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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Home and Garden Tour Update

*Katy Hall Wyly, Chair*

It's almost here! The 2018 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour will roll out on April 29th from noon to 6 pm, and **tickets are officially on sale now at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org)**! Be sure to get your tickets before the tour and take advantage of the early bird pricing of \$25. The tickets will be \$30 the day of the tour.

In addition to the tour, we have our fantastic **VIP Preview Party** scheduled for Saturday evening April 28th. You'll have a chance to preview the homes before the crowds from 5:30 to 7 pm, and the party will be at Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina from 7 to 11 pm. As always, the preview party promises a night of fun in the neighborhood. **Tickets for the party are currently available online for \$75.** The ticket allows you access to preview the homes and attend the party with heavy appetizers and two drink tickets per person. There will also be a cash bar. We also have a limited number of reserved tables that will seat 4 people for an additional \$100 more. These tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Tina Rowe at 713-922-2026 (text preferred) if you are interested in a reserved table.

We also welcome more volunteers for the tour! It's not too late to sign up! Contact [allisonvirgadamo@yahoo.com](mailto:allisonvirgadamo@yahoo.com) if you haven't already!

## Home Tour Still Needs Volunteers!

*Allison Virgadamo, Committee Chair*

The 2018 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 still needs more volunteers. The tour will be from 12pm - 6pm, and the volunteer shifts are broken down into an early shift (11:45am - 3pm) and a late shift (2:45pm - 6pm). Each volunteer for a three-hour shift gets to tour all the homes for free!

We have some positions filled, but are in need of many more volunteers to make the neighborhood's major fundraiser a success.

We would love for you to participate as a volunteer for this great event in

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### Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 7 pm  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett

Topics: Jason Virgadamo - property tax protests, Zeph Capo - update on the the HCC campus at Pinemont and Ella

### Home and Garden Tour

Sunday, April 29, 12 - 6 pm  
Tickets available now at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org)

### VIP Preview Party

Saturday, April 28, 7 - 11 pm  
Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina  
1201 W 43rd  
home previews 5:30 to 7 pm  
Tickets available now at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org)

### Home and Garden Tour Volunteers Needed

See article or contact [allisonvirgadamo@yahoo.com](mailto:allisonvirgadamo@yahoo.com)

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some way! The available volunteer positions are listed below.

### Volunteer Positions Available

1. **Home Floater** - This is a position assigned to each home. You will stay in one of the homes on the tour and fill in as needed. You could be taking tickets, directing people through the home, or greeting people as they come to the tour. Some are speaking positions; others are not.

2. **Home Ticket Taker** - You will be taking tickets at the front door of the home in which you are stationed.

3. **Home Greeter** - You will greet visitors at the front door of your assigned home and give them a little background information (provided by the home owner). This is a speaking role, but no training is necessary – you will have all the notes you need.

4. **Home Docent** - You will be stationed in one area of the home and direct people along their way. You will be told how to route the tour-goers, and if there are any areas off-limits.

5. **Command Center Volunteer** - You will work at the command center, the primary staging area for the tour where tickets are sold and where the trolleys pick up new customers. You will be selling tickets and other items. This is a fun task as you will see most of the people attending the tour. There is currently only one early shift left. The rest will be the later shifts.

6. **Garden Volunteers** – Both ticket takers and docents are needed for the gardens. The docents will be provided with information on the gardens to share with visitors.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please email [allisonvirgadamo@yahoo.com](mailto:allisonvirgadamo@yahoo.com).

In your email, please indicate your preferences as follows:

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# Home Tour Featured Homes

*Katy Hall Wyly, Home Tour Chair*

With the Home Tour upon us on April 29th, I want to share some details about the homes you will be able to see on the tour.

**207 W 32nd Street**

This home is a recently built soft modern by Rob Ryan Construction and has been given the name "Casa Blanca." The sophisticated styling of the tuxedo kitchen is achieved with dark cabinetry against light counters and touches of gold in the finishes. The home delivers a glamorous feel throughout.

**224 W 30th Street**

This recent construction by Harry James Building + Design has contemporary, clean lines, and a few rustic touches. The interior perfectly brings bright finishes and the owner's elegantly eclectic style together. The layout delivers a formal setting of living and dining spaces then leads to the back of the home and a more casual family room anchored by a warm fireplace.

**874 W 42nd Street**

This beautiful Craftsman style home has a warm, inviting feel as soon as you step through the door. The well-appointed interior features recent renovations with classic style. The backyard is the ideal place to entertain with an exceptional covered patio facing the pool.

**938 W 41st Street**

The owners of this incredible home are also the creative owners of Nautilus Ventures, Ltd., the company that actually completed the renovation. The unique lot and placement of the original structure on it paired perfectly with their vision as they planned to downsize. The design throughout the interior and exterior was inspired by that of the renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

**1011 W 42nd Street**

With a nod to the charm of an original Garden Oaks residence, this superbly updated home has a dazzling kitchen with views of the lush backyard. The second floor includes a home office with access to the upper deck space and a serene master suite.

**1435 Sue Barnett**

This home is a 2016 new construction completed by Alleanza Custom Homes. Attention has been paid to every detail in the home and the finishes are a complementary mix of old and new. The first floor boasts open spaces filled with natural light and a marvelous wine cellar. The exterior spaces are just as appealing with a beautifully bricked patio and garage apartment façade alongside the sparkling pool.

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## Outdoor Children

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

In the midst of the city of Houston, we enjoy the beauty of nature in the wonderful enclave of Garden Oaks. So many of our children in Houston are ultimately urban dwellers. Even though we enjoy the beautiful parks and green space just off Texas State Highway Spur 261 also known as North Shepherd Drive, many children hesitate to play outside with sticks, rocks, and even that Texas soil we lovingly refer to as "gumbo." Schools in Britain are recognizing that children are losing a sense of adventure and even the opportunity of "risk" in exploring the environment.

In decades past, being outdoors was to answer the call of the wild, to be an explorer of uncharted territories, or to discover new species. All of these endeavors included a level of risk taking, adventure, and hardship. How do we encourage our children to have an adventure in the world, to be explorers, and to experience the thrill of trying something new, even if it doesn't necessarily work out just the way we planned? While we want to keep our children safe from serious harm, the question remains, what can we do to build resilience and a growth mindset while also connecting to the great outdoors? What can we do to ensure that our children develop connections to nature and respect for our place in the cosmos and the responsibility we bear to ensure a sustainable world?

Some of the strategies being used by schools and parks in Britain include allowing grass to grow tall, in some places higher than the top of a child's head! Parks are being designed with climbing towers, willow wands, and expanses of sand. Tim Gill talks about the benefits of risk in his 2007 book, "No Fear: Growing Up in a Risk Averse Society," where he details the differences in litigation in various societies that impede risk taking in some settings. He points out that risk taking is beneficial in the long run as adults who are willing to try new strategies are more often rewarded than rule followers.

Here in the states, we can support our children's development and connection to nature by ensuring that our children spend time outdoors. Outdoors in our yards, on our playgrounds, in our local and state parks, we provide our children the opportunity to learn from the many lessons nature has to offer. Climb trees, build lean-tos, wade in a creek, or campout in an unfamiliar park. Spend time together with your child observing the natural world. From the ant between your sidewalk cracks, to the longhorns, to the big tree registry, Texas has flora and fauna to inspire your child's wonder of nature.

Keep a naturalist "kit" in your car or on your bike for your outings. An inexpensive pair of binoculars, plastic zipper baggies, a measuring tape, magnifying lens, phone camera, pencil, nature journal, and sunscreen will keep you prepared for an afternoon adventure. Plan a trip to Waugh Street

bridge to see the bat colony at sunset, walk the bayou along Allen Parkway, take the boat ride in the Ship Channel, or visit the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center in Memorial Park. Plant a garden, visit a farmer’s market, or watch the stars at night at Bayou Bend Conservatory. Whatever, wherever you choose to go, share the wonder of nature with your child and nurture a spirit of curiosity and innovation for years to come!

To read more about Britain’s new push for “riskier” play spaces go to:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/10/world/europe/britain-playgrounds-risk.html>

## Citizen Patrol Update

*Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair*

Once again, I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement. Please do your part to thwart one of the easiest criminal acts to prevent — take all valuables from your vehicle every time you leave it and then make sure you lock it. Even loose change can be all it takes to pique the interest of a person roaming the street looking for things to steal. DC power cords for your laptops or other electronics can also be that tempting item to lure someone to enter your vehicle looking for more expensive things.

### February Crime Statistics (9)

#### Aggravated Robbery (1)

4100 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Sunday, February 18 at 6:53 p.m.

#### Burglary (3)

3300 block Lawrence St. on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:13 a.m.  
 3800 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, February 22 at 6:24 a.m.  
 4100 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Tuesday, February 27 at 3:48 a.m.

#### Burglary Motor Vehicle (4)

4100 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Saturday, February 3 at 10:14 a.m.  
 900 block Lamonte Ln. on Wednesday, February 7 at 12:03 p.m.  
 3900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Tuesday, February 13 at 9:11 a.m.  
 1000 block Althea Dr. on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:56 a.m.

#### Theft (1)

2900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, February 14 at 3:10 p.m.

Inquiries about joining the Citizen 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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# Home Tour Sponsorship Update

*Danielle Villarreal, Committee Chair*

The following generous individuals and businesses have stepped up as cash sponsors for our upcoming Home and Garden Tour to the tune of \$15,750! We are very thankful for their willingness to support our community.

## Platinum Sponsors (\$2500)

- Deanna Zugheri – Keller Williams Metropolitan
- Katy Hall Wyly, John Daugherty, Realtors
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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Helen Sestak, Secretary*

March 6, 2018

**Location:** Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM)

President Matt Gannon welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**Guest Speaker:** Bobby Vasek, construction manager for ARKK Engineering, along with colleagues Tim and Kostas, gave an update on the Garden Oaks/Alba storm water drainage project.

The Alba project's end date was originally slated to be January, 2018 but has been moved back to October, 2018. All underground work should be completed in June/July 2018; the construction south of 43rd is done but continues north of 43rd. An additional crew, located on Brinkman, was added to keep the project's timing in line with the new completion date.

Surface paving material will be asphalt, 2" depth, as per the original plan. It will extend 100-200' on E/W streets. The contractor is reviewing costs to extend the asphalt. N/S streets will also have a 2" asphalt surface, with concrete curbs on both sides. All final asphalt overlays will be done near the end of the project.

Two additional storm water drainage projects are planned. One involves reconstruction of Wakefield, Sue Barnett, and parts of 43rd into Shepherd Park Plaza. This phase will start on completion of the Alba work. The third and final phase will affect Golf, and the project's design is 90% complete. More information can be found at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

## Business Meeting

A motion to approve the February minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved. There were several new attendees who introduced themselves.

**Home Tour:** Heidi Lozano, Home Tour Auction co-chair (along with Stephanie Acosta) reported that the VIP preview party and silent/live auction will be Saturday night, April 28, at Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina on 43rd.

Many nice auction items, including restaurant gift cards, and stays in a French chalet and in a Frio River resort, have been donated. All proceeds will benefit the GOMM middle school.

Katy Hall Wyly said that volunteers are still needed in most areas for the Sunday April 29th Home and Garden Tour. All volunteers receive a free t-shirt and a ticket to the tour. Six homes and several outdoor gardens will be showcased. Tickets will go on sale soon. The Command Center will be located in the Garden Oaks Baptist Church parking lot on the west side of Shepherd (between Chase bank and Gabby's) and will be the central staging area for ticket purchases and the trolleys. As of March 6, \$15,500 had been donated by generous sponsors.

## Committee Reports

**Treasurer:** Teresa Coleman indicated that all bills are paid and all money deposited. Her report was not final at meeting time.

**GOMO:** Kip Noser addressed discussions with developer Gulf Coast Commercial Group Inc., regarding the proposed change in use of the parking lot on the west side of N Shepherd near W. 34th. Gulf Coast has approached GOMO to confirm that their process of soliciting approval of revised deed restrictions for the parking lot is valid and that GOMO would not contest if Section 1 owners were to approve the revisions. GOMO is currently reviewing the proposed process. Questions were raised regarding whether both commercial and residential owners have standing in the approval of the proposed amendment. GOMO agreed to forward these concerns to the neighborhood attorney prior to responding to Gulf Coast.

**Constable Report:** Terry Jeanes reports that Joe Bowden is back as our daytime deputy! Several nearby commercial entities have shown an interest in joining in the Constable Program.

Yard signs, which will be the property of the civic club, have been ordered for dues-paying residents. They are a visible reminder to support the program and to encourage membership. The signs were underwritten by Murphy & Vickers PC (Section 4 residents Patrick and Brooke Murphy). Thank you!

Larger 'thermometer' boards will be posted near the entrances to the neighborhood to show the progress



toward increased Constable Program participation. Scouts from Troop 40 may construct them as a service project in late spring. Otherwise, materials and costs may be subsidized by a generous underwriter.

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to previous contributors who have not paid yet this year. We also need section captains to help deliver signs. Contact Terry Jeanes if interested.

Other news: Two bikes were stolen from the 400 block of 33rd. Be aware that a panhandler at Yale and 610 is 'on the run.' Take advantage of vacation watch when you are out of town.

**Beautification:** Joan Harmon reported that cleanup of some outdoor spaces is set to begin prior to the Home and Garden Tour. A motion was made to spend \$10600 of the Spring Fling proceeds to clean up, mulch, add colorful flowers, and repair/maintain beds. \$6950 of the \$10600 will go towards Art Park restoration. The remaining \$3650 will be allocated to Garden Oaks Boulevard beautification (including irrigation system repair) and other designated green spaces (Gazebo Park, rose garden). The motion was seconded and approved.

**Garden Oaks Website:** Pam Parks reported that the website was upgraded to the more secure https. Home Tour information has been updated and both home tour and party tickets will be available online shortly.

**Membership:** Dian Austin reported that as of March 1, the Civic Club has 220 members and 227 Constable Program supporters. Tim Pagel won a \$25 Amazon gift card in the raffle drawing.

**Citizen Patrol:** Carl Waters reported nine February crimes. Most were property crimes, specifically burglary of vehicles. Lock your doors, hide your valuables, and secure your vehicle behind a gate if possible. Anyone who lives in GO, is 18 years or older, passes a criminal background check and completes one hour of training can volunteer for GO CP. Carl is stepping down at the end of 2018.

**Gazette:** Joe Muscara stated that the deadline for April *Gazette* articles is March 15. Two block delivery captains are still needed, one for the 4100-4200 block of Apollo and one for the 400-500 block of W. 30th. Please volunteer if you can.

**Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School:** Dr. Lindsey Pollock, school principal, stated that HISD budget talks continue, with no decisions finalized. The recent resignation of the HISD superintendent may complicate the process.

GOMM will continue to serve our community as magnet and Montessori programs for the foreseeable future. The lottery and zoned system continues into next school year.

Completion and move-in to the new three-story building is slated for Spring Break. Every classroom will change locations. Pavers, available for a minimum of \$50, will be installed in the new courtyard over the summer. The next GOCC meeting may be held in the gym.

### New Business

Join the Garden Oaks Home Tour FB page and share it to help publicize the tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3 at 7pm. We will have two guest speakers. Jason Virgadamo will discuss property tax protests. Zeph Capo will provide an update about the the HCC campus at Pinemont and Ella.

Forty-five attendees enjoyed great pizza, generously donated again by Brother's Pizzeria!

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*Tina Sabuco*

Thanks to all for your continued support for our annual bake sale for our Girl Scout troop comprised of women with special needs. On Sunday, May 20th from noon – 2 pm, once again we will be on the corner of Azalea and Alba marking our 5th year here in Garden Oaks. My wife, Shellye, and I lead this troop, along with 4 other leaders. This is the only fundraiser we have for the year; thanks to your generosity, the money raised carries our troop throughout the year. We hope that you can come out, support, and meet our very special scouts.

Troop 21 is the only Girl Scout troop in the United States comprised entirely of adults with special needs. The troop formed in 1976, and many of the then-young women 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!!!** Funding from this bake sale fuels an entire year of activities, including field trips to the theater, dining adventures, doing crafts, and celebrating birthdays. The highlight of the Scouts' year is an annual Christmas/Hanukkah party, complete with gifts from their wish list, with Santa and Mrs. Santa.

How can **you** help?

- **Bake some goodies for us to sell.** Drop off any baked goods the day before the sale, or anytime 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. E.g.: Brownies with Walnuts and Pecans. We welcome individual bags of goodies and/or whole cakes, pies, loaves of bread, etc.
- **Stop by and purchase items.** Please visit us and our scouts between noon and 2 pm on Sunday, May 20th.
- **Bring your pups.** We will also have a table filled with Doggy Delights made by yours truly — and anyone else who would like to contribute to our pup table. So bring your fur family members — or pick up some treats 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 Street, Houston, TX 77018, or better yet, come to the sale in person if you can.

If you can help or have any questions, please contact me at [tina@artsaliveinc.com](mailto:tina@artsaliveinc.com) or 713-819-9339.

See you in May!!!!



# Constable Program Update

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

## Constable Supporter Signs are here!

You asked, and we got them! They will be distributed within the next several weeks. The signs are small, 9x12, simple in design, and are geared to show support for the Constable Program and raise awareness of our need to increase participation. Currently, only 235 residents support the program out of some 1430 homes.

Constable supporter signs will be distributed to any current Constable Program supporter at the minimum requested donation level of \$225. Section captains Peri Mashburn, Sandy Altman, Jan Garver, Martin Parr, and Chris Funk have been contacting paid supporters within their sections to see if they want a sign. If you have not been contacted, it is because a) they haven't gotten to you just yet, or b) they don't have correct contact info.

If you are a paid supporter at the \$225 level or higher and you want a sign but have not been contacted,

please email [goconstable@gmail.com](mailto:goconstable@gmail.com). It's never too late to join. You can pay online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) or mail in a check with the form on the next page.

Thanks to Patrick Murphy of Murphy & Vickers law firm for the total underwriting of the signs; Patrick and wife Brooke are constable supporters from section 4. Thank you, thank you!

## Deputy Joe Bowden is back!

As hinted at last month, we are pleased to announce Deputy Joe Bowden is back in Garden Oaks. Previously while serving Garden Oaks, Deputy Bowden was named Precinct One's Deputy of the Year.

## Become a Constable Program supporter:

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Member 1 Information	Member 2 Information
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Email: _____	Email: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

**You may provide information for person(s) to contact in an emergency:**

Emergency Contact Information	Emergency Contact Information
Name: _____	Name: _____
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
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**Payment Options**

- [ ] Enclosed find my payment for 2018 of \$225. (Make checks payable to **Garden Oaks Civic Club**.)
- [ ] I/We cannot contribute \$225 now; however, enclosed please find my/our check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] I/We will pay online (see below).

***Many of our neighbors live on limited, fixed incomes. Are you willing to sponsor a neighbor?***

- [ ] Yes! Please accept my additional gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year (enclosed).

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

## GOMO Update, February 2018

*Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager*

**Plans were approved for:**

- 722 W 43rd St
- 1059 W 41st St

**Revised plans were approved for:**

- 803 W 43rd St

**Pending (re)submission:**

- None

**Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity for Jan. (Year to Date)**

New reported violations – 0(1)

Resolved/cleared – 0(1)

Unresolved/pending – 4 (N/A)

Litigation in progress – 0\* (N/A): \*ruling in Section 3 case becomes final March 16, 2018

**Board Positions Vacant**

Director positions are currently open in Sections 2 (2 yr. term), 3 (3 yr. term), and 5 (2 yr. & 3 yr. term). If you are interested in serving, please contact one of your Section Directors or the Office Manager by phone or email (below). We can answer questions and provide proxies to get you started. Elections will be scheduled and notices sent to members only if candidates step forward.

**GOMO Updates at Monthly Civic Club Meetings**

Starting in December 2017, GOMO reinstated a regular update to be given at Civic Club meetings. These updates will be short but will provide an opportunity to ask a few questions and meet some of the GOMO Directors. Homeowners are also invited to attend GOMO Business meetings that take place at **7:00 pm** on the **third Wednesday** of each month.

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, residents can find deed restrictions, plan approval information, bylaws, policies, 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, financial reports and audits are also posted for residents who register on the site.

**Contact:**

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# Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour Auction Update

*Stephanie Acosta, Committee Co-Chair*

The Auction Acquisition Team is continuing to collect amazing donations for the Silent and Live Auctions at the VIP Preview Tour and Dinner on Saturday evening, April 28th. We have a great variety of vacation rentals, including a chateau in France, tickets to various theater venues, restaurant certificates, an NFL football signed by various Houston Texans including Shane Lechler, and a private tour of a local brewery, amongst many others. We are still looking for other auction items to make this the best event yet. Please consider donating to the auction by hosting an event at your home, donating tickets to a sporting event, etc. There is a donor form included in this month's *Gazette* or you can obtain the form online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

The proceeds from the GO Home Tour Auction will benefit Garden Oaks Montessori Middle School end of year field studies. The Middle School Fundraising Team works hard raising monies each year to make these excursions sustainable year after year. Last year, scholarships were provided to twenty-one 6th and 7th grade students for their three-day stay at YMCA's Camp Cullen and to six 8th grade students for a four-day stay in Washington DC. As our middle school continues to grow, the number of students who would never have these type of experiences increases as well. The Middle School Fundraising Team appreciates the continued support from families, friends, and neighbors.

This year we'll be using the Greater Giving software with mobile bidding via smart phone or iPads provided on site. This software is also used during the GOMM Pancake Breakfast Silent Auction. If you are already registered in the system, all you need to do is check in at the event. If you need to pre-register, please send contact information to the email below or text to 281-734-7693 with name, cell number, and address.





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# 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.

962 Althea	524 W. 30th
4211 Apollo	403 W. 31st
866 Lamonte	511 W. 31st
3305 Lawrence	1083 W. 41st
1547 Sue Barnett	918 W. 43rd

## Happy Birthday

Kiran B. – 4/2	Devin Hunter - 4/6
Kylie S. – 4/7	Keith Kostelecky – 4/8
Reid S. – 4/9	Melissa Neiser – 4/10
Mansi Patel - 4/12	Daniel Sanborn - 4/12
Anna M. - 4/15	Lily B. - 4/18
Leyton C. – 4/21	Heather McKeown – 4/21
Leslie Waters – 4/21	Diane Morish – 4/22

Nicholas M. – 4/26

Wade M. – 4/30

Jim Tucker – 4/28

## Happy Anniversary

Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold - 4/6

## Out and About

Visitors to New Orleans included Devin & Joey Hunter, the Dilleys, the Espeseths and the Theriots. Margie Hesse visited Leipzig, Germany. The Zindler-Feit clan took in Alpine, Texas. Alisha Cunningham enjoyed gal time in Galveston, while Jim Dicola and Tina Rowe enjoyed South Beach, Florida.

Spring Break trips included the Taylors at Crested Butte, the Sherbers on a staycation, and the Hunters on a cruise. The Seghers visited Deb's alma mater, SMU, and also went skiing. The Carlins enjoyed Bolivar. The McLeans skied Whistler, BC, and the Kurtas went camping in Oklahoma.

## Congratulations

To Brenda de Alba in being named Harris County Master Gardener of the Month for March in recognition of her



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To Jessica Padilla of Azalea Street on winning her primary on March 6th, for which she will be listed on the November 2018 ballot for Harris County Criminal Court at Law #13.

And to Emma Maltbie – 7 years cancer free!

**Special Thoughts**

To Marlene Caldwell in the loss of her beloved cat Nic.

*To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit information no later than the 12th of the month to Terry Jeanes at [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).*

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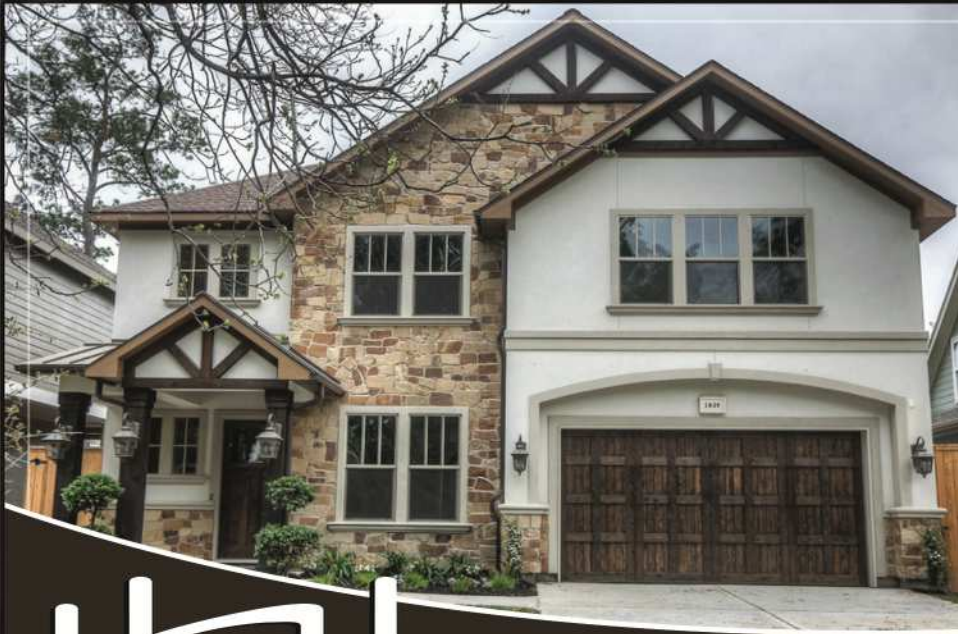


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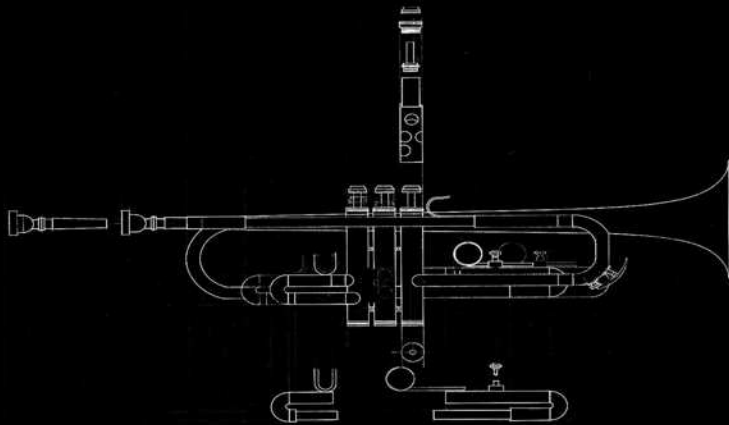
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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2	3 <b>GOMO Plan Review</b> 6:30 PM <b>Civic Club Meeting</b> 7 PM GO Montessori	4	5	6	7 <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 AM - 1 PM 948 Wakefield
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 AM - 1 PM 948 Wakefield <b>Garden Club Work Day</b> 9 AM Friendship Park
15 <b>Gazette Article Deadline</b>	16	17	18 <b>GOMO Meeting</b> 7 PM GO Professional Building Suite 216	19	20	21 <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 AM - 1 PM 948 Wakefield
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 AM - 1 PM 948 Wakefield <b>VIP Preview Party</b> 7 - 11 PM Berryhill
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## Garden Oaks 2018 Home & Garden Tour

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Please return form to [GOhometour.auction@gmail.com](mailto:GOhometour.auction@gmail.com) or mail to Garden Oaks Civic Club, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206. **Thank you for your support!**

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

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

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

Items must be received by April 2, 2018 for recognition in printed materials.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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



## Garden Oaks 2018 Home & Garden Tour

### Donor Benefits

#### \$25 - \$249 Supporter Level

- **Your Company Name** printed as an Auction Supporter in the Garden Oaks *Gazette* (circulation 1400+) through June 2018. The *Gazette* is also posted online at [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org).
- **Your Company Name**, information and web link posted on the **2018 Garden Oaks Home Tour Auction Webpage and the Garden Oaks Tour Facebook page**.

#### \$250 - \$499 Supporter Level

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- **Your Company Name** on a large sign on an easel at the VIP Preview Dinner Party and in front of the Command Center on Tour Day.
- **Two tickets** to the 2018 Home & Garden Tour on April 29, 2018.

#### \$500 - \$999 Supporter Level

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- Your company's link (in color and w/logo) on the Garden Oaks website through YE 2018

Contribution must be received by April 2, 2018 to make printing deadline. Donations received after printing deadline are still appreciated and every effort will be made to include in printing.

Questions? Email to Auction Chairs: [GOhometour.Auction@gmail.com](mailto:GOhometour.Auction@gmail.com)

*We appreciate all of the support from our many friends in and around the Garden Oaks Community. Thank you for your participation!*

*Stephanie Acosta & Heidi Lozano, Co-Chairs 2018 Silent and Live Auction*



# Garden Oaks 2018 Home & Garden Tour

## SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE FORM

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

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# Garden Oaks 2018 Home & Garden Tour

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

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

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

**\$1,000**

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

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

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

**\$500**

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**Facebook** – Sponsorship recognition on GO 2018 Home & Garden Tour FB Page

**Gazette** – Sponsorship listed in printed Gazette newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor through June 2018  
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**Tickets** – 4 Tickets to Tour (Value \$100)

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

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

**\$250**

**Website** - Sponsorship recognition through 12/2018 with link to your website

**Facebook** – Sponsorship recognition on GO 2018 Home & Garden Tour FB Page

**Gazette** – Sponsorship listed in printed Gazette newsletter (circ. 1400 homes) as sponsor through June 2018

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