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# Garden Oaks *Gazette*

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Beautification Updates

*Pam Parks, Beautification Chair*

Activity in the parks picked up in February with workdays at the Rose Garden and Graham Park, both in Section 1.

Graham Park is a return engagement for GOCC Beautification after a gap of several years. It requires a bit more interaction with the City of Houston to obtain permission for removal of plant material and planting in a city park versus what we have to do for similar activities on our pocket parks. Once we had our approvals in place, we quickly got to work. Four swamp oaks, eleven sweet gums, and nineteen loblolly pines have found new homes in the park and a considerable amount of cherry laurel, sweet berry and tallow will have been removed over two workdays.

Sweet gums were used to infill an existing tree line along the back edge of the park which provides sound and sight separation from the rail line. The swamp oaks were positioned to take advantage of a wet area adjoining the ball diamond. The loblollies will provide bird habitats and light shade on the west side of the tennis courts. A second round of tree planting is planned for next fall that will include larger specimens of overcup, monterrey and live oaks.

Over the past dozen or so years some invasive species have colonized the fence lines and some of the loblolly cluster plantings. It will take at least two workdays of cutting back to catch up with the over growth. The images show the clearing out done along the west side of the tennis courts.

The volunteers who turned up February 12 are a whole new group. We were pleased to welcome Black Middle School volunteers and their parents.

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## Garden Oaks Civic Club

### **GOCC March Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 pm

Great Heights Brewing

Private Back Room

938 Wakefield

Enter Wakefield from Alba

(one way, going west)

### **Zoom Link:**

Meeting ID 85383701841

Passcode: 505892

**Topic:** Open discussion on the City's Sidewalk Ordinance and Heritage District Designation

## 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! Most of these are repeats from last year!

If you/your business is interested in joining our annual program, please email [membership@gardenoaks.org](mailto:membership@gardenoaks.org).

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(Beautification from page 1)

Park Captains have started planning spring cleanup and planting dates, and we have a few to add to your calendars:

- Community Garden (Alba between W 43<sup>rd</sup> and Chambord): Wednesdays 8:00 – 9:30.
- Gazebo Park (W 42<sup>nd</sup> and Sue Barnett): March 5 or 12 TBD.
- Friendship Garden (Lawrence & W 30<sup>th</sup>): Maintained by the Garden Club (Work- day March 12)
- Berm (Randall and W 30<sup>th</sup>): March 19
- Sue Barnett ROW (Spark Park and GOMM) leaf pick up for Community Garden: March 26
- Garden Oaks Blvd: TBD
- Triangle Park (Azalea & Alba), Art Park (Sue Barnett & W 43<sup>rd</sup>), Rose Garden (Lawrence & W 34<sup>th</sup>): None needed this spring.



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We are rerunning the article below from December 2021 as the March GOCC meeting will be an open discussion of the City's Sidewalk Ordinance and the new Heritage District Ordinance.

At the February GOCC meeting, the speaker was Roman McAllen, Houston Office of Preservation (HOP) Officer. He discussed the designation of Heritage District but we didn't have time for a full discussion.

## City of Houston Enacts New Heritage District Ordinance

Recently, the City of Houston created a new vehicle for neighbors and neighborhoods to protect the unique and culturally significant characteristics which make Garden Oaks and other neighborhoods desirable locations. A "Heritage District" for Garden Oaks could be a way to preserve our neighborhood's large lots, tree-lined streets, and the distinct, intentional, and effective drainage mechanisms that define the area.

The heritage district designation is intended to foster civic and cultural pride by protecting character-defining elements within neighborhoods, highlighting the significant achievements and contributions of the community and promoting neighborhood

stability. The ordinance defines a heritage district as a section of the city that is distinguished by a unique community identity and history. A heritage district is a recognizable, definable, geographic area that has ongoing cultural traditions and history that residents generally recognize.

The Heritage District Ordinance will allow non-profit organizations to recognize the unique qualities of Houston's historic and culturally significant neighborhoods. Organizations that are approved for a heritage district will be permitted to protect, restore or install significant elements within the district such as brick paved streets, curbs, driveways, sidewalks and walkways, signage and markers, public art, vegetation, and trees in the city's public right-of-way. The designation does not provide city funding and does not apply to private property. For example, an established non-profit organization can raise funds to restore historic elements, put up banners, install special street signs, or landscape an esplanade."

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## WHY IS MY CAR SHAKING?

*Joy Shute, Open Road Automotive*

**My car shakes when it's idling** - One common cause of shaking while idling can be loose or damaged engine mounts. Engine mounts are the connections between your engine and your car that absorb the vibrations caused by your engine. When those connections wear out, you're more likely to feel the vibrations.

Alternatively, a car that shakes when idle may have faulty fuel injectors, worn-out spark plugs, or a bad timing belt. Some of these engine troubles can be corrected with a standard engine service or fuel system cleaning, but others may require more extensive engine repair.

**My car shakes when I brake** - If your steering wheel, brake pedal, or entire car shakes when you hit the brakes (especially at higher speeds), this could be a serious issue if not addressed. This could indicate warped brake rotors, worn-out brake pads, or insufficiently-lubricated guide pins — all of which are vital components of safe braking when driving.

**My car shakes when I drive fast** - If this sounds like your situation, you may have misaligned wheels or improperly balanced tires. Pay attention to where you feel the shaking. If the shakes come from the steering wheel, your car likely needs an alignment check and service. If they come from the floorboards and seats, a tire balance may be needed. Imbalanced tires can wear out prematurely, creating dangerous driving conditions that can only be remedied with entirely new tires.

**My car shakes when I accelerate** - Faulty engine mounts may also be to blame if your car shakes when accelerating. In other cases, a misaligned steering and suspension system could cause your steering wheel to shake when you accelerate. These two issues feel similar to you, the driver, but they can mean the difference between an engine repair or just an alignment adjustment.

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# 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) is in its second year of its Business Membership Program. Neighborhood businesses are invited to join. To date, twelve neighborhood businesses have joined the program in 2022. 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.
- Frequent mention on **social media**, including our Facebook pages and our 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.

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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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# Monarch Butterflies

*Chavonne Slovak, Garden Club Member*

Monarch butterflies are a truly special butterfly; they are the only butterfly species known to make a two-way migration. Monarchs travel as far as 3,000 miles to get to their overwintering habitat, which they do to avoid the freezing temperatures of winter. Monarchs emerging from a chrysalis in late summer and early fall can live 8-9 months to survive the trip to and from their overwintering sites in Mexico and California. These overwintering sites were first recorded by scientists in California more than 200 years ago and in Mexico in 1975.

Lisa McMillian, a Candlelight Estates resident with a passion for monarchs, has recently traveled to Mexico to see the monarchs as they prepare for their spring journey through Texas and beyond. She will share some of her photos and experiences at the April GOCC meeting.

During their journeys, monarchs require lots of flowers and milkweeds, as monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed plants, and adult butterflies need a variety of nectar-bearing flowers throughout the year for food.

Whether these habitats appear along roadsides or backyard

gardens, every one of these habitats help to ensure monarch survival along the migration routes.

Butterflies provide people with beauty and enjoyment, but they are also important ecologically. Eggs, larvae, pupae, and adult butterflies are all vital links in the food chain, providing meals for a variety of birds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and other animals. Caterpillars help recycle nutrients in the environment, and adult butterflies help pollinate many flowering plants.

Because butterflies are very sensitive to changes in their surroundings, they are also an important "indicator species", detecting environmental changes before people might otherwise become aware of them. A shift in butterfly numbers or species composition in a particular area can signal significant alteration of a habitat's quality.<sup>2</sup>

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### What can we do?

Planting a butterfly garden with milkweed and other wildflowers provides a haven for monarchs and other essential pollinator species to thrive! The GOCC Beatification Committee has added a variety of native plants to the pocket parks located throughout our neighborhood and a large pollinator garden is located at Garden Oaks Montessori. To support the monarchs and other beneficial insects, consider planting your own pollinator/butterfly garden.

- Find nurseries that sell native plants that are not treated with herbicides and pesticides.
- Plants native to your area are better suited to live there, and are typically very hardy. Native plants can be found at local nurseries like Joshua's and Buchanan's in the Heights. Perennial plants come back year after year, so a perennial garden is easier to maintain over time.

A good monarch habitat must meet the needs of all four monarch life stages (egg, larva, pupa, adult). Female

monarchs lay eggs on milkweed host plants because their caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves. Once the caterpillar is fully developed, it often leaves the host plant to find a safe place to pupate, or form its chrysalis. After the adult butterfly emerges, it drinks nectar from a variety of different flowering plants. Thus, monarchs need both milkweed and nectar (blooming) plants to reproduce.

### Garden Club to Provide Free Milkweed Plants On Earth Day Weekend- April 23

Be sure to attend the April 1 GOCC meeting. And please stop by the Sue Barnett Art Park to pick up your milkweed and pollinator plants for your home garden. Light refreshments and planting instructions will be provided by Garden Club members.

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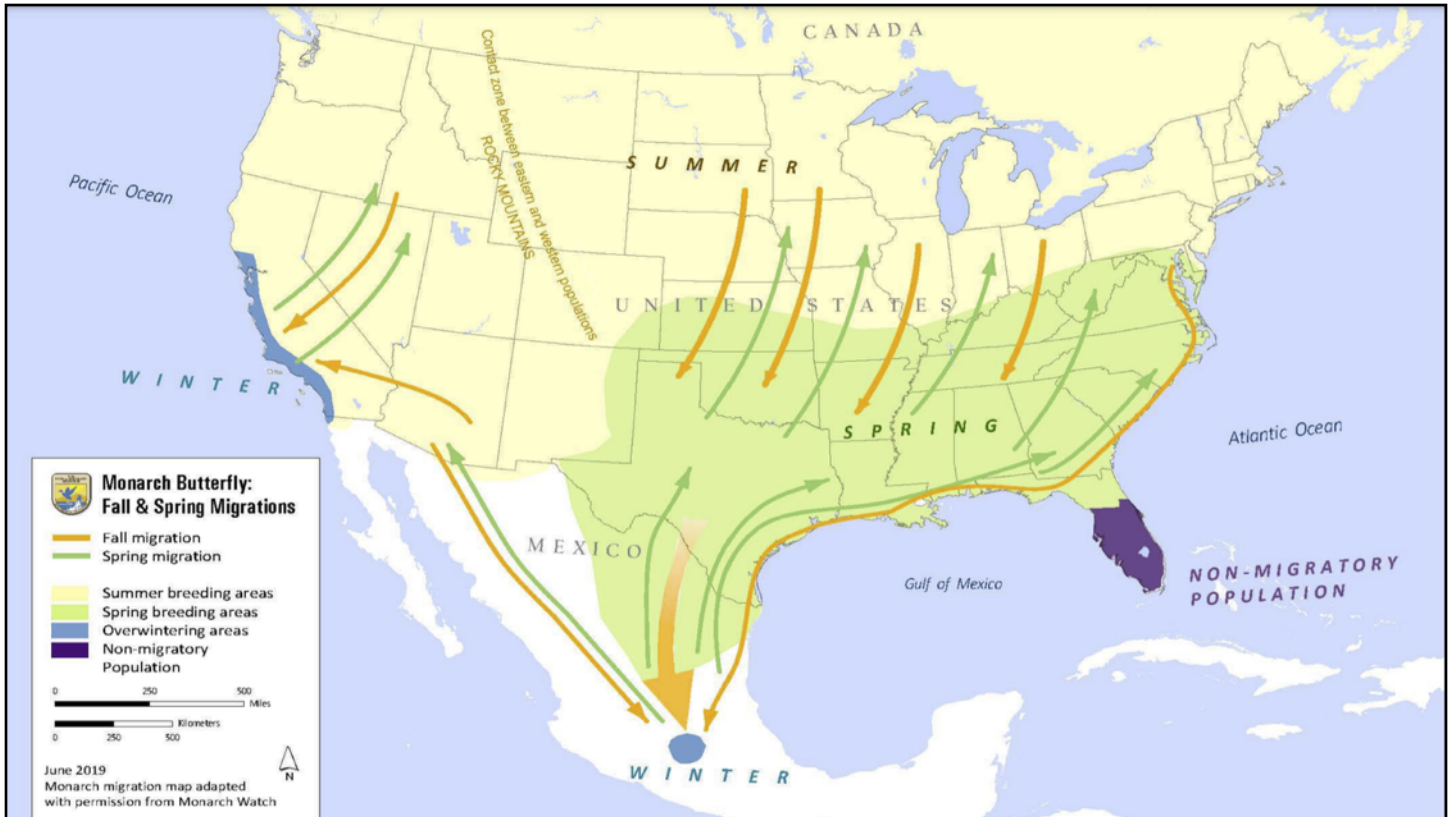


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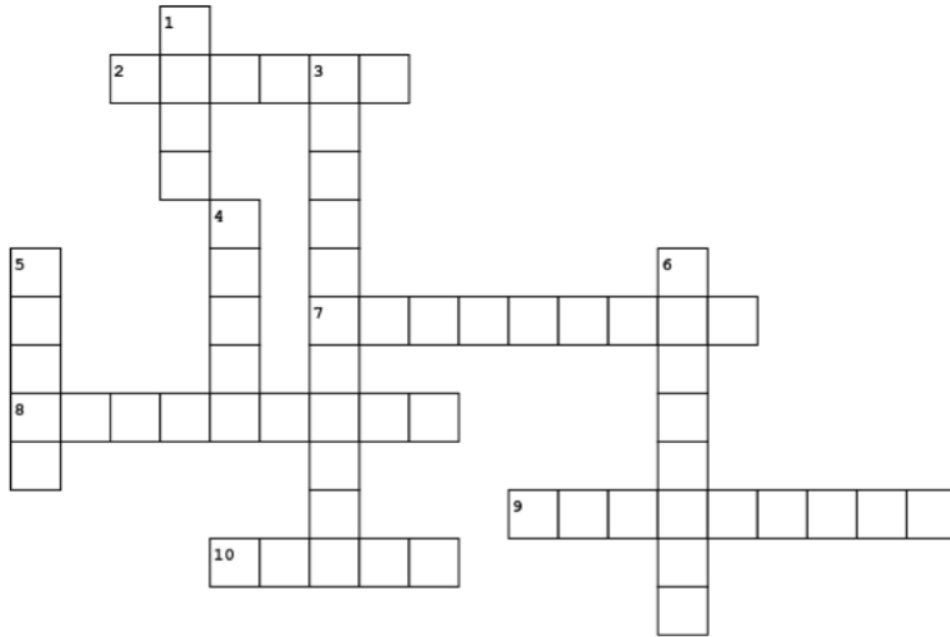
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### Monarch Migration



**Across**

- 2. The country monarch butterflies migrate to in winter
- 7. The hollow straw like tube monarchs uses to drink nectar
- 8. What monarch caterpillar becomes before turning into a butterfly
- 9. Side of the milkweed leaf the monarch lays her eggs on
- 10. To help the monarchs, we can plant milkweed in our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- 1. Body part monarchs use to taste with
- 3. What monarch egg hatches into
- 4. What monarch uses to fly with
- 5. The month monarchs start migrating north
- 6. The only plant monarch caterpillars can eat

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# Neighborhood Safety Issues - Drivers and Pedestrians

*Terry Jeanes, Constable Program Chair*

At the February GOCC meeting, several neighborhood safety concerns were raised by residents, and these will be further discussed at the upcoming March meeting.

First, there seems to be a lot of cut-through traffic in the neighborhood, probably due to the ongoing construction on Wakefield and nearby streets. Residents have observed cars exceeding the speed limit and running stop signs at intersections. Residents in the 900 and 1000 blocks of Althea have been particularly concerned, as it seems that their street serves as a path through the neighborhood to get to the traffic light on Ella Blvd. We need to keep our residents safe.

Secondly, the issue of many cars parking on both sides of Alba Road between W. 41<sup>st</sup> and Wakefield and beyond makes it more difficult for oncoming cars to pass safely. This situation is potentially more hazardous to the frequent pedestrian traffic from nearby townhomes, restaurants, or other establishments.

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## Crossword Puzzle Answers

1. feet
2. Mexico
3. caterpillar
4. wings
5. March
6. milkweed
7. proboscis
8. chrysalis
9. underside
10. yards

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(Safety from page 15)

A few things to keep in mind:

1. The speed limit within GO and on W. 43<sup>rd</sup> is 30 mph. And on our narrow, curved streets, 30 mph can often be excessive when there is a lot of pedestrian traffic.
2. Pedestrians should walk AGAINST the traffic, both so you can see the oncoming drivers and so the drivers can see you better. Please do not walk within the lane where your back is to the traffic. Cyclists should ride WITH the traffic.
3. When you park on the street, it is illegal to park going the wrong way. You can be ticketed. The right wheels of the vehicle must be parked on the right hand side of the road or street. This keeps the driver of the car that is parking from driving on the wrong side of the street.

Any specific traffic safety issues or observations should be routed to Terry Jeanes, Constable Program chair, at [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org). She will discuss the issues with the Constable hierarchy. If you have specifics on serial offenders, please relay those as well.

For concerns on neighborhood construction issues, please let Civic Club president Tonya Knauth know ([president@gardenoaks.org](mailto:president@gardenoaks.org)), as she is the singular focal point to the construction supervisor.

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# 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.

1014 Lamonte  
3218 Randall  
741 Sue Barnett  
511 W. 30th  
802 W. 41st  
974 W. 41<sup>st</sup>  
826 W. 43rd

## Happy Birthday

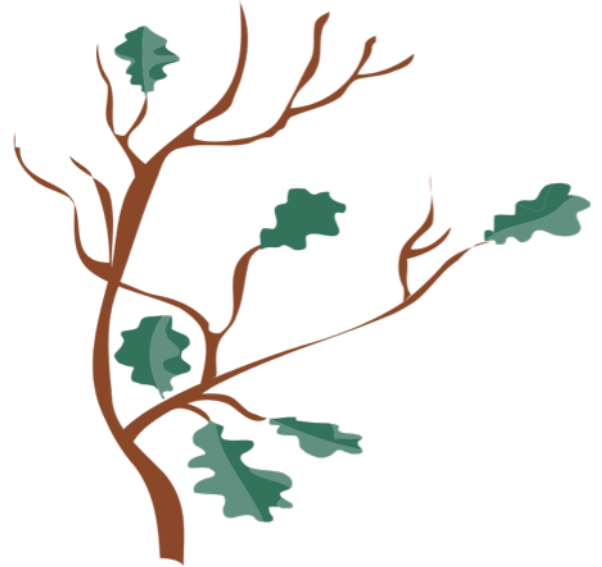
Ollie H. – 3/3.  
Sydney Grace N. – 3/3.  
Lori Kennedy – 3/5  
Dodie Davis – 3/11  
Jeff Martin – 3/11  
Robb Bunge – 3/15  
Curtis Hall – 3/15  
Angelica Sullivan – 3/16  
Joann Jones March – 3/19  
Susan Kostelecky – 3/26  
Sharron Sanborn – 3/26  
Nathan S.- 3/26  
Lindsey Bartlett – 3/27  
Olivia S. – 3/29  
Will Zugheri – 3/30

## Happy Anniversary

The Murphys – 3/15  
Jeff & Gaylynn Martin – 3/21

## Congratulations To ....

**Alex Feit**, who recently received the strength award at Artx Banquet, placed 2nd in a ninja competition, and when competing at her 1st ninja pro-competition, qualified for the @nijasportsnetwork championship. **Patti Bloomer** on her recent retirement. **Matthew Mischlich** on his official signing to play Division 1 Water Polo for the Iona Gaels, in New Rochelle, New York.



## Out and About

Congrats to **Cat Theriot and daughter Mae**, for completing the 1/2 marathon together and it was Mae's first. **Marisa Zindler** attended daughter **Alex's** Artz banquet. **Craig and M'lissa Dilley** enjoyed the Elton John concert. It was ski time for the **Seghers** in Brian Head, Utah. The **Theriotics** enjoyed skiing at Powderhorn Resort, exploring Canyonlands National Park and Arches National Park. Seen in Garden Oaks, **Katie McKeown** in her first car. The **McKeown clan** also recently enjoyed Winter Park, CO. It was a fun Chinese New Year celebration hosted by **Aitu and Jason Taube**, including neighbors in the 1400 block of Sue Barnett. **Tina Rowe** and **Jim Dicola** enjoyed a trip to Florida.

## Thoughts for our neighbors who lost someone special to them....

**Missy Alwais and Jeremy Robinson** on the loss of Missy's mother in late December.

To the **Stengler family** in the loss of **Rygel**.

*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).*

## New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here.  
If you'd like a **Welcome Packet** delivered to your door, please email [Membership@gardenoaks.org](mailto:Membership@gardenoaks.org).

# Constable Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

## 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 at \$65,000 in contributions. Let's Get That Red to Rise!!! We need at least \$88,000 annually to cover one constable patrol.

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). These rosters are updated monthly.

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

**Sign up for Precinct One Crime Alerts:** <http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/crime-alerts/>

**Vacation Watch:** <http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/>



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## 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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### 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 Garden, 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)**

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opt-in for monthly emails re: neighborhood news and meeting notices

## 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!

### You can safely put these into your green recycling bin, loose:

- Metals and Cans: Aluminum and tin cans, such as soup cans, coffee cans, vegetable cans
- Cartons: Emptied and rinsed milk cartons, juice cartons, soup cartons
- Glass: Emptied and rinsed bottles, jugs, and jars
- Paper: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail. NO shredded paper!
- Cardboard: Cardboard and cereal boxes, flattened and emptied of packing materials
- Plastic: Bottles, tubs and jugs, #1 – 5 and #7. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, margarine tubs, detergent bottles (emptied and rinsed).



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# The HTX Collects App

*Excerpted from [houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://houstontx.gov/solidwaste)*

The Houston Solid Waste Management Department has launched [HTX Collects](#), a mobile app that will allow residents to stay better connected with the City's waste and recycling collection programs.

The Solid Waste Management Department collects curbside service for over 395,000 residential homes within the city limits. With both garbage (black can) and recycling (green can) as the core operations for curbside collections, the mobile app will help residents keep track of weekly services, updates, and collection delays.

[HTX Collects](#), will include collection reminders for garbage, recycling, yard waste and tree/junk waste specific to their service address. The mobile app will also send a reminder to residents of their collection days.

This user-friendly mobile app has many features available to residents, giving them the ability to stay up to date on the department's core services. Residents can sign up for service alerts and know what goes where. This is a seamless way to stay connected with the City's waste and recycling programs. Download the app or visit the website [HoustonRecycles.org](http://HoustonRecycles.org) to get more information.

Residents can find and download the mobile app for Apple and Android devices via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching for the keywords Houston Trash and Recycling. We encourage residents to use the following features of the new app:

- **Collection Calendar:** Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste, Junk/Tree Waste services. Set reminders and receive alerts via email, push notifications, and phone call.
- **Waste Wizard:** Searchable solid waste directory, curbside services, and drop-off location information.
- **Waste Sorting Game:** Fun, interactive educational tool to engage, challenge and change recycling behavior.
- Those who do not have an Apple or Android device can visit our website [HoustonRecycles.org](http://HoustonRecycles.org) and search their home address in the My Schedule tool. They can also:
- Sign up to receive waste collection reminders by email or phone call.

- Download their collection schedule into their iCal, Google calendar, or Microsoft Outlook calendar.
- Print their personalized collection schedule.
- Residents can also search the Waste Wizard on [HoustonRecycles.org](http://HoustonRecycles.org) to learn how to recycle or dispose of materials properly.



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Size	Single	Six Months	Twelve Months
2 1/4 W x 2 3/8 H	\$60.00	\$300.00	\$580.00
2 1/4 W x 4 1/4 H	\$90.00	\$450.00	\$870.00
Half Page 7 1/2 W X 4 1/2 H	\$110.00	\$550.00	\$1065.00
Full Page 7 1/2 W x 9 1/2 H	\$180.00	\$900.00	\$1745.00
Half Page Back Cover	\$150.00	\$750.00	
Full Page Back Cover	\$225.00	\$1125.00	
Full-page insert, single-sided	\$280.00		
Full-page insert, double-sided	\$325.00		

Please note:

1. Placement of ads is subject to the discretion of the editor.
2. Artwork must be e-mailed to [gazetteads@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazetteads@gardenoaks.org) by the 15th of each month for publication the following month.
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# Humidity and Your Indoor Comfort

*Mitch Weigand*

High humidity makes it feel like the air is being sucked right out of you. Low humidity causes its own problems too. In the winter, it can make your home feel a lot chillier than it actually is, and it can cause annoying problems like static electricity.

Set the thermostat between 71 to 77 degrees. But this range won't feel comfortable if humidity levels fall below 50 percent. No matter how warm you keep your home, it will still feel too cool.

The best way to correct low indoor humidity is with a humidifier. It can be installed as part of your HVAC system, adding needed moisture in the air, keeping the relative humidity above 50 percent. We usually don't have this problem in Houston.

### How excess humidity affects air conditioning

During the summer, your A/C system cools by removing excess heat and moisture from the air. When the humidity level is high or your equipment doesn't have sufficient

cooling capacity, your home may never feel truly comfortable.

Here are some common signs of excessive indoor humidity:

- Your skin feels clammy to the touch.
- Your home's windows fog and collect moisture on the inside.
- A musty odor becomes present caused by dampness which can eventually lead to mold.

### Too much is too much

People often assume that the larger and more powerful their home's A/C system is, the more effective it will be. Not true. Since it won't need to run very long to lower the temperature, the system won't get a chance to remove sufficient moisture from the air. The result is cold, clammy air. It is essential to buy a system the correct size, approximately one ton per 400 square feet.

*Mitch is the owner of Air Wise<sup>TM</sup>.*

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6	7	8 Garbage & Lawn	9	10	11	Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts	14 HISD Spring Break	15 Gazette Articles Due Garbage, Lawn, & Recycling	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Tree waste pickup	18 Holi	19 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
20	21 HISD Back to School	22 Garbage & Lawn	23	24	25	26 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
27	28	29 Garbage, Lawn, & Recycling	30	31		

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