is able to hold activities and events especially tailored for them. Thank you for your past years of baking, volunteering, donating, or just stopping by and visiting. Offering our troop an opportunity to interact with our neighborhood is as important as the

Sunday, May 21st
Noon - 2 PM
859 Azalea

funds raised.

Troop 21 is the only special needs Girl Scout troop in the United States comprised entirely of adults. The troop formed in 1976, and many of the then-youngsters are still members today. Members range in age from their 20s to 60s. Like most Girl Scout troops, we meet monthly and have activities that help them learn, grow,

contribute and most of all — have **fun!!!**

This bake sale allows us to take the troop on field trips, have pizza parties, and host holiday celebrations. It helps provide snacks and supplies for activities for the 9 months that we meet each year.

This is the 3rd year that Brownie troop 122017 will join us. They are a group of 7 and 8-year-old Brownies who attend St. Rose and GOMM. They will be providing some of the goodies **and** a rockin' lemonade stand. They generously donate 100% of the proceeds to our troop 21. We love our Brownie Buddies!

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up to the time of the sale. We will provide a cooler on our front porch at 859 Azalea. Please label your goodies to let everyone know what they are and what they contain (ex: brownies with walnuts and pecans). We welcome individual bags of goodies and/or whole cakes or pies!

- **Stop by and purchase items.** Please visit us and our scouts in our front yard at 859 Azalea, at Alba, between noon and 2 pm on Sunday, May 21st.
- **Bring your pups.** We will also have a table filled with Bark Bites dog treats homemade by Donna Barkley of Wimberley, so bring your pups - - or pick up some to take home to them.

- **Make a monetary donation.** We will happily accept checks. Please make them out to Tina Sabuco and write Troop 21 in the memo section. Please mail them to 859 Azalea, Houston, TX 77018 or better yet, come to the sale in person if you can.
- **Visit us in person at the sale.** Socializing, helping sell, and just engaging are very important parts of this experience for our troop. Please come by!

If you can help or have any questions, please contact me at tina@artsaliveinc.com or 713-819-9339.

See you soon!





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Top Ten A/C Mistakes to Avoid - Part One

Mitch Weigand

Most people don't usually interact with their A/C systems very much. They adjust the thermostat, replace the air filter (hopefully), and that's about it. Let's talk about some common mistakes to avoid.

10. Going with the cheapest contractor

As with most things, you get what you pay for. When choosing an A/C contractor for a simple repair or full installation, it is tempting to go with the cheapest price. This can be a huge mistake because the lowest price contractor will invariably use the lowest quality equipment and poorly trained staff. Choose a highly reputable company, especially one recommended by friends or family. It will be much better in the long run because your high quality A/C system will be properly installed and maintained by experienced, reliable technicians.

9. Trying to hide the outdoor unit

It's understood that your outside unit, the condenser, isn't the most attractive lawn ornament. However, it really needs space in order to function properly. Some homeowners try to obscure the condenser by planting trees or shrubbery around it. This blocks the airflow to the unit which makes it more difficult for the A/C system to cool your home. Be sure that all plants near the condenser do not obstruct air flow or impede access for repairs, leaving about three feet of clearance all around and at least five feet above it.

8. Blocking or closing the air vents

Some homeowners think that by closing vents in unused rooms in their homes, they can save energy. This is not an effective energy-saving strategy, and it can actually lead to comfort, efficiency, and performance problems.

7. Having appliances near the thermostat

If you place lamps or other heat-producing appliances near your thermostat, it can cause your thermostat to sense your home is warmer than it actually is. This will

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(A/C Mistakes, continued from page 17)

keep your air conditioner running longer which can make your home too cool and waste energy.

6. Cranking down the thermostat

The lower you set your thermostat, the faster your home will cool down, right? Not really. Your home cools down at the same rate no matter where your thermostat is set. Besides, the lower you set the thermostat, the harder the A/C system will have to work. Ease the load on both your air conditioner and wallet by setting the thermostat to the highest temperature at which you are comfortable. Also, use ceiling fans and programmable thermostats to help keep you cool.

Part Two will be in the June Gazette. Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™

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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

May usually ushers in the beginning of the summer season. I know it's not what the calendar says and not what other parts of the country experience, but here on the Texas Gulf Coast the temperature climbs past ninety on a daily basis and in my world that means summer. I tell myself every year that I don't know how I'm going to survive another one, yet somehow I do and live to gripe about it. It's kind of funny because I was born here and you'd think I'd be used to it by now or at least accept it. After all there's nothing that can be done to change it, other than moving to a more moderate locale, which would cause a lot of wailing and gnashing of teeth because your Saturday morning taco stand would disappear. I'm pretty sure y'all would form a posse, come find me and drag me back here, so I'll just stay and continue to whine about the hot weather.

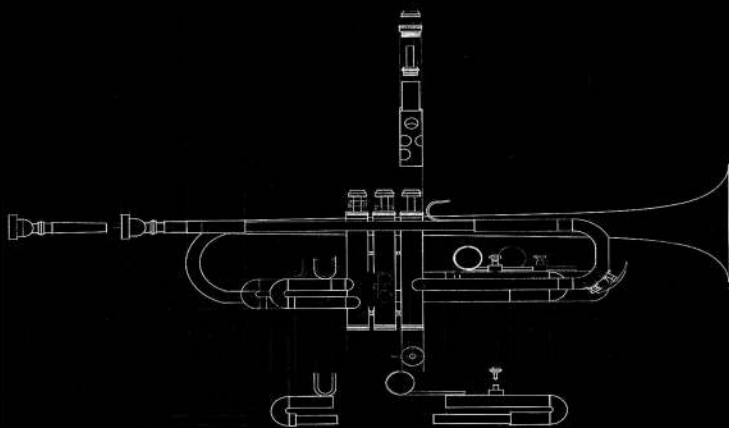
Meanwhile back at the market, we may or may not be in the same space shortly. The build-out of Great Heights Brewing Company has begun and this past weekend Mr. Rick Russell who owns the business across the street

graciously offered us the use of his parking lot if needed. I did notice that it is nice and shady across the way, which could cut down on my griping. Also by now Jeff and Matt of Avid coffee should have already taken over Joshua's space and folded Krista in with her fresh squeezed juices. All in all, I see it as a win-win situation, however it turns out.

The one good thing about our rather mild winter is that the spring and summer crops will be in early this year. Farmer Cathy is already bringing berries to the market, and Gus and company may already have corn for sale, which usually doesn't occur until around Memorial Day. Eggs should still continue to be in good supply. I believe Cathy took twelve dozen eggs back home with her this past Saturday. This would be a good time to buy an extra dozen and make a quiche or two; a big slice of it makes a really yummy breakfast or lunch for a family on the go and keeps well in the fridge. That's all the news I have for now, and hope to see y'all soon.

And as always, "Come soon, come often, and bring your appetite and imagination."

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GO Kids Update

*Lindsey Gabriel, GO Kids
Coordinator*

GO Kids had a great start to the year with the Mardi Gras Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and Spring Movie Night! We also had a great time hosting a table at the Sue Barnett Spring Fling. GO Families are very thankful to have such wonderful community members to put on great events for our children!

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Back to School Bash – August 20th
- Halloween Bash – October 28th
- Santa Night – November 28th

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met on April 5th to plan for the rest of the year. We anticipate some openings on the Leadership Team in 2018. If you are interested in a position or helping in any capacity, please contact Lindsey Gabriel, GO Kids Coordinator, at lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com. We will be meeting in June

to plan the Back to School Bash. Details will be posted on the GO Kids Facebook page.

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.

GO Babies

We are excited to welcome Katerina Benkowski, our new GO Babies Chair, to the Leadership Team. Be on the lookout for upcoming play dates for our tiny GO Kids on the GO Kids Facebook page. If you have any suggestions, please contact Katerina at l_katerina@hotmail.com.

Interested in becoming a member?

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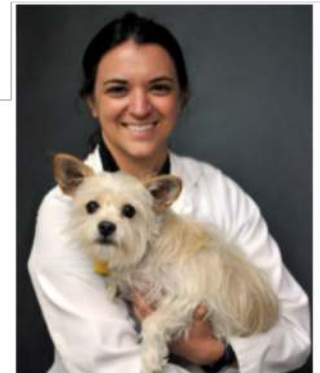
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 948 Wakefield
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 	To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public. - Theodore Roosevelt		3

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