

Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Constable Program

Terry Jeanes

The support of Garden Oaks neighbors via annual Constable Program dues is critical to maintaining our two current Deputy Constable Patrols. As of this writing and as noted on the thermometer signs distributed around the neighborhood, we currently do not have paid participation for one patrol.

Each contract with Harris County Precinct One Constable's Office provides a professional law enforcement deputy who patrols our neighborhood and its perimeter 40 hours per week. Each contract costs about \$75,000 annually. Please do your part and support the Constable Program. We make it simple – you can contribute online (gardenoaks.org) or via the form in each month's *Gazette*.

Current year supporters are shown at gardenoaks.org. If you have paid at the \$250 level and want a GO Constable Supporter sign, please email membership@gardenoaks.org.

A special thank you to Precinct One Constables for their efforts in checking on the longtime vacant properties at 703 and 705 West 42nd. Also a big thanks to Deputy Joe Bowden for his visit with the property owner following the work of several neighbors to obtain his contact information. As of this writing both of the properties are being torn down (see photos below).

Become a Constable Program supporter: gardenoaks.org

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crime-alerts/

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vacation-watch/





Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 7 PM Garden Oaks Montessori 901 Sue Barnett

Speaker: Jay Tatum, neighbor and board member of Houston FIRST Corp. which operates the major performing arts and convention facilities in Houston.

Fourth of July Parade

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

Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

Saturday, October 19 4 - 6:30 PM 744 W 43rd



Garden Club

Cathy Wahren, Garden Club President

The much anticipated Garden Oaks Garden Club Plant Swap planned for Thursday, May 9 at Gazebo Park on W. 42nd St. was relocated indoors due to a rainy forecast and ominous skies. It did rain, but only an inch or so that night, and then not another drop until Garden Oaks received over 3½ inches almost a month later!

Our July and August meetings will be held in the airconditioned comfort of the Kroger store on W. 43rd St. (upstairs) at 7 pm, as follows:

- Thursday, July 11—Switching Out a Sprinkler Head. We'll hear information, along with a hands-on demonstration, on how to switch out and adjust a sprinkler head. Installation is a complicated affair likely best left to the professionals, but once designed and in the ground, leaks and accidents can often be readily handled using parts from a bigbox store. It can get a bit tricky if instructions are hard to follow, so we'll try to take some of the mystery out of identifying the problem, and adjusting the direction, angle, volume, and distance of spray.
- Thursday, August 8—Bird-Friendly Gardening. We'll welcome a presentation from our Garden Oaks neighbors Cindy and John Bartos, along with Linda Sparks.

The GO Garden Club is open to all residents and friends of Garden Oaks. Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm except on months with weekend activities that are typically organized for the following Saturday. Additional information can be found at GardenOaks.org under the Green Spaces tab. Feel free to contact us at 713-686-8686 or via email at gardenclub@gardenoaks.org with any questions. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Kroger for providing their meeting room for our use!

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More Summer Fun!

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

Did you know that a core component of Montessori education is helping to make the world a better place? Dr. Montessori's contributions to the issue of world peace resulted in multiple nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize. Additionally, her belief that childhood education was the path to build a more compassionate humankind was instrumental in the formation of the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In 1932 Montessori was invited to give a lecture on "Peace and Education" by the International Bureau of Education which later became an integral part of UNESCO in 1969. Supporting the development of compassion in your children can contribute to building a more peaceful world.

Why not help your community and teach your children the value of service to others? First ask your children to identify some areas in the community that concern them. Have they noticed homeless people along the side of the road? Are they worried about stray or injured animals? Do they have concerns about the environment? Make a list of their concerns with them and then brainstorm ideas about causes of these issues and then what they could do to make an impact.

Here are a few ideas to try with your children:

Watch for specials on school supplies and stock up! Put together backpacks and supplies for those in need. Post on social media and set up collection sites at churches and public libraries. Be sure to include your children when delivering the backpacks or supplies to the school(s). Your efforts can make the start of school a positive one for others!

Help those who are outside beat the heat. Hand out cold water to your mail carrier, construction workers or garbage collectors. Make survival kits with sunscreen, insect repellent and baby wipes to give away. Call area shelters and ask what their needs are and drop the survival kits off with them to distribute.

Visit a nursing home or rehabilitation center. Plan with your neighbors or girl/boy scout groups to go as a group to read to residents or take cards or board games to share.

Gather non-perishable food donations or volunteer at a meal location. Did you know that Kids Meals Houston is located in our neighborhood? Call (713) 695-5437 to find out how you can help or volunteer to prepare meals for children in our area.

Check out more ideas at https://houston.citymomsblog.com/10-ways-children-can-give-back-now/

Enjoy your summer making memories with your children that will last a lifetime!







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

GOMO Bankruptcy Update

Al Thomas, GOMO Vice President

GOMO President Vic Seghers is off on a long planned and well deserved holiday as the *Gazette* deadline arrived, so it is my pleasure to update you on matters.

Quite a bit has occurred since GOMO's last *Gazette* article. A hearing in the bankruptcy court was held on June 6. At that hearing, the court converted the Chapter 11 proceeding to a Chapter 7 proceeding. The effect of that conversion, among other things, was the dissolution of the Creditors' Committee and the appointment of a trustee, Randy Williams, a Houston attorney with more than 30 years experience in bankruptcy matters.

GOMO will continue to function under the supervision of the trustee. He was appointed just before he began a scheduled vacation, so we expect it will be the end of June before the trustee is up to speed.

As soon as court personnel provide copies of the audio files of the June 6 hearing (and the two preceding hearings), those files will be posted on the Gardenoaks.org website. Listening to those hearings, and particularly the last hearing, will give you the best picture of where things stand now, and how they got there.

We understand that for some purposes the bankruptcy court will "reset" certain things. For instance, the claim filing period will reopen. When those dates are set, they will be posted on the website. We do know that a meeting of creditors is set for Wednesday, July 10 at 12:30 pm in Suite 3401, 515 Rusk Ave., Houston, Texas, the Federal Courthouse. To the extent GOMO has creditors, every homeowner is a creditor, and all are welcome at this meeting.

The deed restrictions remain in force, and GOMO remains an active party in enforcing them. GOMO will work under the direction of the trustee in reviewing plans submitted and taking any necessary action.

If you have questions, please submit them to Pam Parks at manager@gardenoaks.org and she will coordinate getting an answer for you.

Your Board remains optimistic that a favorable outcome will be achieved in this action, and that Garden Oaks will emerge stronger, and more beautiful and desirable as a neighborhood than ever before.

GOMO Updates and Meetings are suspended until approved by the court-appointed trustee. Contact a GOMO director or check gardenoaks.org for status of these activities.

Citizen Patrol

Mark Saranie, Program Chair

May Crime Statistics

Theft from Vehicle
May 16, 2019—400 Block W. 30th—6 am
May 16, 2019—400 Block W. 30th—7 am

Theft

May 5, 2019—1000 Block W. 42nd—11 am May 30, 2019—1000 Block Gardenia—11 am

Assault with a deadly weapon
May 30,2019—1000 Block Althea—4 pm

An incident uptick in May brings home the importance of security in our neighborhood. Viewing the overall picture, however, our few incidents are a miniscule drop in the bucket. That said, this wave could easily move into our neighborhood. The best deterrent is all of us watching out for our neighbors up and down our respective blocks, as well as being wary of what is going on around you when you get home.

It is best to report something you feel is suspicious or a little out of the usual for your neighbor than not. A healthy constable patrol is essential as well. If you have not yet contributed, please do. Over a twelve month period, the cost of our constable deputies is minimal compared to the enormous benefit.

Our patrol group of residents is always in need of more volunteers. Visit the neighborhood website at www.gardenoaks.org, click on the security tab, download the application and send it off to the noted department. Send me a copy as well, gocop@gardenoaks.org. You qualify if you live in Garden Oaks, are at least 18 years old, and can pass a background check.

9 recorded patrol hours for May 2019.

Emergency Numbers

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Helen Sestak, Secretary

June 4, 2019

Location: Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM)

Joe Casarez, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Greg Meyers, candidate for City Council District C, spoke briefly and was invited to return for our GOCC September Candidate forum.

Guest Speaker: Kathryn Van der Pol, president of the North Shepherd Community Alliance (NSCA), was guest speaker. The NSCA, formed in 2010, helps area businesses solve community challenges with crime, beautification and city permitting along the North Shepherd corridor. Total membership is currently 35, which includes churches, schools, civic clubs and individuals.

Some recent NSCA successes include repaired areas near the railroad tracks on Alba, challenges to alcohol license renewals (owners not running businesses properly), cleanup of METRO bus stops (trash and alcohol consumption), continued vigilance of a nearby house and spa (drug hideout and prostitution), and a Stuff the Bus toy drive at Christmas.

Kathryn presented several aerial views of North Shepherd, along with a landscape architect's rendering of murals, landscaping, and walkways enhancing the area from 34th, under the railroad crossing, to Grace Church, making the area more of a welcoming gateway to the community. These improvements would need the cooperation of city, state, local and railroad officials and an unknown budget. Please contact Kathryn (713-516-4282, www.northshepherd.com) with any ideas!

Business Meeting

A motion to approve last month's minutes was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

GOMO: Joe Casarez reported that the next court date was Thursday, June 6. Check www.gardenoaks.org for updates.

Treasurers Report: Teresa Coleman was absent, but provided hardcopies of her report. \$2500 was paid to repair the irrigation system at the Triangle Park on Alba.

Constable Patrol: Terry Jeanes said that ~\$66,000 has been raised in 2019. One constable annual contract costs ~\$75,000. We have planned for two contracts, but may need to drop one without additional funding from

residents. Please donate to this most-worthy cause. Five thermometer-type signs throughout the neighborhood show current fund-raising levels.

Two vacant houses in the 700 block of W 42nd do not have secure back entries. The constable has been called several times for associated issues.

Beautification: Joan Harmon reported that Spring Fling money has been earmarked for updates to the Randall Berm greenspace at Shepherd and W. 30th.

Garden Oaks Website: Thanks to Pam Parks for her diligent efforts to keep the website secure.

Citizen Patrol: Joe Casarez read Mark Saranie's report. May had five incidents: one assault, two vehicular thefts and two home thefts. The revised volunteer program, VIP, is currently available for those interested. The first class is on June 20, 6-9 pm, 9455 West Montgomery, 77088, in Acres Homes. www.houstontx.gov/police/vip.

Membership: Joe Casarez read Dian Austin's report. Currently, 237 civic club members and 261 constable supporters have signed up.

The Wine Walk, the annual Constable Program fundraiser, is scheduled for Saturday, October 19.

The May 8th, El Tiempo social was cancelled at the last minute due to management's concerns of bad weather.

Gazette: Joe Muscara reported that July articles are due June 15, 2019. Send submissions to gazette@gardenoaks.org.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School: Dr Pollock reported that summer school has started. Students are on campus Monday through Thursday, 8-2:30 pm. Fee-based summer camps are open to all neighborhood kids. All school buildings will get new roofs.

Government Affairs / GO CIP: No report.

Section 1 Commercial Development: Joe Casarez read Carrie Arnett's report. She has requested updates on the closing date and permitting issues from the new owners.

New Business: Join the neighborhood July 4th bike parade to be held at the Rick Englert Spark Park at GOMM. Registration starts at 8:30, and the parade will begin at 9 am. Carl Waters will be the grand marshal!

The next GOCC meeting will be held on July 2, 7 pm, at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Nineteen attendees enjoyed great pizza, generously donated again by Brother's Pizzeria on North Shepherd.









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.

 4247 Apollo
 823 Azalea
 1523 Sue Barnett

 1578 Sue Barnett
 718 West 30th
 726 West 30th

 729 West 30th
 307 West 31st
 208 West 32nd

Happy Birthday

Caroline McLean – 7/1 Clare Elizabeth B. – 7/2
Matthew K. – 7/2 Alexander Zugheri – 7/2
Jane E. – 7/3 Mike Heath – 7/5
Alison Tucker – 7/10 Kaplan M. – 7/12
Jenny Espeseth – 7/17 Mary Sharon Komarek – 7/18
Deanna Zugheri – 7/23 Barbara Smith – 7/26
Akira B. – 7/27 Jason Cunningham – 7/27

Happy Anniversary

Sally McDaniel - 7/27

Jenny & Jason Espeseth – 7/7

Out and About

Elisa Cuellar had a great trip experiencing sunrise over the Taj Mahal and volunteering at elephant and bear sanctuaries. The Dilley family enjoyed some beach time in Alabama. Evan Weltin attended a communications camp on the Yale campus then met up with brother Ryan and dad Tim to continue their Summer Road Trip series.

The Jernigans visited Budapest. The Seghers visited Seattle before continuing onward for an Alaskan cruise. Caroline Stender enjoyed Austin. Paul and Vicky Singer celebrated retirement with a trip to Italy. Julie Sherber kicked it up with a birthday celebration in Louisiana with girlfriends. It was a fun gals trip for Jenny Odinet to Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Heather McKeown visited Nicaragua.

It was St. Croix for the **Greenslates** and a celebration for John's special birthday. **Melissa Reid and Jeff Gibbs**

vacationed in Maui. **The Kleins** visited Brussels. **The Murphys** vacationed in Chicago and Wrigley Field was one of several fun moments.

Congratulations

To recent high school graduates **Lily Bowman** and **Riley Tatum**. Also to **Mike Taylor** whose company was named Emissions House of the Year! This was his third year in business since founding Emission Advisors.

Hats off to members of the Seghers family. Julian Seghers received an academic excellence award and UIL Speech Scholar Award at Heights High School. Victor Seghers was the recent recipient of the Baylor Star Award for Excellence in Patient Care and the Norton Rose Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching & Evaluation.

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.

Constable Statistics May 2019

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 – 1
Alarm Calls – 2
Burglary Motor Vehicle – 1
Check Park/ School/Neighborhood/Business – 19
Contract Check – 148
Disturbance/Loud Noise/Other –1
Meet the Citizen – 90
Mental Health – 1
Solicitors – 2
Special Assignment – 2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 16
Theft Other – 1
Traffic Stops – 39
Vacation Watch – 34
Writ – 2



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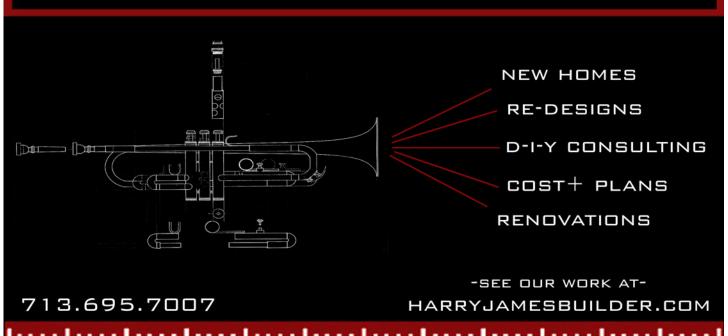
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January – December

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 year.

Fill in Amount:	
\$	Basic Membership \$40 (\$20 for Seniors 65+)
\$	Community Household Membership \$100
\$	Business Membership (Non-Voting) \$100
\$	Contribution to Beautification (all neighborhood green spaces)
\$	Contribution to Garden Club (maintain Friendship Park, Section 1)
\$	TOTAL
	Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to: Garden Oaks Civic Club, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206
	-OR-
	Pay online at www.gardenoaks.org/membership;
	upon completion, you will receive e-mail confirmation of payment.
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Constable Patrol Dues Statement for 2019

[] New Member or [] Renewal

Property Address:							
Do you want a GO Constable Supporter sign (must pay the \$250 minimum)?							
Please provide contact information for program member(s) at this address:							
Member 1 Information	Member 2 Information						
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Email:	Email:						
Work Phone:	Work Phone:						
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:						
Emergency Contact Information	Emergency Contact Information						
Name:	Name:						
Home Phone:	Home Phone:						
Work Phone:	Work Phone:						
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:						
Payment Options (Checks	s made payable to GOCC)						
[] Enclosed is the minimum requested payment of \$250 for 2019.							
[] I/We cannot contribute \$250 but are enclosing a check for \$							
[] I/We will pay online (see below).							
[] Please accept my additional gift of \$for the year to help a neighbor on fixed income.							

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Troop 21 Cooks Up Over \$4000

Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold

Thank you, so **very** much dear Garden Oaks neighbors, for the loving support provided to Girl Scout Troop 21 for our annual bake sale. Garden Oaks, Oak Forest, Shepherd Park and surrounding neighborhoods, local organizations and businesses once again generously supported this troop, the only Girl Scout troop in the U.S. comprised of women with special needs. The sale and donations brought in over \$4,000, which is \$1000 over last year's sales!! Unable to fundraise through traditional cookie sales, Troop 21 relies on our annual bake sale, held in Garden Oaks, to provide for expenses which include special outings and activities, art supplies, snacks, prizes, troop t-shirts, holiday celebrations and visits by Santa and Mrs. Claus, complete with many presents from the scout's wish lists!

Because everyone was so **extra** generous this year, we are planning 2 field trips — one for "dinner and a show" and another yet to be planned.

Troop 21 was founded in 1976 and some of the original members, who were young women at the time of the founding of the Troop, remain members today. The Troop has 25 members who range in age from mid-20s to 60s, 6 leaders, 1 junior leader and a variety of volunteers who help us throughout the year.

This is the 6th year of this bake sale in Garden Oaks for Troop 21. The opportunity for Troop 21 Scouts to interact with our neighbors is very special to our members, who love to sell and socialize.

This year we were once again joined by the younger scouts of Troop 122037 who set up a lemonade stand and then donated directly to our troop. Thank you Troop 122037!!!

In addition to the members of Troop 122037 and their families, a big thank you to all of you neighborhood folks who supported us by baking goods to sell, volunteering, spreading the word, donating, helping with logistics, and so much more:

- Angela Winston & Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery
- Balloon Creations of Houston The Original Yard Art Balloons
- Barbara Ballance & Ballance House Cookies
- Bowman-Lister Family
- Brenda de Alba
- Brooke & Tony Primomo
- Candace Cowerdy
- Caroline Stender
- Carrie & Lily Hardaker
- · Cathy Bernelle
- · Christi Gell



- Claire Foley Bell
- · Dee Dee Dochen
- Dennis Woodward
- Dian Austin
- Dianne & Michael Render
- Elizabeth Villarreal
- Francis Schwartz
- George Johnston
- Jaime Zamora
- Jarvis Family
- · Jeff Stinson
- Jenny & Bryan Wilkerson
- Jessica Padilla
- JoAnne Jones
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- · Jonnie Weido
- Juliet & Paul Mellenger
- Justin & Tikka Russell
- Karen Holloman
- Kat Mims
- Kay Kamas
- Kelly O'Leary
- Kim & Dan Lewis



- Kraig Jankowski
- Laura Armstrong
- Lori Kennedy
- Margaret Hesse



- Marie Santos
- Mark & Kayla Russell
- Marlene Caldwell
- Marris Goldberg
- Mary Kegarise & Yuppie Dog
- · Megan Ryan
- · Michael D.
- Nancy Johnson
- Norma Serrato
- · Peg & Joe Gorski
- Rebecca Bridges

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- Sara Brook & Dessert Gallery
- · Sarah Newbery & Garrett Finney
- Saunders Family
- · Shana Tatum
- Shannon Brown
- Sheila Briones
- Sue Shefman
- Susan Kostelecky
- Terry Jeanes
- · Tiffany Henningsen
- · Toni Tate
- · Trina Myers
- Victoria & Matt Souder
- · Wendy & Ronin Haardt
- Wendy Weber
- Yasmin Parr
- And everyone else! (We do our best to remember every single neighbor. So sorry if we missed your name.)

Thank you so much to our Troop 21 co-leaders: Carol Wiggs, Rita Loden, Rebecca Weiner, Katie McKellar and Serenity Haardt.

If anyone is interested in volunteering and helping us in any way throughout the year, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us at: tina@artsaliveinc.com or 713-819-9339.

Thank you all!

Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

July is finally here although I'm not really thrilled about the weather that comes with it. It just ushers in another month of hellish conditions. However, July does bring some of my favorite fruits and vegetables of the year. We should be able to expect lots of figs, which I love, okra (can you say gumbo?), Chinese long beans for stir-frys and a few other summer treats. Most folks don't realize that this is also the time for apples and winter squash to be harvested. We just continue to enjoy them through fall and winter. Heck I still have a Cinderella pumpkin in my house from last year. It's probably not that good for eating, but it will be great for next season's plantings.

July is also my birthday month, although it doesn't occur until the 29th, where I'll be celebrating the 2nd anniversary of my sixtieth birthday. I haven't quite figured out what I'm going to do to commemorate the occasion. I will however be officially semi-retired since I can now file for Social Security. Don't fret though as I'll still be coming to the market most every Saturday for the foreseeable future. True retirement just isn't part of my DNA structure.

Meanwhile at the market, Kristy should be back after her hip surgery. Farmer Cathy and Gus and company should have recovered from the torrential rains of early June. They both received ten or more inches in just over 24 hours. Yikes - the struggle is real y'all. Our farmers can use all the support you can muster.

As always, "Come soon, come often, and pray for a mild summer."

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Maintaining Your A/C System's Condenser

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Grass clippings can constrict air flow into the condenser that is needed in order to cool your home. The result is that your A/C system works harder and harder and eventually fails. This means hot, sweaty nights for you during the peak of summer while you wait for your A/C service technician. And you may also get a \$3,500 repair bill to replace the condenser, and there goes the family summer vacation fund.

Preventative maintenance is the key

Avoid blowing grass clippings toward the condenser when mowing your lawn.

Also, rinse the accumulated grass clippings, dust and debris from your condenser with a garden hose. These

simple steps can save you money and headaches in the future.

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