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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## The 2019-20 school year was “crowned” by a virus!

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

**Cabin fever a real thing!**

**Online learning adventures**

**Virtual parent/teacher conferences**

**Individual learning from home**

**Devouring the contents of our pantry**

**19** ways to extend learning at home (thanks to parents/staff/teachers for sharing):

1. Build a tower of Wheat Thins or any other square cracker, boxes from the pantry, or anything at all.
2. Organize the spice cabinet alphabetically.
3. Check expiration dates on everything in the house! Create a timeline from oldest to future dates!
4. Plant a garden.
5. Check on an elderly neighbor – deliver groceries and toilet paper.
6. Catch up on thank you notes.
7. FaceTime everyone on your contact list – do interviews for class project.
8. Do research, including parents' yearbooks!
9. Have a Celebration of Life (this is a birthday party) on Microsoft Teams.
10. Organize a birthday car parade past a friend's house.
11. **Read, Read, Read** with Dr. Pollock's daily storytime.
12. Listen to audio book study – How to Talk so Kids can Learn at Home and in School (takes on a whole new meaning).
13. Make home chores now a part of the school day – practical life!
14. Let your daily walk become your new Physical Education class.
15. Organize family photos and scrapbooking projects.
16. Collect change in the family money jar for each time someone says “I'm bored.”
17. Stay positive with online kids' yoga and mindfulness meditations.
18. Make lists of all the things for which we are grateful and post them all over the house (after correcting them for spelling).
19. Draw, sing, and play together – time we will remember and cherish forever!

**Thank you** to our Garden Oaks Community for working together to make sure learning and adventure continue even through these incredible times!

All Garden Oaks Civic Club activities are on hold.

Please keep an eye on social media channels and future *Gazettes* for updates. We won't be doing anything until Stay Home and Social Distancing orders are lifted. Neither should you.

# Constable Statistics

## March 2020

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.

The Captain advises that our deputies are following CDC guidelines and social distancing on the street as well as in the office environment. The deputies are equipped with PPE so you may see them wearing masks. They need to avoid exposure and then a forced 14 day quarantine. Please help keep our deputies safe.

Alarm Calls – 2	Road Rage – 1
Burglary Motor Vehicle – 1	Solicitors – 1
Check Park/ Public Infrastructure – 9	Special Assignment – 3
Check Business/Church – 3	Suspicious Person/ Vehicle – 15
Contract Check – 150	Theft Other – 2
Criminal Mischief – 1	Traffic Stops – 4
Follow Up – 2	Vacation Watch – 54
Information Call – 5	Vehicle Speeding – 1
In Progress – Life in Danger – 1	Welfare Check – 4
Meet the Citizen – 35	Writ – 1
Meet the Officer – 2	

### 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. Civic Club Meetings are being streamed live on this page every month and are available for later viewing as well.)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/35914307130/>

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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.

4252 Apollo	1035 Lamonte	1054 Lamonte	1090 Lamonte
713 Sue Barnett	802 West 32nd	431 West 33rd	819 West 43rd
951 West 42nd			

## Happy Birthday

Cheryl McCosh 1st	Brad Hem 2nd	Christopher Knauth 5th
Linda Sparks 8th	Ryan W. 9th	Jenny Odinet 14th
Victor Seghers 20th	Riley T. 22nd	Amelie P. 24th
Lauren S. 24th	Shannon Miller 31st	Rowan S. 31st

## Happy Anniversary

Victor and Deb Seghers 3rd  
Jason and Alisha Cunningham 16th

## Out and About

**Emily Roberts and dad Marc Roberts** took a three day canoe trip through the Santa Elena Canyon down the Rio Grande River. **Thomas O.** had a special birthday parade including an art car, and lots of neighbors biking and rolling by in cars; it was a great way to celebrate with social distancing observed.

**Cat and Jason Theriot** were both featured in a recent *Leader* article on working from home during the pandemic; **Terry Jeanes** was also quoted.

**Tonya Knauth** was featured in an article on all the changes during the pandemic.

**The Sherbers** enjoyed a little getaway to their relaxation spot, Kickapoo Creek. **Alex F.'s** Ninja Team made a great video for Covid 19 entertainment. There was a special appreciation send off for GO resident **Sherry Chavez**, a nurse at the Methodist hospital system. In attendance cheering loudly were organizers **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold**, along with neighbors **Jeff and Gaylynn Martin, Shelley Kennedy, Norma Serrato, Caroline Stender, Cindy Bartos** along with **Constable Torres**. The event was also featured on ABC13 news.

## Welcome to new 4 legged Garden Oaks residents

Dr. Daisy Dilley joined the **Dilley household** coming from College Station area. Dixie joined the **Odinet family**, coming from Ft. Worth. The **Slovak household** welcomed a new fur baby as well.

*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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# Constable Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

Keeping our Constables here in Garden Oaks ... Let's Get the Red to Rise!

With more folks now home during the pandemic, burglaries of homes are down. Yet the bad guys are still there, as break-ins of vehicles and the recent robbery at gunpoint of a nearby Oak Forest lawn crew highlight. Should economic conditions worsen, crime may increase as a way for some unsavory characters to make ends meet. So let's keep our deputies on our Garden Oaks streets — **let's get the red to rise!!!** Just like the deputies in our community, each of you can make a difference. Pay your supporter dues now if you haven't already. The requested \$250 minimum annual donation includes your own GO Constable Supporter sign.

Thank you to the 282 contributors as of April 2, 2020. The current Constable Program Supporter list is updated monthly and is available at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

Due to the very short GOCC meeting in April because of social distancing requirements, the April \$100 gift card drawing was postponed. Stay tuned to social media pages and to the next *Gazette* for the winner who will be drawn the 1st week in May. All who contribute at least the requested \$250 annually will be eligible for the \$100 gift certificate to *Laurenzo's*, *Tony Mandola's*, or *El Tiempo*. It's not too late to contribute and to get into the drawing!

***Pay your dues today. Why wait until you become a crime victim before contributing?***

Become a **Constable Program Supporter**: <https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc-home/payments/go-constable/>

**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/>

## Emergency Numbers

Crimes in progress, fire, or ambulance	911
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Precinct One Constable Dispatch	713-755-7628
All Other City Services	311



# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Adam Pryor, Secretary*

April 7, 2020

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

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the parking lot of GOMM due to COVID-19 closure.

## Business Meeting

**New Business:** Tonya asked for any new business/motions from the floor and received none. Tonya put forth a motion to suspend all regular Civic Club meetings while government orders are in place to remain home and not congregate in groups larger than 10 people. It was noted that includes April, likely May, and potentially longer. The motion was seconded; the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

The next GOCC meeting will be communicated to Civic Club members when the government orders have been lifted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.



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# Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

So if April showers bring May flowers, then the April corona virus shutdown has brought us a new re-imagined market. Like most happy accidents, it started out of necessity and the need to pare down the market to its most essential elements as per the ruling from the city and county officials to ensure safe distancing. As a result, we experienced higher foot traffic and sales for Farmer Cathy, myself, and our newest vendor, Hugo of Cake and Bacon. Hugo is a delightful personality in himself. Now granted, the first week was driven mainly by the fact that through panic-buying at the grocery stores you couldn't find eggs anywhere in the city. We saw faces we've never seen before and they've continued to come back each Saturday.

As I wrote in last month's article, the market was started out of the need for our farmers and ranchers to have a place to sell their wares and everything else was window dressing. What I came to realize pretty quickly was that Farmer Cathy is and always has been a one-stop shop for

all the items some other vendors offered. She makes soap and cheese from her own goats' milk, jams and jellies from fruit from her farm, and with the addition of olive oil and honey from farms she partnered with long ago, "Bob's your Uncle."

Hugo, on the other hand, with his wonderful breads and pastries, brings everything we lost with the departure of Marguerite and Karen. Hopefully by the time y'all read this we will be transitioning back to something that resembles normal life or some sort of new normalcy. With a little luck and prodding we will have brought back Black Hill Family Farms with pastured meats and perhaps prepared foods from Quick 'N Easy Indian Foods, along with local urban farmers Verdegreens, with their hydroponic lettuces and such. That should about round out the market's offerings, along with the rotating booth for the Master Gardeners, Garden Oaks Civic Club, and maybe even our neighbors to the west, the Oak Forest Civic Club.

So as always, "Come soon, come often, and enjoy your new neighborhood market."

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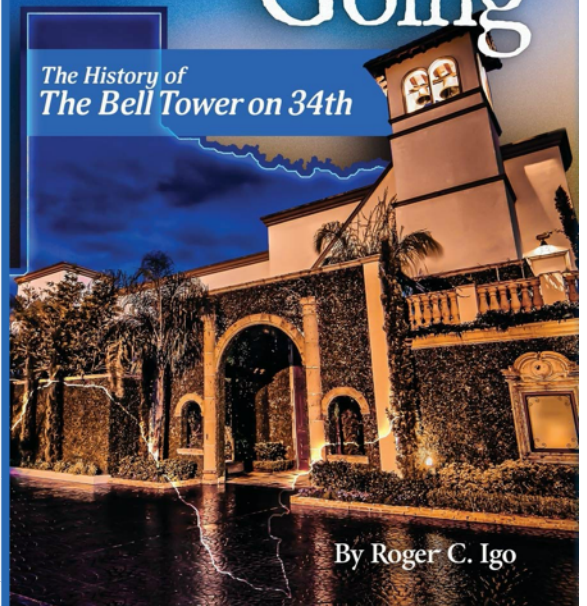


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# How Effective is your A/C's Air Filter ?

*Mitch Weigand*

I'm writing this column while we are all safe distancing and doing stay-at-home protocols. With the concerns over the corona virus, I've had people ask about home A/C filters. Can they prevent the spread of viruses and bacteria? I'm afraid not.

While viruses and bacteria are too small for them to capture, these filters are quite capable of eliminating large particulates such as pollen, pet dander, and dust.

### Change your A/C system's air filter once a month

This will maintain your home's indoor air quality, lower your utility bill, and lengthen the life of your system. To remember to do this, try linking it with another monthly action. For example, when you pay the utility bill, replace the air filter.

### Choose your A/C filter carefully

*Paper/fibrous material air filters:* These are the filters you know best. Constructed of heavyweight paper with fiberglass interiors, they can be





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purchased anywhere. I recommend the mid-range filters, costing around \$3.00 apiece. They have loose — not tight — pleating, collect a variety of airborne particles, and still allow good air flow.

In this category, there are some air filters that have thick, very tightly pleated media, costing about \$17.00 each. Do not use these! Proper air flow is absolutely essential for your A/C system. These filters severely restrict air flow that can cause problems including diminished efficiency, higher utility bills, and shorter compressor life.

*Electrostatic air filters:* These are commonly found in both free-standing room units or incorporated within a central AC system. They come with one-inch thick, washable air filters. Yes, you can wash them but these filters will never become completely free of debris. Long-term usage and repeated partial cleanings result in a clogged filter that prevents needed air flow. Don't use them either. These are actually the worst offenders!

*Electronic air filters:* With electronic filtering, the air-borne contaminants receive a physical charge and are removed by being attracted to the opposite charge within a contained system. The collected dust and particles must

still be removed, and some designs include canisters that are emptied and cleaned. This can be done during spring and fall A/C check-ups. Electronic air filters are okay but they're not my favorite.

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3	4	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	6	7	8	9 <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
10 <b>Mother's Day</b>	11	12	13	14	15 <b>Gazette Article Deadline</b>	16 <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Eid al-Fitr</b> <b>Farm Stand</b> 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
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