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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

President's Letter

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President

Have you ever enjoyed Gazebo Park? Lately, it has been a cool respite for many on a walk or a bike ride. On a drive into the neighborhood, it's a welcome green space to remind you that you are home in Garden Oaks. At Christmas time, it becomes a festive place where children meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, and everyone can enjoy a cookie and fellowship.

Triangle Park. The Art Park. Garden Oaks Boulevard. The Durham Berm. The Rose Garden.

How about the Garden Oaks *Gazette*? You're reading it now.

When there are City and County projects that affect us – who do you count on for advocacy and accurate information?

You've likely guessed where I'm headed. These, and many more, are **good things provided to you by the Garden Oaks Civic Club.**

I love this neighborhood, and I do my best to always be positive. But I won't sugar-coat the next part. GOCC is a voluntary organization that cannot effectively continue without more help. We need more people to show up to volunteer, and we need more funding. **This is a call to action for funding through membership dues.**

Membership dues are the main source of funding for GOCC, and membership is voluntary. We have about 1400 homes in Garden Oaks, but only 262 paid members of the Civic Club. **Less than 20% of us fund the programs that benefit all of us.**

GOCC exists to promote the "civic and social welfare of the residents of Garden Oaks . . . fostering neighborhood unity, and assisting in activities that benefit and promote the residential character of the neighborhood." **I'm proud to participate in that mission.**

Current financials are in the back of this issue. Although we approved a deficit budget at the beginning of the year, due to fiscal responsibility and some extra Beautification donations, we are still in the black. We did, however, have to make the hard decision to cut one Constable patrol. We will lose anticipated revenue of about \$40,000 from the cancellation of the Wine Walk this year, and those funds support the Constable Program.

We did an online survey early in the year, and have done our best, even with COVID constraints, to focus on the things you told us are important – beautification, the *Gazette*, and the constable program. We will make the survey an annual item going forward.

We will have virtual meetings through 2020, and hope to return in-person in 2021, with plans for continued focus on those things that benefit all of us. **Your membership gets you a vote on all Civic Club business and meaningful participation in your community.**

So do your part — join the Civic Club for 2021!

This year we have simplified and streamlined the membership process. We have not raised dues. We have done everything we can to make it easy. Thanks in advance, and we look forward to seeing you around.

And if you're looking for a way to volunteer right now – we need Park Captains for the Art Park and the Randall Berm. See pages 8 and 9 for more information.

November Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 7 pm

More details about the next virtual Civic Club Meeting will be published in the November *Gazette* and online at gardenoaks.org

Constable Statistics

August 2020

Data are provided monthly for the contract with the Harris County Precinct One Constable deputy who patrols Garden Oaks. The number of responses is shown for each category.

Our deputies are following CDC guidelines and social distancing on the street as well as in the office. 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.

Accident Minor – 1

Alarm – 3

Check Park/School/Business/Church – 19

Contract Check – 30

Disturbance Other/Loud Noise – 3

Information Call – 4

Meet the Citizen – 31

Meet the Officer – 2

Solicitors – 1

Special Assignment – 1

Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 6

Terroristic Threat – 1

Theft Other – 2

Traffic Stop – 1

Vacation Watch – 13

Vehicle Speeding – 1

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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

As of this writing there is no formal plan for a National Night Out on Tuesday October 6, with no notice from county and city law enforcement. Stay tuned to social media such as Garden Oaks' Facebook Pages for any updated information. Be safe neighbors. Stay alert. Exchange phone numbers. Please consider supporting not only the Constable Program but Garden Oaks Civic Club as well.

Constable Supporter Sign Coordinator/Installer Wanted: Job Description – deliver/install the GO Constable Supporter Signs at area homes when advised and take care of sticker installation on existing signs for those who renew. This is a volunteer position to be done on your time schedule. If interested, please contact constable@gardenoaks.org. A special thank you to Dian Austin who has been handling this.

October marks the beginning of our drive for funds for our 2021 contract year.

The 2020 Constable dues program brought in about \$85000 paid by neighbors.

A new combined Constable and Civic Club Form has been designed and streamlined. See the form in this *Gazette*.

The Constable Program is a program supported by volunteer payments. We need the support of as many households as possible. Fully paid supporter dues are \$250 for the year. Volunteer contributions are more important than ever because in previous years we held the big Garden Oaks Wine Walk fundraiser in October, but due to Covid concerns, this year's event is cancelled.

As of September 1, we have 340 paid constable program supporters of \$250 or more annually. (Listing at gardenoaks.org.)

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

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/>

If you are interested in assisting with some alternate smaller scale fundraising options for the Constable Program, please email Constable@gardenoaks.org.



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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Adam Pryor, Secretary

September 1, 2020

Location: Zoom Online Meeting

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID precautions.

Business Meeting

Guest speaker Alyce Coffey from the City of Houston Solid Waste Department discussed recycling. She noted that 41% of material collected in recycling bins is not recyclable. She stated that you can place plastics #1-5 and #7 in your green bin and are encouraged to include glass in your recycling bin. Do not place your recycling in any sort of bag or it cannot be recycled. Hard block styrofoam can be recycled only at the Westpark facility, but cannot go in the green bin. Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Martin reported that we had expected to run a \$12,000 deficit in 2020, but reported we are at break-even so far this year. GOCC dues are up 9%, and Beautification donations are up 500% over last year. The Constable Program dues are up more than 70% over last year, largely due to the large donation from the developer of the 3201 Shepherd development. If anyone would like copies of the current financials, email treasurer@gardenoaks.org.

Committee Reports

Constable Program: Terry Jeanes reported that National Night Out is scheduled for October 6th and asked that anyone planning to have an event to contact her to let her know. An increase will soon be forthcoming for the Constable Program cost. She also mentioned that the GOCC is currently looking for someone to distribute GO Constable Supporter signs going forward (many thanks to Dian Austin for her years of service!). Please email constable@gardenoaks.org if interested.

Beautification: Pam Parks reported that all irrigation is functioning at Gazebo Park and Friendship Garden, including automatic rain cut offs. The fundraising campaign for the Rose Garden kicked off last week and has already raised \$2,800 to date. Next up will be raising money for Garden Oaks Blvd. She noted that a tree was downed near 610 on the State of Texas property, which required contacting a state senator to be rectified. Due to the difficulty of getting this resolved, the process has been started to get the land transferred



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over to the Houston Parks department in hopes of getting more timely response in the future.

GardenOaks.org Website: Pam Parks reported that we now have automated backups for the website. She mentioned she is currently in the process of simplifying the site to better handle site upgrades.

Citizen Patrol: Mark Saranie reported recently that a virtual meeting with the HPD was conducted, renewing the permits for the Citizen Patrol. If anyone is interested in volunteering, submissions should be sent to gocop@gardenoaks.org. In response to a question about crime statistics since the beginning of the pandemic, Mark and Terry noted that statistics in our immediate area are trending down but up for surrounding businesses/areas.

Membership: Dian Austin reported that membership is up to 261 members for this year. Hard copy welcome packets are in development and will be distributed soon. A business membership is also under development. The membership form has been revised into one form for both GOCC and the Constable Program for ease of completion. The new form has been published in the September *Gazette*.

Gazette: Joe Muscara reported that the deadline for all *Gazette* articles is September 15th. Please email all submissions to gazette@gardenoaks.org. He mentioned that we are in need of a Section 3 delivery coordinator to deliver bundles to block captains. If interested, contact gazettedelivery@gardenoaks.org.

Social Media: John Alvar reminded everyone that if they have any information they would like disseminated via Facebook and/or Instagram, an email is currently being set up on gardenoaks.org. In the meantime, John can be contacted via the Houston_GO Facebook group or [@gardenoakshouston](https://www.instagram.com/gardenoakshouston) on Instagram.

Government Affairs / GO CIP: Tonya Knauth reported there will be a meeting for the Garden Oaks West drainage project on Thursday September 3rd at 5 pm. For more information, visit gardenoaks.org.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet: Tonya Knauth (standing in for Dr. Pollock) reported that HISD is all remote virtual learning for the first six weeks of the school year, and future decisions will be made in six-week increments going forward.

Old Business: None was raised.

New Business: No meeting will be held in October due to National Night Out. The next GOCC meeting will be Tuesday, November 3rd, 7 pm. Tonya also mentioned that a virtual candidate forum is in the works so stay tuned for to social media for forthcoming details!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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Back to School

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

Happy October! We are looking forward to returning to our classrooms this month! Our teachers will be returning to the campus on October 12th with a start date of October 19th for students. Our school hours remain the same – 8:30 am to 4 pm each day. While we are ready to get back to “normal” and meet at the school, many things will be different when we return.

Safety has always been our first priority and now more than ever we are preparing for a safe return to campus. Our Garden Oaks employees are receiving training on new safety and screening protocols that will include daily temperature checks before anyone enters the school each day. Additionally, visitors will have restricted access to the campus and by appointment only.

Everyone on campus will be required to wear a face covering, wash hands regularly, and will practice social distancing. We have received masks, extra hand soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant to support these hygiene practices. Additionally, HISD Facilities,

Maintenance and Operations Departments will follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to support our school.

At Garden Oaks we are fortunate to have a full-time Registered Nurse (RN) who has been developing procedures and setting up spaces to isolate a child who may become ill at school. Should there be a spike in community wide incidents, HISD will follow state and local guidelines for school closures. If there is a case at the school, HISD and parents will be notified immediately and the class or campus closed for sanitizing before anyone returns.

Parents have been asked to declare their preference for either continued online/virtual instruction or face-to-face classes. Since March, when instruction moved to online learning, HISD deployed loaner devices (iPads, ChromeBooks, and laptops) as well as hotspots to ensure that students were able to access online learning. Fortunately, the Garden Oaks PTO had recently purchased devices for the campus that we used to fill the need for students to access learning online. While our teachers have worked diligently to make learning online meaningful and engaging, we are also looking forward to returning to the campus!



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Our classrooms will look different when we return. We will be removing furniture from the rooms to ensure that our students are seated 6 feet apart and groups will be capped at about 10 students. We are working to develop schedules to accommodate the greatest number of students at one time and with the reduced group sizes, that may mean a hybrid of online learning and face-to-face and/or A and B groups on different days. All field trips and assemblies will be virtual events.

Students will be served breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the classroom for students attending face-to-face classes. Students will eat their meals in the classroom or outside (weather permitting). These configurations are in place to ensure that students remain together and are not interacting with students from other classes in order to limit potential exposure. With all of these steps in place, we are looking forward to a safe and healthy return to school!!!

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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1087 Lamonte	428 West 30th	725 West 30th
1047 West 41st	858 West 42nd	1010 West 42nd
918 West 43rd	1034 West 43rd	

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

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

Congratulations to Lucy McLean on her first solo flight, smooth take-off and landing #1. She even did another run and had to abandon her 2nd landing due to a coyote on the runway. All was a success with her family cheering her on. Kudos to **Thomas Winston** who achieved his Eagle Scout designation. It is exciting college times for freshman **Connor O’Guynn** at UT and freshman **Kate Mischlich** at Rice.

Out and About

Gina and John Greenslate had a great time on a recent road trip to MS and AL. An exciting birthday celebration was held for **Margarita Barcnas**, including a lot of neighbors and even a special adult beverage truck. It was a Girls Getaway to Canyon Lake for **Marissa Zindler, M’lissa Dilley, Cat Theriot, Alisha Cunningham, and Lauren Cracknell**. When M’lissa, Cat, and Lauren returned, there was special dinner prepared by their kids. Wow — Mommy Appreciation time! **Margarita Barcnas and Kevin Klotz** enjoyed a trip to Colorado.

Special thoughts of comfort to our neighbors who recently lost someone dear to them.

Laura and Mark Patterson, in the loss of Laura’s mother. and also **Leslie Ryan** in the loss of her cousin. For the **Greenslates**, in the loss of their 14 year old Romy.

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.

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Beautification

Pam Parks

The **Memorial Rose Garden** was a beautiful gateway into Section 1 and was used to commemorate important family events and weddings. We are hoping to bring it back to its former glory through a Beautification project funded by Garden Oaks neighbors. Actual work in the park will start with cooler weather in the fall.

Activities we want to accomplish to resurrect our beautiful rose garden, in order of importance, are

- Irrigation-related tasks: Replace the drip system in the rose bed. Install a new drip system in the Garden Oaks sign, bed, and add a 4-zone controller.
- Rose bed: Remove large ornamental grasses from existing bed, prep the bed by adding more rose soil/compost mixture, plant new roses and companion plants.
- GO Sign bed: Remove unwanted plantings and replace with Texas Superstar plants.
- Tree work: As a City Park, responsibility for tree work is shared with the neighborhood. Removal of dangerous trees is taken care of by the Parks Department. Pruning and routine maintenance of the trees is on us.

Projected Costs:

- \$1500 to purchase irrigation components, compost mixture, and new plants
- \$500 for labor
- \$1500 for tree pruning

Rose Garden Captains, Sheila Briones and Brenda De Alba kicked off their fundraising August 28 and reached their target within a week. The generosity of Section 1 owners has provided enough cushion to allow tree pruning of the mature pines and oaks on the park and repairs to the entrance sign. The current project echoes an effort 20 years ago involving some of the same volunteers. See the 1999 Leader article (courtesy of the Leader)!



The Memorial Rose Garden project utilized a newly compiled emailing list and targeted Section 1 owners. The success of this campaign was a welcome surprise and has made it possible to include some tree work and repair of the entrance sign in the project.

Our volunteers will be very active in the month of October with over a half dozen Work Days booked or in planning stages.

- Garden Oaks Boulevard and the Berm (Durham/W 30th) plan for Oct 3 or Oct 10.
- The Rose Garden (W 34th/Lawrence) project has scheduled installation of the new plantings for Oct 17.
- Gazebo Park (Sue Barnett/W 42nd) has two work weekends, Oct 17 and 24.
- W 43rd Esplanade will see a work day Oct 17.

Park Captains Still Needed!

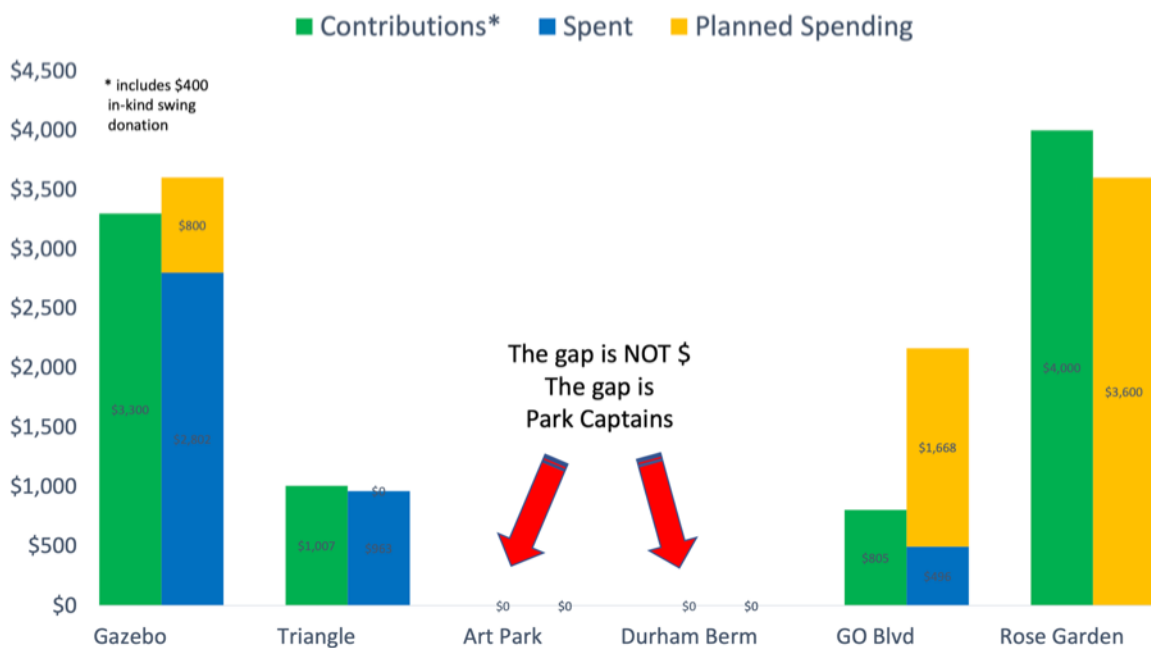
Tonya Knauth, GOCC President

Park Captains have been very successful in 2020, with beautiful benefits for our neighborhood. If you are looking for a way to help, there are still two captain positions available. As we go into autumn, it's time to get out and weed, plant, and mulch. You can do as much as you are able. Volunteer days are scheduled, and fundraising for individual park projects is going strong. Join us!

Volunteers wishing to pitch in on work projects in the parks are invited to contact Pam at beautification@gardenoaks.org.

Donors wishing to contribute to the Park Projects are urged to Pick a (Pocket) Park on this page: <https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc-home/payments/beautification-projects/>. GO Blvd and Gazebo Park are currently seeking funding. We also have a general Beautification Fund which is used for purchase and spreading of mulch/compost in all of our parks, plant replacements, and equipment replacement and repairs. Mowing and water for our parks is funded separately with GOCC general funds.

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Girl Scout Gold Award and Gazebo Park

Ava Kirkpatrick

My name is Ava Kirkpatrick and I am a third-generation resident of Garden Oaks, a senior at St. Pius X High School, and a Girl Scout. As a Girl Scout, I am actively seeking my Gold Award. I have been working with Pam Parks, Garden Oaks Beautification Chair, and we have developed a Take Action Plan to update the Gazebo Park located at Sue Barnett and 42nd Street. The plan consists of cleaning and re-painting the gazebo, adding in a stone tic tac toe game, and repairing the two wooden benches to make the park more inviting for all members of our community.

We plan to begin the work on Saturday October 17 with workdays on Saturday and Sunday for the Scouts and have workdays for neighborhood volunteers on October 24 and 25.

In an effort to involve the community, we would love your support in this endeavor. Some may wish to make a financial contribution and may do so here: <https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc-home/payments/beautification-projects/> or use the scan code below. We would also very much like to have neighbors come roll up their sleeves and work with us.

Of course, it is important that we comply with the current COVID-19 social distancing standards, so all volunteers will be required to wear a mask. Volunteers will also be limited to those who have signed up in one of the available time slots to assure we are able to meet the social distancing guidelines. I am very excited to have this opportunity to incorporate the Gold Award Take Action Project into my own neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this project at Ava.Kirkpatrick@yahoo.com.



Citizen Patrol

Mark Saranie, Program Chair

Happy Halloween! I hope everyone will have a safe one. Halloween has always been my favorite event, not because of all the candy, (yeah, right), but because of the mysterious feeling, for lack of a better description.

Growing up we always came up with our costumes from things in our home. In those days (geesh I sound like an old guy) costumes were not usually found in the local drug or grocery store. Masks were plentiful, however. Of course, mom’s worry was whether or not we could see out of the eye openings. I am not aware of what types of Halloween mask safety regulations existed then, but these days changing one’s appearance is more about face paint and other makeup. And that’s a good thing since this enables trick-or- treaters to see oncoming traffic. Despite this and during a candy collecting frenzy, children will forget their parent’s warning to look before crossing the street. So, the onus is on the adults in the car.

Please be wary of little ghosts and goblins running amok.

Volunteer patrollers are always needed. Anyone interested in becoming part of our team may email me at gocop@gardenoaks.org and I will forward your information to the officer in charge of the Citizen Patrol program. He in turn will send you all the necessary forms and later advise of the meeting date. Qualifications are that you live in Garden Oaks, be at least 18 years old, and can pass a background check.

Crime reports for August 2020

August 3rd, 1 am, 400 block W 34th – Breaking and entering

August 25th, 8 am, 800 block W 43rd – Theft from Vehicle

Reported patrol hours for August – 11

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Information for Zoned to Garden Oaks Montessori Families and HISD Magnet Application Information for 2021-2022 School Year

Stephanie Dubroff-Acosta, Parent Engagement Representative, Garden Oaks Montessori

Choosing Schools

HISD School Choice Fairs for all Magnet programs will be virtual via Microsoft Teams this year, 9 am - 12 noon.

- September 19
- October 3
- October 17
- October 31

All magnet schools are represented at each fair. This is a great way to explore schools when deciding which would be a good fit for your child and determining which you would like to tour.

Tours

ALL HISD magnet schools will have Virtual tours via Microsoft Teams each Thursday, September 24 - November 5.

- Elementary and K-8 school virtual tours are at 9:00 am
- Middle & High School virtual tours are at 1:00 pm

Applications – available online at hisdchoice.com

K-12 PHASES

- **Phase 1 (September 19, 2020 – November 6, 2020)**
All qualified applications submitted during Phase I will be entered either in a lottery or will be eligible for auditions at secondary fine arts programs. Rankings can be changed up to Nov 6.
- **Phase 2 (November 7, 2020 – February 26, 2021)**
All qualified *in-district* applicants will be considered on a space-available and will be placed on the offered list after Phase II closes. (these applications are not part of the lottery)
- **Phase 3 (February 27, 2020 - Onward)**
All qualified applicants who are currently NOT in HISD or out of district will be considered on a space-available and first-come-first-served basis. Tuition is required for OOD students accepted at SUS and Specialty Schools.

PreKindergarten - all PK seats are by lottery ONLY. There is no zone for PK.

- September 19, 2020 – April 30, 2021 - Qualified in-district, TEA Eligible applications and tuition based applications received will be entered into the lottery.
- Rankings can be changed up to April 30.
- Notification day for all applications is May 20. Applications received after this date will be offered only by space available and in order of submission.
- All PK applications must include the birth certificate in the uploaded documents.
- If you qualify for the non-tuition PK program, you must upload requested documentation into the program no later than May 5, 2021. (Note, this is after the deadline of submission!)
- Tuition based applications will be considered after June 3, 2021.

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. Although your application will be in the lottery, this will reserve your seat for the upcoming school year.

There is no zone for PK in HISD.

If your child will be either 3 or 4 by September 1, 2021, and you are considering GOMM, you must complete the online application. (Please choose "Magnet/Vanguard", not "PK enrollment" for our program.)

All PK applicants, who submit the application prior to April 30, 2021 will be notified of application status via USPS mail, email and viewable online May 20, 2021 (offered or wait-listed).

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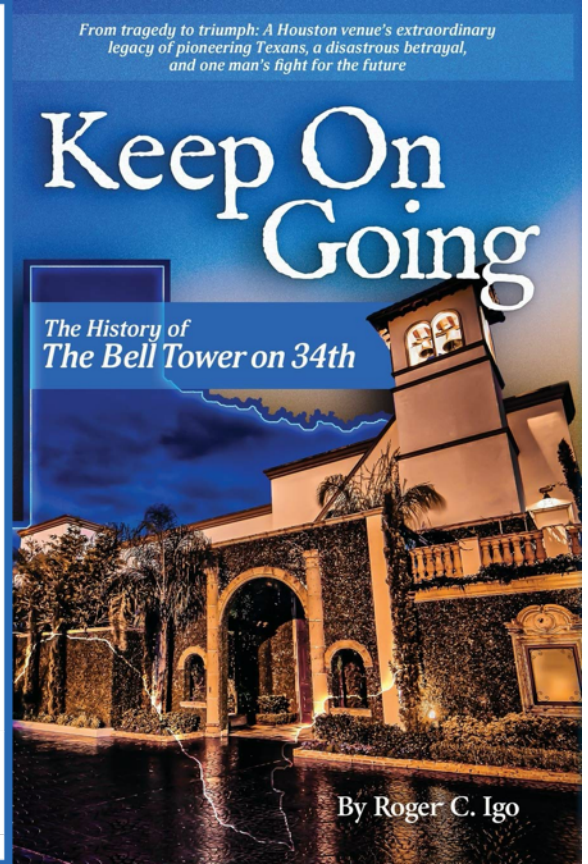
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Yippee! It's finally October with the promise of cooler weather and the beginning of the holiday season with Halloween being the opening act. Not only was this my little sister's favorite holiday, but it also means pumpkin time. We have a long tradition at the market of being your local pumpkin recycling center, when y'all are done with them. The egg producers (the hens) and the momma goats are just crazy about pumpkins. And I've been known to make some pretty tasty soups and stews out of the Cinderella ones as well. Let's face it — there's nothing quite as satisfying as a warm bowl of stew with good bread, which we have in spades thanks to Cake 'N Bacon, on a cold morning.

This also means that my building project at Farmer Cathy's place should be mostly completed with just a few odds and ends to finish as she awaits the call telling her it's time to move out of the old farm house so it can be demolished and built anew. I've worn a lot of different hats on this job, from carpenter to electrician and even lumberjack. However, it'll all be worth it in the

end and make the farm a better and smoother operation when it's all over.

Meanwhile back in the neighborhood, our little market continues to thrive thanks to y'all. We have the rotating booth of Elvira and Lene bringing different treats every other week along with our youngest entrepreneur Sophie and her delicious granola mix. Of course Mariana and Carlos with 109 Coffee continue to bring us the best single origin caffeine from small family farms in Columbia. This cuts out the big corporations and allows these folks to realize a greater price point than ever before.

I had a good conversation with Felix Flores of Cherry Block Butchers just this past weekend. They are ready to join our happy band with locally raised meats and hopefully will be on hand by the time of this writing. And with a little more luck, Mother Theresa aka Michael's mom and Monica will have returned with Russo and Sons handmade pastas and sauces. And let's not forget Manish's Quick N Easy Indian Foods to make your weekly meal plans all the easier.

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Civic Club:

\$ _____ **Basic Membership \$40** (\$20 for seniors 65+)

\$ _____ **Community Household Membership \$100**

Constable Program:

\$ _____ **Annual Constable Supporter (\$250, w/yard signage)**

\$ _____ **Additional Constable Program contribution**

Other:

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\$ _____ **Contribution to Garden Club** (maintain Friendship Park, Section 1)

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the dust burns off. The resulting burnt smell should last only a short time.

(2) Furnace overheating – There are a number of different reasons why your furnace might overheat. In particular, the blower motor can be faulty and emit a metallic burning smell. If you become aware of this odor, especially if it occurs after the first couple days of use, contact your A/C service technician so the problem can be addressed.

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**Garden Oaks Civic Club
Civic Club Balance Sheet
31-Aug-20**

	31-Aug-20	31-Aug-19
Assets		
Wells Fargo - Checking	69,615.39	67,191.38
Frost Bank - Checking	5,000.00	
Total Assets	74,615.39	67,191.38
 Liabilities & Equity		
Equity		
Retained Earnings	72,149.49	74,148.03
Net Income	2,465.90	-6,956.65
Total Liabilities & Equity	74,615.39	67,191.38

**Garden Oaks Civic Club
Constable Balance Sheet
31-Aug-20**

	31-Aug-20	31-Aug-19
Assets		
Savings	83,235.10	85,766.68
Total Assets	83,235.10	85,766.68
 Liabilities & Equity		
Equity		
Retained Earnings	92,614.69	126,703.84
Net Income	-9,379.59	-40,937.16
Total Liabilities & Equity	83,235.10	85,766.68
 Total GOCC + Constable	157,850.49	152,958.06

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**Garden Oaks Civic Club
Civic Club Income & Expense Report
January 1 to August 31, 2020**

		YTD 2020	YTD Budget	YTD 2019	Annual Budget
Income					
Civic Club	Dues	6,230.00	6,000.00	5,865.00	9,000.00
Beautification	Contributions	1,155.00	666.67	855.00	1,000.00
	Garden Oaks Blvd	455.00			
	Gazebo Park	2,600.00			
	Rose Garden	1,125.00			
	Triangle Park	1,007.00			
Garden Club	Contributions	540.00	333.33	422.00	500.00
Gazette	Revenue	12,231.00	10,666.67	9,865.00	16,000.00
Wine Walk					
Interest Income		11.28	8.00	24.78	12.00
Total Income		25,354.28	17,674.67	17,031.78	26,512.00
Expense					
Bank Fees-Wells Fargo			10.00	0.00	15.00
Beautification Improvements (non-maintenance)		3,880.40	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
	Garden Oaks Blvd	733.77		0.00	
	Gazebo Park	2,268.39		0.00	
	Community Garden	0.00		0.00	
	Friendship Park	0.00		0.00	
	Other-tennis court				
	Randall Berm	0.00		0.00	
	Rose Garden	0.00		0.00	
	Spring Fling Improvements	0.00		2,500.00	
	Triangle Park	878.24			
Beautification Maintenance		5,652.54	8,000.00	5,751.07	12,000.00
	Tree Trimming/removal				
	Community Garden	180.00		765.00	
	Friendship Park	555.00		765.00	
	Garden Oaks Blvd	2,000.00		1,360.00	
	Gazebo	1,220.00		1,020.00	
	Misc./All Parks	62.54		0.00	
	Randall Berm	720.00		1,020.00	
	Rose Garden	555.00		765.00	
	Triangle Park	360.00		56.07	
Citizen Patrol		0.00	133.33		200.00
Community Events (Grants)		50.00	333.33	50.00	500.00
Garden Club		531.46	333.33	296.46	500.00
Gazette Printing		7,864.20	10,666.67	10,776.92	16,000.00
Insurance		1,300.95	1,300.95	1,300.95	1,400.00
Meeting Expense		0.00	0.00	234.99	1,500.00
	Gift Cards	0.00	66.67	234.99	100.00
	Holiday Party	0.00	0.00		400.00
	Venue	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
Membership Expenses		106.00	0.00	92.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous - PayPal fees		449.74	300.00	225.05	450.00
	Civic Club PayPal Fees	121.65		89.07	
	Beautification Paypal fees	117.81		8.09	
	Garden PayPal fees	8.54		5.54	
	Gazette PayPal Fees	201.74		122.35	
Professional Fees		300.00	333.33	0.00	500.00
Rent	storage	1,932.00	1,932.00	1,914.00	2,000.00
Utilities		604.26	560.00	540.16	840.00
	Electricity	124.05		165.11	0.00
	Water	480.21		375.05	0.00
Web Hosting		216.83	400.00	306.83	800.00
Total Expense		22,888.38	24,302.95	23,988.43	38,705.00
Net Income		2,465.90	-6,628.28	-6,956.65	-12,193.00

Approved GOCC Budget for 2020

Income	26,512.00
Expenses	38,705.00
Net Income	(12,193.00)

Constable Income & Expense Report
January 1 to August 31, 2020

	YTD 2020	YTD Budget	YTD 2019	Annual Budget
Income				
Constable Patrol Income	75,308.00	43,333.33	48,071.00	65,000.00
Wine Walk Sponsorship 2020	0.00	15,666.67	17,480.00	40,000.00
Ticket Sales	0.00	1,000.00	1,180.00	18,000.00
Sponsors	0.00	14,666.67	16,300.00	22,000.00
Raffle/Wine Pull	0.00		0.00	
Interest	20.75	48.00	37.95	72.00
Total Income	75,328.75	59,048.00	65,588.95	105,072.00
Expenses				
Constable Patrol Expense	83,623.00	112,000.00	105,392.00	168,000.00
PayPal Fees	1,083.84	1,000.00	1,124.61	1,500.00
Constable	1,083.84	1,000.00	929.91	1,500.00
Wine Walk	0.00		194.70	
Bank Fees	1.50	0.00	9.50	0.00
Total Expenses	84,708.34	113,000.00	106,526.11	169,500.00
Net Income	-9,379.59	-53,952.00	-40,937.16	-64,428.00
Approved Constable Budget for 2020				
Income	105,072.00			
Expenses	169,500.00			
Net Income	(64,428.00)			
Combined Budget 2020				
Income			131,584.00	
Expenses			208,205.00	
Net Income			(76,621.00)	

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