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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

The Wine Walk Is Here!

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

Garden Oaks' most fun event is happening on Saturday October 19th. And, thanks to all the ticket purchasers, enthusiastic table hosts, and generous cash sponsors, we are expecting to net in excess of \$40,000 for the Constable Program, which will be a new record! Raising funds is absolutely necessary if we are to continue with our constable patrols as the program is very under-funded. Thanks to everyone who makes this fundraiser successful every year.

We currently have 12 generous neighbor groups and area businesses to serve as table hosts. Eleven of these will be serving various wines (and foods) for you to sample. Plonk! will host the 12th table with a special beer tasting again this year.

We're bringing back the Wine Pull too. We've got some great wines donated by Plonk! Everyone is guaranteed to be a winner.

Tickets for the Wine Walk are \$100, while tickets for the Wine Pull are \$20. We have only a handful of tickets left as we go to press. Once we sell out, there will be a waiting list on Eventbrite.

You can buy tickets for both the Wine Walk and the Wine Pull via the form in the *Gazette* or online at <https://2019ww.eventbrite.com>. Either way, please join us and support the Constable Program if you want to keep the good guys in Garden Oaks!

What: Garden Oaks 11th Annual Wine Walk, "Vive La France", celebrating wines made in the French style.

When: Saturday, October 19th from 4:00-6:30 pm (rain date November 2nd)

Where: 744 West 43rd, the gorgeous backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba

Why: To mingle with your neighbors, have some fun, and most importantly... Support the Constable Program!

Note: Adults only, non-smoking event, and attendees must be at least 21 years of age. No pets are allowed. There will be limited parking on W. 43rd, so please try to "walk the walk" and either walk, bike, or Uber over for the event. Please arrive no earlier than 4:00 pm (unless you are a table host and setting up your table). Low-heeled shoes are best to navigate the flagstone pathways.

If you purchased tickets via mail or online, you should have received a confirmation email. If you did not receive such, please email cavort2@gmail.com.

Tickets will be held in the purchaser's name at the check-in table. Thanks to everyone for their support of the Constable Program.

District C Candidate Forum

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
Garden Oaks Montessori

Wine Walk Constable Fundraiser

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

Constable Statistics

August 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.

Accident Minor – 1

Alarm Calls – 4

Assault – 1

Burglary Motor Vehicle – 2

Check 'Hood/Park/Pkg Lot/School/Business – 16

Contract Check – 126

Criminal Mischief – 1

Disturbance Loud Noise/Other – 2

Information Call – 1

Meet the Citizen – 81

Open Door/Window – 2

Special Assignment – 3

Stranded Motor Vehicle – 1

Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 19

Traffic Hazard – 3

Traffic Initiative – 5

Traffic Stops – 53

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Creativity

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

How is creativity being impacted in our children in an increasingly digital world? Rachael Rettner recently wrote an article on the Live Science.com website stating, "It sounds like the complaint of a jaded adult: Kids these days are narrow-minded and just not as creative as they used to be."

But researchers say they are finding exactly that. In a 2010 study of about 300,000 creativity tests going back to the 1970s, Kyung Hee Kim, a creativity researcher at the College of William and Mary, found creativity has decreased among American children in recent years. Since 1990, children have become less able to produce unique and unusual ideas. They are also less humorous, less imaginative, and less able to elaborate on ideas.

"It's not that creativity can necessarily disappear," said Ron Beghetto, an education psychologist at the University of Oregon, "but it can be suppressed in particular contexts." Children today have less exposure to free play, exploration outside, or creating games and toys to play with as urbanization, factory made toys, and technology have rapidly replaced these opportunities for children to create their own entertainment. Additionally, children spend less time in conversation and in exchanging ideas with others as tablets have replaced these interactions. But all is not lost, as experts agree that it is possible to cultivate creativity. Here are a few ideas to use at home from PsychCentral <https://psychcentral.com/blog/9-ways-to-support-your-childs-creativity/>.

- Designate a space for creating.
- Keep it simple.
- Allow for "free time".
- Help your kids activate their senses.
- Discuss creativity.
- Cultivate creative critical thinking.
- Avoid managing (non-judgmental feedback or comments).
- Help kids find and pursue their passions.

If you are interested in learning more, you may find the book *Cup* a valuable resource as the authors expand on the subject of cultivating children's creativity. The book covers the work of two educators who studied children and the multitudes of innovative projects that could be built around simple plastic cups. "The story of the children, the families, and the cups embodies the conviction that education both requires and nurtures imagination, determination, vision, humility, experimentation, relationships, and listening," write Ann Pelo and Margie Carter in the foreword to the book.

Enjoy your creative side with your child and watch them blossom. In the words of Albert Einstein, "Creativity is contagious. Pass it on."



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Terry Jeanes

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713 West 41st	726 Sue Barnett	1554 Sue Barnett	

Happy Birthday

Dian Austin – 1st	Sue Schmidt – 3rd	Julian S – 5th
Tina Sabuco – 9th	Michael Padon – 12th	Alice Sarmiento – 24th
Benjamin B – 24th	Pene Carter – 25th	Linda Reichle – 25th
Mark Saranie – 25th	Fritz Westover – 25th	Jack Runge – 28th
Eden Craig – 30th		

Happy Anniversary

Tony & Debbie Padon – 6th	Elizabeth & Mark Klein – 7th
Betsy & Gig Runge – 9th	Sally & Jim McDaniel – 12th
Tina & John Beddow – 21st	Lori Kennedy & Joe Muscara – 23rd
Jayne & Mike Maltbie – 28th	

Out and About

The **Greenslates** were in the crowd at the recent B52s concert. The **McDaniels** visited Rocky Mountain National Park, and the **Appling-O’Leary** clan enjoyed a trip to Natchez.

The **Padon family** recently visited Debbie’s mom and sister on the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu and Maui. Also, **Tony and Debbie Padon** just got back from a trip to Durango, Colorado visiting friends. **Caroline McLean** visited Georgetown. **Joe Casarez** welcomes new pup Emma to the household. **Julie Sherber and Devin Hunt** enjoyed a recent “Mom Camp” Cruise to Cozumel with many of their GOMM mom friends.

Congratulations to Tina Sabuco on the 25th Anniversary of Arts Alive!

Special Thoughts for Vidal and Debbie Martinez on the recent passing of Vidal’s father.

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.

Citizen Patrol

Mark Saranie, Committee Chair

Relatively few crimes were reported for July and August. What has increased around our area are the number of physical assaults being reported. While most of these are called "simple" assaults, they are assaults all the same, and many times can be crimes of opportunity. Jogging or walking along, totally focused on your progress and tunes leaves little room for you to notice what is going on around you, so please be aware. The same goes for getting in or out of your vehicle at home, at work, etc. It takes just a few seconds to look around and assess your surroundings. Doing so increases your awareness, and being aware is a deterrent.

During June the city saw a rash of vehicle break-ins particularly in parking garages. These types of incidents are normally ones of opportunity as well. The best way to protect yourself from this if you park your car on the street or in your driveway (and this goes for visitors too) is to completely remove or conceal anything that may be of interest. When I go to the post office, grocery store, etc., it amazes me to see all the tempting stuff left visible in parked cars. The same thing goes for recycling — break down those electronics boxes and put them inside your green recycling bin. The less "advertising" left in front of your house, the safer you are.

Our neighborhood watch group is always in need of patrollers. To sign up, download the application from gardenoaks.org (under the "security" tab), fill it out, and send to gocop@gardenoaks.org. I will forward this to the officer in charge and advise you of any upcoming training. As long as you are at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, live in Garden Oaks, and can pass a background check, you qualify.

Plan now for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1st.

July/August stats

Assault

July 5th – 12 pm – 1100 block W. 43rd
 July 31st – 9 am – 1000 block W. 43rd

Theft from Vehicle

July 14th – 6 pm – 1400 block Sue Barnett
 July 19th – 12 am – 1000 block Lamonte
 July 30th – 6 am – 800 block W. 41st
 August 20th – 3 am – 900 block W. 43rd

Eight patrol hours reported for July. Four patrol hours reported for August.



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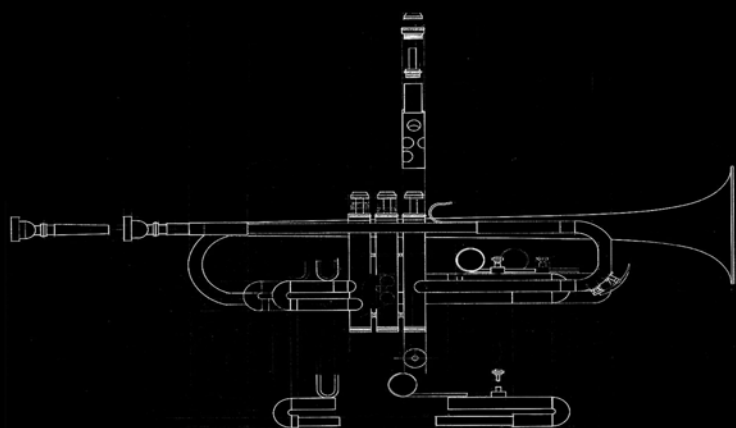
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- Your logo/link on the Garden Oaks website

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2019 GARDEN OAKS WINE WALK
Saturday October 19, 4 - 6:30 pm
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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

"Keep it in the 'hood." These are wise words once said to me by Scott Miller of Plonk! Beer and Wine Bistro. And I've realized that it's something I do quite naturally. I used to scoff at folks who called themselves inner-loopers; people who think that if it's not inside the loop they don't need it or don't care to travel outside of that boundary.

I have my own loop that encompasses Garden Oaks, Oak Forest, and the surrounding neighborhoods. I loathe having to drive to Rice Village or the East End, especially during the summer. Here in my loop is where I make my living: pop-ups at Sassafra, Decant Urban Winery, my taco stand at our market, and various catering jobs right here in the 'hood. Just yesterday I helped with a birthday party in Timbergrove.

I also spend my earnings in this area, living in an artist's loft in Independence Heights, grocery shopping at Kroger on 11th and Restaurant Depot, gasoline from the local Gulf station, and propane from the car lot across from Saint Pius. If I eat out, there's Los Dos Hermanos,

Aim Thai, and Brother's Pizzeria, just to name a few. Feeling thirsty, I don't even have to leave Wakefield Drive after the market, just walk over to Great Heights Brewing Company, Walking Stick Brewing Company, Petrol Station, or the aforementioned Decant Urban Winery. And if I'm feeling particularly flush and festive, I'm heading back to where this post started — Plonk! It covers all the bases in spades.

I guess what I'm getting to is that I enjoy what we have right here, places owned by our neighbors, from the little mom and pop operations to our Farmer's Market. I say "our" market because it truly is "ours." Without local support from the people here in the 'hood who appreciate being able to buy honest products from people you know and trust, folks like Farmer Cathy and Gus and Company wouldn't be able to make the nearly hour drive to bring you their wares. I look forward to seeing some of y'all at the upcoming Garden Oaks Wine Walk this month, again spending my money where it is earned, shaking your hands and thanking you for your support.

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Helen Sestak, Secretary

The Civic Club did not hold an official September business meeting. Instead, on Tuesday September 3rd, GOCC hosted a mayoral forum in the GOMM gym in coordination with Mark Klein and Super Neighborhood 12. Mayor Sylvester Turner, and challengers Bill King, Tony Buzbee, Sue Lovell, Kendall Baker, Dwight Boykins, Naoufal Houjami and Derrick Broze participated. *The Leader* publisher, Jonathan McElvy, moderated the event, which was attended by about 300 people. Candidates addressed multiple topics, including the budget, fire fighter pay parity, drainage and infrastructure, flooding, garbage collection and recycling, and other city services.

There will be no October GOCC meeting so that the neighborhood can participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1st.

Also, on Wednesday October 2nd, GOCC and SN 12 are hosting a District C Candidate forum at 7 pm in the GOMM gym.

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Mitch Weigand

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Initial Purchase Price

A portable generator is definitely the less expensive of the two. For under \$600 you can buy one that generates 4,000 watts of electricity, enough to run your refrigerator, some lights, and a fan.

A stand-by generator that can supply 10,000 watts starts around \$6,000. Depending on the size of your home, you may be able to run one of its A/C systems.

Fuel Usage

With a portable generator, there are a variety of potential fuels, propane and gasoline being the most convenient. However, you will have to go out and purchase fuel. This can be a problem after a major natural disaster, assuming the fuel is even available.

A stand-by generator is attached to your home's natural gas or liquid propane (LP) gas supply, which is immediately available.

Convenience

A portable generator requires constant monitoring and refilling of fuel.

A stand-by generator automatically supplies power to your home within seconds of an electrical outage and then shuts off by itself when no longer needed.

Noise and Air Pollution Levels

A portable generator creates a lot of noise and fumes.

A stand-by generator does make noise, similar to your central A/C system's outside condenser, but if properly maintained, there are very little, if any, fumes.

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The stand-by generator is definitely the better choice because of its superior capacity to produce the necessary wattage.

In summary, if you can afford it, get yourself a stand-by generator. But realistically, be ready to spend \$12,000 for 20,000 watts of power. You'll never regret it.

Mitch is the owner of Air Wise™

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.

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Betty L., Southern Oaks

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 National Night Out	2 District C Candidate Forum 7 PM GO Montessori	3	4	5 GOMM Pancake Breakfast Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
6	7	8	9 Yom Kippur	10 Garden Club Meeting 7 PM Kroger Upstairs Meeting Room 1352 W 43rd	11	12 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
13	14 Indigenous People's Day	15 Gazette Article Deadline	16	17	18	19 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield Wine Walk 4 - 6:30 PM 744 W 43rd
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
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[] New Member or [] Renewal

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Please provide contact information for program member(s) at this address:

Member 1 Information	Member 2 Information
Name: _____	Name: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information	Emergency Contact Information
Name: _____	Name: _____
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
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Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

Payment Options (Checks 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.

Mail this form to
Garden Oaks Constable Program
PO Box 10273
Houston TX 77206

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www.gardenoaks.org



2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

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

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Pay online at www.gardenoaks.org/membership;
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