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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

An Invitation from the President

Joe Casarez, GOCC President

Fellow Garden Oaks residents, please join us for the December Civic Club Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 pm at the American Legion Post 560 on Alba. The Civic Club will provide a main dish as well as iced tea, and we ask that each attendee bring a side dish or a dessert to share. The bar at the Post will be open if you want to celebrate with an adult beverage. Also, if you could bring an unwrapped toy for the Constables' Toy Drive, that would be great support for their annual effort to make the holidays a bit more special for some children in need.

December's gathering will be my last meeting as GOCC President. We will be voting on the 2020 budget and new officers for 2020. For me, the past three years have been very rewarding, having served first as secretary, then vice-president, and now president. I have enjoyed meeting a lot more people in the neighborhood and have seen how much the Civic Club has been a huge benefit to Garden Oaks.

I have been truly impressed with the commitment of a core group of volunteers, especially those who give up their time to run our committees and major events. Their contributions are the backbone of our organization and frankly we would be lost without them. The Civic Club is a volunteer-driven organization, and we can always use more people and their talents. The benefits of getting involved include not only learning more about the neighborhood, but also giving back and meeting a lot of good and interesting people. I urge you to be more involved in the Garden Oaks community in 2020. There are so many ways to be involved. Join us at the GO Civic Club meetings and let's work together to find a place where your ideas and talents can best be utilized to keep Garden Oaks the great community that we love so much.

The GOCC Nominating Committee has generated a slate of candidates to stand for election at the December meeting. Volunteers can also be nominated for election to any position from the floor at the December meeting. Voting will be done by those who are present and are current Civic Club members. The nominated slate of officers is elsewhere in this issue.

I have enjoyed serving as your President and will look forward to continuing to see you at our meetings and neighborhood events.

My warmest regards and Happy Holidays!

Garden Oaks Civic Club Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 3, 7 pm
American Legion Post 560
3720 Alba

Bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Civic Club will provide a main dish.

Bring a new, unused, unwrapped toy for the Constable Toy Drive.

We will vote on the 2020 Civic Club officers and budget. Officer nominations will also be taken from the floor. Both the slate and the budget can be found in this issue.

Santa at the Gazebo

Wednesday, December 11,
6 to 7:30 pm
Thursday, December 12, 6 to
7:30 pm

2020 Garden Oaks Civic Club and Constable Dues

*Dian Austin and Terry Jeanes,
Committee Chairs*

In the next week or two, each Garden Oaks resident will receive the annual mailing of the dues forms for both the 2020 Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) and the 2020 Constable Patrol Program. We urge you to support both the Civic Club and the Constable Program for 2020 with monetary contributions and mail the forms back soon.

If you look at the 2020 Proposed Budget in this month's *Gazette*, you'll see that we are in deficit spending — that is, projected expenses for both the Civic Club and the Constable Program are anticipated to exceed projected revenues. That is not a position we can maintain for very long.

We need more support from residents to continue to provide upkeep for all our greenspaces in the neighborhood, hold neighborhood events, print the *Gazette*, maintain our website, and to keep the constable deputies on patrol.

Contributions can be made online at gardenoaks.org and payments can be made all at once or by monthly contributions. The forms are in each month's *Gazette* as well.

For 2019, we ended the year with 250 GOCC members and 315 Constable supporters, out of some 1400+ homes in the neighborhood. We can do a lot better! Please support our neighborhood!

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Slate of Candidates for 2020 GOCC Officer Positions

President - Tonya Knauth (currently Vice-President)

My husband Rick and I moved to Garden Oaks in 2004, put down roots, and expanded our family here. Our three children all attended GOMM, and we have been active in GO Kids and Boy Scouts, to name just a few of the groups we have enjoyed being part of. We feel fortunate to live in a small-town environment in the middle of a big city. I have volunteered and served the neighborhood in many capacities, and I have a strong desire to continue to work for everyone to improve our community.

Vice President - Kevin David

I moved to Garden Oaks in 1994. As a child I spent a lot of time in Garden Oaks with my aunts and grandparents. My mother was raised in Garden Oaks and my father was raised in Shepherd Park Plaza. My wife, two daughters and I really love the subdivision and all the wonderful people who reside in GO and make this such a great community. Over the years I have seen many changes. I witnessed farewells to some great neighborhood staples but we have had several family-friendly new businesses open to replace them. I look forward to serving and doing my part to make our lovely community a better and safer place for all of us to enjoy.

Treasurer - Jeff Martin

My family has lived in Garden Oaks for 11 years. We love our neighbors and the community and are proud to call Garden Oaks home. The three of us have volunteered at GOMM in various ways over the last 10 years and made friends with many wonderful GO families. I am the Vice President and Treasurer with my current employer and served as Treasurer for our local Cub Scouts for 3 years.

Secretary - Adam Pryor

My wife Kendra and I are both new to Garden Oaks, having moved into the neighborhood in August of this year. With a two-year-old daughter and a newborn on the way, we were drawn to the family-friendly nature of the neighborhood, while still providing the access to great restaurants and shopping in the immediate area. Being new to Garden Oaks, I have chosen to serve on the board to get better acquainted with my neighbors and to help foster a greater sense of community.

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

Are you looking for a way to participate in the community? At Garden Oaks Montessori we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help us in a variety of tasks from tutoring, listening to a student read to an adult, helping in the gardens, making copies, cutting out laminating, shelving books in the library, and/or playing board games with our students (we'd love to hear from anyone out there who would be willing to teach bridge). We have opportunities for you before, during, and after school hours and on Saturdays, too. We even have collating and sorting that can be picked up and taken home. We are looking for volunteers to help us with our school art car project and sprucing up our recycled art pieces on the campus, too. No matter what your talent, I guarantee that we have something for you! While you're busy helping out, you'll be receiving the benefit of knowing that you are helping others and believe it or not, you may even gain health benefits, too. Recent research by the Corporation for National and Community Service found that Americans over the age of 60 who volunteered reported lower disability and higher levels of well-being compared to those who did not volunteer.

Additional benefits to you and others include (<https://seniorcommunity.org/five-benefits-volunteering-retirement/>):

1. Bridging the generation gap. By building connections, people of different generations are able to offer knowledge, respect, and affirmation from their unique perspectives.
2. Volunteering time makes you feel like you have more time. While that seems counterintuitive, giving your time can make you feel more affluent. A study done at Wharton College found that people who give their time felt more capable, confident, and useful. Since they were able to accomplish one thing, they feel they will easily accomplish tasks in the future. Similarly, those who donate their money feel like they are wealthier.
3. Aiding your mental health. Volunteering keeps the brain active, which contributes to a person's cognitive health. The National Institute on Aging reported that participating in activities that are meaningful and productive may lower the risk of dementia and other health problems in seniors.
4. Preventing isolation and depression. Volunteering can have positive effects on a person's psychological health. In a study done by the Corporation for National and Community Service, researchers found that volunteering provides a sense of purpose and accomplishment.
5. Promoting physical activity. Physical activity remains an important role in positive health outcomes. Volunteering to help at lunch duty, recess, or gardening supports maintaining a healthy level of fitness.

We need YOU at Garden Oaks! Sign up to volunteer at the HISD website <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/126421>. **Then email me at lpollock@houstonisd.org so we can be sure to get you on our schedule. YOU are the KEY to the future of our children!**

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Constable Patrol Program

Terry Jeanes, Committee Chair

Constable supporter fees are due for 2020. Contract prices are increasing!

Your Constable Supporter donation is crucial to keep our two deputy patrollers, Corporal Santos Torres and Deputy Desiree Pesina. Each contract provides a professional law enforcement deputy who patrols our neighborhood and its perimeter 40 hours per week. With the upcoming county contract price increase, each contract deputy will cost about \$83000 annually, up from \$79000 for the 2019 contract. If you value the Constable Program, please contribute at the requested \$250 annual level or more.

Thank you to all who supported the Constable Program fundraiser, the Garden Oaks Wine Walk: the de Albas for providing the venue, the Cash Sponsors, the Table Hosts, the Attendees, and the Wine Walk team. What an amazing contribution to the Garden Oaks Constable Program. Events such as the Garden Oaks Wine Walk help put funds in the coffers, but it is not enough to keep a second deputy paid in full. Residents supporting the program are crucial.

There will be additional drawings for gift certificates for Constable Supporters who pay their 2020 dues soon. The sooner you join, the more opportunity for winning \$100 El Tiempo, Tony Mandola's, and other gift certificates. Let's Get the Red to Rise. The neighborhood thermometer signs will start from the lower point and will be repositioned in the neighborhood. Help us hit the first and then second Deputy Level.

Become a Constable Program supporter: gardenoaks.org

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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

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

Beautification

Joan Harmon, Committee Chair

Christmas has come early to the residents of Garden Oaks! Longtime residents Tina Sabuco (of Arts Alive fame) and Shellye Arnold have graciously donated a brand new garden swing for the Gazebo Park to replace the old one that fell apart. We will get that lovely new swing installed by the anticipated arrival of Santa's helpers for the Annual Santa in the Gazebo Park so weary elves can get some rest after the party is over.

Thanks again to these two women who made such a generous gift to our park!

Once Christmas lights are up in the neighborhood, we will make one final GO Yard of the Month for 2019, so go all out with the Christmas bling!

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Information for Zoned to Garden Oaks Montessori Families and HISD Magnet Application Information for 2020-21 School Year

Stephanie Dubroff-Acosta, Parent Engagement Representative and Magnet Clerk, Garden Oaks Montessori

Tours

All HISD magnet schools will have tours each Thursday through December 5, 2019.

- Elementary and K-8 school tours are at 9:00 a.m.
- Middle High School tours for parents and students are at 1:00 pm.

*You do not need to RSVP but bring a state-issued ID so the school can make you a visitor badge.

*GOMM will host tours this Spring at 9:00 am on January 16, February 20 and March 26

Applications — available online at hisdchoice.com.

K-12 PHASES

- Phase 1 (Sept. 27 – Dec. 6, 2019) Qualified in-district applications received during this phase will be entered into lotteries or be offered auditions.
- Phase 2 (Dec. 7, 2019 – Feb. 28, 2020) Qualified in-district applications received during this phase will be offered auditions or seats on a space available basis.
- Phase 3 (March 1, 2020 – onward). In-district applicants new to HISD and out-of-district applications will be considered on a space available basis.

PK PHASES:

- Phase 1 (Sept. 27 – Feb. 28, 2020) Qualified in-district, TEA Eligible applications received during this phase will be entered into lotteries.
- Phase 2 (Feb. 29 – onward) Qualified in-district, TEA Eligible applications will be considered on a space available basis.

- Phase 3 (June 1, 2020 – onward) TEA Non-Eligible (tuition-based) PK 4 and TEA Eligible PK 3 applications will be considered on a space available basis.

Considering your zoned school — Garden Oaks Montessori

The school zone for Garden Oaks Montessori is K-5. If you are considering GOMM for your K-5th grade child, please submit the online application. Your application will not be in the lottery; this will just ensure you have a seat for the upcoming school year.

There is no zone for PK in HISD

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 by September 1, 2020, and you are considering GOMM, you must complete the online application. (Please choose "Magnet/Vanguard", not "PK enrollment" for our program).

If you qualify for the district's free PK program, you must upload requested documentation and submit the application no later than February 28, 2020 to be considered in the lottery.

If you do not qualify for the district's free PK program, you may also apply but will not be notified of space available until after June 1, 2020.

All PK applicants, who submit the application prior to February 28, 2020 will be notified of application status via email and viewable online May 1, 2020 (offered or wait-listed).



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**Garden Oaks Civic Club
Civic Club Income & Expense Report
Proposed 2020 Budget**

Income		Annual 2020 Budget
Civic Club	Dues	9,000.00
Beautification	Contributions	1,000.00
Garden Club	Contributions	500.00
Gazette	Revenue	16,000.00
Interest Income		12.00
Total Income		26,512.00

Expense		
Bank Fees-Wells Fargo		15.00
Beautification Improvements (non-maintenance)		0.00
Beautification Maintenance		12,000.00
Citizen Patrol		200.00
Community Events (Grants)		500.00
Garden Club		500.00
Gazette	Printing & Postage	16,000.00
Insurance		1,400.00
Meeting Expense	Total	1,500.00
	GOMM for Meeting Room	1,000.00
	Gift Cards, Venue, Holiday Party	500.00
Membership Expenses	Mailout & Welcome Packets	2,000.00
Miscellaneous - PayPal fees		450.00
Professional Fees		500.00
Rent	storage	2,000.00
Utilities		840.00
Web Hosting		800.00
Total Expense		38,705.00

Net Income -12,193.00

**Constable Income & Expense Report
Proposed 2020 Budget**

Income		Annual 2020 Budget
Constable Patrol Income		65,000.00
Wine Walk		40,000.00
	Ticket Sales/Donations	18,000.00
	Sponsors	22,000.00
Interest		72.00

Total Income 105,072.00

Expenses		
Constable Patrol Expense	2 constables	168,000.00
PayPal Fees	Constable	1,500.00

Total Expenses 169,500.00

Net Income -64,428.00

Net GOCC & Constable Net Income -76,621.00

The Wine Walk Was A Record-Breaking Success!!

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

Yes, the day was warmer than we would have liked, but the Constable Patrol fundraiser broke all records anyway! We netted some \$46,500 that will go straight to keeping the constable deputies patrolling the streets of Garden Oaks and surrounding areas. That beats last year's record by \$10,000. To date, our eleven consecutive Wine Walks have generated some \$244,000 for the Constable Program.

Cash sponsorships totaled more than \$26,000, and the list of cash sponsors is elsewhere in this newsletter. We are so grateful for the support of all of them year after year.

The Plonk! Wine Pull and auction brought in another \$2500, and the balance of the monies generated was from ticket sales. A big thank you to Plonk! for their donation of 100+ bottles of wine for the wine pull, and to Whataburger and Village Liquor for their donations to the silent auction. Thanks also to Blake Woods for donating bottled water.

The Wine Walk wouldn't be possible without the generous table hosts who come back every year and provide libations and foods at their own expense. And what more perfect venue than the gorgeous backyard of Brenda and Ed de Alba?

The Wine Walk Committee (Shelley Rogers, Tina Rowe, Sheila Briones, Jessica Jarvis, Susan Saranie, Sherrey Rogers, Dea Larson, Brenda de Alba, Terry Jeanes, and myself) covered all the expenses for the event (about \$1000), ensuring that all the monies raised could help pay for the Constable Program.

Thanks to all who bought tickets, all the cash sponsors, all the table hosts, those who helped set up/break down, the committee, and most certainly the de Albas. Per District C Council Member Ellen Cohen, who was in attendance yet again, the Wine Walk is a great example of a community coming together for a common goal.

Thanks to all who helped make this fundraiser a huge success once again!

2019 Garden Oaks Wine Walk Table Hosts

Our annual Constable Program fundraiser 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. And then we've got beer too! 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. Thank you for helping us stage a fabulous fundraiser for the neighborhood!

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



2019 Wine Walk Sponsors

Thanks to these cash sponsors, we set a new record for the Wine Walk this year! Please thank these folks and patronize the businesses who support Garden Oaks. Most of these sponsors have contributed year after year after year, and we are very grateful!

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- The Farmstand of Greater Heights

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- Village Liquor
- Whataburger

Wine walk photos by Caroline Stender



Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Helen Sestak, Secretary

November 5, 2019

Location: Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM)

Joe Casarez, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Guest Speaker: Nick Freeman, wildlife rehabilitator with 911 Wildlife, presented effective, humane solutions (no poison or traps) to evict unwanted animals such as squirrels, raccoons, skunks, and birds from homes. "Trap and relocate," a traditional removal effort, often results in a low survivability rate. Animals are commonly injured. Moms may be relocated but babies are inadvertently left behind. Typically, when one animal dies or is removed, another will take its place.

To reduce unwanted wildlife visitors, Nick recommends that home owners restrict outdoor food sources (bird seed and pet food) and eliminate access to possible den sites (gaps in gable vents, under your pier and beam house, wood stacks, etc.). He also advocates use of a one-way door to safely evict animals and prevent their return. For more information, visit www.911wildlife.com.

Business Meeting

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

Treasurers Report: Teresa Coleman presented the Civic Club income statement and balance sheet through October 2019. Additionally, she presented the proposed 2020 budget.

The top two projected expenses are *Gazette* printing and postage (\$16,000) and beautification maintenance (\$12,000). Paid advertising will cover much of the *Gazette* costs. There was some discussion about efforts to replant the Randall Berm in Section 1A and that the costs were not known. The possible transition of park areas to native species or pocket prairies would reduce maintenance costs. There are currently no allocated funds for 2020 beautification projects.

Teresa noted that the proposed 2020 budget, while trimmed down, will still result in a net loss of \$12,193.

Once a budget is approved (voting at December 2019 meeting), subsequent changes must be voted on and authorized by Civic Club members.

Committee Reports

Constable Patrol: Terry Jeanes has received the Harris County Precinct One Constable contracts for 2020. The Civic Club is responsible for 80% of the total cost, with Harris County covering the remaining 20%. The 2020 Civic Club cost will be \$82,918 per deputy, compared to \$79,044 per deputy in 2019.

We are still awaiting the \$25,000 donation promised by Gulf Coast Commercial Group, new owners of the N. Shepherd property between Chase Bank and Gabby's.

Deputy Torres reported on a burglary on Lamonte. The stolen property was recovered at a local pawn shop. Deputy Torres suggested that we consider adding commercial businesses to our Constable Patrol Program, as some have been recent targets, including a shooting at Five Guys Burgers on N. Shepherd and the theft of seven motorcycles from the Harley dealership on Yale. Some discussion ensued about including businesses in the Constable Program and possibly expanding the perimeter area followed. If interested in helping expand the program, please contact Terry Jeanes.

Beautification: No report.

Garden Oaks Website: Pam Parks reported that all is running smoothly.

GOMO: Pam Parks reported that the new claim period has ended. Attorneys hired by GOMO and the Creditor Committee to advise on deed restrictions have been paid (~\$56,000).

Citizen Patrol: No report.

Membership: The 2020 GOCC dues forms and Constable Supporter forms will be in the mail to all residents this month. Residents are encouraged to join the Civic Club and Constable Program Supporters. Cindy Bartos won the Amazon gift card for the raffle prize.

Dian Austin also reported that the Wine Walk set a new record, bringing in about \$46,500 for the Constable Patrol Program. Sincere thanks to Brenda and Ed de Alba and the many volunteers, table hosts, cash sponsors, and attendees who made this happen.

Gazette: Joe Muscara reminded all that December articles are due by November 15, 2019. Send submissions to gazette@gardenoaks.org.

GOMM: Dr Pollock shared that the pancake breakfast/silent auction was a great fundraising success. Join the school community for the spring fundraising Ungala in spring 2020! The recently-completed Fun Run raised about \$50,000 for acquisition of classroom technologies!

School enrollment is at capacity with 860 students.

The deputy-assisted contra-flow traffic pattern at GOMM has helped tremendously.

Government Affairs / GO CIP: Tonya Knauth shared that a meeting with a city engineer to discuss the drainage project on Sue Barnett is scheduled for November 20. She anticipates several options/drawings including the presence or absence of sidewalks and proposed schedules.

Section 1 Commercial Development: Carrie Arnett will follow up with Gulf Coast Development regarding the anticipated donation to the Constable Patrol.

Nominating Committee: The committee that nominates the 2020 Civic Club officers will present a full candidate slate in time for voting at the December 3 meeting.

New Business:

Santa will visit the Gazebo Park on December 11 and 12. Decorating will take place on December 1. Stay tuned to social media for Constable Patrol Toy drive dates.

Tony Padon, section three resident, has repaired and maintained the tennis court in Graham Park for many years. He recently found materials to repair the cracks and repaint the lines. The Civic Club reimbursed him for the \$128 costs. Tony may also paint pickle ball lines on the small court at the Spark Park. Thanks Tony!

A hearty shout out to Brothers Pizzeria for their continued, generous monthly pizza donations to our meeting attendees! Twenty people went home with full stomachs. Support local businesses. We all benefit.

The GOCC Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be held on December 3 at 7 pm, at the American Legion Hall on Alba. Bring a side dish, and the GOCC will provide meat and tea. The membership will elect officers for 2020. Please also bring an unwrapped toy for Precinct One's Toy Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.



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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.

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706 W 31st	432 W 34th	501 W 34th
702 W 42nd	839 W 42nd	879 W 42nd
927 W 42nd	1034 W 42nd	

Happy Birthday

Joel E. – 12/1	Joshua M. – 12/2
Jane Ann Roberts – 12/2	Pierce E. – 12/4
Ella C. – 12/9	Jason Espeseth – 12/9
Jayne Maltbie – 12/10	Terry Jeanes – 12/11
Ian McDaniel – 12/12	Julia McDaniel – 12/12
Chris Lindsay – 12/13	Sabrina – 12/15
Jim McDaniel – 12/15	Carmen Elizabeth C. – 12/17
Kevin Klotz – 12/23	Sandy Altman – 12/24
Katie C. – 12/30	

Happy Anniversary

John and Margie Hesse – 12/29
Troy and Jordan Allan – 12/31

Out and About

Debbie Driver enjoyed a girls trip to Natchez. **Deb Seghers** visited Zion National Park. **The Dilleys** traveled to London to see the Texans play. **Tina Rowe** cruised from Galveston to the Panama Canal. **Terry Jeanes** joined her sister and cruised from Baltimore to Bermuda. **Matthew Houston** enjoyed a World Series game at Minute Maid Park. **Amanda Carlin** won World Series Game 1 tickets and took hubby **Robert** to the game. **Michael Beard** enjoyed World Series Game 1 with his dad. Fun times at the Nutcracker Market were had by **Julie Sherber**. It was a special Veterans Day for the **Sherber girls** when their WWII veteran great Papa joined them for lunch at school.

Congratulations

To **Abby O.** on her ensemble performance in the Heights High School musical "Mama Mia." Also to **Lela C.** for her

hard work with the technical and set design team for the production. To **Tina Sabuco** on the joyful expansion of her family and connections with Tammy and Tracy.

Special Thoughts

For **Marlene Caldwell** in the loss of her cat, Felix. Also to the **Bartos** household in the loss of their dear Buddy. Comfort to **Ed and Brenda de Alba** in the loss of their sweet pup, Bella. Well wishes for recovery to "Buddy" McLean. Sympathy to **Michele Leal and family** for the loss of Michele'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.

Constable Statistics October 2019

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

Alarm Calls – 2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle – 2
Check Park/School – 4
Contract Check – 105
DWI – 1
Follow Up – 2
Information Call – 3
Meet the Citizen – 12
Meet the Officer – 1
Open Door/Window – 2
Property Found Lost – 1
Solicitors – 1
Special Assignment – 4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 9
Theft Residence – 1
Theft Other – 1
Traffic Hazard – 2
Traffic Initiative – 1
Traffic Stops – 56
Vehicle Speeding – 1
Vehicle Stolen – 2
Welfare Check – 1

Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

Well it's official. Y'all can now put up the lights and other decorations to celebrate the Christmas season without your neighbors giving you the eye. They have named the Saturday after Thanksgiving "Small Business Day." I say we call everyday Small Business Day, especially each Saturday in December leading up to Christmas.

A good friend of mine and fellow small businessman put forth a meme on Facebook explaining how local entrepreneurs dance a jig every time they make a sale but the big box store owners do not. I was asked just today why we haven't joined other well-attended markets. Well first of all, we were here first and we like our little farmer's market. Every week we have families who arrive on foot, by bicycle or pushing or pull wagons and buggies, to pick up their veggies, eggs, bread, jam, and other goodies they need for the week and maybe grab a little breakfast while they're at it.

Really what it comes down to is that our farmers' operations aren't geared to serve larger markets, and even with the limited amount of produce and eggs they have, they still return home with plenty of items that go unsold. It's a common lament — you can't have more customers than you have product or more product than customers. We are constantly striving to reach the proper balance. Only a few of our vendors have a large supply of goods to sell on a weekly basis: Kristie's jams and jellies and Gene with his soaps, lotions, and potions.

But I digress. What I'm really trying to say is that if you want something special to feed your family and friends or a unique gift for Christmas giving, we've got you covered. By now my mom will have made at least two visits to the market and I'm hopeful that we can bring in a few other special artisans for the holiday season. So please come and continue to support your neighborhood farmer's market.

As always "Come soon, come often, and bring the joy of the Holiday Season."

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How to Get Your Furnace Ready for Winter

Mitch Weigand

We may experience a winter as chilly as our summer was steamy hot. Your furnace has sat idle for months now (except recently), so here's some advice to ensure it is back in proper working order. Be sure to check your air filter. Better yet, just go ahead and replace it. With all of the pollen, dust, pet hair, and dander that can be found in your home's environment, the filter should be changed once a month.

A clogged filter hinders air flow and that makes your furnace work harder and can shorten its life. A new filter makes it easy for your furnace to do its job correctly from the start. Stock up on filters now, and changing your filter will be a much simpler task when you have several on hand.

Examine the air vents throughout your home, making sure that all are open, and not obstructed by furniture, etc. Free air flow is not only essential in the winter but throughout the year.

Put your programmable thermostat to good use. You can pre-set temperatures to match your daily schedule, whether you're at home relaxing or away for the holidays.

Finally, and most important of all, schedule a winter check-up. This is the best way to prepare your furnace for winter. Your service technician will check and adjust the thermostat, inspect the furnace's burners and controls, check for cracks in the heat exchanger and leaks in the gas valve plus much more. After the tune-up is complete, your furnace will be ready to take on the cold months ahead.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Civic Club Annual Meeting and Holiday Party 7 pm American Legion Post 560, 3720 Alba	4	5	6	7 Farm Stand 9 pm - 1 pm 949 Wakefield Garden Club Christmas Party 6 pm
8	9	10	11 Santa & Mrs. Claus 6 - 7:30 PM Gazebo Park	12 Santa & Mrs. Claus 6 - 7:30 PM Gazebo Park	13	14 Farm Stand 9 pm - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
15 Gazette Article Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21 Farm Stand 9 pm - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
22	23 Hanukkah Festivus	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 Farm Stand 9 pm - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this. — Emo Phillips			

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Member 1 Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Member 2 Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Cell Phone: _____

Payment Options (Checks made payable to GOCC)

[] Enclosed is the minimum requested payment of \$250 for 2020.

[] 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

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or pay online at

www.gardenoaks.org



2020 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:
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