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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## GOCC Ad Hoc Section 1 Commercial Development Committee

*Carrie Arnett, Co-Chair*

There has been more activity around the potential development in our neighborhood.

As noted previously, Garden Oaks Baptist Church (GOBC) wants to sell its parking lot on the west side of Shepherd between Gabby's and Chase Bank to Gulf Coast Commercial Group for commercial development. For the sale to happen, those lots must be released from the Section 1 Deed Restrictions. The Church and Gulf Coast have proposed a Declaration of Restrictions to replace the current Deed Restrictions for those lots. The Section 1 Commercial Development Committee's (the Committee or CDC) primary goal is to work with the homeowners, the Church, and Gulf Coast to determine if the neighborhood is willing to release the lots from the current Deed Restrictions. We also have a secondary goal to lay out a reasonable template if other homeowners or commercial-lot owners seek to be released from the Section 1 deed restrictions.

After two meetings in September, the CDC and Gulf Coast have come to an agreement to the terms of the Declaration of Restrictions. The revised Declaration includes provisions for no drive through (but instead a pick-up service window with no audio box), a sight and sound wall, and a height restriction, among other provisions.

Separate from the Declaration of Restrictions, the CDC is awaiting Gulf Coast's response regarding a financial contribution to the Constable Program or financial benefit for the neighborhood.

Currently, Gulf Coast is meeting with GOBC and its consultants. After that, the CDC anticipates that Gulf Coast and GOBC will be reaching out to the Section 1 homeowners. The CDC does not yet know the specifics for that outreach.

Please let us know your thoughts. As always, if you have questions or concerns, we'd like to hear them. You can reach out to Andrea Joseph, [gosec1neighbors@gmail.com](mailto:gosec1neighbors@gmail.com), or Carrie Arnett, 281-686-3272.

### Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 7 PM  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett

Presenter: Alice Bongers,  
director of the Heights  
Interfaith Ministries Food  
Pantry—Please bring non-  
perishable food items for the  
pantry

### Garden Oaks Civic Club Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 4, 7 PM  
American Legion Post 560,  
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Bring a potluck dish to share  
and bring a new, unwrapped  
toy for the annual  
Constables' Toy Drive

The 2019 budget will be  
voted on, and the following  
slate of officers have been  
nominated:

President—Joe Casarez

Vice President—Tonya Knauth

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Secretary—Helen Sestak

# Letters to the Editor

## Dog Pooped

I don't know what kind of people are moving into our neighborhood. Been here 52 years and never seen anything like this.

I walk my dogs regularly and have been noticing that some folks still let their dogs poo wherever without picking it up, which I think is prohibited by the City. That is bad but nature takes care of it in a few days. The new thing is folks who pick their dog's poo up in one of the plastic bags for that purpose, make a knot and then drop it in the grass by the street for the homeowner to pick up and dispose of. Sometimes they drop it in the street where it gets flattened by cars and lays there for days and days. If they just have to leave poo in my yard, I would prefer they did it the old way, just leave the poo and forget bagging it up.

This started about a year ago. I don't know if these folks are ignorant, uncaring, rude or what but they need to be made aware good neighbors do not behave this way. The number of occurrences recently is down from what it was six months ago when I first meant to write this note so maybe you have already said something about it in the *Gazette*.

One more thing. The same goes for dropping the poo into newly emptied garbage cans before the homeowner has a chance to pull his can back from the street.

Regards,  
Ken Seyffert, Section 5

## Thank you, Mr. Editor

Thank you for sharing your insightful thoughts in [the September] "From the Editor". It is not often I read, then re-read something that causes me to pause and self-examine. The fact that you put it all out there, so-to-speak, is commendable.

Grateful for all you do,  
Caroline Stender, Section 4

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# Constable Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

Thank you to those who hosted a National Night Out Event. The neighborhood had over 15 community parties.

An added thank you to Constable Alan Rosen for his Wine Walk sponsorship and for donating a Constable Ride-Along certificate for the silent auction.

A big tip of the hat to the Wine Walk committee for organizing the 10th Annual Garden Oaks Wine Walk, the de Albas for hosting with their fabulous yard, and thanks to all the table hosts, cash sponsors, and attendees. We are so grateful for all the community support for this fun event. The Wine Walk is the largest fundraiser for the Constable Program and is very necessary to keep the constables patrolling.

### How Can You Help?

Contribute to the Constable Program annually. The new 2019 form is in this month's *Gazette*. Note that the minimum requested annual contribution is now \$250. You may also pay online at [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org). You can pay monthly or annually. We make it simple for you to support the program.

The annual mailout will occur in November. If you haven't already paid by then, please fill out the Constable Supporter form and send in your check for 2019.

**Wish List:** An individual or business to construct Membership Thermometer Signs to be displayed in the neighborhood. Email [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) for information.

**Become a Constable Program supporter:** [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org)

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## Citizen Patrol

*Carl Waters, Jr., Program Chair*

Thanks to all the neighbors who opened their yards or homes for this year's National Night Out festivities. Thanks specifically to the families of the Padillas, Drivers, Cantos, Ledwells, Seghers, Alwaises, Terrets, Rehfuss/Halls, Shaughnessys, Debiens, Martins, Arnett/Comettas, Halls, Kramers and the Carlins for hosting events, and to any others we might have missed. We appreciate your efforts to get out and meet your neighbors.

The Citizen Patrol Program is still in need of a coordinator beginning in January 2019. If you are interested, please contact the Civic Club President or me for further information.

The holiday season is coming soon. Please keep the following things in mind when you are out shopping:

- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Don't shop alone (like swimming, there is safety in numbers).
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; use debit or credit cards.
- Ladies should carry a small purse or wrap the strap around your arm if you carry a larger bag.
- Gentlemen, carry your wallet in your front pocket instead of your back pocket. Consider keeping it in your left pocket as most people shake with their right hand.
- Keep an eye on your purchases while eating; switching bags is relatively easy.
- Consider using a package pickup service when you make a large number of purchases.
- Have your keys ready when you exit the store to get into your car faster.
- Avoid shopping at closing time. If shopping after dark, park in well-lit areas.
- Avoid parking next to vans or vehicles with dark tinted windows.
- Walk briskly, confidently and directly through the parking lot or back to your vehicle.
- Be leery of strangers offering great bargains or sales in parking lots.

### September Crime Statistics (16)

#### *Auto Theft (1)*

4000 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Friday, September 28 at 4:32 p.m.

#### *Burglary (1)*

2900 block N. Shepherd Dr. on Sunday, September 9 at 5:33 a.m.

#### *Burglary – Motor Vehicle (2)*

1000 block Gardenia Dr. on Monday, September 3 at 3:53 p.m.

700 block Garden Oaks Blvd. on Monday, September 10 at 8:38 a.m.

*Theft (12)*

- 200 block W. 34th St. on Saturday, September 1 at 7:38 a.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:50 a.m.
- 900 block Gardenia Dr. on Tuesday, September 4 at 4:20 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Thursday, September 6 at 12:11 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. Friday, September 7 at 1:58 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Sunday, September 9 at 6:53 a.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:46 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:59 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:15 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Thursday, September 20 at 11:37 a.m.
- 900 block Gardenia Dr. Thursday, September 20 at 8:26 p.m.
- 200 block W. 34th St. on Friday, September 28 at 5:40 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.

## Save the Date for Santa!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit Gazebo Park (42nd/Lamonte/Sue Barnett) on

Wednesday, December 12, from 6 to 7:30 pm

and

Thursday, December 13th, from 6 to 7:30 pm.

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# Constable Statistics September 2018

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

Abandoned Vehicle – 1  
Accident, Minor – 1  
Alarm Calls – 5  
Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1  
Check Park/Check School/Neighborhood – 13  
Contract Check – 184  
Disturbance/Loud /Other/Firearm Discharge – 5  
Drug Possession - 2  
Follow Up – 3  
Information Call – 1  
Meet the Citizen – 127  
Open Door/Window – 1  
Runaway - 1  
Speeding Vehicle – 1  
Stranded Vehicle - 1  
Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 12  
Theft - 4  
Traffic Hazard – 3  
Traffic Initiative – 7  
Traffic Stops – 15  
Vacation Watch – 10  
Welfare Check – 2

## Beautification

*Joan Harmon, Program Chair*

After a long hiatus we are back to selecting Garden Oaks Yards of the Month! Our Section One winner for October was the yard at 319 W. 32nd, the home of Charlie and Sheila Amalfi. Their cute bungalow is framed with a white picket fence and lots of interesting yard art and fountains. In addition to getting the Yard of the Month sign for the month, they won a \$25 Gift Card! So get working on your own yards and you too can be a Yard of the Month!

The irrigation systems in most of the parks have been repaired thanks to the \$5,000 bonus from the Civic Club coffers. Without that extra money, we would not have had the funds to repair the systems. The last system needing repairs is the Rose Garden in Section 1, but we were able to repair the vacuum breaker so the City would turn the water lines back on. All it takes is love and money!

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# 2018 Wine Walk Table Hosts

Our annual Constable Program fundraiser, the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, would not be possible without the generosity of our table hosts. Each table host provides at least a case of wine (or wines) and foods at their own expense. Most of these folks have been repeat hosts for many, many years. Thank you to these generous neighbors and neighborhood businesses. We appreciate you! Thank you for supporting our Constable Patrol Program.

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- Plonk! Beer & Wine Bistro
- Scott Miller
- Tina Rowe & Jim DiCola



# Wine Walk Update

*Dian Austin, Committee Chair*

As we go to press, the 10th Annual Garden Oaks Wine Walk, our Constable Program fundraiser, is scheduled to happen in another week, and we are set to raise record funds for the Constable Program, about \$34,000.

We sold out of tickets, and our sponsor support has been stellar with a new record for sponsor contributions of \$17,300.

All funds raised will go directly to the Constable Patrol Program as the Wine Walk committee covers all the event expenses, including the sponsor signage, printing costs, postage for sponsor mailings, the port-a-can, mosquito spray, sparkling water, etc. Now we just need to make sure the weather cooperates.

Stay tuned for the official fundraising report in the December *Gazette*.

## Get Online!

The following online locations are where your Garden Oaks neighbors gather. Please note that none of these are official groups and are not moderated nor controlled by any of the Garden Oaks organizations you know and love, though sometimes they will post announcements in order to reach neighborhood residents.

<http://nextdoor.com> (requires registration and verification of address. You will be added to Garden Oaks when verified)

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# Grace and Courtesy Every Day

*Lindsey Pollock, Ed.D., Principal,  
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Over the course of the past year, many of us have encountered both obstacles and opportunities. With either of these, it is natural to experience some discomfort as we adjust to the changes around us. By modeling thanks in your daily life, you are modeling the grace and courtesy that Dr. Maria Montessori emphasized as an essential part of her educational philosophy that is called grace and courtesy. Grace comes from the Latin word *Gratia* meaning “charm, favor, thanks.” When we talk about educating the child through the lessons of grace and courtesy, we strive to teach the child how to move about in an unobtrusive manner, to be conscious of one’s movements. In other words, we encourage them to think about the impact of our actions (including words) on others around us. Courtesy is defined simply as “well-mannered conduct indicative of respect for or consideration of others.” I think of courtesy as being kind, thoughtful, generous, humble, respectful, and polite. Through the lessons of grace and courtesy we work to instill the values of respect, honesty, integrity, courage, and kindness. We prepare the child for life,

As adults, we help our children navigate change and develop a mindset by using the following strategies to practice the grace and courtesy with a gratitude attitude.

Thank people wherever you go! Thank the cashier at the store, the wait staff at the restaurant, the parking attendant and the receptionist at the doctor’s office. The more you thank those around you, the more you will feel grateful for the gifts of their service and presence in your life. Remember that when you sincerely thank someone (even if you think they don’t deserve the highest praise) you are engaging in the practice of gratitude. I have often seen someone who is struggling to complete a task or navigate a new system light up when I thank them for their efforts. Admittedly this takes practice and I have often had to take a deep breath and refocus my attention from being self-centered to focusing on the need or circumstance of the other person. This is

especially the case when a person is new to a job or trying a new skill for the first time. Thanking a person for their efforts may mean a sacrifice of time on our part but we can remember we too are growing in patience and understanding. This is the kind of grace we hope others will extend to us when we are struggling. In the words of Mark Twain, “I can live for two months on a good compliment.”

Thanks is even more effective when you offer specific praise. For example, when you are at the cash register and the cashier is scanning your items, thank them for their diligence in making sure every item is in good condition before placing it in the bag. Author Maya Angelou offered this wisdom: “I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one. I’ve learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I’ve learned that I still have a lot to learn. I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

What is social life if not the solving of social problems, behaving properly and pursuing aims acceptable to all? [It is not] sitting side by side and hearing someone else talk...” – Dr. Maria Montessori, page 225, *The Absorbent Mind*.

All too often, we find our lives over-run by the technology in our hands, on the wall and even in the dining room and bedrooms that we occupy. As Dr. Montessori pointed out, sitting side by side and listening to another person and engaging in meaningful conversation are sacred gifts not only to the other person but also to ourselves as we connect with others. This Thanksgiving season, take time to listen to the people around you. Put the technology away and really connect over dinner, in the car and for parents at pick-up at the end of the day. Put away your phone and give your child(ren) your full attention when you see them at the end of the day. Affirm how much they mean to you and how much you love them. Your time together is time that will last the rest of your lives. Model grace and courtesy with your child and those around you. Not only will you give the gift of grace and courtesy to others, but this practice will also enhance your well-being and sense of peace. Thank you for reading and sharing this time with me today. I appreciate you!

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# GOMO Update, August & September 2018

*Pam Parks, GOMO Office Manager*

## Plans were approved for:

- 223 W 32nd
- 3102 Lawrence
- 216 W 32nd
- 1047 Althea
- 1003 Lamonte
- 1063 W 41st
- 753 W 42nd
- 741 W 38th
- 220 W 34th

## Revised plans were approved for:

- 202 W 32nd

## Pending (re) submission:

- None

## Deed Restriction Enforcement Activity for Aug. & Sept. (Year to Date)

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

## 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

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manager@gardenoaks.org

## GOMO Review Meetings

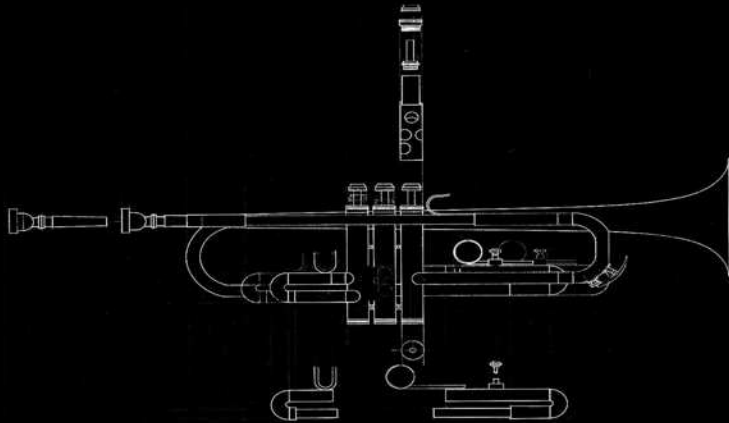
take place at **6:30 p.m.** on the **first Tuesday** prior to Civic Club meetings and at **7:00 p.m.** on the **third Wednesday** of each month.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Additional information about the **Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO)** is available online at [GardenOaks.org](http://GardenOaks.org).

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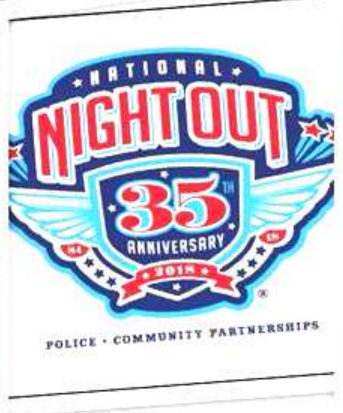
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# Heard Under the Oak Tree

*Terry Jeanes*

## Welcome, New Neighbors!

Congratulations on joining our community. We look forward to seeing you at a Civic Club meeting soon.

971 Althea	4129 Apollo	4323 Apollo
1579 Sue Barnett	304 West 30th	420 West 30th
742 West 42nd	743 West 42nd	838 West 43rd

## Happy Birthday

Adelaide Leonard 1st	Stacy Gross 2nd
Gina Pecoraro 4th	Deborah Seghers 4th
Mike Maltbie 5th	Frank C. 7th
Angela Winston 7th	Anthony Neiser 10th
Caroline Padon 12th	Julia Kramp 13th
Sheila Briones 14th	Emma M. 14th
Dianne Murata 18th	Susan Saranie 19th
Hannah M. 20th	Jay McKeown 21st
Kit Schoenfield 23rd	Lucy Mc. 25th
Cheryl Cohorn 28th	Megan Salch 29th

## Happy Anniversary

Bob and Debbie Driver 4th  
Hal Bowman and Georgia Lister 11th  
Keith and Susan Kostecky 13th

## Congratulations

To **Jackson T.** on his first game ball! And to **Buddy Bartos** on his final cancer treatment. **Deb Seghers** was the big winner of a New York City Trip at her daughter's school gala.

Special congratulations to **Chris Roberts and Chelsea Carter** on their engagement. The proposal happened on a recent trip to Iceland, and they have been friends since the early years at Garden Oaks (Elementary). Excited parents are **Jane Ann & Marc Roberts** and **Pene & Dennis Carter**.

**Terry Jeanes** celebrated the arrival of granddaughter number three, Sloane Ivy, on October 3rd. **Stephanie**

**Acosta** was recently honored in the 2018 Unsung Heroes of Public Schools Awards by Parents for Public Schools of Houston. Congrats to **Lauren S.** on her multiple academic awards in the fields of Maps/Charts, Listening, and Poetry Reading. **Terry Jeanes** was featured in the *Houston Real Estate Producers Magazine*, October Issue, highlighting cancer survivors.

## Out and About

**Jaime & Celeste Zamora** were at Austin City Limits Music Fest with family. **Ann Best**, along with Dad and sis, enjoyed Marfa, Terlingua, and Big Bend. **Rita Harman** had fun times in both Nashville and New Orleans. **Margaret Hesse** visited Israel. It was Cabo with family for **Melissa Reid & Jeff Gibbs**.

**Gina Greenslate** enjoyed Balloon Fest in Albuquerque. **Paul & Vicki Singer** spent some time on Route 66, Santa Fe, and at the Balloon festival. **Marisa Zindler & Jason Feit** enjoyed Canyon Lake time with their daughter. Fun times abounded in New Orleans for **Jan Garver**. **Caroline & Sean McLean** enjoyed a London trip. It was a grand trip celebrating milestone birthdays and an anniversary for the **Odinets**, who toured Austria and Munich. **Leslie Ryan** was cheering on the Astros in her team colors while in Napa.

**Special thoughts** for **Julie Sherber** and family in the loss of Julie's mom in September. In addition, thoughts for **Devin & Joey Hunter** and family in the loss of their grandmother. Also for **Joe Muscara and Lori Kennedy** in the loss of their 16-year-old cat Stella and to **Marlene Caldwell** in the loss of dear pup Tuck who was 17.

*To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit information no later than the 13th of the month to Terry Jeanes at [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).*

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# Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

It seems I gave everyone quite a scare this past month when I suddenly announced that I would no longer be attending the market that Farmer Cathy and I founded nearly seven years ago. And of course, I returned the following week to everybody's surprise, but in a much more diminished capacity. I thought I could just walk away and the market would continue fine without me and someone would step up and fill the void of providing breakfast. However, I was wrong about a lot of things, as some vendors just left altogether — folks who had been interested in booth spaces decided to go elsewhere or launched their own businesses.

So I've decided to hang around until the Fall/Spring season is over, maybe around April or May. However, in the meantime I may disappear from time to time as it's catering season you know, and I will probably take a much-needed vacation around Christmas and New Year's. Farmer Cathy and I were comparing notes the other day and we figured out that she's been in this game for over fourteen years, and I will hit my fourteen

year anniversary on December 18th just four months shy of hers. In all that time she has missed only four Saturdays (3 hurricanes and 1 conference) and I have missed seven (3 hurricanes, 3 illnesses and 1 unfortunate occurrence). If anyone deserves some time off, it's us.

Meanwhile, don't forget to drop off those pumpkins for all the farm critters to eat. I'll be in search of a new dedicated person to assume my role as breakfast cook and am going to pare the market back to its original role as a clean food market where y'all can come to hang out and shop, and get some breakfast and Joshua's Green Dragon coffee. Don't worry as Karen will still be there with baked goods and Kristy will have her jams, jellies and cheese spreads. Gene will be there too with his soaps and lively banter. I'll assume the role of providing pasture-raised meats and maybe bring in some breads. I told folks I feel like Robert DeNiro in Godfather Three (a terrible movie, by the way), "Every time I try to get out, they keep pulling me back in."

So as always, "Come soon, come often and fear not, your breakfast awaits."





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# Troubleshooting Tips for Gas Furnaces

*Mitch Weigand*

This month we're focusing on gas furnaces, the most common type of furnaces found in Houston homes. There are some things you can do on your own.

(1) *Inspect and replace the air filter.* If your furnace runs inefficiently or shuts down too soon, check the filter for excess dust and debris. Always, always, replace filters on a regular basis.

(2) *Check the furnace's circuit breaker.* Sometimes a furnace won't run due to a tripped circuit breaker, as it's receiving no power. Locate the furnace's circuit breaker inside the breaker box and make sure it's switched to the "on" position.

(3) *Check the thermostat settings.* If the furnace isn't running, make sure the thermostat is on, set to heat mode and the temperature is higher than the ambient temperature within your home.

(4) *Examine all registers and return air vents.* Diminished air flow via ceiling registers and return air vents can also affect furnace performance. Make sure they are open and unobstructed.

**Call an A/C service technician when:**

(1) *The furnace is short cycling.* Short cycling means the furnace runs for only a short time (typically two to three minutes) and then shuts off. This cycle is repeated over and over again. Usually short cycling is due to a faulty thermostat or faulty heat exchanger.

(2) *The flame is irregular.* Within the furnace, properly functioning burners have fairly even rows of flames. If the flames are uneven, it may mean dirty burners or a cracked heat exchanger.

(3) *You hear odd noises or rumbling.* While rumbling and popping aren't cause for concern in a hot water or steam heating system, they shouldn't occur when you have a gas furnace.

*Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™*

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