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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club



5th Annual Girl Scout Troop 21 Bake Sale, Sunday May 20, Noon - 2 pm, 859 Azalea St.

Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold

We invite you to participate in our very special bake sale for our very special scouts. This will be our 5th year hosting this bake sale in our yard and our 7th year as leaders of the troop. We will be on the corner of Azalea and Alba on Sunday, May 20th from noon – 2 pm. This is the only fundraiser we have for the year and thanks to the generosity of so many Garden Oaksians and friends who have baked, volunteered, and/or donated in the past, the money that we raised through this bake sale has carried our troop of 25 scouts throughout the year. We hope that you can come out and 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 mid-20s to mid-60s. Like most Girl Scout troops, we meet monthly and provide activities that help the scouts learn, socialize, 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. We are able to buy supplies for art projects, crafts, snacks, prizes, and more! The highlight of the Scouts' year is our annual Christmas/Hanukkah party, complete with a bagful of gifts from their wish list and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This year we will be joined by Girl Scout Troop 122037 from Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet. They will be selling goodies and refreshments and generously donating 100% of their proceeds to our troop!

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 7 PM
Garden Oaks Montessori
901 Sue Barnett

Speaker: Barry Ward,
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Home Tour Sponsorship Update

*Danielle Villarreal, Committee
Chair*

The following generous individuals and businesses are all cash sponsors for this year's Home and Garden Tour, donating some \$16,750 to ensure our success! We are very thankful for their willingness to support our community. Please thank these fine people and patronize their businesses. Without their help, the tour would not have been as successful!

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Summer School

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

As the school year comes to an end, we are gearing up for summer school. This year, HISD has decided to create "hub" schools for summer programs. For our area, that means students from Garden Oaks, Durham, Sinclair, and the Arabic Immersion School will all go to Oak Forest Elementary for summer school. The idea behind this program change is to streamline students' services and provide one location for food services and transportation. Due to construction, we were on the Oak Forest campus last year and look forward to returning again this year. How will you know if your child will be attending HISD free summer school?

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten students who are learning English as a second language are invited to attend a special summer program to help them prepare for school and extend their learning through the summer. Research tells us that summer vacations create a summer "slide" resulting in lost skills and concepts learned the previous school year. Some studies report that up to three months of the next school year are spent reviewing material from the previous year. Thus, summer school for children learning a second language is especially important!

Next, if your child is in 1st – 8th grades and has a final average of less than 70 in reading or math, you will most likely receive an invitation for your child to attend summer school. Summer school provides additional instruction and practice in these core areas. Additionally, if your child is in 5th or 8th grades and did not pass the first administration of the STAAR test in April, your child will also be included in summer school as a passing STAAR score is a promotion requirement per the State of Texas Student Success Initiative (SSI). Since students usually move to a new school at the end of each of these grade levels and embark on increasingly rigorous academic demands, STAAR passing is one measure to ensure students are mastering grade level concepts and are ready for the demands of the next grade level.

Finally, if your child has had excessive absences and is not eligible to be promoted to the next grade level as a result of these absences, you will also be included in summer school. With the exception of the PK/Kinder program, in all of the cases described above, you will be invited to a Grade Placement Committee (GPC) meeting to speak with the teachers and administrators at your child's school about the decision to attend summer school and whether or not your child will be promoted to the next grade level. As a parent, your attendance at and participation in the GPC meeting is imperative as you and the staff at the school work together to discuss your child's strengths and challenges in school. Together, you will draft a plan of support and strategies to ensure your child continues to grow academically, socially and emotionally at school. Remember, you are your child's first teacher and we need you on your child's academic team, too!

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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. Please take all valuables from your vehicle every time you leave it and 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. Power cords for your laptops or other electronics can also be those tempting items that lure someone to enter your vehicle looking for more expensive things.

March Crime Statistics (8)

Aggravated Robbery (1)

2900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Monday, March 19 at 8:39 p.m.

Auto Theft (1)

700 block W. 39th St. on Sunday, March 25 at 9:43 a.m.

Burglary (1)

400 block W. 33rd St. on Monday, March 5 at 3:28 p.m.

Burglary Motor Vehicle (3)

900 block W. 43rd St. on Monday, March 19 at 10:18 a.m.

3900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.

4000 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Sunday, March 25 at 9:43 a.m.

Robbery (1)

3200 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, March 15 at 5:47 p.m.

Theft (1)

400 block W. 33rd St. on Tuesday, March 6 at 4:34 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.

If you are interested in being the chair of the Citizen Patrol Program for Garden Oaks, please use the above information to contact me. The program will need a new chair for 2019.

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All Other City Services	311

Constable Program Update

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

Thank you to the neighbors who have stepped up with their 2018 Constable Supporter contributions.

It sounds like the same song, different verse but **we need many more supporters in order to maintain the two deputy patrollers we have.** We lost one patrol deputy last year, so let's keep the two we have!

The two constable patrols contracts are paid entirely from contributions from Garden Oaks residents at a cost of about \$77,000 for each contract. Each contract guarantees 40 hours per week of a deputy patrolling our neighborhood. We currently have only about 252 residents supporting the program out of some 1430 homes. Thanks to all the current supporters (listed at gardenoaks.org as of 4/1), but it's never too late to join the Constable Program.

You can pay online at gardenoaks.org or via the form in this month's *Gazette*.

You've probably seen the GO Constable Supporter signs cropping up around the neighborhood, and we're glad to see such support! You too can display a supporter sign by contributing the minimum requested donation of \$225 for this year. The signs are 9 x 12 in size, and displaying them is purely voluntary. Thanks again to Section 4 resident Patrick Murphy of Murphy & Vickers PC for underwriting the signs. If you are paid and haven't yet received a sign but would like one, please email goconstable@gmail.com and one will be delivered.

Wish List: An individual or business to construct Membership Thermometer signs to be displayed in the neighborhood. Email constable@gardenoaks.org for information.

Become a Constable Program supporter: gardenoaks.org

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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

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(Girl Scout Troop Bake Sale—Continued from page 1)

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. Please label them to let everyone know what they are and what they contain. E.g.: Brownies w/Walnuts. We welcome individual bags of goodies and/or whole baked goods. Whole cakes, pies, and loaves of bread are always very popular!
- **Stop by and purchase items.** Please visit us and our scouts in our front yard at 859 Azalea Street, at the corner of Alba, 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 (many of our scouts love to visit with them) or pick up some treats to take home.
- **Make a monetary donation.** If you want to support us monetarily, 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.
- **Visit us.** Socializing and engaging are very important parts of this experience for our troop, so even if you are not eating baked goods these days, please just stop by and say "Hi!"

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

See you on May 20th!



Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

I've often pondered the term "happy accident," but it wasn't until the first day of moving the market across the street that it really hit home. It was the accident/ catastrophe of Hurricane Harvey that began the ball rolling. While doing the second day of the fundraiser for our farmers outside of Great Heights Brewing, the owner of our new venue offered to host us in the future should we ever need to move. I politely declined the kind offer, but the seed was planted in my once fertile mind.

We then moved the entire market next door in what is to become Urban Decant Winery, and I began to realize that moving across the street would be the best thing for all concerned. It would open up parking for all of our customers, as well as put us in the shade before Houston's all too brief mild weather ended. So I took a tape measure, strolled across the way, and began to configure how this could work.

It wasn't until that first day that the second happy accident became apparent or maybe my mind isn't as feeble as I reckoned. The flow and feel of the market was

vastly improved, and it suddenly became a more intimate space. And having the baby goats there that first day didn't hurt either, because who doesn't like baby goats?

Either way, we are well on our way to continued goodness for all concerned. By the time this is published, Farmer Cathy's new replacement flock of chickens should be firing on all cylinders and have plenty of eggs, meaning the usual restriction on quantities will be lifted. Buy all you want! She's actually been taking eggs home, even on Easter weekend. She and Gus & company should have plenty of spring veggies and although it will be near the end of berry season, figs should begin right around this time.

As always, "Come soon, come often, and bask in the shade of our new digs."

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Helen Sestak, Secretary

April 3, 2018

Location: Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM)

Matt Gannon, CC President, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Guest Speakers

Jason Virgadamo, commercial appraiser formerly with HCAD, presented information about the property tax appeals process.

The property tax notice includes a protest form and IFILE number for your property. Homeowners have until May 15 to file a protest via IFILE or mail.

A property has both a market value and an appraised value. The market value is to represent what a buyer/seller would agree to. The appraised value is the basis for property tax calculations and reflects any applicable exemptions. The assessed value can increase 10% annually until it reaches market value. Protests are for market value only.

The process to protest can be informal or formal. Informally, the homeowner and one HCAD representative work together to agree on a market value. If that process is not successful, a 3 member formal panel defines the market value.

Two weeks before a protest hearing, the homeowner will be able to access information online from HCAD about the property under protest. Each property owner should verify that the information is correct, including total square footage, number of bedrooms, and number of bathrooms.

You should bring photos, repair estimates, and closing statements (for recent property purchases). Find out if nearby comparable homes are sold at prices lower than your property's value. Typically look at price/square foot for comparison purposes. Properties should be inspected every three years by the appraisal district. A

property owner can also employ outside companies to protest their market values annually.

The second speaker was Zeph Capo, a Houston Community College Trustee, elected and sworn in four years ago. He gave an update on broad issues and asked for community input for two campuses within the district, Northline and Pinemont.

In 2014, the HCC capital improvement bond program (objective: to provide new or renovated facilities and updated technology to HCC campuses) was behind schedule, not on track, and had potential to cause serious tax problems. Since then, the CIP program was reassessed and reworked. Most projects have/will come in on schedule and within budget.

Northline Campus: In 2014, \$14.1M was allocated for improvements to this campus, but it was not enough to provide adequate space for the current (and projected) early HS/college students enrolled there. Ultimately the budget increased to \$22M, a more-reasonable budget for campus services today.

The Northline campus strives to provide a skilled, sustainable local workforce. Many programs can be completed in 8-16 months. Book costs can be a burden to many attendees. Currently, two degree programs have open source (no cost) documents/books.

Pinemont campus: What value does this campus have to the neighborhood? Zeph is seeking input from neighbors. Is it an appropriate use of building space? Is it cost-effective to keep it open? The typical student is older and seeking new skills. HCC will strive to provide a 50% tuition credit to students 55-64 years old (item on current agenda). Are new programs compatible with community projects? Please email Zeph at board.services@hccs.edu or zcapo@att.net with ideas and possible community connections.

A motion to approve the March minutes was made and seconded.

The minutes were approved. New attendees introduced themselves.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: No report.

GOMO: Mark Saranie reported that a Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm at GOMM to address questions related to current GOMO issues. Check the *Gazette* insert. Direct questions to manager@gardenoaks.org. There was also discussion around the proposed sale of Garden Oaks Baptist Church parking lot to the Gulf Coast Commercial Development Group.

Constable: Deputy Joe Bowden is back as our daytime deputy. He and his colleagues have arrested repeat burglary offenders in Garden Oaks (Yale/Shepherd) and the Heights (Studewood).

Sign up for precinct 1 crime alerts (<https://pct1constable.net/sign-up/crime-alerts/>).

Participation in the GO Constable program must increase. Currently, less than 16% of homeowners actively participate. Encourage your neighbors and friends to join. This is the single most important thing we can do to keep our neighborhood safe! We strive to keep two deputy patrollers annually, one during the day and one at night. Thanks again to Murphy and Vickers, underwriters of our GO Constable Supporter signs.

Beautification: No report.

Garden Oaks Website: Pam Parks reported that the website has been updated to include online purchase of home tour and preview party tickets. Buy yours at www.gardenoaks.org.

Citizen Patrol: No report.

Membership: Dian Austin reported that as of April 2018, 230 members/families were Civic Club members and 252 families were Constable Patrol supporters. Please join! We need many more supporters. Marlene Caldwell won a \$25 Lowes gift card in the raffle.

Gazette: Joe Muscara reported the deadline for May *Gazette* articles is April 15. Lori Kennedy needs five delivery persons: two in section 1 and one each in sections 2, 3 and 5. Please volunteer. You can meet your neighbors and exercise too.

Home Tour: It is scheduled for April 29th noon-6 pm. GOMM will be an additional stop on the tour. Heidi Lozano encouraged all to attend the VIP preview party and silent auction on Saturday, April 28, at Berryhill Baja

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Home Tour Auction

Stephanie Acosta and Heidi Lozano, Auction Co-Chairs

Thank you to all who attended the VIP Preview Party and Silent Auction. The Washington DC trip for 2018 has been organized and the 8th graders from Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet are looking forward to this amazing opportunity. The auction proceeds benefit this year's class and the upcoming classes as well. The Middle School Fundraising Team appreciates the continued support from neighbors, friends and businesses. The following is our list of auction donors as of April 15th. Be sure to frequent these businesses and let them know we appreciate their support.

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- House Manager
- Houston Polo Club
- Hunter Dance Center
- Joshua's Native Plants
- Juice Girl
- Karbach Brewing Company
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- Katz Coffee
- Klein Family
- Language Kids World
- Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery
- Lindsey & Bobby Pollock
- Lost Forest Tennis Club
- Lozano Family
- Mad Science of Houston
- Main Street Theater
- Murata Bunge Family
- Mildred's Umbrella Theater Company
- Montessori Consulting Services
- Nationwide Tools & Supplies
- Naumann Family
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907 West 42nd	1066 West 42nd	1063 West 43rd

Happy Birthday

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Christopher K. – 5/5	Linda Sparks – 5/8
Ryan W. – 5/9	Jenny Odinet – 5/14
Victor Seghers – 5/20	Gaia O-A. – 5/21
Gareth O-A – 5/21	Riley T. – 5/22
Amelie P. – 5/24	Lauren S. – 5/24
Shannon Miller – 5/31	Rowan S. – 5/31

Happy Anniversary

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

Out and About

Leslie Ryan & Carl Waters, Jr. enjoyed Vegas. **Cat & Jason Theriot** hosted a crawfish fundraiser for St. Rose. **John & Cindy Bartos** enjoyed the APC National Wildlife Preserve.

Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold had an amazing trip to Panama in honor of Shellye's dad and celebration of their 22nd anniversary. **Linda Reichle** and friends had a fabulously flamingo pink time at the Junk Gypsy Prom in Warrenton. **Terry Jeanes** checked out 75 Sisters on the Fly Trailers/Campers at the Junk Gypsy fundraiser for the Fayetteville Schoolhouse. The adventure of a lifetime for **Jason & Kim Ellis** with their son and the SV Mimzy was featured in The Leader.

Shreda Paire & Erin Donaho participated in the Lights Festival. The GOMM Un-Gala was a flashback to the 80s for the **Sherbers, Odinets, Stephanie Acosta, Dr. Lindsey Pollock**, the **Hunters, Gobes, Cracknells**, and others. **Julie Sherber** enjoyed a Fredericksburg weekend with some friends after her hard work on the Un-Gala.

Special thoughts

To long-time resident **Shirley Cato** for the loss of her sister, Mary Swinney, in March.

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.

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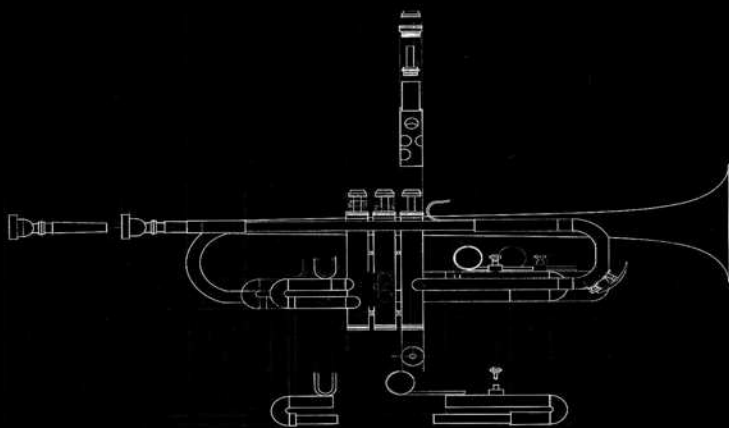
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Each director's term expires in October of year in parentheses.

GOMO Update, March 2018

Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager

Plans were approved for:

- 524 W 32nd St
- 432 W 34th St

Revised plans were approved for:

- None

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 became 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 notice sent to members only if candidates step forward.

GOMO Town Hall Meetings

Approximately 75 people attended a GOMO Town Hall meeting at GOMM on April 11. The purpose of the meeting was to update the neighborhood on the current status of GOMO's affairs and how GOMO will proceed now that the rulings in the Section 3 lawsuit have become final. GOMO filed for bankruptcy on April 11. Johnie Patterson of Walker & Patterson, the firm retained to represent GOMO in the bankruptcy, was present to answer questions about the filing. Future questions about the bankruptcy should be addressed to Walker & Patterson, P.C. at jjp@walkerandpatterson.com. Court filings and information will be posted on the GOMO page of gardenoaks.org.

A Town Hall meeting is also scheduled on April 18, 7:30 pm in the GOMM cafeteria for the purpose of sharing information about the proposed release of deed restrictions for the development of the Garden Oaks Baptist Church parking lot in Section 1.

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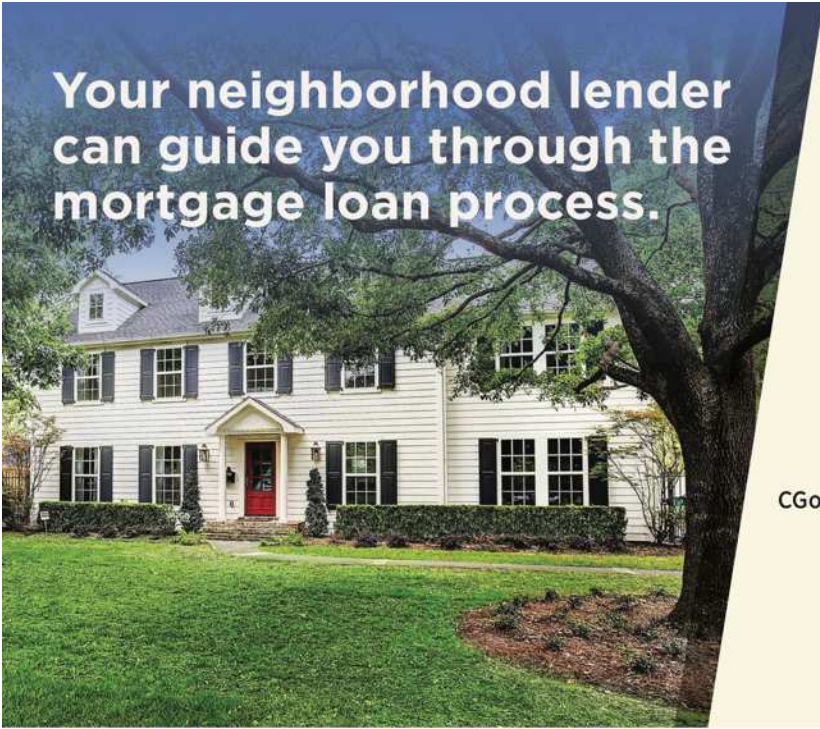
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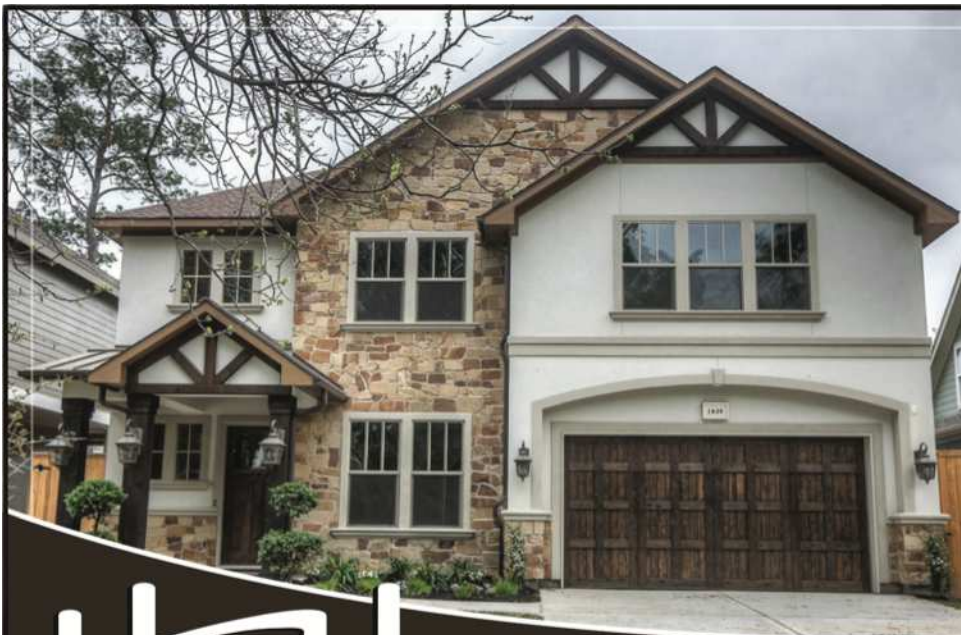


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(Meeting Minutes—Continued from page 9)

Grill & Cantina on 43rd.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet: Dr. Lindsey Pollock, school principal, reported that the lovely new buildings are now occupied. The original, older buildings are now being gutted and classrooms reconfigured. A tour of the new buildings was given after the meeting.

New Business

The improvement of drainage and resurfacing of streets associated with Sue Barnett is another City of Houston capital improvement project slated for Garden Oaks. Tonya Knauth will lead a group to gather community feedback and present it to appropriate city personnel before the project begins. Of primary concern is the large amount of foot, cycle, and vehicular traffic around GOMM during the school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 7pm. Guest speaker TBD.

Thirty-six attendees enjoyed great pizza, generously donated again by Brother’s Pizzeria!

(Mini Splits—Continued from page 17)

One of the best things about mini splits is their ease of installation. It can usually be done in about four to five hours, and since there’s little or no duct work involved, you won’t have to put up with a messy house or costly remodeling expenses. A typical mini split costs around \$3,500 installed.

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Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™.

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6	7	8	9	10 Garden Club Plant Exchange 7 PM Gazebo Park	11	12 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
13 Mother's Day	14	15 First Day of Ramadan Gazette Article Deadline	16 GOMO Meeting 7 PM GO Professional Building Suite 216	17	18	19 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
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