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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Sip, Sip, Hooray - The Wine Walk Returns! (Maybe)

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

Save the date: Saturday, November 6th, from 3 to 5:30 pm, for our 12th annual Garden Oaks Wine Walk, our premiere wine, beer, and food tasting extravaganza, and our annual Constable Program fundraiser.

For those of you new to Garden Oaks, The Wine Walk is held in the expansive yard of Ed and Brenda de Alba, at 744 W. 43rd, right here in Garden Oaks. We've done this for 11 years, with the exception of Pandemic 2020, and have raised some \$244,000 for the Constable Program. The de Alba yard provides the perfect (and enormous) venue to sip and stroll, complete with flagstone paths, a koi pond, a bridge, yard art, and luscious plantings all around. We generally only sell 200 tickets and we sell out every year.

The format is simple: 10 neighbors and/or businesses each "host" a table. They provide wine(s) and food(s) at their expense, and your ticket purchase allows you entrance to the event, and you can move from table to table, sampling the foods and drinks. Plonk! Beer and Wine Bistro also sponsors a beer tasting. Tables will be stationed around the yard to provide for social distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout, and we plan to sell at least 50-75 less tickets this year, to keep the number of attendees down.

As we go to print, the increased Covid surge with the extremely transmissible Delta variant has caused us to pause and put the plans on hold for now. We will reassess the landscape in 30 days or so, and hope that we can safely gather for a Sip, Sip, Hooray evening, celebrating wines (and beer!) to share with friends, while raising money for the Constable Program. Stay tuned to social media.

Recycling Reminder

Recycling right is just as important as recycling more. Contamination harms the program by making it hard to recover clean recyclables at the sorting center.

Most importantly, **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!** Bagged recyclables are the number one contaminant and cause of tangling the recycling equipment. Keep your recyclables loose and free. **Do NOT put recycling in trash bags or garbage bags into your green recycling bin!**

And... shredded paper doesn't belong in the recycling bin either; it clogs the machines. Put shredded paper into the black garbage bin, not recycling, or use it for compost in your garden.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, September 7, 7 pm
Meeting ID: 853 8370 1841
Passcode: 505892
Topic: Planning for GOCC projects and future meetings. Come share your ideas and input!

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 5
6 pm
Your block

Wine Walk (Tentative)

Saturday, November 6
3 - 5:30 pm
744 W 43rd

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

Verde Wealth Group

Erin Thole, CNHP – Thole Wellness, LLC

Harry James Building + Design

John Bartos, Attorney at Law

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Plonk! Beer & Wine Bistro

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Terry Jeanes, Realtor – Led Well Realty

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1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.

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Constable Statistics July 2021

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.

- Alarm Call – 3
- Burglary Motor Vehicle – 3
- Burglary Other – 1
- Check Park/School – 10
- Civil Process – 9
- Compliance Check – 2
- Contract Check – 140
- Criminal Mischief – 3
- Discharge Firearms – 2
- Disturbance/Loud Noise – 2
- Follow Up – 2
- Fraudulent Use of ID – 1
- Information Call – 3
- Meet the Citizen – 11
- Open Door/Window – 1
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 8
- Telephone Harassment – 1
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Rain Garden

Ella Sailors, Section 1 resident

Hi. I'm Ella Sailors and a senior at Energy Institute High School. I wanted to invest in my community and make my neighborhood more resilient to flooding. I chose to do this with a rain garden.

A rain garden is a garden of native plant species planted in a depression that helps to absorb rainwater and reduce flooding. TAMU Agrilife Extension provides great information for folks wishing to install their own rain garden. Using this information, I set about planning a small project.

Storm Water Runoff Mitigation: <https://texaswater.tamu.edu/stormwater/rain-garden>

Plant List: <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu/files/2011/05/Rain-Garden-Plant-List-11-02-09.pdf>

What once started as a school project quickly turned into a community project. When I first contacted the Garden Oaks Civic Club about the rain garden, they were thrilled to hear about my idea. We met with Beautification volunteers Pam Parks, Brenda de Alba, and Sheila Briones to discuss possible locations, plants, and budget. The small traffic triangle at the east end of the Rose Garden in section 1 (Lawrence & W 34th) was selected. This location was picked because it is very visible to GO residents and because it is perfectly located to capture rainwater runoff. It also was the location of a couple of tree stumps that were in need of removal.

Once the stumps were removed, it was time to call for an underground utility check to ensure we could safely dig.

<https://www.texas811.org/> is a free, fast service available to property owners needing to safely dig.



Our plant list for the project comprises a range of species from small trees to ground cover. A pleasant surprise is that donors (Cynthia Bonner and Brenda de Alba) stepped up to provide most of the plants needed for the project.

- Mexican Buckeye – small tree to be planted this fall donated by the Garden Club
- Louisiana Iris – donated!
- Spider Lily – donated!
- Frog fruit – purchased from Treesearch Farms
- Blue Mistflower – donated!
- Rain Lily Bulbs – donated!



Spider lilies and irises were planted as our center pieces. For some ground cover, we chose frog fruit and mist flower. If you're interested in any other suitable plants for rain gardens in Texas, go to Texas A&M's Rain Garden Plant List to find the right plants for your area.

Working around the hole left by the tree stump, we dug out about a 40 sq. ft. area to a depth of 10 inches. Then, we got the plants in, filling between them to leave a depression

several inches below the surrounding ground level. This left room for mulch and the water we hope to capture. The final step was to surround the rain



garden with a row of river rock cobbles. The cobbles will protect the new plantings from the mowers, while leaving gaps for water to run in.



Over the course of two hot days in early August, the garden was completed. Now, my neighborhood is more beautiful and will hopefully see less flooding. This Garden Oaks rain garden cost less than \$150. With a plan and some plants, you can aid your community by building your own rain garden!

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

Beth Jackson, Secretary

August 3, 2021 via Zoom online application

GOCC President Tonya Knauth called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. She asked for approval of July minutes as published in the *Gazette*, which Terry Jeanes moved to accept, and the meeting minutes were approved by the body in attendance.

The evening's guest speaker was Ann Harris Bennett, Harris County Tax Assessor. Meiling Lin and Clementina Nunez from the Assessor's Office offered an overview of the Harris County Tax Assessor's Office and its duties.

The Tax Assessor's Office offers three major service categories — vehicle registration/title transaction, property tax calculations and collections, and collection of specialty taxes for State of Texas fees.

The focus of the presentation was personal property tax. The Harris County Tax Assessor's Office maintains more

than 1.6 billion tax accounts and covers 77 jurisdictions in Harris County. The office is often confused with the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD), but the Tax Assessor's Office does not appraise or handle any contests to appraisals of property.

The Tax Assessor's Office takes the taxable value from HCAD, multiples it by the tax rate for the jurisdiction, and sends a tax bill to property owners in Fall of each year. Tax bills are due by January 31 of the following year. Unpaid accounts are sent to collections on July 1 after bills are due. There are a number of deferrals and exemptions available to property owners to offset the amount of property tax owed each year.

The office encourages payments online, especially during the pandemic at www.hctax.net or in person by appointment only. Questions or concerns? Contact the Tax Assessor's Office at tax.office@hctx.net or call 713.274.8000.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Vincent presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently, we have \$96,249 in the Constable account, and \$93,133 in the Civic Club account. Both expenses and income are

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tracking closely with the budget as passed for the year. Overall, we are doing well, and certainly have the funds to cover any small shortages we might have this year.

Full financial reports are available by contacting treasurer@gardenoaks.org.

Committee Reports

Constable Program: There are 338 Constable Program supporters at the requested \$250 level now. Please use vacation watch this summer as you travel. We have seen increased incidents in the neighborhood, likely due to travel and vacations.

Contact constable@gardenoaks.org if you are interested in volunteering. **Call Constable Dispatch at 713.755.7628 with any issues.**

Beautification: Pam Parks reported that a rain garden is going in at the Rose Garden location in Section 1, under the lead of a neighborhood student. The Committee is also looking at locations to add new trees in our neighborhood parks. Trees and planting labor would be provided by Trees for Houston. Ideas? Send your suggestions for new tree locations to Pam and her team at beautification@gardenoaks.org.

GardenOaks.org: Pam will post tonight's presentation from the Harris County Assessor's Office if and when it is made available.

GO Citizens Patrol: Volunteers are seriously needed. If interested, contact Mark Saranie at gocop@gardenoaks.org.

Membership: Dian Austin said there are currently 282 paid GOCC members. Membership rosters for GOCC and the Constable Program are posted on the website. Welcome packets for the third quarter will be going out — about 60 packets — soon.

The Wine Walk Committee is having some concerns about the planned November Constable Program fundraiser, with the recent Covid-19 surge in Houston and Harris County. The event is scheduled for November 6, with a plan to limit the number of tickets available, spacing out tables, and providing hand sanitizing stations. The Committee will reassess the current situation in 30 days. Look for more information and updates in the September GOCC *Gazette*. This year's theme is "Sip, Sip, Hooray" — celebrating wines to drink with friends.



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Mike Stephens won the evening's raffle prize, a \$25 gift certificate from Darlene's Flowers and Gifts. Thank you to Darlene's for your support!

GO Gazette: Deadline for submissions for the September issue is August 15th. We do have a new delivery coordinator — Angela Winston. Thank you, Angela! We are still looking for a new *Gazette* editor. Please email gazette@gardenoaks.org if interested.

Social Media: John Alvar reported on social media activity, including 207 followers on Instagram, an increase from last month. He is planning to use our GO Instagram account to drive folks to GOCC membership and the Constable program. A handful of businesses are interested in partnering with GOCC to advertise to our followers. The Committee is still looking for someone to help monitor and share information on the GO Facebook page and social media accounts. Interested? Reach out to John at social@gardenoaks.org.

Government Affairs/CIP: Tonya announced that the mixed income housing development proposed for Fisher Street did not receive the tax credits it was seeking, so it will not go forward.

The City of Houston is looking to present information to Garden Oaks for the Golf Drive project. We will facilitate a public meeting this fall, so stay tuned for information to come. Regarding our application to modify the sidewalk proposal from two sidewalks to one sidewalk along Sue Barnett at the Gazebo Park, there is no news or response from the City yet.

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School (GOMM)

No representative from GOMM was on the call this month. The schools' new principal, Amanda Sebba, is still getting her feet under her. Hopefully we will have a representative attend the September meeting.

Old Business

Tonya has proposed a new signage/logo project for the neighborhood and our entryways. A refresh and consistency would be good for the GOCC as we continue to try to recruit people to participate in our volunteer organization.

Terry Jeanes asked about the status of the vacant Sears building on Shepherd. No contact with the property owners or broker — both have been unresponsive.

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New Business

Chris Lindsay posted a link to the I-45 survey by TXDoT — https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-taken/?sm=0Q9lerltnwpk8WaQ8zcaoe0FcZheAdikUcpGFhiYyljrZJqucz6HXqfeQgYSScwXFvCAfCK1DKHwrbbHEyWIhEsRwXnEVAE6xpoX5PQDR_2BQ_3D. Survey deadline is August 9th.

Pam Parks reported that a resident offered to resurrect the Yard of the Month program. Joan Harmon agreed to handle it and publicize it in the *Gazette*. This would be another way to engage the community and encourage people to participate in GOCC. We will invite Joan to the September meeting to flesh out the idea.

Please join us for the September IN PERSON meeting of the GOCC at Wakefield Crowbar at 7pm on Tuesday, September 7th.

Editor's note: the in person meeting was subsequently moved to November, in light of the increasing number of highly transmissible Delta variant Covid 19 cases. The September meeting will again be via Zoom.

President Knauth adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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)

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

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Information for Zoned to Garden Oaks Montessori Families and HISD Magnet Application Information for 2022-2023 School Year

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

Choosing Schools:

• **School Choice Fairs**

- Information regarding HISD School Choice Fairs for all Magnet programs will be announced after September 1. Please check the GO Kids and GO neighborhood Facebook pages or www.houstonisd.org/gardenoaks for the latest. 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**

- Information regarding HISD School Tours for all Magnet programs will be announced after September 1. Please check the GO_Kids and GO neighborhood Facebook pages or www.houstonisd.org/gardenoaks for the latest.

Applications – available Mid-September, online at <https://hisdchoice.com>

K-12 PHASES

- **Phase 1 (Dates TBD)**
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 deadline.
- **Phase 2 (Dates TBD)**
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 and are not ranked)
- **Phase 3 (Dates TBD)**
All qualified applicants that are currently NOT in HISD, including new to district 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.

- Qualified in-district, TEA Eligible applications and tuition-based applications received prior to the deadline will be entered into the lottery.
- Notification day for all PK applications is TBD. 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 by the application deadline.
- Tuition-based applications will be considered after all eligible applicants have been offered a seat, and if there are seats remaining.

Considering your zoned school - Garden Oaks Montessori

The school zone for Garden Oaks Montessori is K-5. You can check which schools your address is zoned to at www.houstonisd.org/findaschool

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 and helps us plan.

Remember: 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 prior to the PK application deadline. (Please choose "Magnet/Vanguard", not "PK enrollment" for our program)

For more information, please refer to www.houstonisd.org/magnet

Please make sure to read the October *Gazette* for updates to the HISD Magnet and PK lotteries.



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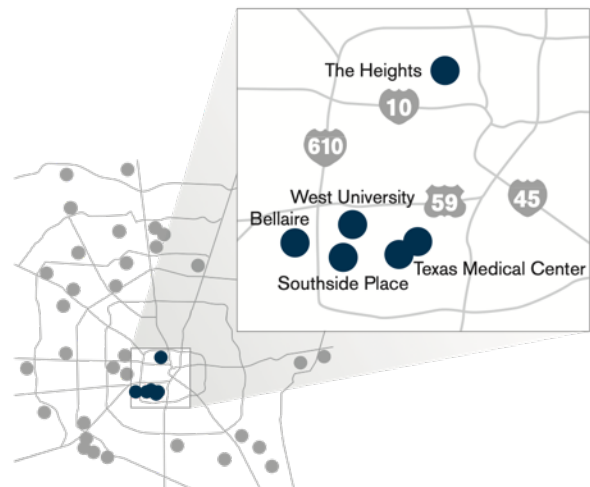
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Rita Hartman – 9/8	Gretchen S. – 9/10
Sylvia Escobedo – 9/16	Jacopo W. – 9/20
Allison Mattingly – 9/21	Candice Croker – 9/25

Happy Anniversary

Trent and Megan Salch - 9/5
 Mike and Diane Heath – 9/7
 Phil Ramirez and Gina Pecoraro – 9/7
 Rick and Tonya Knauth – 9/29

Out and About

Jeff Martin and family visited Washington State and the San Juan Islands. **Julie Sherber and her girls** visited Playa de Carmen. **The Seghers** took a Royal Caribbean cruise, visiting

Aruba and swimming with the manatees. **The Croker family** enjoyed hiking together and seeing Iceland's newest active volcano for their summer family vacation. **Terry Jeanes** cruised with friends to Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. **Heather McKeown and clan** had a great time in New Orleans.

Congratulations

To **Sam Stengler**, celebrating his short film script, "Aphantasia" as one of the competition finalists in the 2021 Gulf Coast Film & Video Festival. To **Josh Mclean** on his success in the Southern Zone Senior Swimming Championship. To **Alexis Feit** who competed in Vegas in the Ultimate Ninja Athlete Worlds in Las Vegas.

Special Thoughts for the following:

The family of longtime resident **Joyce Barton**, who passed away last month.

The **Driver family** in the loss of Debbie's dad.

The loss of **Joe Crownover**, former GO neighbor and GOMM dad and Pancake team member, who passed away recently and still had many GO friends.

The **Cunningham family**, who mourns the loss of their beloved Shiner.

To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit info no later than the 13th of the month to terry@terryjeanes.com.

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(January – December)**

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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)**

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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

I've been asked more than once why we call our little market "The Farmstand". Back in the day, if you took a Sunday drive out in the country, you'd come across farms with a little shed set up by the roadside that would offer for sale whatever produce they had available. Most of the time it was on the honor system because they were at church services or out working the land. The beauty of this system was that you were treated with the freshest of what was in season at that time of year and nothing less. So when Farmer Cathy and I were conjuring up our effort to find a new home to sell her wares, we thought The Farmstand name most appropriately described what we offered.

Cathy was one of the original vendors of what is now the largest farmers market in Houston, which began in September 2004. I came along a few months later in December. We stood through hot humid summers and cold rainy winter days for several years before true success became a reality. But with success came change and not in a good way. The demands of putting on a good show caused the organizers to allow non-organic farmers, and with that came reselling on a scale that could not be ignored.

So we exited stage left, and I was given the task of starting a new market which became the Highland Village Farmers Market, and then a few months later another at City Centre. As you may have already guessed, those efforts didn't work out as well as we had hoped, because the organizers rented spaces to people selling non-perishable goods and were unable to understand why there wasn't an endless supply of produce and more vendors.

And that my friends is how we came to be doing what we do each and every Saturday, with heads held high knowing we're selling an honest product produced by just little old us and no one else. Yes, there are larger markets near our locale with more offerings; however some are more of a craft show. Others may sell produce of dubious provenance. Of course, we could not have survived all this time without y'all's continued support, especially during the heat of summer. And now with September beginning and the hope of somewhat cooler weather ahead, we look forward to the return of some of our vendors whose offerings don't do so well in the heat. We should soon be back on track heading into the fall.

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MythBusters: Vehicle Edition

Joy Shute

Myth #1 - Premium Fuel Makes Your Car Run Better

It might seem counterintuitive, but premium gas isn't any cleaner or purer than regular fuel. It's actually just less combustible. This is why some vehicles — like sports cars and European luxury models — require premium fuel due to the way the engine is engineered to have more power. So don't waste money at the pump. If your owner's manual doesn't specifically recommend premium gasoline, stick with regular.

Myth #2 - Manual Transmissions Offer Better Gas Mileage

While this used to be reality, advances in technology — especially options like continuously variable transmission (CVT) — offer a wide range of gear ratios, which is where manuals once performed better. At present, automatic cars offer the same, if not better, fuel economy than manual transmission cars. Which one you buy depends on your personal driving preference!

Myth #3 - You Can Void the Warranty if you don't go to the dealer for maintenance and repairs

When you buy a new car with a bumper-to-bumper warranty, it covers many component failures like a fuel pump, alternator, or the air conditioning. However, those warranties don't include regular maintenance like oil changes or brakes. For routine maintenance, you can bring your car to any vehicle service center or even do it yourself without affecting the warranty. You should follow the maintenance schedule and keep a record proving the maintenance has been done.

Myth #4: Open windows waste fuel

While having the windows down does create an aerodynamic drag on your car, this only seems to matter at high speeds. In fact, a study done by the Society of Automotive Engineers found that, compared to having the A/C on instead, this aerodynamic drag wastes less fuel until you hit about 75 mph. So, if you're traveling the freeway, you might be better off with the air conditioner on. But in most conditions, rolling down the windows will be smarter for your bank account. But we can keep that a secret until cooler weather arrives in Houston!

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Why Does My Air Conditioning Smell Like... ?

Mitch Weigand

Now that we are approaching summer's end, I want to bring up the topic of odors from your home's A/C system. There could be any number of things causing it. Let's learn the reasons behind each different smell and how to fix them.

Mildew - If the air coming from your A/C vents smells like a wet towel, mildew is your problem. It can grow in or around the A/C. This is not really that surprising since, in addition to cooling the air in your home, your A/C system also removes excess moisture. If it's not drained away properly, mold can grow on areas with lingering moisture. Even a dirty air filter can cause the smell of mildew. Get a professional to clean the system and replace the filter.

Smelly Feet - A dirty, clogged air conditioner can emit a stinky feet smell. This is caused by stagnant water collecting in the system that isn't drained away properly. A thorough cleaning should be enough to remedy it.

Rotten Eggs - A dead animal is the most common cause of a rotten, spoiled-egg smell coming from the air vents. It is not advisable for you to clean the unit out yourself because of the

health hazards associated with dead animals, especially if they have been sitting for some time. Have your ducts professionally cleaned.

Sewage - This usually comes from a backup in the sewer system caused by a sewer vent pipe that has ruptured near your A/C ducting. All it takes is a little methane gas getting into the ductwork and your entire home will smell like a sewer. Methane gas can be dangerous, so if you smell sewage, contact your service technician immediately.

Gun Powder - If you smell gunpowder coming from your vents, you are probably experiencing an electrical problem such as a shorted-out circuit board. Problems like this often occur in older A/C systems. Call your service technician.

Exhaust Fumes - Your air conditioner is powered by electricity, not gas. However, some components contain fluids that can leak out. If this happens, the smell of exhaust fumes can permeate your home. To prevent a harmful situation from developing, contact your service technician immediately.

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