

Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Wine Walk Tickets On Sale!

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

Tickets are now available for our premier Constable Program fundraiser, the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, to be held on Saturday October 20th, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Please join us while we raise funds for the Constable Patrol Program.

Tickets can be purchased with the ticket order form in this month's *Gazette* or by going online to Eventbrite: https://2018gowinewalk.eventbrite.com. There is a "fee" associated with purchasing online. Tickets are \$85 each and we limit sales to 200 tickets each year.

This year's theme is "Cheers to 10 Years", celebrating 10 years of raising funds for the Constable Program, and all the folks who have been with us on this journey. To date, this fundraiser has brought in over \$162,000 for the Constable Program!

If you are new to the neighborhood, or have never been to the Wine Walk — you don't want to miss this. The format is simple: there are 12 beverage and food stations set up throughout the huge and lavishly landscaped backyard at 744 W. 43rd, here in Garden Oaks. Eleven of the table hosts will be generous neighbors and area businesses, each pouring a different wine (or wines) for you to sample. Each table generally has accompanying foods to taste as well. The 12th table will be a special beer tasting hosted by Plonk! All attendees must be at least 21 years of age.

This year we are having a Wine Pull, with at least fifty bottles of some great wines. Wine Pull tickets are \$20 a pull, and everyone will be winning a bottle of wine. Tickets to the Wine Pull can be bought via the ticket form in the *Gazette* and also online at Eventbrite.

We have the Wine Walk each year to supplement the funds needed to pay the Harris County Precinct One Constable contracts. Currently the Garden Oaks Civic Club has two contracts, each one providing 40 hours per week of professional law enforcement by a deputy patrolling our streets. The contracts are paid totally by contributions from area residents, with each contract costing about \$77,000 annually. Currently, we do not have enough funds to pay for the two contracts. That's why we have the Wine Walk. Last year, we raised some \$32,000 while sampling wines and mingling with neighbors. We need to do the same this year to keep the constables on our streets.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 7 PM Garden Oaks Montessori 901 Sue Barnett

Topic: Meet the Candidates

Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

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

The Future of GOMO/ HOA Meetings

Several meetings are being planned for Garden Oaks homeowners regarding the future of GOMO and HOA in September and October. Be on the lookout for notices for times, dates, and locations of these meetings.

Citizen Patrol Chair Needed

The program will need a new chair for 2019. See the article on page 3 for more information.

You can help in many ways: buy a ticket to the Wine Walk, become a cash sponsor (sponsor benefits are detailed in this month's *Gazette* and sponsorships can be purchased online at gardenoaks.org), and/or become a Constable Program supporter (also at gardenoaks.org).

Hope to see everyone on October 20th at the Wine Walk! Questions: Email goconstable@gmail.com.

From the Editor

Joe Muscara

Believe it or not, I don't write nor print what I do to be divisive. As a matter of fact, I tend to want to be inclusive. I am talking about *everybody*. Maybe what I said or wrote or posted is something you might disagree with, but I am not about hating on those with whom I disagree. I make an effort to separate the person from the belief or the action.

I realize that sometimes a person's actions are so bad that I cannot have them in my life. I don't wish them ill. I just try to avoid dealing with them as much as possible.

In a neighborhood like ours, where many of us are active and involved, near each other often, I really don't like not getting along with someone. It's not like either of us are going anywhere. But I must admit at times I've fallen down *hard* at being the person I describe trying to be above. I have become much more aware of those things and I think I've been mostly successful at avoiding doing them lately.

The other thing I do is try to understand the person with whom I disagree. I actually find it interesting to know why they think what they do, why they think their way is better, why they think I'm out of my mind, etc. Sometimes, I've even found that I completely agreed with some of their ideas. Other times, I was just plain wrong. It has happened once or twice.

I know we will never all agree on everything. Where would the fun be in that? In the meantime, I am making an effort to get along with people despite our differences. Isn't that where the interesting parts of life are?

Until next time, I'm...

still the editor.

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.

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Citizen Patrol

Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair

As noted below, the rash of thefts in the 200 block of W. 34th Street continued into July. I have spoken with HPD Command; unfortunately, they could not share much other than to say they are aware of the situation and it is an ongoing investigation. I strongly encourage you to join the Citizen Patrol program. Also, please contribute to the Constable Patrol program to keep our neighborhood safer. As always, please remain vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

As mentioned previously, this is the last year I will chair this program. I am still looking for someone to replace me starting January 2019. You do not have to be a current member of the patrol program, but I would strongly encourage the new person to become one. The position requires a small amount of time each month collecting the members' patrolling hours, collecting the crime statistics from HPD's website, and submitting a monthly article to the *Gazette*. Please contact me or a member of the Civic Club Board if you are interested in this position.

July Crime Statistics (21)

Aggravated Robbery (1)

4100 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Monday, July 2 at 10:03 p.m.

Auto Theft (1)

3400 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, July 13 at 9:31 a.m.

Burglary – Motor Vehicle (6)

300 block W. 31st St. on Sunday, July 1 at 8:30 a.m.

3900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Tuesday, July 3 at 10:18 p.m.

4000 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, July 4 at 3:51 p.m.

3400 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, July 13 at 4:39 p.m.

3900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, July 18 at 10:39 p.m.

4200 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Wednesday, July 18 at 11:07 p.m.

Theft (13)

3400 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, July 12 at 2:12 p.m.

700 block Sue Barnett Dr. on Thursday, July 12 at 3:52 p.m.

4000 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, July 13 at 4:39 p.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Wednesday, July 18 at 8:10 p.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Thursday, July 19 at 2:58 a.m.

800 block W. 34th St. on Thursday, July 19 at 11:20 a.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Thursday, July 19 at 1:03 p.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Tuesday, July 24 at 8:48 a.m.

3800 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Thursday, July 26 at 1:36 p.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Saturday, July 28 at 6:52 a.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Friday, July 27 at 2:04 p.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Monday, July 30 at 8:50 a.m.

200 block W. 34th St. on Monday, July 30 at 12:50 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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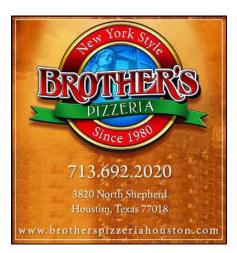
911

311

Precinct One Constable

Dispatch 713-755-7628

All Other City Services





Constable Program

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

How can you help support our community crime prevention efforts?

- Contribute the minimum requested \$225 annually for the Garden Oaks Constable Program. We really need your support to keep the deputies patrolling in our neighborhood. www.gardenoaks.org
- Buy a ticket to the Wine Walk, our October 20th Constable Program fundraiser: https://2018gowinewalk.eventbrite.com
- Sponsor the Wine Walk: https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc-home/ events/wine-walk-2/
- Host a Neighbors' Night Out Party on Tuesday October 2nd. Contact constable@gardenoaks.org so your location can be added to the list for law enforcement to stop by and visit.

Become a Constable Program supporter: www.gardenoaks.org

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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

Vacation Watch: http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/





International Day of Peace

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

International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on the 21st of September. This special observance was established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. https://internationaldayofpeace.org/

This year, International Peace Day focuses on the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70." #peaceday #standup4humanrights

One of the core components of Montessori education makes it relevant today more than ever. That core component is PEACE education . As the principal of Garden Oaks Montessori, I feel very fortunate to be a part of a school community dedicated to making sure our children receive an authentic Montessori education in a public school setting.

Promoting peace was a large part of Dr. Montessori's career. One of her most famous quotes is "Averting war is the work of politicians; establishing peace is the work of education." She thought it was extremely important in her day and today it is of vital importance. I think about PEACE at Garden Oaks Montessori in this way:

Preparing every child to be an innovative, solution-focused person who can function both as a team member and as a leader.

Engaging children and families in authentic activities and tasks that bring us together.

Acknowledging the fragile balance of nature and working to protect our environment through an emphasis on environmental sciences.

Collaborating and maximizing the special talents of every child through individual work plans, research projects and celebrations.

Embracing every person for their unique identity and valuing their gender expression, race, culture and religious perspective.

As we move into our next, post-construction phase at Garden Oaks, in our new and renovated spaces, our commitment to PEACE education will be reflected in our gardens and learning spaces designed to maximize collaboration and family events. Thanks to our Project Advisory Team comprised of parents, teachers and community members, these Montessori design elements will support our program, peace education, and our children for many years to come!









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What is Professional Branding?

Brandi Munoz

Professional Branding is a new term that has been coined to describe your professional image, both online and on paper. Platforms include social media outlets such as LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook and professional publications or documents like your résumé, cover letter, bios, etc. These resources combined make up your professional branding presence.

Why is my Professional Branding presence important?

If you are in the job search or thinking of looking for a new job, this is going to be a critical component. Why? Because over 80% of recruiters use social networking sites to research candidates. In fact, 50.3% of employers contact potential candidates through social media outlets. Also, millennials are entering the workforce and are more tech savvy than any other generation. They have forced all job seekers to step up their game by using new and improved technologies to market themselves. On paper, this means that their résumés look more attractive because they are using new software and online tools.

What can I do to improve my Professional Branding presence?

The first task is to clean up your social media accounts and make sure to check your privacy settings. If your information is public or can be shared, it should be appropriate for a professional setting. Remove inappropriate photos, oversharing, and unflattering comments about current or prior employers. Also, proofread your profiles and check for typos and grammar. This is especially important for LinkedIn profiles.

Your next focus should be on how you are branding yourself. Do you have accurate and updated content in your profiles and on your résumé? Are you using impactful statements to market yourself to potential employers? Do you have core competencies and key skills listed that give a well-rounded description of who you are as a professional? Potential employers want to see the value you can bring to their company versus a list of tasks and responsibilities.

The key thing to keep in mind is that professional branding is all about how you market yourself. This can be in an interview, on social media and job applications, or when networking at events both professionally and personally. You never know who you will meet that can be the catalyst to a new role or an amazing job opportunity. Having a polished Professional Branding presence can make a big difference in your career path!

Brandi Munoz is the owner of People Culture Consulting, a professional résumé writing and career coaching practice.

Source: NACE 2017 Recruiting and Benchmarks Survey Report

2018 Garden Oaks Wine Walk Sponsorship Benefits

Platinum Plus Wine Pull Sponsor (\$1500 Cash Contribution) – Sold!

Platinum Sponsor (\$1000 Cash Contribution)

- Individual sign on day of event at the entrance
- Four tickets to the Wine Walk (value \$340)
- Garden Oaks Gazette Ad ½ page, 7 ½" X 4
 ½" (value \$110)
- Recognition in the Gazette through year-end 2018
- Recognition on GO Facebook pages and the Garden Oaks Civic Club website with link to sponsor's website
- Listed as Platinum Sponsor on the Tasting Notes distributed to the 275 Wine Walk attendees

Gold Sponsor (\$500 Cash Contribution)

- Individual sign on the day of the event at the entrance
- Garden Oaks Gazette Ad 2 ¼" x 2 3/8" (value: \$60)
- Two tickets to the Wine Walk (value \$170)
- Recognition in the Gazette through year-end 2018
- Recognition on GO Facebook pages and the Civic Club website with link to sponsor's website
- Listed as Gold sponsor on the Tasting Notes distributed to the 275 attendees

Silver Sponsor (\$300 Cash Contribution)

- Shared signage with other Silver Sponsors on the day of the event at the entrance
- One ticket to the Wine Walk (value \$85)
- Recognition in the Gazette through year-end 2018
- Recognition on the GO Facebook pages and the Civic Club website with link to sponsor's website
- Listed as Silver Sponsor on the Tasting Notes distributed to the 275 Wine Walk attendees

Sponsorships can be purchased online at gardenoaks.org. All proceeds go to the Garden Oaks Constable Program for payment of the Civic Club's contracts with Harris County Constable Precinct One.

2018 Wine Walk Sponsors

As we go to press, the following cash sponsors have stepped up once again to support our community and the Constable Program. We are so very grateful to these folks who contribute, and many have done so time and again. Please support these people and businesses who support our neighborhood.

Platinum Plus Wine Pull Sponsor (\$1500)

Oak Forest Veterinary Hospital

Platinum Sponsors (\$1000)

- Optimus
- Revive Development

Gold Sponsors (\$500)

- CTC Contractors
- In Honor of Dan's House of Hope
- Mathew Naftis, DDS
- Terry Jeanes ReMax/Metro
- Shipley Donuts

Silver Sponsors (\$300)

- · Forever Young by Sandee
- In Honor of Animal Justice League
- · John Bartos, Attorney at Law
- Merle Norman Cosmetics & Unique Gift Boutique
- Mi Sombrero Mexican Restaurant

In-Kind Donors

- iRecycle Glass
- Plonk!
- · The Bell Tower on 34th
- · Village Liquor

Sponsorship benefits are detailed in this month's *Gazette*. Sponsorships can be purchased at gardenoaks.org. Questions? Email goconstable@gmail.com.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Helen Sestak, Secretary

August 7, 2018

Location: Garden Oaks Montessori School

Matt Gannon, Civic Club president, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Guest Speakers: Matt Houston, GO Reform committee chair, was the first guest speaker. 207 of 1440 surveys mailed out to residents to solicit input regarding HOA formation had been received. The survey can be found online at gardenoaks.org and must be submitted by August 20th. The committee hopes to get at least 300 - 350 responses.

Raffle winners to date were Jean Valka (Home Depot \$50 gift card) and Bryan La France (Slowpoke's \$50 gift card).

Discussion clarified several things:

- There was some confusion as to the wording of question #5 on the survey. The survey gives two funding options. Option a is a "mandatory onetime fee paid at sale of property" and option b is an "annual fee". Option b is to be considered a "voluntary" fee.
- The QR code found on the mailer is the printer's impression, necessary for matching documents to envelopes, and does not yield any other identifying information.
- 3. Section 4 property owners are included in the survey.
- 4. The next step will be to categorize and analyze the data. All unedited comments will be compiled and made publicly available at some future time.
- Once analysis is complete, some committee members will meet with an attorney to determine potential next steps.

A motion to approve the July minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Several new attendees introduced themselves.

The discussion about deed restriction enforcement options continued. While most want to protect their property values, some worry that deed restrictions will be abandoned due to non-enforcement if we don't have a HOA. The best time to identify a restriction violation is while reviewing the plans, before construction starts.

Kathryn Van der Pol of the North Shepherd Community Alliance was a second guest speaker. The NSCA is a networking group of business owners/schools/ community groups whose purpose is to resolve challenges (crime, permitting issues, dilapidated property, drainage, etc.) and to promote beautification in the N. Shepherd area (from Yale/Shepherd to 610/45). They have partnered with the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce to pool resources and to identify major concerns and the jurisdictions responsible for repair or update. The next meeting will be held on 8/15 at 6 pm at El Tapatio. All are welcome.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Teresa Coleman provided a treasurer's report. There are still concerns about having funds available to maintain two constables in 2019.

GOMO: Mark Saranie stated that a bankruptcy related hearing is scheduled for August 9th at 3pm. 515 Rusk, Court 400.

Constable: Terry Jeanes reported that for nine years our community supported three constables. In 2017 (after losing GOMO funding), we contracted for two constables. In December, 2018, we will need to determine how many constables to contract for 2019, and unless we get more funds, we may be down to just one constable.

Our projected constable budget assumes that we will raise ~\$65,000 from the 2018 and 2019 Wine Walks, our annual Constable Program fundraisers. We need to increase household participation to continue this very important program! Consider that an insurance deductible to cover a theft may be more than the suggested \$225 annual donation to the Constable Program.

Beautification: Joan Harmon is still waiting on bids to repair the irrigation systems at Gazebo Park and on

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Garden Oaks Blvd. She anticipates that the work will be completed in the next month.

Garden Oaks Website: Pam Parks reported that the website changes often. Check it out at www.gardenoaks.org.

Citizen Patrol: Matt Gannon read Carl Waters' data on the July crime statistics. There were 21 total crimes. These include one robbery on N. Shepherd, one auto theft, six burglaries of motor vehicles and 13 thefts, eight of which were in the 200 block of W 34th. There is an ongoing investigation to understand what is happening on 34th.

Membership: Dian Austin stated we have 269 paid Civic Club members and 340 paid Constable supporters. Two Constable contracts cost ~150,000 annually. We are at risk of losing one in 2019 if we don't raise enough funds.

Wine Walk: Wine Walk monies specifically support the Constable program. Tickets for the October 20, 2018 Wine Walk are available on Eventbrite (see gardenoaks.org for link). Cost is \$85. Do you want to sponsor your business or honor a near-and-dear cause? Consider a sponsorship. To date 10 sponsors have stepped up! This year's festivities will also feature a \$20 wine pull and a beer tent. Increasing the ticket price is a future possibility.

Gazette: Joe Muscara reported that the deadline for September *Gazette* articles is August 15. Lori Kennedy is looking for a delivery volunteer for the 200-300 block of W 34th.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School: Dr. Pollock reported that classrooms will be ready for the start of school on August 27th. Teachers return August 13th. The Wakefield parking lot should be completed in September, and will eventually be landscaped and have about 100 parking spots. The Spark Park construction zone should be eliminated by the end of the year. New school hours are 8:30 am - 3:50 pm. Drop off will begin at 7am for before-school programs. Please be mindful of children and their parents, even though school zone signs may not be reset just yet.

Government Affairs / GO CIP: Tonya Knauth reported that the Sue Barnett drainage improvement program is on hold indefinitely due to funding deficits from Hurricane Harvey. The Alba and Golf programs will

continue as originally planned. Future city projects will always include sidewalks as an accessibility issue. A future neighborhood survey for the Sue Barnett program will solicit input once funding and changes are verified.

Section 1 Commercial Development: Carrie Arnett and Andrea Joseph met with the Gulf Coast Commercial Group developer, and he presented a new rendering and a revised declaration of restrictions. Carrie and Andrea also met with an attorney and an urban planner to ensure that protections to lessen future impact on immediate homes and the neighborhood around the development would be recognized and included. They plan to combine the various ideas and present them to the developer. In the meantime, Carrie and Andrea continue to solicit input from Section 1 neighbors and will show interested parties hardcopies of the different plans. Plans will not be available digitally.

The developer is no longer canvassing Section 1 neighbors for signatures to revisit deed restrictions.

Future movement on the development will require an agreement on 'change of circumstances' and an understanding of what is best for both the developer and the neighborhood.

New Business: Lori Kennedy moved that the Civic Club join the North Shepherd Community Alliance. Dues are \$50. The motion was seconded and approved.

Neighbors Night Out is Tuesday, October 2. This event will replace the monthly Civic Club meeting in October.

Carrie Arnett moved that Civic Club pay the attorney and urban planner costs for the Section 1 Commercial Development committee. The attorney's retainer is \$2000. Carrie has paid \$250 herself. The urban planner's fee is \$215/hour, capped at \$1000. He has put in several hours. Carrie did not have the actual costs at meeting time.

Teresa Coleman commented that we have been in deficit spending.

Some neighbors were concerned whether this amount would cover all future needs. Others suggested that information be posted in the *Gazette* and delay the vote. After more discussion, the motion was amended to have the Civic Club cover all costs up to \$2000 to reimburse Carrie for expenses related to Section 1 Commercial

Development, specifically legal and urban planning fees. The motion was seconded, approved and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. Next month's meeting is slated for September 4 at 7pm. We plan to host a political candidates forum.

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

Mickey's Minute Mickey Morales

Yesterday (mid-August) as I was breaking down the market, I walked across the street to order a late lunch. The owner of the food truck told me he had come over and checked out our market and said it was the saddest little farmer's market he had ever seen. Any other man would have been insulted; fortunately I'm not any other man. I see our market with different eyes than other people. Several years ago when our friend and market supporter Jeremy Goodwin was asked to write an article for the then new Edible Houston magazine, he penned the phrase "keep it small, keep it honest and make it part

of the community."

First of all, the size of our market is perfectly suited to serve the local community. Most others have seen larger markets here in the city and other places around the world and marvel at the variety and the amounts of agricultural products. Hence lies the problem of point number two, honesty — the reason for such a dearth of wealth. Most of the products you see in larger markets are either not in season or not grown nor raised by the vendors there, or both. When I wrote the rules for our market, we allowed for the sale of other farms' products as long as they were clearly labeled, mainly because I knew we would always have a small footprint and that this would allow for multiple income streams for our farmers. And let's face it — no producer is going to continue to come week after week to sell only a few bottles of honey or a couple of vegetables.

Because of this solid foundation, our little local market endures and will continue to do so as long as we adhere to these principles. It was never Farmer Cathy's or my intention to build the biggest market in Houston or to become rich in doing so. After several years helping to build up other markets and seeing the result of such expansive growth, we realized what we really needed



was a place where honest vendors could come to sell what they made or grew with a simple set of rules that were honored by all. There's nothing sad about our little market. It brings me nothing but joy in knowing that we have succeeded beyond our hopes.

I like to view us as a little all-natural grocery that appears each Saturday morning where y'all can buy local clean food, free of chemicals and raised sustainably. Now if we could just get that raw milk bill through the legislature this coming session, our store would be complete. If you're not already a member of FARFA (Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance), please consider doing so and support their work. Our market has also become a meeting place for the community where people gather with their children to get a good cup of coffee and sit and enjoy communion with others from the neighborhood, thus cementing our foothold here.

As always, "Come soon, come often and enjoy your Farmer's Market."

July Constable Stats

Data are provided monthly for the 2 contracts with the Harris County Precinct 1 Constable deputies who patrol Garden Oaks. The number of responses is shown for each category.

Accident/Minor - 2

Alarm Calls - 8

Burglary - 1

Check Business -1

Check Park/Check School - 14

Contract Check – 255

Crime/Mischief - 1

Disturbance/Loud Noise/Other/Fireworks – 6

Follow Up - 1

Meet the Citizen – 214

Meet the Officer - 5

Solicitors – 1

Special Assignment – 3

Subject Stop - 1

Suspicious Person/Vehicle - 9

Suspicious/Bomb Item - 1

Traffic Hazard - 1

Traffic Stops - 36

Welfare Check - 1

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at \$20 each for a total of \$	*** ANNIVERS
(Each Wine Pull ticket allows one "pull" of a wine bottle)	

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We will acknowledge your ticket order via email or phone. Rain date is November 3. Sorry, no refunds.

Celebrating 10 Years of Support for the Constable Program

> Ticket sales limited to the first 200 to respond. This is an ADULTS only event (age 21 and older).



2018 Constable Patrol Contributor Application & Contact Information

[] New Membe	er or [] Renewal
Property Address :	
Phone at this address:	
Please provide contact information for p	rogram member(s) at this address:
Member 1 Information	Member 2 Information
Name:	Name:
Email:	
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Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
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Emergency Contact Information	Emergency Contact Information
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Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
Payment	Options
[] Enclosed find my payment for 2018 of \$225. ([] I/We cannot contribute \$225 now; however, et [] I/We will pay online (see below).	Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club .)
Many of our neighbors live on limited, fixed inco	mes. Are you willing to sponsor a neighbor?
[] Yes! Please accept my additional gift of \$	for the year (enclosed).
Mail this	form to
PO Box Houston	nstable Program k 10273 TX 77206 online at

www.gardenoaks.org



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

January - December 2018

Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. While all memberships are voluntary, you must contribute at least at the Basic Level to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Membership dues are to be paid on or before January 1st for the calendar year.

Fill in A	mount:					
\$		Crepe Myrtle (Basic Level) Household Membership	\$25 (\$5 for Seniors)			
\$		Red Oak (Patron Level) Household Membership	\$75 (\$15 for Seniors)			
\$		Community Household Membership	\$100			
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Each director's term expires in October of year in parentheses.

GOMO Update, July 2018

Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager

Plans were approved for:

None

Revised plans were approved for:

None

Pending (re) submission:

None

Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity for July (Year to Date)

- New reported violations 1(2)
- Resolved/cleared 1(2)
- Unresolved/pending 4 (N/A)
- Litigation in progress 0 (N/A)

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 if candidates step forward. We are getting close to the October regular elections and candidates may wish to consider waiting to run.

GOMO Bankruptcy Information posted at gardenoaks.org

Court rulings and information are posted on the gardenoaks.org website.

Contact:

The Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization 4001 N Shepherd Dr, Suite 216 Houston, TX 77018 713-561-3936

manager@gardenoaks.org

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.

GOMO Review Meetings

Meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Additional information about the **Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO)** is available online at GardenOaks.org.

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Happy Birthday

Rita Hartman - 9/8 Sylvia Escobedo - 9/16 Allison Mattingly – 9/21 Candice Croker - 9/25 Gretchen S. - 9/10 Jacopo W. - 9/20 John Beddow – 9/22

Happy Anniversary

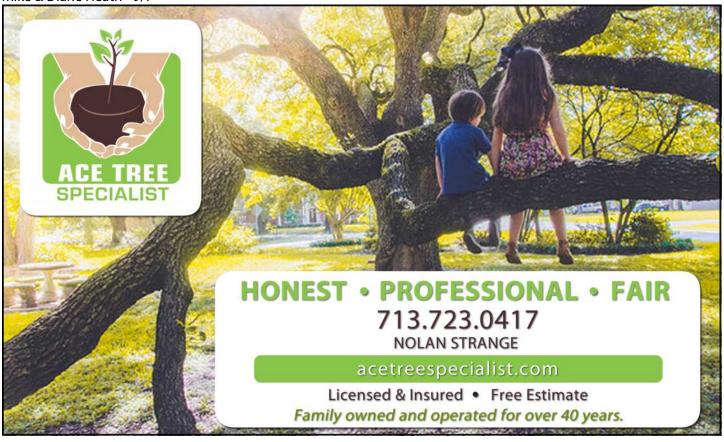
Trent & Megan Salch - 9/5 Mike & Diane Heath - 9/7 Phil Ramirez & Gina Pecoraro - 9/7 Rick & Tonya Knauth - 9/29

Congratulations

To **Celeste Zamora** on her new position with the University of Houston School of Public Affairs. Hats off to **Tina Sabuco**. Her company, Arts Alive!, was named The Leader's Favorite Afterschool Program, voted on by Leader Readers.

Out and About

John and Nhilka Murphy vacationed in Mexico City. Jan Garver enjoyed time with her son and daughter-in-law touring Washington State, including kayaking, hiking, and the Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. Angie Lane and her daughter enjoyed Alaska's Denali Park, with a "big highlight" for her daughter: the loss of her front tooth. Melissa Reid and Jeff Gibb opted for Cancun when a tropical storm messed with their Cabo vacation plans. The Shamblens celebrated in NOLA. The Seghers had a great family trip to Hawaii, while the Appling- O'Leary clan vacation included a Harvard tour. Carl Waters and Leslie Ryan took in the sights in San Francisco, while the McLeans visited Canada, and the Dilleys enjoyed a



family trip to Florida. Heather McKeown and kids did lots of biking and hiking in Utah and Colorado. The Salches had a grand time in NOLA and Orange Beach. **Linda Reichle** and friends had fun in Fredericksburg. **Joe** Muscara and Lori Kennedy overnighted in Smithville, also catching up with fellow GO neighbor Terry Jeanes. Tina Rowe connected with neighbors Carol and Gordon **Yeatts** in Goult France, with a visit to Aureto winery, among other stops. The Maltbies toured Palo Duro Canyon, while **Tina Greer** enjoyed a great time in Los Angeles visiting her daughter. Julie Sherber had a grand time in Cabo. Ann Best enjoyed a River Barge adventure on the Thames. It was a Crested Butte adventure for Debbie Driver. Sandra O'Guynn and clan enjoyed ziplining at Pace Bend Park, Lake Travis, and went back to her stomping grounds in Waco. The Sherber girls enjoyed the Houston Dog Show. Seen in the crowd at the Sugarland Concert was Eric Jarvis, while the **Espeseth clan** was in the crowd at Wrigley Field. **The** Carlins, Robert and Amanda, enjoyed time at Lake Hartwell Georgia. The Tates, Toni and Howard, vacayed in St. John's. **The Odinets** overnighted at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort before summer camp drop off. The **Hunters** opted for San Antonio to celebrate SA's birthday and also attended the State Swim Meet. Joe

Casarez went hiking and whitewater rafting while on a scouting adventure in Colorado. Summer camp attendees included: Jones B., Lauren O., Emma M. & sis (Camp Periwinkle).

Special Thoughts to **Ron Sledge** on the recent loss of his sister Janet.

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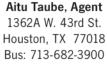
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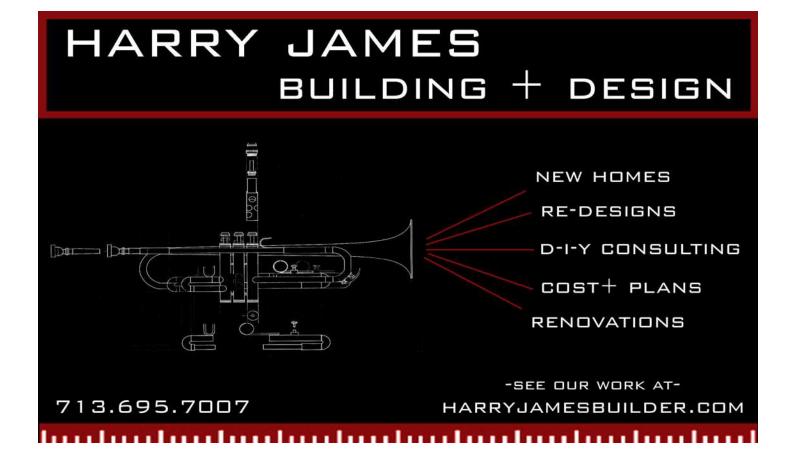
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Install storm doors at all entrances to your house.

Install a programmable thermostat and raise the temperature when away. While you are home, set the thermostat as high as comfort permits and use ceiling fans. Air movement from the fans causes moisture evaporation on your skin, making you feel cooler. Ceiling fans do nothing when no one is at home.

Don't place lamps, TVs or other heat-producing devices beneath a wall-mounted thermostat.

Replace single-pane windows with double-pane models. Install awnings over windows exposed to direct sunlight. Close curtains or blinds on the sunny side. Plant trees for shade. Increasing the glass area in your home increases the amount of heat added in summer and lost in winter.

Don't run kitchen and bath exhaust fans longer than necessary.

Replace incandescent and fluorescent bulbs with LED ones, which produce virtually no heat and use minimal electricity.

Make sure your fireplace has a tight-fitting damper that can be closed when not in use.

Keep your outdoor condenser's fins clear of debris by spraying them with a garden hose. Also, trim surrounding foliage back at least two feet to allow for adequate airflow.

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