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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Constable Program Update

Terry Jeanes, Committee Chair

Welcome to Deputy "Zeke" Cevallos who is joining Deputy Joe Bowden watching over our Garden Oaks streets.

Thank you to Garden Oaks Patrol Deputies Joe and Alex who participated at the Spring Fling Beautification Fundraiser on comp time. Also thanks to Capt. Hennessy who assisted with paperwork required by the City for the event.

A big thanks to the following financial supporters who stepped forward on the Smoke 'n Spirits event, which was converted to strictly a donation drive. As we go to press, contributions received total \$6700, with other pledges still outstanding. We greatly appreciate Vidal and Debbie Martinez who facilitated this as the major donors, followed by contributions from Cesar and Liz Maldonado, Jeff and Melissa Gibb, Peter and Kathy Chang, Fred and Gina Clarke, Jaime and Celeste Zamora, Ronnie and Sheree' Peoples, Brenda and Ed de Alba, Sandy Altman and Dian Austin, Sheila Briones, Tina Rowe and Jim DiCola, Shelley Rogers and Pat Buron, Judy Darden, and Joe Casarez.

The success of our Garden Oaks Constable Program depends entirely on increasing neighborhood participation via supporter donations of time and money.

While participation is up from previous months, we still need to grow the number of supporters in order to sustain the two deputy patrollers we currently have. Remember that we lost one patrol deputy in March and are now down to two deputies. To stay ahead of the needed funds, please get involved and donate as much as you can. Sign up online or via the form in this *Gazette*. You can pay in one lump sum or monthly. There are many options online if you want to pay beyond the suggested \$225 annual minimum, and many of you have been very generous with your additional contributions beyond the minimum. Thank you!

An updated supporter roster can be found at gardenoaks.org. Thanks to those who are currently supporting the program. If you are not a current supporter, please consider joining. Only 330+ households in Garden Oaks (out of some 1430) are currently supporters. Please do your part!

We are considering small supporter signs for homes that do contribute, thermometer style gauges for several public locations to indicate progress toward our overall goal, and expanding the neighbor to neighbor solicitation. **Wanted:** Section Leader/ Coordinator for Section 2 and an additional Co-Leader for Section 4. These leaders will serve as point persons for the section as the neighbor to neighbor contact campaign expands. Email constable@gardenoaks.org to volunteer or to make a suggestion of someone we should contact.

Important Numbers/Links

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

Sign-up for Precinct One Crime Alerts at <http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/crime-alerts/>

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Wednesday, July 5, 7 PM
Garden Oaks Montessori
901 Sue Barnett

Topic: High Speed Rail

Red, White, and Blue Bicycle Parade

Tuesday, July 4
9 AM
Rick Englert SPARK Park
Registration begins at 8:30

Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

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

The Mechanic

Joe Muscara, Gazette Editor

I consider myself pretty handy. Despite having an undergrad degree in mechanical engineering (and a graduate degree in environmental engineering), I know my way around a wrench or two. Maybe it's my age or getting better at being lazy, but I've done a terrible job maintaining the lawn tractor that Lori's parents gave us some years ago. It's been running rough lately, but it has kept going.

A couple of months ago, we could not get it started. It made a noise, so the fuse for the electric clutch that had blown twice before wasn't out again, the voltmeter indicated that the battery wasn't dead (I installed it last August so it should have been fine anyway), there was gas but that didn't matter because it wasn't even at that point where it would have needed gas yet. It wasn't even turning over.

I finally called Sears to have them send out a service person. The guy came out, tried to start it, and thought it was the battery. Then he used a battery starter to jump it and got it started. It was running rough. He pulled the air filter off and it ran smoothly. That needed to be changed, badly. Then he checked the battery. The cables were loose. After he tightened them, it started fine. Seriously? Loose battery terminals? I tried not to show my annoyance and embarrassment. I also didn't mention that I knew it needed an oil change, new fuel filter, and a new spark plug. Those are other things I have been putting off as well.

He didn't think replacing the electric clutch for over \$600 on a mower that old and with parts going out of service was worth it, but I had him give me the estimate for it. We also discussed the possibility that the fuse might be blowing because the engine might be overheating the clutch due to the clogged air filter.

The service tech apologized to me for not being able to help. I guess he was referring to the clutch replacement but that was okay. I was still more bothered that the mower was running poorly because I hadn't been maintaining it properly, and that I completely missed the loose battery cables.

Until next month, I may not be The Mechanic, but I'm...

Still the editor.

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President's Message

Matt Gannon, Civic Club President

Now that we are coming into July, we've officially passed the half way point in 2017, and for many of us, the last six months have just flown by. I thought I would update you on the exciting speakers we have planned for the remainder of our Civic Club meetings in 2017, as well as a summary of the speakers to date.

Upcoming 2017 Speakers

July 5, Wednesday, Mark Klein, President of Near NW Neighborhood and GO resident, will provide an update on the High-speed Rail.

August 1, Tuesday, Harris County's chief executive officer, Judge Ed Emmett, will speak about his role and vision for Harris County. This is a joint Civic Club presentation as folks from nearby neighborhoods will also be in attendance. Location TBA.

September 5, Tuesday, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez will update us on changes in the Sheriff's office since being elected November 2016.

October 3, Tuesday, no Civic Club meeting due to National Night Out.

November 7, Tuesday, Garden Oaks resident and President/CEO of the Memorial Park Conservancy, Shellye Arnold, will talk about the master plan for Memorial Park Conservancy. If you haven't been to the Park lately or even if you have, you will be amazed at all the changes.

December 5, Tuesday, Holiday Party, no speaker but there is the election of GOCC officers and approval of the budget. You must be a paid member and be present for your vote to count. Please see the GOCC by-laws for details of how to get involved or to participate in the nomination committee. (See page 5 for information about this process.)

Past 2017 Speakers

April's presentation from Buffalo Bayou Partnership discussed the revitalization of Buffalo Bayou from Shepherd to the Ship Channel. Maybe you've heard

about the great Dog Park? Have you been on the historic tour of the Cistern? Seen the whirlpool? Watched as your children explored and played in the nature playground? All these and more were presented.

The inspirational fairy house video for the latest GOCC fundraiser, the Spring Fling, was shown in March. A family meets adversity by coming together to build and install fairy houses in a nature park.

Civic Club Vice President Jim DiCola summarized the City's presentation from May in his June *Gazette* article "Recycling Dos and Don'ts."

At the June meeting, Houston Livestock and Rodeo speaker Susan Reeves enacted Lizzie Williams' life story as the Cattle Queen of Texas. Born in 1840, Lizzie attended her parent's school, went on to college, became a bookkeeper for cattlemen and realized how profitable it was to own her own land, and have her own brand and raise cattle.

Hearing great speakers and learning more about our city aren't the only reasons to attend the monthly Civic Club meetings. You will also have the opportunity to meet local officials, including our very own constables, and in election years, hear candidates speak who are specific to our area from Mayor to Sheriff to Justice of the Peace judges. Also, each month, GOMM principal Dr. Pollock gives an update on school activities and building progress.

And then there is the delicious pizza donated by Brother's Pizzeria, the raffle drawing for a \$25 gift card, or the opportunity to receive free gifts from local businesses, such as gluten-free baked goods this past meeting.

All Garden Oaks residents are invited. You must attend for your voice to be heard. And you must be a GOCC member for your vote to count. Besides the December voting, votes are taken on many other items, including how your contributions are spent! Did you know any disbursement over \$250 has to be voted on by GOCC members? Come to a meeting to see how it works.

The GOCC board looks forward to seeing you. The more participation there is, the greater the opportunity for Garden Oaks to shine, and the more your voices, ideas and thoughts can be heard.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Joe Casarez, Secretary

June 6, 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 7:07 p.m. A motion was made and passed to accept the May 2017 minutes as published in the *Gazette*.

A question was raised from the floor regarding the process to participate in the nominating committee. Matt agreed to provide details in his President's update in the *Gazette*.

GO resident Angela Winston gave a brief review of her home-based business, The Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery. She offers allergy, nut, dairy, and egg-free goods in addition to the gluten-free baked goods. She provided a delicious sample of strawberry lemonade gluten-free cupcakes to those in attendance. You can get more information at her website: www.liberationgfbakery.com

The door prize drawing was a \$25 gift certificate for the Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery and Brad Wylly was the winner!

Mercedes Benz location scout Bo Swenson announced that MB will be filming a commercial in Garden Oaks using Sue Barnett street as one of the backdrops. Other locations to be included are the Sam Houston National Forest and San Luis Pass.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa Coleman provided two months of treasury reports since she was out on vacation last month. The GOCC balance sheet reported a net income for the year to date but still lacks details on the final results of the Spring Fling on Sue Barnett. The Constable Program is showing a net loss due to paying for two constable patrols. Pledges are still being collected for the Smoke and Spirits fundraiser.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker was from the Speakers' Bureau of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Susan Reeves took on the role of Lizzie Johnson Williams, the Cattle Queen of Texas. Lizzie Johnson was born in 1840 in Missouri. Her father moved the family to Texas in 1846 with the intent to start an educational institution for boys. So many girls applied that it was changed to a co-educational school. This is long before public schools were organized in 1870.

The school was set up in San Marcos, TX. There were not very many opportunities for women to get an education so Lizzie felt very fortunate to be able to attend her father's school. She graduated at age sixteen and became a teacher herself. She attended a women's college in Chappell Hill, TX. She was so good at bookkeeping that some cattlemen from St Louis hired her; she learned from this experience and bought stock in a Chicago cattle company. She took the earnings from selling her stocks and bought

her own cattle, and her cattle brands were registered in the state of Texas. She grew her company and became famous for being the first woman in Texas to take part in the cattle drives on the Chisholm Trail to get her cattle from Texas to Kansas City, Kansas.

She had a reputation for being miserly and after her death, many were surprised to learn that she had amassed almost \$250,000 and her property included plots in Travis, Llano, Hays, Trinity, Culberson, and Jeff Davis counties. She died on October 9, 1924 and is buried in Austin.

Committee Reports

Constable Program: A new deputy, Zeke Cevallos, has joined the Constable Patrol and will be working the evening hours. The Smoke and Spirits fundraiser has generated \$6,200 to date and should net \$7,200 for the Constable Program when all pledges are collected. A program to increase constable program participation will be underway shortly, with more information to be published in the *Gazette* and on social media. 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: The Spring Fling committee will be meeting to determine how the fundraising

funds will be spent. Initial thoughts include upgrading the rose garden, installing an arch and planting new roses.

Website: Information on the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) and the Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) can be found at www.gardenoaks.org. Pam Parks indicated that if GO residents want to submit content to the web site, please contact her via the website.

Membership: Brenda de Alba (on behalf of Dian Austin) reported that as of June 3rd, there are 261 paid civic club members; an increase of 11 members. Contributors to the Constable Program currently stand at 333. If any paid GOCC members would like a membership decal for your vehicle, please email membership@gardenoaks.org with your name and mailing address.

Gazette: Editor Joe Muscara reminded everyone that the 10th of the month is the *Gazette* deadline.

Garden Oaks Citizens' Patrol: No report.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet: Dr Pollock indicated that renovations to the cafeteria, library, and front office are underway. Construction should be completed by the end of October of this year. GOMM summer school students are taking classes at Oak Forest Elementary.

Old Business

2018 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour chairperson, Katy Wyly, was introduced by Matt Gannon. A kick-off meeting has already taken place. If you are interested in

volunteering for the home tour, please check the tour page at www.gardenoaks.org and look under the Events tab.

The next GOCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 5th. The guest speaker will be Mark Klein, with an update on the high speed rail project.

The Garden Oaks Civic Club would like to thank Brother's Pizzeria for their generosity in donating the pizzas for the civic club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Election of GOCC Board

Directors will be elected each year by the Members at their annual meeting. Notice of intent to elect Directors will be provided to the Members at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the Members. Nothing in these Bylaws prohibits nominations from the floor for Directors at a meeting of the Members. Those persons elected to the Board at the annual meeting of the Members held in December will take office effective the next succeeding January 1.

Nominating Committee

The Board will elect five (5) members to serve on a Nominating Committee, to be announced at the September meeting of the Members. No more than two (2) Nominating Committee members may be current Directors. The President may not be a member of the Nominating Committee nor act as an ex-officio member. The

Nominating Committee will nominate a slate of candidates for election at the December Members' meeting, and the slate will include at least one (1) candidate for each office. The slate will be presented formally at the November Members' meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November and December Members' meetings. After the election of the Board members has occurred, the Nominating Committee will automatically terminate its activities and dissolve.

A color version of the Gazette is published each month at the Garden Oaks web site, gardenoaks.org. You can download past issues as well as find contact information and pay for ads.

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

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

GOMO Update, May 2017

Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager

Plans were approved for:

- 1079 Lamonte
- 3302 Lawrence

Revised plans were approved for:

- None

Pending resubmission:

- 523 W 33rd

Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity for April (Year to Date)

New reported violations – 0 (4)

Resolved/cleared – 0 (6)

Unresolved/pending – 2 (N/A)

Litigation in progress – 1 (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 April 2017
- FY Q2 Financials

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. Homeowners are invited to attend our meetings that 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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Take Time for Tea!

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

Summers are magical times to spend with children and friends doing things that we so often don't have time for during the school year. One of my favorite activities with my children when they were young was a tea party, and I continue the tradition now with my grandchildren when they come to visit. Here are a few tips to make your summer tea parties both fun and educational. Drinking tea is customary in many cultures of the world. Make your tea parties interesting by purchasing a variety of tea sets (I frequent garage sales and resale shops to purchase them inexpensively). Discuss the shapes and colors with your guests and research the origins of your set. I let the children take turns choosing the set they would like to use.

In Korea there are five steps for the consumption of tea which correspond to the five senses:

Ears – Listen to the sound of the water as it heats and is poured into the cup. Close your eyes and calm your emotions and your body to be in the moment.

Eyes – Appreciate the color of the tea and the source in nature that produced it. Talk about the plant that grew and the part of the plant that is the tea (root, leaf, blossom).

Hands – Hold the cup in your hands and feel the warmth and energy in the cup.

Nose – Close your eyes and inhale the scent of the fresh tea and then the cup of tea. Does it smell the same or different?

Mouth – Taste the delicious drink first without anything in it and then add to your liking (lemon, sugar, milk).

Remember that water for your tea does **not** need to be boiling and be careful if young children are pouring the tea. You may want to have a separate tea pot for younger children who are learning to pour. There are a number of places in Houston that also offer high tea which can be an extra special treat for pre-teens and friends celebrating a special occasion. Call ahead for reservations and prices.

There are many varieties of tea and ways to serve it. You can invite the children to help prepare the place settings and what you'll serve with the tea – sandwiches, finger foods, and the complements for the tea. My grandchildren are fascinated with sugar cubes so they are a must on our table. You may choose to purchase pre-bagged tea or loose tea. You might also research the plants in your garden and make your own tea (mint tea is easy) but be sure you know your plants as some could be toxic. Loose tea is especially good when discussing the parts of the plant that make up your tea.

There are also many health benefits to drinking tea. For example, green tea contains vitamins C, B1, B2, B5, and B12. Other teas have been credited with the prevention of senility, decay of the teeth, and bad breath. Taking time in

the day to sit quietly and reflect with friends is also beneficial to your health.

Finally, there are many children's books about tea to enhance your tea party:

Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk

My Very First Tea Party by Michal Sparks

The Best Tea Party Ever by Sonali Fry

Tea with Milk by Allen Say

Tea for Ruby by Sarah the Duchess of York Ferguson and Robin Preiss Glasser

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

Kid Tea by Elizabeth Fiocelli and Glin Dibley

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and the Three Cups of Tea and/or

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace by Greg Mortenson

33 Years and Still Growing— Neighborhood Community Garden

Jim DiCola, Civic Club Vice President

A new garden crop is coming in... and going out to the food pantries, serving fresh vegetables to disadvantaged families in our area. The Community Garden is located here in Garden Oaks, on Alba Street, between Sue Barnett and Chamboard. It is a joint project of Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park Plaza and was started by former Garden Oaks resident Jan Koenig in 1984.

Koenig started the garden with the help of Dr. Bob Randall of Urban Harvest. The property, still owned by the City of Houston, was once part of a local water district. For the last 33 years the garden has supplied fresh vegetables to needy families, free of charge, through local food pantries. Currently the produce is getting donated to the St. Rose of Lima Pantry and MANNA, and the workers share a small amount too.

Master Gardener Beth Galiano, from Shepherd Park Plaza, donates her time and most all of the operating expenses for the garden. Some of these expenses include fertilizer, seed, pesticides, and coverings for the beds. She even delivers the vegetables to the pantries in her own truck.

Beth took over the duties of managing the garden from Jan Koenig in 1993. She gets regular help from local residents Caroline Stender, Chuck and Jeanette Blesener, Tim and Debbie Elliott, Lisa Capfer, and Rodney Meriwether. These are the "regular volunteers." Anyone else who wants to help garden is welcome to come and lend a hand. Regular gardening time is 7 am to 9 am every Wednesday morning, weather permitting.

Currently the garden is growing tomatoes, beans, carrots, kale, peppers, okra, and eggplant. Contact Beth Galiano at 713-682-0920 for more information, or just show up and help!

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Terry Jeanes

Welcome, New Neighbors!

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1447 Sue Barnett	1578 Sue Barnett	332 W. 34th	722 W. 41st
886 W. 41st	902 W. 42nd	1035 W. 42nd	819 W. 43rd
1070 W. 43rd			

Happy Birthday

Caroline McLean – 7/1	Claire B. – 7/2	Matthew K. – 7/2
Alexander Zugheri – 7/2	Jane E. – 7/3	Mike Heath – 7/5
Jessica Jarvis – 7/7	Alison Tucker – 7/10	Kaplan M. – 7/12
Jenny E. – 7/17	Mary Sharon Komarek – 7/18	
Deanna Zugheri – 7/23	Akira B. – 7/27	
Jason Cunningham – 7/27		

Happy Anniversary

Jason and Jenny Espeseth – 7/7

Welcome

Greetings to Pip, the new kitten in the de Alba family.
Welcome to the new pup, Valli, in the Zugheri household.
Welcome to pup Kibbles in the Briones family.

Out and About

Seen in the crowd at the U2 Concert were **Trent and Megan Salch, Craig and M'lissa Dilley, and Mel Johnson.**

The **Shamblen** family participated in the Annual Heights Fun Run.

Adam and Max D. had a great time at Minefaire, as did their dad **Craig.**

Memorial Day Weekend: It was Hyatt Hill Country Resort for the **Dilley family**, San Luis Resort for the **Salches**, Galveston for **Missy Alwais**, ball games in Taylor TX and Salt Lick for the **Taylor family**, Paradox in Wimberley for the **Johnson family**, and Guadalupe River time for **Al Thomas, Dea Larson**, and pup Molly. The **Jarvis family** joined former GO neighbors Adrian and Carey Berry in Denver. **Terry Jeanes** took in her granddaughter's dance recital followed by time in Smithville. The **O'Guynns** enjoyed Corpus Christi.

More GO travelers included **Caroline McLean** to Boerne, **Tina Sabuco** and

Shellye Arnold at Gruene Mansion Inn B&B, **the Ellis family** in North Dakota, and the **deAlbas** with 3 weeks touring Spain and Portugal.

Continuing the travels, the **Reichles** enjoyed Nashville and the CMA Music Festival. **Alisha Cunningham** spent time in Austin with cousins. The **Seghers** toured Italy, while the **Carlins** enjoyed California. **Al Thomas and Dea Larson** cruised in Europe. **Marcia Rasmussen and Jenny Odinet** enjoyed a gal's getaway with friends in Isla Mujeres.

Congratulations

Kudos to **Cade Klein, Isabella Ramirez, Alex Lozano, Miguel Hugetz, Eli Pittman, Isabelle Hugetz, and Akira Murata** who finished the Houston Texans Kids Triathlon. It was the second year to finish for Cade, Eli, and Alex. Approximately 200 kids from the Garden Oaks/Oak Forest area participated.

Congrats to recent graduates: **Adelaide Leonard**, graduate of the University of Arkansas, **Abby Ganze** as valedictorian of Our Savior Lutheran class of 2017, and **Zachary Zugheri** who graduated from St. Thomas High School.

Hats off to **Amanda Carlin** on her recent 25 years of service in education award, and to **Jason Ellis** who recently earned his maritime captain's license.

A high five to **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** for a very successful annual bake sale for their Girl Scout Troop 21 and to the brownie troop who worked hard to sell their goodies and donated the proceeds to Troop 21.

Special Thoughts and Well Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Dea Larson** following hip surgery.

Condolences and special thoughts to Shellye Arnold who recently lost her father. Also to **Mark Roberts & family** with the passing of Mark's dad, Harold. Also to **Craig Adair**, and other family and friends of Ronald Adair who recently passed away. Condolences to **Dian Austin** and family on the recent loss of Dian's mother.

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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Citizens' Patrol Update

Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

As you can see below, we were hit hard in May, particularly in the vehicle crime area. June did not start any better as I received a call from one of our residents who reported both vehicles had been rifled through during the overnight hours of June 4. The next day a resident reported 3 homes including theirs had their vehicles burgled during the overnight hours. Please be alert to your surroundings at all times and report any suspicious behavior to the authorities.

If you don't have the numbers for HPD and the Precinct One Constable's Office programmed into your cell phone do it now!

Crime Statistics (15)

Aggravated Assault (1)

3800 block of N. Shepherd on Wed, May 3 at 11:47 a.m.

Auto Theft (1)

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Thur, May 11 at 8:52 a.m.

Criminal Mischief (1)

700 block of W.39th St. on Tues, May 9 at 10:27 a.m.

Burglary (4)

3800 block of N. Shepherd on Thur, May 18 at 6:18 a.m.

800 block of W. 34th St. on Mon, May 22 at 12:31 p.m.

2900 block of N. Shepherd on Tues, May 23 at 1:11 a.m.

2900 block of N. Shepherd on Sun, May 28 at 3:44 p.m.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (7)

900 block of Sue Barnett on Fri, May 5 at 1:30 p.m.

1000 block of Althea on Sun, May 7 at 9:12 a.m.

1000 block of W. 42nd St. on Sun, May 7 at 10:51 a.m.

800 block of W. 34th St. on Wed, May 10 at 11:10 a.m.

700 block of Garden Oaks Blvd. on Thur, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

1000 block of W. 42nd St. on Sun, May 14 at 8:19 a.m.

700 block of W. 38th St. on Tues, May 16 at 10:19 p.m.

Theft (1)

3400 block of N. Shepherd on Mon, May 22 at 3:34 p.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 Citizen Patrol email account (gocop77018@aol.com) or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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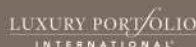
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Dian Austin, Committee Chair

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For those who have never attended the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, or who may be new to the neighborhood, you don't want to miss this. The Wine Walk is one of our most fun and cherished annual traditions. Each year, we hold our event in the huge and beautifully landscaped backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba at 744 W. 43rd. The yard, featured on previous city-wide pond tours and the Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour, includes beautiful

plantings, stone paths, and a giant koi pond with a footbridge. It is the perfect venue for our Constable Program fundraiser.

Numerous generous neighbors and area businesses will be set up as table hosts around the yard, each featuring a wine(s) for you to taste, along with delicious foods as well.

Tickets will go on sale both online and in the Gazette September 1st. We only sell 200 tickets and we always sell out.

Sponsorships are available at the \$300, \$500, \$1000, and \$1500 levels, and can be purchased online at gardenoaks.org. There is only one \$1500 sponsorship available this year, which includes sole sponsorship of the Photo Booth and tons of recognition therein.

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How to Prevent a Clogged A/C Drain Line

Mitch Weigand

When your home is equipped with a central air conditioning system, you've probably noticed a drain line on the home's exterior that drips water near the A/C's outside unit. As your A/C dehumidifies the indoor air, the resulting condensation (in the form of water) drains from the inside air handler/evaporator coil to the outside via the drain line. If this line gets clogged, it can cause serious water damage and potential health hazards such as mold inside your home.

Keeping the drain line clean is actually quite simple. In the attic, there's a drip pan beneath your air handler/evaporator coil that collects possible condensate overflow. Connected to the drip pan is a pipe that needs to be clean and free of algae so that the water can flow without obstruction.

To keep this line clean, pour about one-quarter cup of bleach into the pipe once a month. If you don't care for bleach fumes, you can use vinegar and water instead.

How do I know if there is a problem?

A clogged drain line is not always easy to detect. If the drain pan beneath the air handler/evaporator coil in the attic is filled with water, you know you have a problem. Because attic temperatures can soar to 120 degrees or more during our hot Houston summers, we don't normally hang out in our attics. This prevents a visual diagnosis from taking place.

Usually, the secondary drain line can be seen at your home's eave above a bedroom window or above the sink in a bathroom. When this line begins to drip, it means that the primary drain line is clogged. Get this handled quickly before the dripping stops by calling a licensed A/C service technician.

Also, the secondary line may be improperly installed or capped off or you may simply miss the dripping altogether. In any case, when that dripping stops is when

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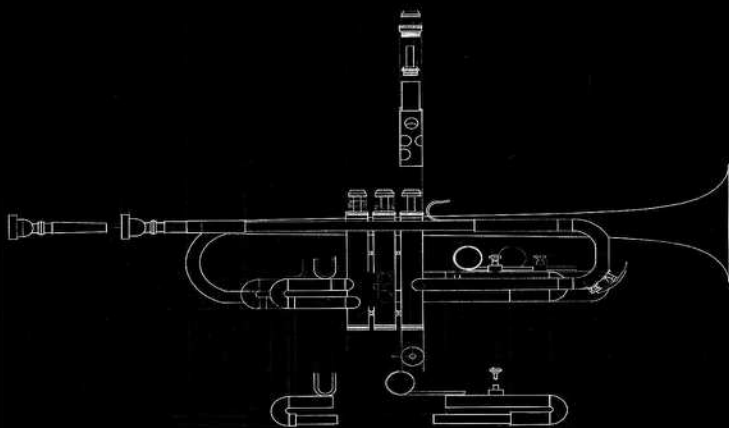
Well it's July, and you know what that means. What? It's hot? No, that's a given. Oh, it's humid? No, again that comes with the territory. Give up? Okay, it's my Birthday Month! That's right. I'm claiming the whole month. Why, you might ask? Because I'm turning sixty this time around. After this one, I'm going to start having anniversaries like Farmer Cathy does. I normally try to run and hide on my birthday; however this year I can't hide because July 29th is also a market day. And since everyone knows that there would be a small riot if there were no breakfast tacos to be had that day, I'm compelled to spend it with you, our loyal supporters. So come by and help me celebrate the end of my youth and I'll make you breakfast. Perhaps by then our friends from Great Heights Brewing Company will be in operation and after we break down we can meet in their taproom and have a proper toast or two.

In the meantime, the bloom should be off the rose of our new competitors over on Ella on the other side of the Loop. And while I'm on that subject, I'd like to address

the scourge that is politely called "greenwashing." In case you don't know what that means, let me put it another way: cheater, cheater, pumpkin eater. Basically it is selling produce and proteins you don't really produce. Buyers would be better off going to the grocery store or Canino's Market on Airline and buying it yourself for much less money. I looked over the list of vendors and it contained all the usual suspects. People ask "you mean they don't raise what they sell?" to which I respond "some of it, but they supplement heavily from other sources, including the eggs they offer." The telltale sign is that their produce is too perfect. Look closely and you'll see that everything is of uniform size and color, and there seems to be an endless supply of eggs no matter the season. The other clue is when the produce being offered is out of season, like selling Brussel sprouts in the dead of summer and summer squash in December and January.

Folks, I don't really mean to dish on the other guys. Farmer Cathy, Gus and company, and I have been in this game for a long time and we run as honest a ship as we can. If we are selling something not of our own, we will tell you so and it will be clearly marked. Having to sell against the cheaters at other markets is what caused us

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to leave and start anew. We luckily found an eager and loyal customer base right here in my old neighborhood – consumers who appreciate that we really have fresh farm eggs from 350+ real free-range chickens, that we sell produce that is grown with only natural or organic fertilizers, and that the meat offered for sale is pasture raised without antibiotics and hormones. You appreciate that we are genuine and for that we say thank you. I’ll try to be more positive in my next column. See how cranky I’m getting in my old age?

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the problems really begin. This allows the drain pan to fill up and eventually overflow, causing water stains on the ceiling and costly repairs for you, the homeowner.

A yearly check-up is the best prevention

I recommend having a check-up on your air conditioner and furnace at least once a year. The expense is minimal compared to the cost of repair once a problem has occurred. While this check-up will not guarantee that problems won’t arise, it will keep your system running smoothly and efficiently throughout the year.

Mitch is the owner of Air Wise.



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Garden Club Update

*Cathy Wahren, Garden Club
President*

The Garden Club has seen plenty of activity so far this year, with a new wildflower "pilot project" and a light work day at Friendship Park, plus a group potting effort for booth sales at the Sue Barnett Spring Fling. We also held our annual Plant Swap in the gazebo at 42nd and Lamonte in May, and in June visited Lauren Simpson's urban wildlife habitat just down the street in Oak Forest.

Lauren has chosen to focus on pollinators, and is enthusiastically pursuing educational outreach opportunities when she can spare the time. She made it easy for us to share in her keen interest and knowledge of pollinators, including the several hundred species of native bees found in Texas. We enjoyed catching sight of the bees, butterflies and caterpillars going about their busy day as we toured the profusion of blooms. You can check out her photos and related information on Facebook. Enter "St. Julian's Crossing-wildlife habitat" in the search box to find her page.

The Garden Oaks Garden Club is open to all residents and friends of Garden Oaks. Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., except for months with weekend activities, which are typically organized for the following Saturday. Annual membership dues are \$25, but there is no obligation to join. Feel free to contact the Club at gardenclub@gardenoaks.org, or call me at 713-686-8686 for up-to-date information.



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GO Kids Update

Samantha Coker, Coordinator

GO Kids has had a fun-filled spring with so many family events including movie night, our annual Easter egg hunt, and supporting the first annual Spring Fling. It is truly wonderful to have these family focused events in our neighborhood.

Upcoming events include:

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

We are also finalizing our summer Moms' Night Out so stay tuned to our Facebook page for details.

Leadership Team

We are always looking to add more parents to our leadership team! If you are interested in a specific position or just helping out in general, please contact Lindsey Gabriel, GO Kids Coordinator, at lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com. Look for more information on BigTent and Facebook for meeting announcements and further details.

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@mamc.com to participate. We are always in need of volunteers for this program.

GO Kids Membership

We welcome families to join our kid-focused group with annual events, new parent dinner drops, regular Moms' Night Out as well as other activities throughout the year.

Check out our calendar of events and obtain additional event details at www.bigtent.com or request to join our GO Kids group on Facebook.

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. All Garden Oaks families are welcome to join and attend GO Kids events. If you have questions or would like more information about GO Kids, please contact Lindsey Gabriel at lindsey.gabriel5@gmail.com.

Our organization is moderated entirely by parent volunteers. We hope to answer your questions and process the membership request as soon as possible; we cannot guarantee an immediate response. We really appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!



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