

## **Garden Oaks Constable Program**

The Garden Oaks Civic Club currently contracts with the Harris County Precinct One Constable's Office for two deputies. Each contract provides 40 hours weekly of a professional law enforcement officer patrolling our neighborhood. Each contract costs approximately \$83,000 per year. Currently we have 80 hours of patrolling by our constables each week. *The Constable Program is paid for purely by contributions from residents.* We ask for a minimum contribution of \$250 per household per year in order to keep our current two deputies. Note that our program has been in deficit spending since 2017. Without an increase in contributions, the program will need to be scaled back.

The Constables provide a much quicker response time than does the Houston Police Department, and are a highly visible neighborhood patrol. The main objectives are crime prevention and immediate services to any citizen in need. The Constable Program is a respected law enforcement program provided by the Harris County Constable's Office. The Constable Program employs qualified and professional peace officers.

Constable dues can be paid via the enclosed form, or at the [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) website. Payment options can be made monthly, annually, by snail mail, or online. The Constable Program can also provide a Vacation Watch while you are out of town, a security check for insurance discounts, and quick response time if your alarm system is triggered. Any questions can be referred to [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org).

We hope you help support the Constable Program with an annual contribution. Constable Supporters who want to display a supporter sign in their yard and pay at least the \$250 requested annual minimum are provided with the signs each year.