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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Wine Walk Tickets on Sale August 15th Sponsorships Available Now

*Dian Austin, Committee Chair*

The 11th Annual Constable Program fundraiser, the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th from 4 to 6:30 pm. Both event tickets and Wine Pull tickets will go on sale on Eventbrite on August 15th: <https://2019ww.eventbrite.com>. We only sell 200 event tickets, so make sure you get your tickets early!

For those who may be new to the neighborhood, the Wine Walk is one of our most anticipated happenings. It's a wine/beer and food tasting extravaganza held in a huge and lavishly landscaped yard here in Garden Oaks. Eleven different tables are stationed all around the yard, each serving a different wine (and a Plonk! beer tasting tent), along with foods. The tables are hosted by GO residents and nearby businesses, all of whom have been long time supporters. Table hosts provide the libations and foods at their own expense. We are very fortunate that all the table hosts are returning from last year! These folks are the backbone of the event – without them, we'd have no Wine Walk.

All funds raised go directly to GOCC to pay for our two Harris County Precinct One deputies. The Constable Program is funded entirely by contributions from residents. Each contract costs about \$75,000 annually. Residents have not contributed enough to cover the cost, so hence, the annual fundraiser. Last year's Wine Walk generated some \$36,000.

Wine Walk revenues come mainly from cash sponsorships paid by area residents and businesses. This year sponsorships are available at the \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$1500, and \$2500 levels. Please check out the sponsor benefits detailed inside the back cover of the *Gazette*. Sponsorships may be purchased online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org). It's a great way to visibly support our neighborhood! Our first paid sponsor this year is Terry Jeanes – RE/Max Metro at the \$1000 level. Thank you, Terry!

### Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, 7 pm  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett

Topic: Memorial Park Update

### City Council Candidate Forums (District C and Mayor)

Tuesday, September 3  
Wednesday October 2  
7 pm  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
Gym

### National Night Out

Tuesday, October 1  
Your block, your time

### GOMM Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 5  
8 - 10:30 am  
Garden Oaks Montessori

### Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

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

# President's Message

*Joe Casarez, Civic Club President*

Hello neighbors! I hope that everyone is having a great summer thus far and enjoying your vacations and completing those projects that come with home ownership. The Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) will have a little change from the normal schedule over the next few months and I want to share what will be taking place so that you can plan accordingly and join us at our monthly meetings.

On Tuesday, August 6th, our guest speaker will be Randy Odinet from the Memorial Park Conservancy. Last year, GO resident and President/CEO of the Memorial Park Conservancy, Shellye Arnold, provided a presentation on the master plan for Memorial Park. Some big changes are in the works and are already underway! Randy will be sharing an update on how the park is being upgraded and how it is progressing.

Also, GOCC will be joining with Super Neighborhood 12 to co-host candidate forums for those running for Houston City Council District C and for Mayor. The forums will take place on Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, October 2nd. Normally there would be no GOCC meeting in October in lieu of National Night Out, but we feel that the neighborhood would benefit from attending a forum to hear from candidates who will be running in the November elections. Both events will be held in the gym at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet at 7 pm.

I hope you continue to enjoy your summer. Stay cool, hydrate, wear sunscreen, and we look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

The Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) provides a forum for the residents to actively engage, provide input on neighborhood issues, problem solve, and become more cohesive as a neighborhood.

Meetings are held once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at Garden Oaks Montessori (GOMM), 901 Sue Barnett. There is no October GOCC meeting in order to allow residents to participate in National Night Out.

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# Fall for Crepe Myrtles

*Brenda de Alba*

Thinking of crepe myrtles brings to mind an array of beautiful colored blooms. But look at these classic trees in fall and the brilliant blooms will be replaced by orange, red, and yellow foliage. Leaves emerge in the spring and, as the weather warms, the foliage hardens off and turns dark green. Then, when the temperatures drop in the fall, leaves gradually transform from green to sparkling fall hues. The chart below will assist in choosing a tree by its fall foliage.

SELECTION	SIZE	FALL COLOR	BLOOM
Acoma	10 feet	purple-red	white
Centennial Spirit	20 feet	red-orange	dark red
Chickasaw	3 to 5 feet	bronze-red	pink-lavender
Dynamite	20+ feet	red-orange	cherry red
Hopi	7 feet	orange-red to dark red	pink
Natchez	30 feet	orange-red	pure white
Tuscarora	25 feet	red-orange	dark pink
Tuskegee	20 feet	bright orange-red	deep pink to red
Victor	3 feet	reddish yellow	dark red
Yuma	15 feet	yellowish to brownish red	medium lavender
Zuni	9 feet	orange-red to dark red	medium lavender

Crepe myrtles need full sun to perform their best. They will grow in shade, but blooms will be sparse, and plants will get leggy. These hardy trees have few pest or disease problems, and they require little water and fertilizer once they are established.

Crepe myrtles need minimal pruning. Some gardeners top them annually, but this ruins their natural shape and beauty. Remove the sucker growth that sometimes appears around the base. Only prune to shape trees or to remove any cross branching.



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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Helen Sestak, Secretary*

July 2, 2019

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

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

New attendees, Brad and Lacy, introduced themselves. Audience members shared their varied experiences about living in Garden Oaks.

Mark Flores, candidate for Texas' 18th Congressional District, spoke briefly. Mark was invited to return and speak at the GOCC candidates' forum scheduled for September/October.

**Guest Speaker:** Jay Tatum, Garden Oaks resident and recent past board member of Houston First Corp, was guest speaker. Houston First, formed in 2011, promotes the Houston region as a world-renowned convention, trade show, and performance arts center. Houston First is responsible for the daily operations, maintenance and licensing of 10 city-owned buildings, including the George R. Brown Convention Center, Jones Hall, Wortham Center, and Miller Outdoor Theatre. Additionally, it manages parking for the Theatre District and Toyota Center.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey caused catastrophic damage to several Houston First properties, mainly the Wortham Center and Jones Hall. George R Brown Convention center hosted thousands of unexpected evacuees. Members and numerous volunteers worked for months to aid the city's recovery. Visit [www.houstonfirst.com](http://www.houstonfirst.com) for more details.

## **Business Meeting**

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

**GOMO:** Pam Parks suggested reading last month's *Gazette* for the most recent GOMO updates.

**Treasurers Report:** Teresa Coleman was absent. No report.

## **Committee Reports**

**Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes reported that ~\$75,000, has been raised in 2019. Those funds will cover only one Constable Patrol contract with Harris County Precinct One. We need to raise an additional \$75,000 if we want to continue with two deputies patrolling in Garden Oaks. Please support the program. There will be a \$100 gift card drawing in August for all Constable

Program supporters who have donated the minimum requested \$250 for this year.

If you have testimonials regarding interactions with our deputies, please share with Terry (email constable@gardenoaks.org).

Five thermometer-type signs throughout the neighborhood show current fund-raising levels.

Two empty houses in the 700 block of W 42nd have been demolished.

**Beautification:** Joan Harmon was absent. No report.

**Garden Oaks Website:** Pam Parks stated that the GOCC will cover hosting costs for the www.gardenoaks.org website for the next 12 months.

**Citizen Patrol:** Joe Casarez read Mark Saranie's report. June was quiet, with one incident, a vehicle theft being reported in section 1A. Please volunteer to be part of our neighborhood citizen patrol. Check www.gardenoaks.org for information on the VIP program.

**Membership:** Dian Austin was absent. No report.

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

**GOMM:** Dr Pollock reported that summer school will end July 3. She projects that ~900 students will enroll for the 2019-2020 school year. The first day of school is August 26, 2019.

**Government Affairs / GO CIP:** Tonya Knauth was absent. No report.

**Section 1 Commercial Development:** Carrie Arnett said that the property sale has closed and the declaration of restrictions has been accepted. As per the new owner, permitting continues, with construction to start late in August. Leasing continues.

**New Business:** Candelario Cervantez, nearby resident, announced that he is running for City Council, District C. He thanked meeting attendees for their civic encouragement. Candelario was invited to speak at the upcoming candidates' forum.

The next GOCC meeting will be held on August 6, 7 pm, at GOMM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Twenty-three attendees enjoyed great pizza, generously donated again by Brother's Pizzeria on North Shepherd!



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# 26th Annual Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast Silent Auction and Carnival MOVES to the FALL – October 5th

*Amabelle Cowan, PTO President*

One of our community's most popular traditions and annual gatherings is **moving to the first Saturday in October!** HISD's **Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet is moving the annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction to October 5th.** This is the extravaganza where volunteers serve up thousands of free pancakes each year. The carnival returns again after the tremendous reviews received from attendees last year. Join us from 8:00-10:30 am Saturday, October 5th, at 901 Sue Barnett Drive.

Volunteer dads and granddads will fire up the griddle while hot Katz's coffee will be poured and thousands of dollars' worth of donated goods and services will be auctioned off – all to support a public school with a lengthy waiting list. Prospective student applications have surged immensely since the school became an all-

campus Montessori magnet program serving Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade.

In addition to **free** pancakes, syrup, sausage and coffee, a carnival amusement park will be ready for children that will include bounce houses, an obstacle course, rock wall, craft stations, potato sack races, ping pong and much, much more! Wristbands will be pre-sold for \$10, and \$15 at the door.

While the kids are having fun, attendees are encouraged to bid on auction items as GOMM depends upon the generous donations and participation in the silent auction as well as sales from the carnival to raise money for the school. These funds are essential to the success of the Montessori program. PBSA is an annual community event and a neighborhood tradition. "It is wonderful to

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see the generosity of neighbors, parents and donors in making this event a success year after year," explains Amabelle Cowan, PTO President. Sponsored by the GOMM Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), the pancake breakfast helps cover school initiatives such as fine arts residencies and technology upgrades as well as resurfacing the walking track in the Spark Park, a space enjoyed by so many members of the community. Other key priorities among the school's needs are scholarships for three-year-old Pre-K students, Montessori teacher training, field trips, as well as outdoor classrooms such as the newly installed pond facing Sue Barnett.

"We will be celebrating with the community the completion of construction and the growth of our diverse, public Montessori program. Dr. Maria Montessori wrote about maximizing each child's unique abilities, and that's what we strive to do at GOMM every day," explains Principal Pollock. Enrollment this year tops 900 students attending Garden Oaks, up from 575 in 2011 when a \$3 million U.S. Department of Education grant paved the transition to an All-Montessori Magnet with an emphasis on environmental sciences. More than 1,000 applicants already fill the waiting list for 2019-2020 school year.

### **Tradition of fellowship for 26 years!**

During the breakfast and before the popular auction ends, entertainment and kids' activities fill the school grounds, while parents and community members give guided tours of classrooms and gardens that include vegetable, herb, and native beds sprinkled throughout the tree-lined campus.

"It's truly a wonderful tradition of fellowship – one that brings out volunteers, parents, school neighbors, and elected officials to celebrate a rare public Montessori institution that serves a diverse socioeconomic student body," explained Mark Klein, a parent at the school. "The success of the breakfast says a lot about the local community. They believe in the power of a public Montessori school choice. And their generosity and support has helped make Garden Oaks Montessori one of HISD's most popular schools, drawing families from all walks of life."

Like many other dads, Klein has been cooking pancakes for the event since his daughter, now in high school,

started at the school in Pre-K 3, back when only a few classrooms featured Montessori education.

An orientation session for parents and community members interested in Montessori education will be held at 9:00 am in the gymnasium. Bidding for the silent auction closes at 10:30 am. To underwrite a portion of the annual breakfast or to donate auction items, please contact Silent Auction Coordinator Mandy Leal at [mandy.leal@gmail.com](mailto:mandy.leal@gmail.com).

For more information about Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet, call (713) 696-2930.

## Citizen Patrol

*Mark Saranie, Program Chair*

### **Crime Stats for June, 2019**

June 21st, 2019 – Breaking and Entering – 1000 block of Althea, 3 am

June 26th, 2019 – Theft of Vehicle – 800 block of W. 31st, 2 pm

Month to month crime around our neighborhood on average does not fluctuate much. However, there is still a lot of crime taking place around us, but a negligible percentage within our neighborhood. Kudos to the constables whom I see nearly every day at random times, our patrollers who increase visibility, and all of us in general principally for displaying alarm company signs and installing either cameras or video doorbells; the ubiquity of these last two have become a huge deterrent.

Our patrol group is always in need of more volunteers. Visit the neighborhood website at [www.gardenoaks.org](http://www.gardenoaks.org). If you want to join us, click on the security tab, select G.O.C.P., download and fill out the application, and email it to [gocop@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gocop@gardenoaks.org). I will forward to the appropriate individual. When a new certification class is scheduled, you will be notified. You qualify if you live in Garden Oaks, are at least 18 years old, and can pass a background check.

Reported patrol hours for June: 6

# Constable Patrol Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

Let's Get The Red To Rise on our Constable Supporter Thermometers!

Current contributions for 2019 will pay only for one contract, which means only one deputy patrolling for 40 hours weekly in Garden Oaks and its perimeters. If we want to keep our current two deputies patrolling, we need more funds. Each contract costs about \$75,000 annually.

How much is extra law enforcement presence in the neighborhood worth to you? Do you want a quick response to your alarm system going off? Do you want a deputy to check your property while you are on vacation? Your \$250 annual contribution will definitely make a difference.

**Drawings:** Those supporters who have paid at least the requested \$250 minimum for this year will be eligible for

a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to El Tiempo, Tony Mandola's Gulf Coast Kitchen, or Laurenzo's. Thank you to Missy Alwais for the three certificates. Stay tuned for the winners! It's not too late to join in!

A very special welcome is extended to our newest deputy, Corporal Santos Torres.

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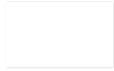
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January – December

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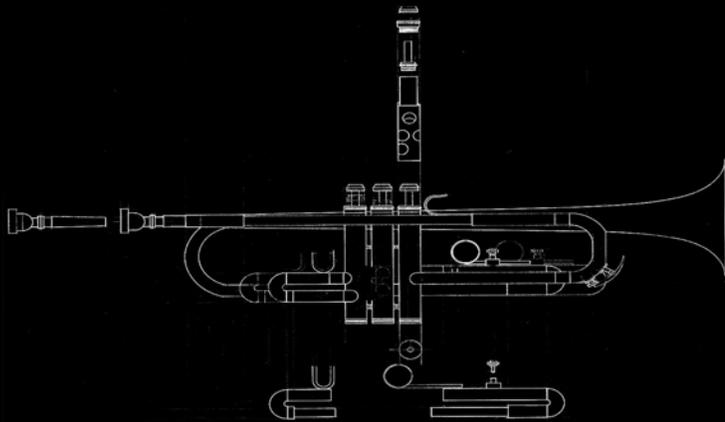
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# Montessori Education and Social Justice

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

This month we celebrate the birth of Dr. Maria Montessori. She was born on August 31, 1879. It is thanks to her that we practice Montessori at Garden Oaks today. One of the core tenets of Montessori education is founded on Dr. Montessori's belief in social justice. Her vision of justice was always a vision of a future just world, brought about by a change in our relations to children. She said, "The child is both the hope and promise of mankind." While she was a visionary, she made it her mission to make changes that would benefit the world for years to come.

Maria Montessori fought for social justice from the very beginning. Before the first Casa dei Bambini in 1907, Montessori was already widely known as an advocate for social reform and the rights of children, and as an early feminist, speaking at national and international women's

conferences in 1896, 1899, and 1908. She spoke about and advocated for equal pay, equal social status, and voting rights for women, and for the rights of all children, but especially children with disabilities. Her book *Education and Peace* collects a career's worth of speeches and writings about education as a force for social change which could bring about a more peaceful world, with just relations throughout humanity.

As a parent, you may ask, what can I do to support social justice with my children? Here are a few ideas:

1. Encourage your children to make a difference. Children at all ages need to know that they matter! Regardless of age, everyone can do something to help make the world a better place. Here is a website that provides examples of children who are making a difference: <https://www.thebarefootmommy.com/2018/03/marley-dias-lessons-kid-activists/>
2. Talk about current events with your children. There is a great deal of news that is stressful and hard to understand for young people. Talk to the children in your life about the news and brainstorm ways to help people who are faced with challenges and injustice.

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3. Connect with organizations that are helping others. Currently, there are many groups working to assist with the humanitarian issues at our borders. Find out how you can help those who are suffering.
4. Read stories with your children about activists around the world and ways that people are helping others. Talk to your children about peace and compassion. Help them understand the promise of negotiation and working together with others to find solutions.
5. Remember that everyday reflections and conversations make indelible marks on your child(ren). Take time to talk together, eat together and share uninterrupted time together!

In 1961, Pope Paul VI made an urgent appeal: "If you want peace, work for justice." And today, the social justice movement says, "if you want justice, why not start today?" Celebrate the birth of Dr. Maria Montessori by making a difference in the world around you!

**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)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/564126170368309/> (you will be asked for your address to join)

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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.

1010 Gardenia	1055 Gardenia	713 Sue Barnett
1434 Sue Barnett	323 West 30th	202 West 32nd
224 West 32nd	336 West 32nd	527 West 32nd
215 West 33rd	504 West 34th	702 West 41st
902 West 42nd	810 West 42nd	1035 West 43rd

## Happy Birthday

Mark Sarmiento 3rd	Elizabeth Klein 4th
Katherine Knauth 4th	Avery T. 5th
Rick Knauth 9th	Tony Padon 23rd
Isabella R. 23rd	Trent Salch 23rd
Mary Beck 24th	Bridgette Martinez 26th
Emma Kathryn C. 28th	Debbie Padon 28th
Gretchen Dreher 29th	Carl Waters 29th

## Happy Anniversary

Pat Buron & Shelley Rogers 5th  
Margarita Barcenas & Kevin Klotz 23rd

## Out and About

**Cat and Jason Theriot**, went RVing to Colorado, where they enjoyed whitewater rafting. **The Odinetts** had a blast in Port Aransas. **The Seghers** headed to Beijing. **Celeste and Jaime Zamora** celebrated their anniversary with their family enjoying the Santana and Doobie Bros. concerts. **Tina Beddow** was also in the crowd at the Santana concert. **The Lane Family** vacationed on the Liberty of the Seas for a week. **The Taylors** have covered some territory, from Destin Florida to Iceland and Norway.

**Caroline and Sean McLean** celebrated Caroline's birthday in New York City. **Caroline Stender** and former Garden Oaks resident Janna Alsobrook did their very own version of Out of Africa. **Terry Jeanes, Lori Kennedy, and Joe Muscara** rendezvoused for a bbq

lunch in Smithville. **Margarita Barcenas and Kevin Klotz** visited Bangkok, while **the Carlins** enjoyed a trip to NYC.

For **Brooke Murphy**, it was a fun tip to Vegas. **Ed and Brenda de Alba** traveled to Austin for a great time with Brenda's high school friends. **The Singers** were at the Dolomites. **The Hesses** enjoyed Germany and Austria. **Elisa Cuellar** spent an amazing evening in the Indian desert at an encampment near Pushkar. **Angela Weltin** visited cousins in Connecticut and also had a wonderful trip to Rome and the Amalfi Coast. **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** attended Tina's 40th High School reunion in Escanaba, Michigan. **Jim DiCola and Tina Rowe** visited Idaho, Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, and the Tetons.

**Congratulations to Peter Vonder Haar** on his first novel and thriller, *Lucky Town*.

**Special Thoughts** for a full and easy recovery for **Joanna Woods** who recently broke her hip and wishes for husband Ed in his caregiving role. Special condolences for **Greta Hall** and family for the loss of Greta's brother, Shannon.

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).

## Constable Statistics June 2019

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.

Alarm Calls – 4	Meet the Citizen – 96
Burglary of Habitation – 1	Suspicious Person/ Vehicle – 18
Burglary Motor Vehicle – 1	Theft Other – 1
Burglary Other – 1	Traffic Stops – 55
Check Business – 2	Vacation Watch – 38
Check Park – 16	Warrant Service – 1
Check School – 5	Welfare Check – 3
Contract Check – 142	Writ – 3
Disturbance/Loud Noise – 1	911 Hang Up – 1
Follow Up – 2	
Information Call – 3	

## Bottoms Up

*Brenda de Alba*

Reusing discarded items helps the planet. One of my Master Gardener friends reuses her empty wine bottles, turning them into butterfly watering stations. She buries the bottles neck-down in her flower beds. The *punt*, a shallow depression in the bottom of the bottle, holds just enough water. Butterflies drink from the “saucer” that she refills every two or three days.

The bottles are colorful garden ornaments too and the blue ones are my favorites. Place them at various heights for visual interest. Any bottle with an indented bottom works.

## 2019 Master Gardener Green Thumb August Lecture

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Harris County Master Gardeners **free** Green Thumb Gardening Series is Tuesday, August 20th from 6:30-8:30pm at Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale, Houston 77024. August’s topic is Fall Vegetables. No reservation needed.

Learn which vegetables to plant in a fall garden and the varieties that do well in our Harris County climate.



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# Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

Well darn it — my birthday month has come to an end and I'm another year wiser. The upside is that another nearly intolerable month of Gulf Coast summer weather is past us as well, with only two or three more to go. I say this because October is always up for grabs when it comes to whether the cool fronts make it down our way on a consistent basis. But, either way we'll take what we can get.

Y'all may have noticed my absence a couple of Saturdays in July. I worked some large events across the street at Decant Urban Winery and just couldn't fathom two doses of 100 degree exposure in one twenty-four period. I did however get up early each morning and make a boatload of breakfast tacos so y'all wouldn't have to go elsewhere to eat. I'll probably do the same a time or two in August.

In true European fashion, Marguerite has run off to the other side of the pond for Holiday until September. I always wondered why they call it Holiday versus Vacation. I suspect it's because we silly Americans run off

for three, four, five, or maybe even nine days, desperately trying to cram in as much fun as possible and require another couple days just to recover from the hectic schedules we set for ourselves. Our old world counterparts on the other hand come back refreshed and ready to rock.

I was telling someone the other day that I've embraced my European roots and have figured out how to work a four-day work week. Well, that's if you don't count the shopping and all the dishes that need washing on the days I'm not cooking.

Back to more market news — with the dog days of summer comes okra, summer squash, long beans, and such, if it hasn't been burned up in the heat. Farmer Cathy's chickens will slow down egg production, and demand almost always increases when production is at its lowest. I must say that the decision to move into our nice shady parking lot has worked out nicely now that we're finishing up the second summer here. And we thank all of y'all for your continued support.

As always, "Come soon, come often, come early, and beat the heat."

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# Choosing a Home Generator: Portable vs. Stand-by (Part 1 of 3)

*Mitch Weigand*

During every hurricane season, many people want to know my thoughts on purchasing a generator.

Home generators are designed to handle power outages. They run on fuels such as gasoline, diesel, natural gas, and propane. At the very least, the generator should have enough capacity to run your refrigerator, a couple of lamps and fans, plus any special medical equipment required.

## A portable generator may be the answer

The most economical way to supply emergency electricity is via a portable generator. The smallest generator for household use should supply at least 4,000 watts (4 kilowatts) of power. It could probably run a refrigerator, a fan, one light, and perhaps your TV.

Portable generators are powered by gasoline or a propane tank – the same type used for large outdoor grills. Propane can be a good choice because gas stations are often closed

immediately after a hurricane, and you have to use a fuel stabilizer to help maintain stored gasoline. Propane is much more stable and does not require any additives.

A portable generator is a lot like a lawn mower – it is started by pulling a cord. One very important consideration is who in your household has the strength to start it. Portable generators also produce pollution – both air and noise.

Please note that **no** portable generator should be operated inside or near windows, doors, or any other area that could allow deadly fumes such as carbon monoxide to seep into your home. A suggested safe distance is at least 10 feet away. Heavy-duty extension cords will have to run from the generator into the house for appliances.

Prices range from about \$350 for an economical, no-name model that produces 4,000-watts to \$2,000 for an 8,000-watt, top-end unit. They can be purchased online – many with free shipping – or at any big-box hardware store.

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- Your logo/link on the Garden Oaks website

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- Your logo/link on the Garden Oaks website

## **Platinum Sponsor (\$1000 Cash Contribution)**

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For questions, please email [GOConstable@gmail.com](mailto:GOConstable@gmail.com).

*GO Constable is a group of GO residents who are constable program supporters and are concerned about keeping our constables on our streets. All monies raised from this event will go to the GOCC for their use in paying for the two Constable Patrols in Garden Oaks.*

# AUGUST 2019

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28 If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito. — Dalai Lama	29	30	31	1	2	3 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
4	5	6 Civic Club Meeting 7 PM GO Montessori	7	8 Garden Club Meeting 7 PM Kroger Upstairs Meeting Room 1352 W 43rd	9	10 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
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