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# Garden Oaks *Gazette*

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Do the Wakefield Shuffle!

*Emily & Mike Stephens - Event Chairs*

**Join us on Saturday, November 6th from 3:00 PM to 5:30PM** to catch up with your neighbors while supporting the Garden Oaks Constable program and our favorite Wakefield establishments!

**The Garden Oaks Civic Club is hosting the Wakefield Shuffle!** We will have a table set up in front of William Price Distillery and another in front of Wakefield Crowbar where we will sell wrist bands and T-shirts. Wrist bands are \$20 per person (kids are free!), and showing your wrist band will get you the following:

**Walking Stick Brewing - one free beer**

**Great Heights Brewing - one free beer or hard seltzer**

**William Price Distillery - \$2 drinks and 20% from bottle sales to the Constable Program** (a bottle of Garden Oaks gin? Yes please!)

**Decant Urban Winery - they will donate 20% of all sales to the Constable program**

**Wakefield Crowbar - show your wristband to have them donate 15% of your purchase to the Constable Program**

**\*\*\* We are asking everyone to try and WALK, BIKE or take RIDE SHARE to Wakefield\*\*\*.** With all of the construction in the area, parking can be difficult.

The constable program is solely funded by individuals from the community and we hope you will help us raise more funds.

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## Garden Oaks Civic Club

### Monthly Meeting:

November 2nd  
7:00 PM  
Crowbar - 954 Wakefield

### Events:

Garden Club Workday-  
Friendship Park  
November 6th  
9:00 am

Wakefield Shuffle-  
November 6th  
3:00 to 5:30 PM

Tree Giveaway  
Community Garden  
4311 Alba  
November 13  
9:00 am

Farm Stand-  
949 Wakefield  
Every Saturday  
9:00 to 1:00

## 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**

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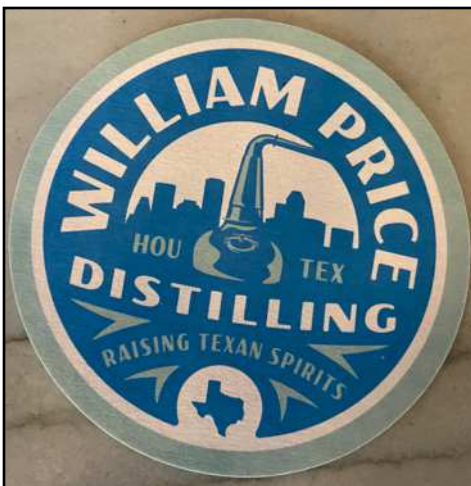
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Our personal story - our home has an alarm system, giving us a strong sense of security. When our alarm was triggered, HPD was dispatched. What would have taken the Constable 5 minutes took our very busy HPD 40 minutes. Lesson learned - set up your system to dispatch the Constable 713-755-7628 for a much faster response time!

We appreciate and respect the HPD; they do a lot to protect us, and we don't want that to go unnoticed. But by supporting the Constable Program, you can get a faster response time when you need it, and it lets HPD focus on the larger crimes. We can't do that without your support!

So please join your neighbors as we celebrate getting out together, supporting local businesses, while raising funds for your Garden Oaks Constable Program.





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## November GOCC Meeting

**The November 2, 2021 GOCC Meeting will be LIVE and IN PERSON at the Wakefield Crowbar, 954 Wakefield!** We will start at **7 pm**, have our regular business meeting and feature Garden Oaks resident and mental health expert, **Robert Andrews**, as a speaker. Attendees are welcome to stay after the meeting for food, drinks, and social time.

**Robert B. Andrews MA, LMFT** is the founder of the Institute of Sports Performance in Houston. Robert is a licensed mental health professional and a mental training and performance expert. Robert works with elite athletes who wish to strengthen their mental approach to competing at the highest levels.



He has helped Olympians and Olympic hopefuls in men's and women's gymnastics, trampoline, swimming, diving, judo, fencing, track & field, figure skating and skeleton. Robert also specializes in assisting injured athletes as they overcome the mental and emotional impact of serious sports related injuries.

Robert has worked with active and retired Navy SEALs and their families. He has done extensive work with Gold Star families.

Robert has also conducted wellness workshops for front line medical staff and first responders as they faced the devastating impact of the COVID pandemic. He has made numerous presentations during the pandemic on useful and helpful practices for managing the stress, fear, anxiety, and disconnection during these times.

His short talk will provide many hands-on practical ways to conserve energy, handle stress and anxiety, and maintain connections so important to us being our best selves.

Robert has lived in Garden Oaks for 25 years, with his wife Gisele.

## Pocket Park Information

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the clean up of Gazebo park. It continues to look beautiful!

On **November 6th**, there will be a work day at Friendship Park at W 30th and Lawrence. We will meet at 9:00. Please join us with all of your gardening gear in hand!

### Reminder: GOCC and SPP Civic Club to Host a Trees For Houston Tree Give Away

Where: 4311 Alba Rd. - Community Garden

When: Saturday November 13 at 9:00 AM (rain date Nov. 20)

Trees to be given away are Shumard Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Loblolly Pine and Wax Myrtle.



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## Rose Garden Update

*Brenda de Alba, Park Co-Captain*

I want to thank the volunteers who showed up on a beautiful September Saturday for a workday in the Rose Garden. We pruned the roses, weeded all the beds, mulched the sign bed and the memorial tree area with the remainder of the donated wood chips and finally mulched the rose bed with pine straw.

We used the last bit of our donated project money to purchase two sets of concrete tables and benches that provided just the final touch.

A very special thanks goes to Section 1 resident, James Elmore, who provided materials and personnel to do the necessary work of creating slabs for the concrete tables and benches, and also cementing the tables and benches to the slabs to help prevent theft.

Thanks also to Section 1 residents, Laura Neff and Paul Kopecky, owners of The Rice Organization, an all-organic landscaping design build firm. Laura and Paul donated a MicroLife foliar product to fertilize the roses.

And finally, a heartfelt thanks to all who donated money in 2020 to help us realize our goal of revitalizing this beautiful green space.

As mentioned earlier, we have exhausted the funds raised in 2020 and will need donations for ongoing upkeep and support of the Rose Garden.

Here is the link where you can contribute to the Memorial Rose Garden Fund:

<https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc-home/payments/beautification-projects/>



## Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

Yippee! We've finally made it to fall and the beginning of the holiday season. And of course, it all starts with what was my little sister's favorite yearly celebration, Halloween. It also happens to be a special time for the goats and chickens at Farmer Cathy's place because fall holidays mean lots and lots of gently used but no longer needed pumpkins. Last year's haul was incredible, and it took weeks to haul them back to the farm. Fortunately, this year we have the use of a capable vehicle and trailer, so please bring on those pumpkins for the animals.

In other Farmstand news, it goes without saying that the construction on Wakefield has made getting to us tenuous at best, and we are thankful for all who come. I have purposely not added any new vendors other than those who have been willing to continue to come on their own accord. Hopefully this construction project will be done in short order, and we will be able to add back to our happy band when the time is right.

In the meantime, to help make up for the lack of other food vendors, I've begun to ramp up my offerings each week, starting with lots of different soups and other dishes to take home and enjoy. I'm particularly looking forward to the first truly cold Saturday so I can serve biscuits and gravy along with my nearly world-famous breakfast tacos. Of course a steaming pot of pumpkin and pork stew would be most welcome as well.

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**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:  
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## Constable Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

**Thank you to Precinct One** Patrol Deputy Nowling and the other Deputies who visited numerous Neighbors Night Out gatherings Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>. The goodies for the kids young and old were a hit. Especially popular - the children being able to hit the siren, turn on the lights, and get photos inside the patrol vehicle. Great Job to those that hosted and also to those who attended.

### Have you supported the Constable Program in 2021 yet?

We need you! You can pay online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) or via the form in this newsletter. Payment of at least \$250 per household will get you a GO Constable Supporter sign. That's a mere 65 cents per day!

If you need a new sign, please email [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org). A roster of current supporters is available at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org)

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)

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## Constable Statistics September 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.

Accident, Minor - 2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 19
Alarm Call – 6	Theft Other – 1
Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1	Traffic Hazard – 1
Check /Park/School/Neighborhood - 22	Traffic Stop – 7
Civil Process – 8	Vacation Watch – 42
Contract Check – 243	Vehicle Abandoned – 1
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# Pictures from National Night Out

*Terry Jeanes*



## 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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1551 Sue Barnett  
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802 W. 32nd  
705 W. 34th #A  
709 W. 38th  
703 W. 42nd  
705 W. 42nd  
1038 West 43rd

### Happy Birthday

Adelaide Leonard 1st  
Gina Pecoraro 4th  
Deborah Seghers 4th  
Mike Maltbie 5th  
Frank C 7th  
Angela Winston 7th  
Anthony Neiser 10th  
Caroline Padon 12th  
Julia Kramp 13th  
Sheila Briones 14th

Emma M. 14th  
Dianne Murata 18th  
Susan Saranie 19th  
Hannah M. 20th  
Kit Schoenfield 23rd  
Lucy Mc. 25th  
Cheryl Cohorn 28th  
Megan Salch 29th

### Happy Anniversary

Bob and Debbie Driver 4th  
Hal Bowman and Georgia Lister 11th  
Keith and Susan Kostelecky 13th

### Out and About

**Carl Waters and Leslie Ryan** enjoyed a visit to Pagosa Springs.

**Jamie Zamora** traveled with his nephew, cruising to Cozumel and Roatan.

**Cindy and John Bartos** spent time on the Gila River and enjoyed Bear Mountain Lodge near Silver City, NM.

**Heather McKeown** attended the Albuquerque International Balloon Festival.

It was an exciting time for **Alexis Zamora**, who carried out the big flag during the introduction of the Astros during Game 1 of the ALCS.

### Congratulations

To **Alex Feit** in her 2nd place finish in the State of Texas Ninja Trials.

And to **Tina Sabuco** who was featured in the Houston Chronicle as a Hero who ignites JOY everywhere she goes.

**Special Thoughts** to **Dian Austin** and **Sandy Altman** in the loss of their dog girl, Lexie.

*To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit information no later than the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month to Terry Jeanes at [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).*



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## After the Bankruptcy, Where are we as a Community?

*Stuart Arouty, on behalf of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization*

The answer is, we are in Garden Oaks, a great neighborhood whose governing authority is in transition. What does that mean exactly? Well, in the near term, it means that decisions need to be made and your help is needed.

More specifically, our neighborhood is currently governed by an archaic set of deed restrictions written in the 1930s. These restrictions include redacted inappropriate racial restrictions, obsolete regulations, inconsistent rules, and a lack of clear definitions to interpret what the intent was when Garden Oaks was formed. These restrictions were created during a much different time; neighborhood homes didn't have the same value as they do today. Garden Oaks was a rural area, and now as our neighborhood joins the ranks of some of the most highly sought-after neighborhoods in Houston, it should have contemporary and updated deed restrictions that match the current needs of the community. Our neighbors should have the right to live in their dream homes knowing that their deed restrictions reflect the values that this neighborhood holds sacred. Homesteads and investments should be held sacred. Beautiful new homes should be celebrated, encouraged, and protected, NOT subjected to lawsuits.

Garden Oaks deserves a homeowners' association (HOA) that supports what we want collectively. During the past few years, our neighborhood conducted multiple polls which showed that an overwhelming majority of our neighbors wanted an HOA. These same polls also revealed that the same majority did not necessarily support the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization or "GOMO," as it was then known.

GOMO is in the process of exiting bankruptcy. Soon, control will be flipped back to our neighborhood, burdened with the same formation issues and outdated deed restrictions that existed the day GOMO entered into bankruptcy. We understand GOMO no longer accurately represents our

neighborhood. Garden Oaks deserves better; we all deserve better.

Right now, we still have more questions than answers. In the coming months, as the bankruptcy comes to a close, our neighborhood will need to hold an election for the HOA. The purpose of this election would establish a new HOA board of directors. This is crucial because it will help shape the future of Garden Oaks and develop an HOA that best fits our needs. The new board will be able to use the neighborhood's left-over resources as a vehicle to achieve what Garden Oaks wants: an HOA with a revised vision and a new set of deed restrictions that make sense in today's modern world. This process will neither be quick nor easy. It will require a lot of difficult work from a lot of motivated people. It will take neighbors coming together for the greater good of our community. Healing takes time, and creating something great takes time. Being open to change and being open minded about the way to achieve that change can only help to speed up the process.

Keeping Garden Oaks as one of the premier neighborhoods in Houston must be a priority. It must stay a place where people want to live, raise families, retire, or do whatever it is that brings them here.

We are looking forward to helping Garden Oaks meet its current and future needs. Until the next update, THANK YOU for your help, your patience, and understanding during this process. If you are interested in helping reshape the HOA and getting modern deed restrictions in place, please email [help@gardenoaks.org](mailto:help@gardenoaks.org). Please be on the lookout for additional information soliciting candidates for the election soon.

*Editor's Note: Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) is a voluntary civic club; it is not an HOA, and it does not enforce deed restrictions. GOCC is a separate entity from Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO).*

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## Montessori Moments

*Jennette P. Moreno, PhD., Garden Oaks resident*

I am a child clinical psychologist and researcher, so I am trained to be skeptical and to seek scientific evidence before I advocate for a particular approach. When choosing a place to live, I did not drink the “Kool-Aid” regarding Montessori education (I had not really researched it), but we loved the neighborhood and moved to Garden Oaks for the older homes, mature trees, and larger lots. Shortly after moving to the neighborhood, I met my neighbor, who asked me if I was enrolling my preschoolers in GOMM. My kids had been in a sweet little daycare with a splash pad and 1000 playgrounds, so the thought of moving them to a big public school where they would have to attend after school was out of my comfort zone. Nevertheless, my neighbor extolled the virtues of Montessori education, particularly at younger ages. I remained skeptical.

In graduate school I had learned that studies examining the Montessori method were plagued with design flaws, and the purported benefits of Montessori education were perhaps too good to be true. More rigorous studies were needed to confirm these early findings. My own research veered more into health psychology, so I did not keep up with the Montessori literature after grad school. I, nevertheless, took a leap of faith and decided to enroll both of my children at GOMM. I mean it couldn't hurt, right?

And the results?

I am so thankful my kids are at GOMM! My personal experience with sending my kids to GOMM has suggested to me that there may be something to these studies demonstrating the amazing results of Montessori education on children's learning and development.

What's more?

The good news is that in the years since I left grad school, more research has been published on the effects of Montessori education. As my contribution to the Montessori moments, I hope to review some of the new studies that have been published regarding the effectiveness of Montessori education with children and even other applications such as working with patients with dementia. (I had no idea either.)

I plan to begin this journey with you with an open mind, not to confirm a preconceived notion, but so that we can explore and learn together about the potential benefits, areas for growth, and applications of Montessori education. If you have questions you want me to look into, or studies you want me to review for you, please let me know ([JennettePMorenoPhD@gmail.com](mailto:JennettePMorenoPhD@gmail.com)).

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# GOMM and HISD Magnet Application Information for 2022-2023 School Year

*Stephanie Dubroff-Acosta, Parent Engagement Representative, GOMM*

## Choosing Schools

Visit the Office of School Choice website at <https://www.houstonisd.org/schoolchoice> for information on the campus levels you are interested in.

All HISD 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 which you would like to tour.

## Kindergarten-12 Grade APPLICATION PHASES:

- **Phase 1 (September 17, 2021 – November 12, 2021)**  
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, as well as deleting or adding schools, can be changed until November 11, 2021. Notification of Lottery Status is January 27, 2022.

- **Phase 2 (November 13, 2021 – March 10, 2022)**

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 considered in the lottery. The applications will be re-ordered by time/date stamp and added to the end of the Phase 1 waitlist if space is available. If you apply in Phase 1, you do not need to reapply for Phase 2.

- **Phase 3 (March 11, 2022 - 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. If you apply in Phase 1 or 2, you do not need to reapply for Phase 3.

## PreKindergarten - all PK seats are by lottery ONLY.

- Applications for PK are open September 13, 2021 – March 10, 2022 - In-district, TEA Eligible applications and tuition-based applications received will be entered into the lottery. Applications received after this date will be offered in order of submission, only if space is available.
- Rankings can be changed, schools deleted or added, until March 10, 2022
- Notification day for all PK applications is March 31, 2022.

- Tuition-based applications will be considered after April 15, 2022, and after all “eligible” applications have been offered seats, and if space is available.

## Finding your zoned Campus

You can find which campus your residence is zoned to at [www.houstonisd.org/findaschool](http://www.houstonisd.org/findaschool)

## Zoned Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade families

If you are considering Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM) for your K-5th grade child, please submit the online application at <https://hisdchoice.com>. Completing the application reserves your seat. Zoned applications will not be considered in our campus lottery. Once the notifications for the lottery are sent, you will receive an email from our campus with important steps to complete registration. Zoned families must confirm they are living within the school zone by providing 3 of the following proofs of address: current utility bill (water, gas or electric), HCAD statement stating “Homestead Exemption” or current lease. Due to limited space, any applications after February 10, 2022, may be put on a grade level waitlist in order of submission.

**Students who are 5 years old on or by September 1 are eligible for Kindergarten.**

## Non-Zoned families

Please apply at <https://hisdchoice.com> \*\*Grades 3-8 must have Montessori experience to be considered in our lottery.

## ALL PK Families:

PK families must complete the online application. (Please choose “Magnet/Vanguard”, not “PK enrollment” for our program). There is no zone for PK in HISD. You must apply to any PK program in the district prior to the deadline to be included in the lottery.

**Students who are 3 or 4 by September 1, 2022, are eligible for PK.**

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

**Garden Oaks Montessori Virtual Tour Information:**

The Virtual Tour followed by a Question & Answer session on Microsoft Team will be each Thursday September 23 through November 4, 9:00-10:00am.

There are additional Q & A sessions are at 9:00-10:00am on the following dates:

December 9

January 27

February 24

March 24

**Join Garden Oaks Montessori's Virtual Tour and Q & A**

**(session link on our website: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/191397>).**

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*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.*

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## How to Beat the Final Days of Heat and Humidity – Part 2

*Mitch Weigand*

Your A/C system is still having to deal with the high temperature and humidity. Problems not fixed now can require costly repairs later. Last month, we discussed restricted air flow and low freon. Here's the rest of the story:

### **Frozen coils**

Frozen evaporator coils are a common A/C problem even in the heat. One way your A/C system cools your home is by dehumidifying the indoor air. The moisture pulled from the air creates condensation on the evaporator coils. When your A/C works correctly, this condensation drips away. When there's an underlying problem, that condensation can build an ice layer on the evaporator coils.

Several common problems can lead to frozen coils: clogged air filters, low freon levels, leaks in the ducting system, blocked A/C registers or vents, and dirty evaporator coils. Now is an ideal time to have your entire A/C system inspected and get any problems corrected.

### **Blown capacitors**

One of the most common problems arising in late summer is a blown capacitor. A capacitor is an electronic device that stores an electrical charge. In A/C systems, they are used to turn fan motors and compressors the correct direction. Pretty much any motor that uses electricity to function has a capacitor or two built into it.

After a brutal summer, capacitors become weak and struggle to keep the motor and compressor supplied with sufficient electricity. Worst case, they fail completely, and your A/C system stops functioning. Also, because capacitors involve electricity, they are susceptible to power surges which can occur with summer thunderstorms. Some are built with a pressure sensitive interrupter, which allows them to fail before internal pressure causes serious damage to your A/C system.

A blown capacitor is an easy fix for your A/C service technician. However, please do not attempt to replace a capacitor or any interior A/C components yourself. Leave that to a trained professional.

Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise™.

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7 Daylight Savings ends-set clocks back	8	9	10	11	12	13 Tree Giveaway 9:00 am 4311 Alba Rd. 
14	15 Gazette article deadline	16	17	18	19	20
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