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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

President's Message Tonya Knauth, Civic Club President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Thanks to all those who came out for our **2021 Civic Club Holiday Gathering.** We had a bigger crowd than usual and met several new neighbors. Chef Mickey Morales (of the Saturday Wakefield market) served up a great Tex-Mex spread. We had delicious desserts from GO resident Angela Winston of Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery. Thanks to Great Heights Brewing for hosting us!

I am proud to serve with the **officers and committee chairs** listed on page 2, all of whom have agreed to continue in their roles for 2022 and were reelected at the December 2021 meeting.

The GOCC is currently soliciting your input from our **annual survey**. The survey has been emailed to GO residents for whom we have a viable email address, and posted on gardenoaks.org and on the neighbors-only Houston_GO Facebook page. The deadline for responses is January 2.

Our first 2022 meeting will be Tuesday, January 4th at 7pm at Waltrip High School Library, live and in person and also livestreamed on Zoom. The discussion topic will be Survey Results and Planning for 2022 – Bring Your Ideas!

The **purpose of the Civic Club** is to promote the civic and social welfare of Garden Oaks residents, foster neighborhood unity, and help with activities that benefit and promote the residential character of the neighborhood. With all the new residents moving into our wonderful community, we are hoping to get some new folks engaged. The Civic Club can only be as strong as the community that supports it, so we invite you to become involved and help us focus on what the community wants.

Anyone can attend our monthly meetings. You do not have to be a member to attend, but you must be a member to vote on business. Meetings start promptly at 7 pm and generally last about an hour. We have a short business meeting with brief committee reports and then get to the business at hand, be it a discussion topic or a speaker.



January Meeting:

Tuesday, January 4th 7:00 PM Waltrip High School Library 1900 W. 34th Street

Zoom Link-Meeting ID 853 8370 1841 Passcode: 505892

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



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2022 Garden Oaks Civic Club Business Members

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

If you/your business is interested in joining our annual program, please email membership@gardenoaks.org.

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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.

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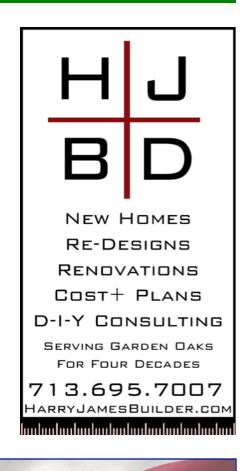
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Past speakers have included representatives from: City of Houston deed restriction enforcement, the solid waste and recycling department, the Harris County Tax Office, our elected state representatives, and our City Council member's office. We also highlight talented Garden Oaks neighbors like Robert Andrews, a sports psychologist to elite athletes, who shared his knowledge with us on mental health management.

We are adding a **new communication method** this year. In addition to posting on gardenoaks.org and the neighbors-only Facebook page, GOCC Meeting Notices will be emailed out, including the meeting location. Our new 2022 GOCC/Constable dues form has a box to check where you can "opt in" to receive emails about meetings and other neighborhood news. We hope you will participate.

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Mickey's Minute Mickey Morales

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe another year has passed by, and it brought some good and some bad. However, I prefer to dwell on the good. I personally benefited this past year with a new smile and a newto-me vehicle. The market persists despite the ongoing Wakefield construction. As I posted last month, when all is said and done, Wakefield Drive will be a pleasure to navigate for both pedestrians and vehicles alike.

The most remarkable thing we look forward to will be celebrating our tenth year at the end of January. We've gone through different iterations of our little market, and I must say the last two or so years have been challenging. But again, I prefer to think about the positive aspects. We have been the launching ground for several businesses, mostly cottage bakers now working from home, and at least two with brick and mortar locations now.

We are looking forward to serving the neighborhood for years to come. When the construction is finally over, we'll begin to rebuild our vendor base by hopefully adding back in some of the folks we've lost over the years. If we can't lure them back, we'll find some new ones. As I've said many times, we never intended to be the biggest farmer's market, just

large enough to serve our fellow Oakies.

As always, "Come soon, come often and thank y'all for ten amazing years."



Gazebo Santa Recap

Thanks to all for the wonderful memories created with Santa and Mrs. Claus, who visited Gazebo Park before Christmas. A special thank you to GO resident Susan Kostelecky for the gift of many additional Christmas items, giving the Gazebo setting a nice new look.

Happy New Year from elves Terry Jeanes, Georgia Lister, Sally & Jim McDaniel and of course, Mrs. Claus – Tina Sabuco.







December Holiday Gathering

Thanks to all those who joined us for our December GOCC Holiday Social and short business meeting. We had a bigger crowd than usual, and even saw some new faces, and met new neighbors!

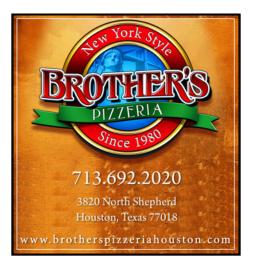
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Owls of Houston Excerpted from an article by Amy Barton

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Owls are not common backyard birds, but they are very desirable guests who can provide lovely nighttime sounds and excellent pest control. If you've seen owls in your backyard here in the Houston area, you most likely have one of the two owl species below.

The **Great Horned Owl** is a large owl native to the Americas. This owl is extremely adaptable and has a vast range through many different environments. They are the most common and widespread owl in North America.

Description: The Great Horned Owl has a body length 18-25" with a wingspan of 36-60". They have large ear tufts called "horns" and rusty facial disks with yellow eyes. Both the males and females have a white chin and throat and mottled barred brownish gray feathers. Despite their large size, they are only about 3 lbs.

Interesting facts: The Great Horned Owl is very powerful and can prey on animals larger than itself including cats, skunks, and possums.

Behavior and diet: Although many owls are known for being exclusively nocturnal, this owl is not and is active at dusk, sometimes during the day. The Great Horned Owl preys on terrestrial vertebrates including mammals, other birds, reptiles and amphibians.

Breeding and nesting: These love birds are

monogamous, staying with their partner throughout the mating season. They have 1-5 dull whitish eggs laid in winter. You will find these guys in large tree cavities, broken-off snags, buildings, ledges, open platforms. They are typically found 20-60' above ground.





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The **Eastern Screech Owl** is the smallest owl found here in Texas. They occupy a variety of habitats from wooded lots to urban gardens. Unfortunately, their population is in decline due to habitat loss and rodent poisons.

Description: The Eastern Screech Owl is a small owl with a body length of just 8-10" with a wingspan of 18-24". They have small ear tufts which they flatten at will, and bright yellow eyes with a pale bill. They are very tiny owls, weighing just 5.9 oz!

Behavior and diet: Unlike the Great Horned Owl, the Eastern Screech Owl is exclusively nocturnal. They begin their nighttime hunting at dusk, where they prey on a wide variety of invertebrates like insects, spiders, and crayfish, and vertebrates such as small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

Breeding and nesting: Like the Great Horned Owl, the Screech Owl is monogamous. They lay 2-8 small white eggs. The baby Screech Owls are fed by both sexes. You will find their nests in tree cavities, nest boxes 8"x8"x16" with small 3" opening. They prefer to be 10-30' above ground.







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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

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Congratulations on joining us. Hope to see you at a civic club meeting! 1035 Gardenia

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Happy Birthday

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Happy Anniversary

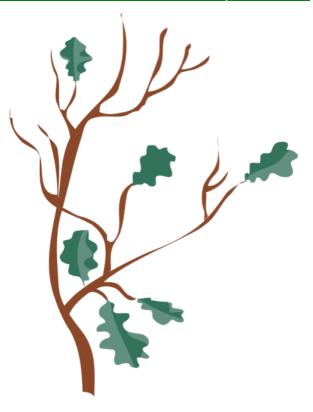
Alice & Mark Sarmiento - 30th

Out and About

Tina Rowe and Carol Smith took a long road trip to Utah. Caroline McLean had a fabulous 10 days in Scotland. The Seghers enjoyed snorkeling in Cozumel. Terry Jeanes took her 3 granddaughters to an American Doll shopping trip. Terry also had a birthday trip with mom and sis to Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. Julie Sherber and daughters shared the girls' first viewing of the Houston Ballet's Nutcracker.

Congratulations to Lucy Mclean in passing her commercial pilot's exam.

Thoughts with our neighbors who lost someone special to them.... Megan Salch and family in the loss of her grandfather and "favorite Marine".



New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here. If you'd like a **Welcome Packet** delivered to your door, please email <u>Membership@gardenoaks.org</u>.

Constable Statistics November 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 Major - 1	Information Call - 3		
Alarm Call – 2	Meet the Citizen – 54		
Animal Humane – 1	Meet the Officer – 6		
Arson Fire - 1	Mental Health Check – 1		
Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1	Property Found Lost - 1		
Check /Park/School/Business - 15	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 10		
Civil Process – 8	Theft Other – 1		
Contract Check – 59	Traffic Hazard – 2		
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Constable Program Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

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Have you supported the Constable Program yet?

Thank you to our current supporters who are helping the thermometer red to rise. Note that we have started over for 2022 and as of this writing, we are just shy of \$15,000 in contributions. Let's Get That Red to Rise!!! We need you! You can pay online at 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 <u>constable@gardenoaks.org</u>. A roster of current supporters is available at gardenoaks.org.

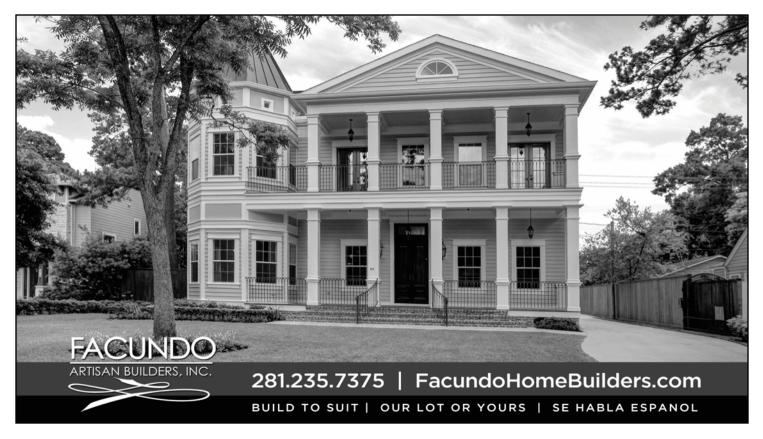
Reminder: The Constable Program is paid only by residents' contributions. There is **no mandatory fee collected**. *Pay your dues today. Why wait until you become a crime victim before contributing?*

Become a Constable Program Supporter: gardenoaks.org

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/





2022 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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\$		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 Garden, Section 1)						
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Bottoms Up

Recycling helps the planet. One of my Master Gardener friends recycles her empty wine bottles turning them into butterfly watering stations. She buries the bottles neck-down in her flower beds. The punt, a shallow depression in the bottom of the bottle, holds just enough water. Butterflies drink from the "saucer" which she refills every two or three days.

The bottles are colorful garden ornaments too and the blue ones are my favorites. Place them at various heights for visual interest. Any bottle with an indented bottom works.



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Why Does My Furnace Smell Like...?

You turn on your furnace for the first time and wonder what that strange smell is. Let's focus on those various smells.

BURNT DUST - What you smell is exactly what it is, and it's completely normal. Remember, your furnace has sat unused for nearly a year, and dust will naturally build up on the different components. When you turn on your furnace for the first time, dust accumulated on the heat exchanger burns off. Then that temporary burning smell flows through your ducts. There's no need to be alarmed. It should last only a little while.

To avoid this smell altogether, schedule a tune-up so that your A/ C system will be cleaned prior to its use.

BURNING METALLIC SMELL - There are different reasons for this. The blower motor can overheat and begin to give off a burning metallic smell. Call your A/C service technician so he can inspect your system and fix the problem.

If your furnace continues to give off smells

Unless you're using your furnace for the first time, it should not produce any strange smells. Here are two other actions you can do to alleviate unwanted odors.

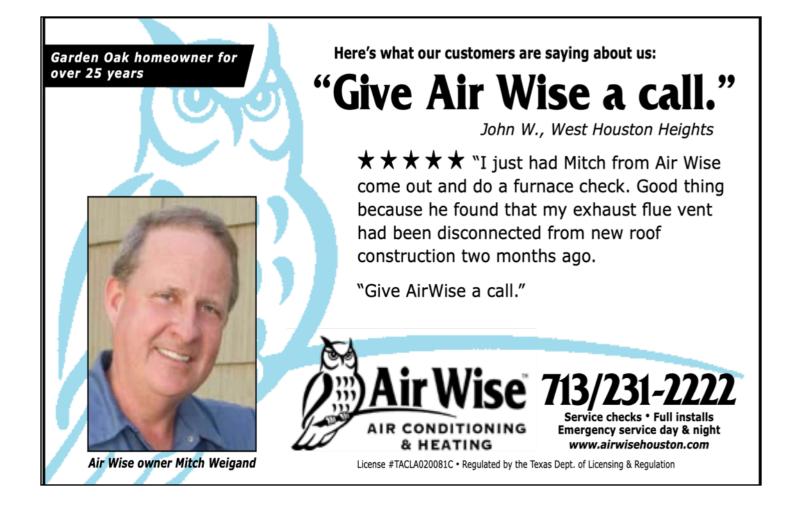
Change your air filter

Once the inside of your heater has been cleaned, the next possible cause of unwanted smells could be a dirty air filter. The dust and debris collected on it will pass through the ducts and exit through the vents. Change it monthly.

Check the ducts

Lastly, if your heater is clean and the filter has been replaced, check your duct system for any dust and debris that has settled in them. A simple vacuuming by a professional duct-cleaning company will take care of any excess dust.

Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise



JANUARY 2022

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