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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Constable Patrol Program

*Terry Jeanes, Committee Chair*

**Welcome to Garden Oaks new Deputy Nina Munguia.** She will be joining Corporal Santos Torres in patrolling Garden Oaks.

**Reminder: At the February Civic Club meeting, there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Lorenzo's, Tony Mandolas, or El Tiempo. All Constable Program contributors for 2020 at the \$250 and up level will be eligible.**

**More Paid Dues Needed:** As we go to press, the current contributions of \$55,000 for the 2020 Constable Program (collected since October's mailer) is not enough to pay for 1 deputy for 2020. If you want to keep deputies on our Garden Oaks streets **pay your dues now.** Your dues pay for the current year. Current 2020 program contributors are listed at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) (under the Security/Constable tab).

**A Special Thank you to Dylan Kincaid,** for volunteering to repair the thermometer signs. He answered the call for assistance and actually lives in nearby Independence Heights. Watch the thermometer signs start to rise, starting at lower levels as we begin supporter fees collections. **Yes, together let's get the red to rise!!!** Everyone can make a difference. For the \$250 annual donation you get a nifty "GO CONSTABLE SUPPORTER" sign in your yard showing your support. The program works. In the past six weeks, our deputies found two expensive bikes that were stolen and returned them, and in early January two rockers and a table were returned within 48 hours after being stolen from a Section 1 porch.

2020 stickers for this year's constable supporters can be picked up at monthly GOCC meetings.

**Thanks to Patrick Murphy, Section 4 resident, of Murphy & Vickers, PC,** who has once again stepped up to underwrite the cost of more GO Constable Supporter signs.

Garden Oaks is still awaiting the Gulf Coast Development Company's promised \$25,000 contribution to the Constable Program. GCDC has started groundbreaking on the parking lot area between Gabby's and Chase Bank on N. Shepherd. We will continue to follow up.

Harris County Deputy Contracts for 2020 start March 1st and have been signed and returned to Commissioners Court for execution. In order to keep the two deputies per our contracts, it is essential that we get more residential support.

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### Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 7 pm  
Garden Oaks Montessori  
901 Sue Barnett

Topic: A Guide to Investing  
"Rules of the Road" by  
Danyel Ramelow, Edward  
Jones Financial Advisor

### GOCC Meet and Greet

Wednesday, February 12  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Wakefield Crowbar  
954 Wakefield



# Volunteer Spotlight

*Debbie Padon*

Tony and Debbie Padon have lived in Garden Oaks for nearly 30 years and raised their 3 children here. Tony has always been committed to volunteering his time to different church, school and neighborhood activities, including boy scouts and the St. Anne's Parish Council.

But Tony's favorite volunteer effort in Garden Oaks is maintaining the Graham Park tennis court in Section 1. From his first years in GO, Tony organized getting the court resurfaced and updated. He built the bench and shade cover that stand there today with funding from GOMO and with the help of Ed de Alba and Dennis Carter to get it put in place. And every time he plays there (which is frequently), he brings his trusty blower to clear the court of leaves and debris and cleans up around the court. Most recently, with the help of a small Civic Club stipend, he initiated patching some of the cracks in the court that are showing over time. He says it is a labor of love and finding something to enjoy supporting and maintaining is a blessing.

Give volunteering a try!

*(Editor's Note: We hope to make the Volunteer Spotlight an ongoing feature. If you know of someone that you think should be featured, write it up and submit it to [president@gardenoaks.org](mailto:president@gardenoaks.org))*



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# Civic Club Meet and Greet Wednesday, February 12th

*Dian Austin, Membership Chair*

Please join us for the first GOCC sponsored Meet and Greet social gathering of 2020. Wakefield Crowbar at 954 Wakefield will be hosting us from 5:30 to 7:30 on Wednesday, February 12th. Meet your newly elected Civic Club officers, your neighbors, get your questions answered, and learn what's going on in the neighborhood. You do not have to be a Civic Club member to attend.

Wakefield Crowbar is under new ownership: Omid Rafiei and his wife Andrea, and partner Aly Valiani will be making some changes, so please come out and see what's in store.

Hope to see you there!

## 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.

986 Gardenia      733 Sue Barnett      420 West 30th  
223 West 33rd      212 West 34th      934 West 42nd

### Happy Birthday

Ann Best – 2/2	Georgia Lister – 2/5
Tonya Knauth – 2/9	Alisha Cunningham – 2/12
Lela C. – 2/12	Brenda de Alba – 2/17
Terry Williams – 2/17	M'lissa Dilley – 2/22
Grady S. – 2/22	Maya Rahman – 2/23
Elan Britt – 2/28	Eddie Battenfield

### Happy Anniversary

Will & Deanna Zugheri – 2/23

### Congratulations

**Margie & John Hesse** celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a great party at St Rose of Lima.

**Evan W.**, along with his debate partner, finished first in the District in public forum debate representing the Frank Black Middle School debate team. The team also took another first place sweepstakes title.

### Out and About

The **Mischlich family** enjoyed Vermont ski time. **Heather Leverett** traveled to Vietnam. **Nick Eoff, Angie Lane, and kids** visited Washington DC. **Lori Kennedy and Joe Muscara** had a great time in New Orleans. It was California for **Gina Greenslate. John and Cindy Bartos** enjoyed Sabal Palm Sanctuary Park near Brownsville between the wall and the border.

**Caroline Stender** toured Barcelona while the **Dilley clan** visited Paris and London. The **Carlins** has a busy trip touring Montserrat, Spain, Amsterdam, and Paris! **The Salches** enjoyed extended family time in Galveston.

It was Belize for the **Taylor family**. And following Carl's retirement, **Leslie Ryan and Carl Waters** also vacationed in Belize. **Angela Weltin** stood at the Equator. **Heather Anderson McKeown** enjoyed biking Walnut Creek Trails on her own. The **Odinot family** had a fun New Year's Day full of snow and skiing in Steamboat Springs Co.

**Caroline McLean and daughter Lucy** had a few fun days celebrating the last of Christmas 2019 with 3 musicals. **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** hosted a proper Tea Party for their Girl Scout troop of adult scouts with exceptionalities. **Cat and Jason Theriot** enjoyed a fabulous time in New Orleans at the BCS game and most especially to see the win for their team... Geaux Tigers !

**Special Thoughts** for the family of **Jim Willburn** on his passing at the end of November. Jim assisted in *Gazette* delivery and was also section 3 coordinator. Added thoughts for **Brenda and Ed de Alba** in the recent loss of their beautiful sweet kitty, Taz.

*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).*



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## Kindness – Are You Ready for the Challenge?

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

Did you know that there is an annual Kindness Week? While some of us may find it a challenge to find kindness in our heart sometimes, practicing kindness with intention can help make kindness a habit that becomes automatic! Recent research demonstrates that kindness benefits our physical and mental health, and that recognizing kindness in others increases a person's happiness and satisfaction. But just as solving a calculus problem requires advanced math skills, the challenges of daily life require advanced kindness skills. By focusing on kindness and being intentional in our personal interactions, we can improve our ability to connect. <https://bensbells.org/>

At Garden Oaks, our Montessori curriculum includes grace and courtesy that are the foundations of classroom interactions. In fact, each classroom has a Peace Table where students are encouraged to talk about differences of opinion that may arise and find solutions to their disagreements.

This year the national kindness challenge is the week of January 27 – 31, 2020. During the week, you can find daily challenges to show kindness to others at <https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/>.

In case you miss Kindness week, you can celebrate Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week starting on February 11th and ending with RAK Day on February 17th. In preparation for this, we will have many "challenges" ahead to help our students focus on the positive and show their appreciation for others. We will also be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week (Feb 18 – 22) at school! If you are interested in implementing RAK, here is a list for you to complete either individually, or as a family. Check off each one when you complete the challenge. Add your own items to the list and challenge others to do the same!

- Help a neighbor by rolling in their trash bin.
- Bake cookies and take them to a neighbor.
- FaceTime with a family member you haven't seen for awhile.
- Write a letter and include artwork and send it to a friend or family member.
- Offer to hold the door open for someone at the store.
- Return your shopping cart to the store.
- Pick up trash.
- Pay for someone behind you in line.
- Write a supportive note and put it in your child's backpack/jacket pocket/lunch.
- Tell someone what you admire about them.
- **Smile!**

Go to this website to find ideas to use at home: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/> and specifically, check out this kindness video: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-videos/19-kindness-can-be-the-norm>

Be nice. It's just as easy as the other options.



# Beautification Swings into the New Year

*Tonya Knauth, Civic Club President*

## Volunteers and Donors Make it Happen

Two of our pocket parks were the recipients of new swings in December, thanks to donors and volunteers who collectively donated over \$1250 and several hours of their time.



Santa Patrick Kelley donated the swing for Gazebo Park (Sue Barnett/42nd/Lamonte).



Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold donated the swing for Triangle Park (Azalea @ Alba).

Other contributors include Robyn & Bruce Bailey (\$225) and the Knauth Family (\$60).

The swings were assembled and installed by Joan Harmon, Teresa Coleman, and Ed de Alba. Special thanks go to Tina Nieto (Triangle Park captain) and Pam Parks (acting Gazebo Park captain) who organized the jobs.

Note that we are actively seeking park leaders — currently open Park Captain roles are for Gazebo Park, the Garden Oaks Boulevard Esplanade, Durham Wedge, and Randall Berm. Please contact Tonya Knauth if interested at [president@gardenoaks.org](mailto:president@gardenoaks.org).

There is also still a need for funds to cover construction costs for the new swing frame in Triangle park. If you would like to contribute to this effort, or to any other beautification projects, head over to [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org), take the link to "Civic Memberships" under \$Pay, then scroll down to Beautification and enter the amount you'd like to contribute. We promise that every dollar received will be used to beautify the neighborhood.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Community Household Membership **\$100**

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL**

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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Adam Pryor, Secretary*

January 7, 2020

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

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting was streamed via Facebook Live to the Houston\_GO Facebook group for those who could not attend in person.

## Business Meeting

Guest speaker and neighbor Shana Tatum, RD gave a talk around mindful eating and the nine types of hunger.

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

## President's Announcements

Incoming President Tonya Knauth welcomed all new visitors and members and thanked the outgoing officers for their service and continued engagement.

## Treasurer's Report

Teresa Coleman presented the current financials and noted that both the Civic Club and Constable program revenue through the end of 2019 were better than expected. It was noted that the 2020 budget approved in December is still projected as a deficit and she stressed the importance of increasing both membership enrollment and monetary contributions.

## Committee Reports

**Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes reported donations to date of \$48,920, not including Wine Walk funds. The new constable contracts were signed and will be filed with the county. With each deputy contract costing \$83,000, additional funds are still needed so please consider contributing to help get that red to rise! Anyone who has paid their dues by February 1 will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 restaurant gift card.

She highlighted the recent outstanding work performed by the constables, namely two bicycles being recovered

and the apprehension of a flasher in the Heights.

The \$25,000 donation promised by Gulf Coast Commercial Group remains outstanding and Terry will continue to follow up.

2020 Constable Supporter sign stickers are now available for current contributors. If your sign is damaged, email [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) to receive a replacement.

She also requested assistance in putting back up the Garden Oaks signs that were knocked down in the storm last year. If you can help, please contact Terry.

**Beautification:** Joan Harmon reported that swings were installed at both Gazebo and Triangle parks. Discussions around turning the berm on 30th Street into a grassland were mentioned; however it is still in the budgeting phase.

Tonya expressed the desire to return to a Park Captain model where Garden Oaks community green spaces are led by volunteers. If you are interested in championing a park/community space, please contact Joan.

**Garden Oaks.org Website:** Pam Parks reported that a short survey is currently posted on [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) to solicit feedback from neighborhood residents. If you have not yet taken the survey, please do so as this will help the Civic Club better serve the neighborhood. Results will be posted on [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) once the survey is closed.

A website redesign is currently under development, including a new webpage highlighting the Garden Oaks green spaces.

**Citizen Patrol:** No report; however volunteers are still needed.

**Membership:** Brenda De Alba (standing in for Dian Austin) reported 151 members of the Civic Club and 176 Constable program supporters so far for 2020.

A plan to increase business memberships and a new resident postcard are both currently being developed. If businesses are interested in sponsoring a gift card to be given away at monthly meetings, please email [membership@gardenoaks.org](mailto:membership@gardenoaks.org). This month's gift card was generously donated by Dylan Kincaid with Stone's Throw Realty.



GOCC Membership and Beautification committees will be jointly hosting a table monthly at the Farmer's Market on Wakefield. Additional volunteers are needed to help man the table. Contact Dian if interested.

**GO Gazette:** Lori Kennedy (standing in for Joe Muscara) reiterated that the deadline for all *Gazette* articles is the 15th of the preceding month.

A new delivery captain is needed for Section 3. If interested, please contact Lori.

**Government Affairs / GO CIP:** Tonya Knauth reported that a link will be added to the website for each of our local elected representatives.

Discussions around the drainage project are still ongoing, with no new update. Golf/Garden Oaks West project is slated to begin in Fall 2020 and should last two years.

**Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet:** Dr. Pollock reported that applications are still open for Phase 2 via the website. If you have applied and would like a tour, the next tour is January 19th at 9 am. An applicant information session will follow that evening at 6 pm. No RSVP needed for either event.

The school is currently selling mattresses as a fundraiser and interested neighbors should visit the school on January 29th to see the "showroom."

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Brenda De Alba announced the Harris County Master Gardener Fruit Tree Sale will be January 25 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Richard and Meg Weekly Park. Visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/event/2019-fruit-tree-sale/> for more details.

Luis LaRotta addressed the Civic Club to remind everyone of the Special Election Runoff for Texas State Representative – District 148 taking place at the end of January. Early voting is January 21 – 24 with standard voting on January 28.

Attendees enjoyed pizza generously donated by Brother's Pizzeria.

The next GOCC meeting will be held February 4 at 7 pm, at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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# Citizen Patrol Program

*Mark Saranie, Committee Chair*

Where did January go?

Crime in the neighborhood was down in December, with four reported incidents. However, criminal activity in the areas around Garden Oaks is increasing. The best preventative is to eliminate the opportunity. There were two reported vehicle break ins. It is amazing to walk by parked vehicles and see all the tempting stuff left in plain sight. It doesn't take an opportunist much to bust a car window and help themselves.

I have noticed an uptick of camera door bells and security cameras on my Gazette delivery route, so I imagine that the trend carries for the entire neighborhood. I think these are great deterrents. I certainly like having one at my front door.

As always, more patrollers are needed so that we can canvass our oasis more frequently. Download the form at [https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/images/vip\\_app.pdf](https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/images/vip_app.pdf) or at our [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) website, under Security. Scan and email to me your completed form to

[gocop@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gocop@gardenoaks.org) and I will forward to the coordinating officer. You must reside in Garden Oaks, be at least 18 years old and pass a background check.

Certifications and recertifications are planned to be held every other month. The next class is scheduled for this coming March 3rd, 6 pm, at the North Division, 9455 West Montgomery, Houston, TX 77088

Twelve reported patrol hours for December.

## December reported crime stats

### *Property Crime*

12/1/2019 - 11 pm – 800 block W. 41st (Damage/vandalism)

### *Breaking and Entering*

12/17/2019 - 12 pm – 800 block W. 30th

### *Theft from Vehicle*

12/27/2019 - 1 am – 700 block W. 43rd

12/27/2019 - 1 pm – 1300 block Sue Barnett



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## 2020 Harris County Master Gardeners Plant Sales

### West Harris County Sales (Formerly Bear Creek)

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### 2020 Spring Tomato, Pepper, Herb, Vegetable & Perennial Sale

March 7th 2020

Tomato, pepper, herb, and vegetable varieties suited to our spring and summer growing season. We will also have landscape plants, perennials, and roses, also suited to our region.

### Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show at The Berry Center

March 21st 2020

Berry Center of Northwest Houston  
8877 Barker Cypress Road  
Cypress 77433

Hardy perennials, fruit trees, and garden vegetables available.

### Genoa Friendship Gardens Sales

Campbell Hall  
Pasadena Fairgrounds  
7601 Red Bluff Rd  
Pasadena, TX 77505

### Fruit Tree, Tomato Sale

February 22nd, 2020

Citrus, apples, peaches, pears, berries, figs, avocados, and tomatoes suitable for our area.

### Spring Sale – Perennials, Herbs & Peppers

March 21st, 2020

Perennials, peppers, vegetables, and herbs suited to our spring and summer growing season.

## Constable Statistics December 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 – 4	Special Assignment – 5
Burglary Motor Vehicle – 3	Suspicious Person/ Vehicle – 9
Check Park/School – 3	Theft Other – 2
Contract Check – 58	Traffic Hazard – 2
Disturbance Loud Noise – 1	Traffic Stops – 1
Follow Up – 2	Vacation Watch – 54
Information Call – 2	Welfare Check – 1
Meet the Citizen – 21	Writ – 3
Open Door/Window – 1	
Solicitors – 1	

## Harris County Master Gardener Green Thumb Free Lecture Series for 2020

Please add these dates to your calendar! Each month will bring a new topic with experts who understand the material and can answer your questions.

Spring Branch Memorial Library – 930 Corbindale, 77024,  
713-646-1633

Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- February – Spring Vegetable Gardening
- March 17 – Herbs
- April 21 – Soils and Composting
- May 19– Succulents
- June 16 – Lawns and Alternatives
- July 21 – Fall Vegetables
- August 18 – Container and Small Space Gardening
- September 15 – Roses: Planting and Care
- October 20 – Trees: Planting and Care (includes fruit trees)





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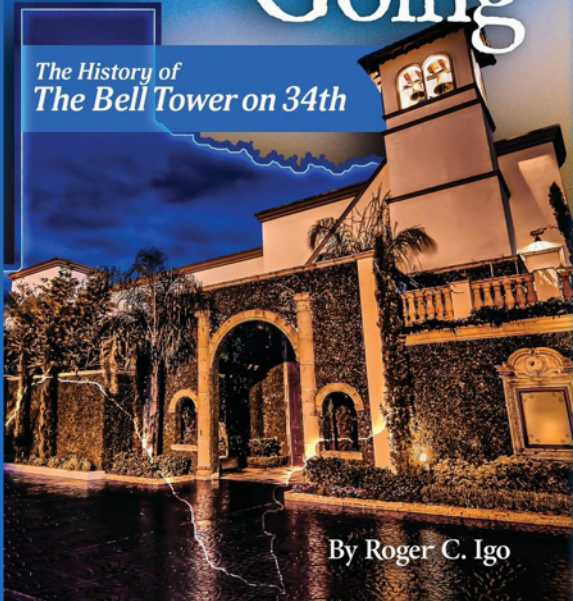
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# Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

For many years now folks have been telling me that I don't charge enough for what I feed them. My usual response is "I'm a capitalist, not a pirate." However, market forces cannot be ignored forever, as the prices of most everything I use have increased over the last eight years. Our local tortilleria has been torn down to build a huge apartment complex. The orange juice I serve has increased by two dollars a half gallon, not to mention the price of eggs. By the way, I don't think Farmer Cathy has raised the price of her eggs in at least five years. It's really hard for her to charge more when she has to compete with the cheater, cheater, pumpkin eaters who repackage commercial eggs, or if they do have their own hens, they're not truly pastured.

All that being said, I've decided to finally institute a small price increase beginning the first weekend in February. My tacos will go for \$2.50 a piece, while omelets will sell for \$6.00, and orange juice will go to a \$1.25 a cup. I'll update my menu board and start putting it back out to avoid any confusion. I'll also put out a bowl of quarters to

make my honor system of making your own change easier.

In other Farm Stand news, there should be baby goats born sometime soon which means they most likely will make a guest appearance this month if not the next; that's always a popular event. I'm also working on a plan to bring pastured meat back to the market and possibly a raw milk buying club. I'll have to check into the legality of that last part. I know it's now allowed, but I'm not sure if we can have the drop at our farmers market. And hopefully Gus and company will have bounced back from all of his health and farming woes. And Karen should be back with all of her sweet goodness.

As always, "come soon, come often, and bring your neighbors."

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# The Spring Check: Spring Cleaning for Your A/C

*Mitch Weigand*

Now is the perfect time to arrange for the annual Spring check for your A/C system. Think of it as a necessary task on your spring cleaning list!

## Pump it up!

During the Spring check, inspecting your system's freon level and adding some as needed is the most important step. Being just one pound low of freon can increase your monthly electrical bill by nearly \$50! While replacing lost freon and repairing the leak that caused it will cost around \$200-\$350, it's sure a lot cheaper than replacing a burned-out compressor at \$3,000 or more.

## What else is done during the Spring check?

### Outside

- Check start capacitor and potential relay.
- Check compressor contactor.
- Check all wiring and connections.
- Check condensing coils.

### Inside

- Check voltage and amperage to all motors with meters.
- Check air temperature drop across the evaporator coil.
- Check secondary drain pan.
- Lubricate all moving parts.
- Check and adjust thermostat.
- Check filters.

*Mitch is the owner of Air Wise™*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better man. — Benjamin Franklin	27	28	29	30	31	1 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Civic Club Meeting 7 PM GO Montessori	5	6	7	8 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
9	10	11	12 GOCC Meet and Greet 5:30 - 7:30 pm Wakefield Crowbar 954 Wakefield	13 Garden Club Meeting 7 PM Kroger Upstairs Meeting Room 1352 W 43rd	14 Valentine's Day	15 Gazette Article Deadline Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield
23	24	25 Fat Tuesday	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29 Farm Stand 9 AM - 1 PM 949 Wakefield

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