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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Garden Oaks Lighted Holiday Parade - What a Night!

*Terry Jeanes, Constable Program Chair*

What a **joy filled night** for the Garden Oaks Lighted Holiday Parade featuring **Santa and Mrs. Claus**. This event was put together within less than two weeks, and the response was amazing.

Thanks to Helper Elves **Marisa Zindler, M'lissa Dilley, and Cat Theriot**. A big thanks also to participants **Pam Parks**, driving her 1970 Chevy Truck with guests **the Thomas family, Sue Shefman** and her Cheerio Hippo Art Car, a golf cart on loan from Oak Forest neighbor **Matt Mitchell**, featuring Elves M'lissa and Cat. **Missy Always** drove her 1980 Mercedes convertible featuring Mrs. Claus (aka **Tina Sabuco**), followed by Elf Marisa's jeep carrying Head Elf **Terry Jeanes** (Constable Chair) collecting toys. The final parade participant was **Heather McKeown** driving a 1957 T-Bird Convertible carrying Santa Claus (aka **Santa Patrick Kelley**).

We truly appreciate our Precinct One escorts: **Cpl. Santos Torres** (our former deputy who's retiring in January) and new deputy **Cpl. Derrick Grandstaff**. Thank you to all parade watchers along the route in lawn chairs, those standing and waving, the young and old, families on blankets in front yards, on porches, and all along the way. Even youngsters in their PJs watched from the back of SUVs and in car seats along the street side.



The Toy Contributions to Precinct One's Constable Toy Drive were over the top, and we also collected numerous checks for the GOCC and the Constable Program. Thank you for making the event memorable and so worthwhile! Here is the video link from Constable Rosen's Facebook <https://fb.watch/2pkLlcrdMw/>

### Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, January 5, 7 pm  
Meeting ID: 853 8370 1841  
Passcode: 505892

Speaker: Penny Shaw, representative-elect for Texas House District 148, will speak with us about her priorities and plans for the upcoming Texas legislative session



# Garden Oaks Civic Club Business Members

*Welcome to the following neighbors and neighborhood businesses who joined our new Business Membership Program. Thanks for your support!*

**Deanna Zugheri, Keller Williams Metropolitan**

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*For more information about how your business can join our Business Membership Program, see the following page*

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- MS Word or text document as an attachment** (not the body of the email), left justified, no headers or footers. Keep formatting to a minimum.
- Photos need to be sent separately.** You may embed photos to show where they go with the article but separate full size and resolution photos must also be provided outside of the document.
- Articles should be titled.** These can be as simple as the name of the committee or event, but a concise title should be provided for other articles.

# Civic Club Business Membership Program

*Dian Austin, Committee Chair*

To better involve our neighborhood business partners with the Garden Oaks community, the Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) has developed a Business Membership Program, starting in 2021. Neighborhood businesses are invited to join. To date, nine neighborhood businesses have joined the program.

A GOCC Business Membership will give a business owner more access and exposure to the residents who live in the Garden Oaks community. A Business Membership is \$250 annually from January to December.

Benefits include:

- A **monthly listing in the Garden Oaks Gazette** newsletter.
- A **visible listing on the gardenoaks.org website**, with a link to the Business Member's website, if desired. Members will be listed in the order in which they join, not alphabetically, so it pays to be amongst the first! Listings will be visible for the full year of membership.
- Inclusion of the Business Member's marketing materials in the GOCC hard-copy **Welcome Packets** delivered to new residents quarterly.
- Frequent mention on **social media**, including our Garden Oaks Instagram account (@gardenoakshouston). If you have a community event or celebration you'd like to promote, we'd be happy to help.
- **First-hand knowledge of upcoming neighborhood events and potential sponsorship opportunities** (ex: volunteer workdays in the pocket parks, any neighborhood fundraisers, etc.) and first dibs on any involvement therein.

The GOCC funds the beautification and maintenance of all our area greenspaces, including tree trimming, planting, mowing, weeding, mulching, and keeping the irrigation systems running. The GOCC also pays for the publication of our monthly newsletter, maintains the Garden Oaks website, and serves as a contact point for city and community affairs. Business membership funds will help the Garden Oaks Civic Club continue its community support and involvement, while also raising the profile of the various Business Members.

Business Memberships will not have voting privileges, per our by-laws, but we will encourage and welcome Business Members to attend our monthly Civic Club meetings (when we resume meetings in person). Business Members will be recognized at each meeting.

The Business Membership Form can be found at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org). If you are interested and want more info, please contact [membership@gardenoaks.org](mailto:membership@gardenoaks.org).

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# Heard Under the Oak Tree

*Terry Jeanes*

## Welcome, New Neighbors!

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## Happy Birthday

Hannah Stender – 4th    Evin Dunn – 4th    Maeve Mc. – 5th  
Mae T. – 8th    Diane Heath – 9th    Phil Ramirez - 10th  
Erik Martin 24th    Owen H. – 30th    Shellye Arnold – 30th  
Joe Muscara – 30th

Belated Birthday wishes to Jason Sherber – Dec 14th

## Happy Anniversary

Alice & Mark Sarmiento – 30th  
Bonnie & Rudy Hernandez

## Out and About

**The Winston family** enjoyed their Black Friday shopping tradition: cutting a Christmas tree at a family member's Luling tree farm. Their trip also included target shooting and picking veggies from the family garden.

**Reese S.** had success on a recent hunt with her dad.

**Rita Hartman** adopted a terrier mix, Scuffy, from Houston Pets Alive Rescue.

**Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** welcomed a new pup, Pete from Dream Dachshunds.

**Audie C.** received a 2nd visit from the tooth fairy.

**The Odinets** participated in a virtual fun run in memory of Aidan McSpadden to help raise money for BIG Love Cancer Care.

**Caroline McLean's** special package from her mom reunited her with a childhood Snoopy towel.

**Congratulations to Chris Lindsay** on her recent retirement!

*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 Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

**Welcome New Deputy Derrick Grandstaff. Supporter dues time. Help requested. Thank you Plonk!**

**Welcome to new Patrol Deputy, Corporal Derrick Grandstaff.** Cpl. Derrick started his career in Texas City in 1991. He joined Precinct 1 in 2016. His experience includes SWAT Team, licensed police instructor, code enforcement officer, as well as animal control supervisor. Additionally, he is a certified Police Bike Patrol Officer. Currently he's studying Electrical Technology, working toward his degree and electrician's license. He's completed several triathlons, is engaged and plans to marry in October 2021.

Best wishes to our former patroller, Cpl. Santos Torres, who has relocated to the Museum District until his retirement in January 2021. Both deputies, along with Cpl. Torres's wife, Anita, were with us during our first ever Garden Oaks Lighted Parade on December 10th. It was a great night for a parade, and thank you to all who donated toys for the Holiday Workshop Toy Drive for Precinct One. Thanks to those who paid their Constable Supporter and GOCC dues then too.

By now, your GOCC mailer should have arrived with the combination Civic Club dues and Constable Supporter fees form. Please return this promptly with your dues. We need you! You can also pay online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org). **As we are starting new for 2021, let's get our supporter numbers up over 400 area residents!**

**Help Wanted:** We are looking for volunteers. We have jobs that can be tailored to fit your schedule, available time, and interests. Examples: Follow up with past contributors, or coordinate Constable Program spirit nights with area establishments. If you can help, contact [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org).

**A Special Thank You** to Scott Miller, whose Plonk! Biscuit Sunday sales coupled with his own monetary donation were matched by a generous Plonk! patron resulting in a \$2000 donation to the Constable Program. Scott and Plonk! have been long time supporters of the Wine Walk, our annual Constable Program fundraiser. Remember to support them as well.

Reminder: The Constable Program is paid only by residents' contributions. There is **no mandatory fee** collected.

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

Become a Constable Program Supporter: [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org)

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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# Goodbye 2020 and Hello 2021!

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

2020 is now behind us, and what a year it was! Never, in a million years, would I have expected a year like 2020. Ironic that 2020 or 20/20, also known as synonymous for perfect sight, would feel so out-of-focus! Looking back on the things that we've encountered, it is important to acknowledge the struggles we've endured and also to review the opportunities we've had to learn new things and develop new habits.

By teaching our children the habits of gratitude and reflection on opportunities, we teach our children the importance of resilience and perseverance — characteristics that will support their long-term success and build a mindset to tackle future situations that will undoubtedly arise. Here is my list of things for which I am grateful, things that I have gleaned from 2020 and will take with me into 2021:

- Community members and neighbors willing to cut our grass, work in the Spark Park, and keep watch over our school while we were closed
- Teachers and staff willing to work night and day to create new lessons and approaches to teaching learning
- Parents and extended family who worked with us at school to keep our students on track academically and emotionally as we worked together to support our children
- Friends with whom I can "Zoom" anytime of the day or night
- Technology that keeps us connected even when we are apart
- Generosity of neighbors willing to share toilet

- paper, cleaning supplies and anything else we needed when store shelves were initially bare
- Willing hands and hearts to distribute supplies and materials to our families throughout the pandemic and who adopted our families during the holidays

Here are a few resolutions moving forward (after the pandemic is over) or goals based on lessons learned during the past year:

- I will appreciate every hug.
- I will appreciate sitting on a crowded bus, train or plane.
- I will appreciate walking into a store and passing by a person in the aisle.
- I will appreciate turning into a grocery store aisle without having to check the arrow on the floor to be sure I'm headed the right way.
- I will be sure to keep a one month's supply of cleaning supplies and toilet paper in my house at all times.
- I will maintain a fitness routine (need I say more?).
- I will appreciate each new day.
- I will tell the people I care about how much I love and appreciate them every day.

Setting realistic goals by reflecting on our past experiences helps us teach our children valuable skills, too. Children can learn that although we may not be able to control everything that happens to us and around us, we can learn from every experience. We can become better people through reflection and action to make every day better than the one before. By teaching our children these steps we can help children navigate these precarious times and provide role models of hope to inspire them in the future. As Dr. Maria Montessori stated, "What are our children seeing and hearing around them? Are we pausing to consider the soul of the child and what they are absorbing"? The legacy that we provide our children and that they will carry with them into the future is that which we co-construct with them.... *Be kind. Be grateful. Be peace.*



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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Adam Pryor, Secretary*

November 17, 2020

**Location:** Zoom Online Meeting

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID precautions.

## Business Meeting

Guest speaker Heather Cook from the City of Houston discussed Deed Restriction Enforcement. She referenced a few places to view deed restrictions: real property records maintained by the Harris County Clerk (201 Caroline St.), within documents received at closing on the sale of the property, or on the gardenoaks.org website. She also mentioned deed restrictions may only be enforced by certain entities: a property owner in the subdivision, your HOA or civic club, or the county attorney. Tonya noted that GOCC is specifically

prevented from enforcing deed restrictions by its by-laws.

Heather mentioned that for the City to investigate a potential deed restriction violation, a complaint must be filed. Complaints can be filed by calling the Deed Restriction Hotline at (832) 393-6333, emailing [drcomplaints@houstontx.gov](mailto:drcomplaints@houstontx.gov) or visiting [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov). She walked through the enforcement process in a presentation that will be shared via GOCC social media platforms.

Guest speaker Joally Canales, the community outreach liaison for the Kinder Institute, spoke about the availability of a COVID survey at [registry.rice.edu/covid19](http://registry.rice.edu/covid19) to help measure the local social and economic impact for the Greater Houston area. The link to the survey will also be posted via GOCC social media.

## Treasurer's Report

Jeff Martin reported less cash in the Constable account this year versus 2019 as a result of less donations this year compared to expenditures, while the general GOCC account is up \$4,000 over this point last year. GOCC has taken in an additional \$10,000 this year for beautification

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while Civic Club revenues remain at a similar level to last year. If anyone would like copies of the current financials, email [treasurer@gardenoaks.org](mailto:treasurer@gardenoaks.org).

### Committee Reports

**Constable Program:** Terry Jeanes reported that the 2021 fundraising campaign has begun as of October. She mentioned that 2020 individual contributions were over \$80,000. She noted that there has been an increase in crime incidents with the reduction to only one deputy, mentioning two incidents occurring last week. She also noted two children recently being hit on bicycles in recent months and is working with the Constables to examine putting in stop signs at some of those high-risk locations.

She thanked Plonk! for the drive thru Sunday Biscuit event that helped raised funds for the Constable program. She noted the need for helpers on the fundraising front and said she can work with people based on any time available and interest levels. Please email [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) if interested.

**Beautification:** Pam Parks mentioned holding several volunteer work days in the pocket parks. She noted that

the funds raised will likely not be used within the year but underscored that the funds specifically donated to certain parks will be used for those parks in 2021.

Pam motioned to spend \$350 of general beautification funds on planting wildflowers at Art Park, Esplanade on 43rd & Apollo, and at the Randall Berm. Additionally, she motioned for spending \$350 of these funds on the repair and reinstallation of a neighborhood sign downed by flooding this year. Both motions carried and passed.

**GardenOaks.org Website:** Pam Parks reported no major updates at this time.

**Citizen Patrol:** Tonya Knauth reported (on behalf of Mark Saranie) that the Citizen Patrol is still ongoing and looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering, submissions should be sent to [gocop@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gocop@gardenoaks.org).

**Membership:** Dian Austin reported the year ended with 261 Civic Club members and 245 Constable program contributors. She noted that there is now a streamlined one-page combo membership form to make the experience easier. Dian raffled a gift card to Greater Heights Brewing; congratulations to Terry Jeanes!



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**Gazette:** Joe Muscara reported that the deadline for all *Gazette* articles is Tuesday December 15th. Please email all submissions to [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org).

**Social Media:** John Alvar asked members of the Civic Club to funnel neighborhood information or events to him via the Houston\_GO Facebook group or @gardenoakshouston on Instagram. He also mentioned that a Facebook Messenger group will be set up to help better facilitate these requests.

**Government Affairs / GO CIP:** Tonya Knauth reported she attended virtual meetings on the Golf & Sue Barnett portions of the drainage project in September and October. The Golf project will go forward in Fall 2021, and the Sue Barnett project has not yet been scheduled. An additional new project has come up to resurface parts of Section 1; details are still forthcoming and can be found at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

**Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet:** Tonya Knauth (standing in for Dr. Pollock) reported that they are in the application process and deadlines are soon approaching.

**Old Business:** None was raised.

**New Business:** Tonya motioned to amend the by-laws to allow GOCC to hold valid online virtual meetings when necessary. The motion was approved. Tonya will publish the amended by-laws.

Tonya also mentioned the Officer elections will be held at the December 1 meeting. Both Jeff Martin and Adam Pryor will be stepping down. The nomination committee has nominated Beth Jackson for the position of Secretary and Paul Vincent for the position of Treasurer.

The next GOCC meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st, 7 pm to elect new officers. The 2021 budget will not be approved at the December meeting, but rather at the January meeting.

Terry Jeanes reported that December 9 & 10 is planned for the Santa & Mrs. Claus event at the Gazebo, pending the COVID situation at the time. Updates will be posted on social media so stay tuned!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.



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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Adam Pryor, Secretary*

December 1, 2020

## Location: Zoom Online Meeting

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID precautions.

## Business Meeting

Tonya announced that the resurfacing of the streets in Section 1 continues, and no end date is confirmed. A discussion was brought up about deed restrictions for the professional building lot in Section 2, noting that the deed restrictions limit what can be built on that site and that sale of alcohol on premises is not permitted. Tonya mentioned an ongoing discussion with local politicians about amending the racial language in our current deed restrictions and potential legislation to update the process. She will provide updates as available.

Terry Jeanes announced that the visit with Santa at Gazebo Park will not take place this year due to virus concerns. The Gazebo has been decorated and is available for photo opportunities! Be sure to send your photos to @gardenoakshouston so we can all enjoy! A Santa parade is currently being contemplated, so stay tuned to social media for updates.

No formal treasurer or committee reports were presented this month. The budget will be prepared for review and approval during the January meeting.

On behalf of the nomination committee, John Bartos presented the slate for officer candidates for 2021:

Tonya Knauth – President  
 Kevin David – Vice President  
 Beth Jackson – Secretary  
 Paul Vincent – Treasurer

John motioned for confirmation of those nominated, and the officers were unanimously confirmed.

Tonya thanked outgoing officers Jeff Martin and Adam Pryor for their service and dedication.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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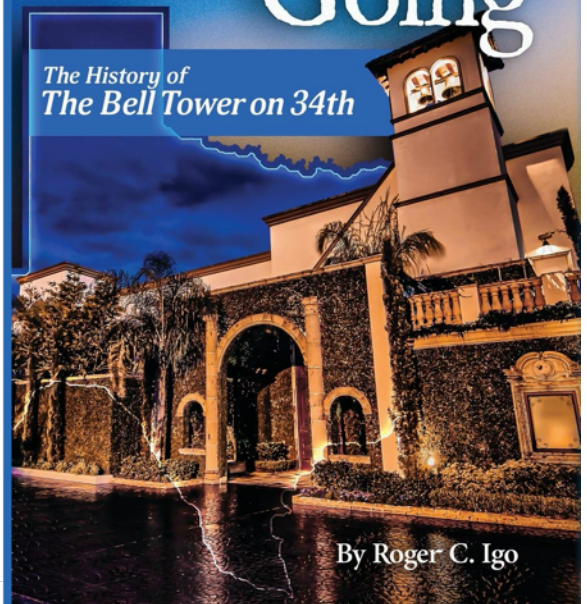


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# Citizen Patrol

*Mark Saranie, Program Chair*

Happy 2021 everyone! I hope your holidays were filled with as much joy as possible, and that the 2020 roller coaster has glided to a calm halt for all.

This is a good time to reflect on the safety of our families, our homes, etc., and how we might change some of our habits in protecting what we value. Very preventable crimes, like car break ins, are the easiest to address. Before you exit your vehicle, simply put everything out of sight, even that charging cable most of us keep plugged into the lighter plug and left in plain view. The more temptations that are out of sight, the higher the probability your vehicle will be passed by, as long as the doors are locked.

The same is true with your home. The less revealing packaging left on the side of the street and not in the recycling bin, the chance of being broken into is minimized. By the way, if you have excess recyclables, take them to the city recycling place up on N. Main just north of Crosstimbers. Just arm yourself with a recent

light bill to prove you live in the area. Happy New Year and stay safe!

Interested in being part of our Citizen Patrol crew? Email me at [gocop@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gocop@gardenoaks.org) with your name and email. This will be forwarded to the officer in charge of the program. He in turn will reach out with the application. Requirements are being 18 years old, live in Garden Oaks proper, and can pass a background check.

## November 2020 Crime Stats

7th, 6 pm, 800 block W 41st – Theft from vehicle  
 8th, 4 am, 400 block W 34th – Theft from vehicle  
 11th, 9 pm, 900 block W 41st – Robbery  
 25th, 3 pm, 1000 block Althea – Breaking and entering

## Reported patrol hours--7

### Emergency Numbers

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All Other City Services	311

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**January 13, 2021**  
**Begins at 6:30 PM via Zoom**

If you have any questions, please contact  
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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 Liaison*

## **Choosing Schools**

Please research your campus choices at [www.houstonisd.org/magnet](http://www.houstonisd.org/magnet)

**HISD Office of School Choice has one remaining Virtual Fair on February 13 for PK and K-12 schools with magnet seats still available. The Virtual Fair is online at <https://www.houstonisd.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=182880>**

- Saturday, February 13, 2021

## **Tours**

Although school tours have ended, you can still view the Garden Oaks Tour presentation at <https://youtu.be/IUPnBEgGfRQ>. You can also join the Magnet Coordinator and the Magnet Clerk Live via Microsoft Teams on Thursdays at 9am at <https://tinyurl.com/y52qp6rd>.

**Applications – available online at <https://hisdchoice.com>**

## **K-12 PHASES**

- **Phase 1 (Sept 19, 2020 – Nov 6, 2020)**  
All qualified applications submitted during Phase I will be entered in a lottery or will be eligible for auditions at secondary fine arts programs. Rankings can be changed up to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Phase 2 (Nov 7, 2020 – Feb 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 (Feb 27, 2021 - Onward)**  
All qualified applicants that 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.**

- Applications are open September 19, 2020 – April 30, 2021 - Qualified in-district, TEA

Eligible applications and tuition-based applications received by the deadline will be entered into the lottery.

- Rankings can be changed up to April 30, 2021.
- Notification day for all applications is May 20, 2021. Applications received after this date will be offered only by space available and in order of submission.
- 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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, regardless of how you rank your selections.**

Zoned families of K-5 students are encouraged to apply even past the Phase 1 deadline. Applications received prior to January 22, 2021 will be given priority. Notification date for K-12 applicants is January 28, 2021. If you have completed the online application you will receive an email with enrollment information, document requests and timeline for submission.

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).

For more information, please refer to [www.houstonisd.org/magnet](http://www.houstonisd.org/magnet).



**2021 COMBINED CIVIC CLUB AND CONSTABLE DUES STATEMENT  
(January – December)**

**Civic Club membership is open to all residents. While membership is voluntary, you must be a paid member to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Constable Dues are also voluntary and help pay for our Precinct One Constable Deputy on patrol.**

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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:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Contribution to Beautification** (maintain area green spaces)

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

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

Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:  
**Garden Oaks Civic Club, P.O. Box 10273, Houston, TX 77206**

- OR -

**Pay online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) and get e-mail confirmation of payment.**

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# Why Does My Furnace Blow Cold Air?

*Mitch Weigand*

The winter months can bring some pretty cold temperatures, so the last thing you want is cold air blowing from the A/C registers in your home. While some common causes can be solved easily, other problems require the help of your A/C technician.

## Check the thermostat

Make sure that your thermostat is set on "AUTO," not "ON." If your thermostat is set to "ON," the furnace blower will run nonstop even when your furnace isn't heating the air. When you switch it to "AUTO," the fan will only blow air while the furnace is running.

## Check the ductwork

Go up into the attic and check your air ducts, the large flexible tubing that carries the heated air from your furnace to the registers throughout the house. Accidental damage, fluctuating temperatures, and advanced age can cause significant tears to develop. If these are large enough, the cold air in the attic can be sucked into the ducts and blown throughout your home.

## Check the pilot light

If your older gas furnace blows cold air, the pilot light may have gone out. If you feel comfortable with doing this, just follow the manufacturer's instructions and re-light it. If the pilot light won't stay lit, it may need some maintenance by your technician. Sometimes the flame sensor needs to be cleaned or a malfunctioning circuit board or faulty igniter needs to be replaced.

## Check the furnace air filter

What if the furnace blows hot air, then cold air, but then stops blowing air altogether? It's possible that your furnace has overheated. Its safety device, called a limit switch, turned the furnace burners off. The blower keeps blowing to cool the furnace down to a safe level.

A dirty air filter can cause the furnace to overheat, as it blocks airflow and causes the furnace to run so long that it overheats. Change the air filter. Don't ignore this issue; repeated overheating can damage the furnace's heat exchanger, which is expensive to replace.

## Usually it's only a matter of time

Just as it takes a few seconds for hot water to arrive when you turn on your faucet, it's completely normal to experience a few moments of cold air before you'll feel any warmth coming out of the registers. Just give it time to work.

*Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
27	You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. — Henry Ford				1	New Year's Day	2	Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield	
3	4	5	Civic Club Meeting 7 pm Online via Zoom	6	7	8	9	Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield	
10	11	12	13	14	15	Gazette Article Deadline	16	Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield	
17	18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20	Inauguration Day	21	22	23	Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield		
31	Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction. — Martin Luther King, Jr.								

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