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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Garden Club supports April Monarch Butterfly Events

Chavonne Slovak, Garden Club

Don't miss the April 5th GOCC meeting at Great Heights Brewing on Wakefield! Lisa McMillian, a Candlelight Estates resident, will present photos of the monarch butterflies' overwintering in Mexico in preparation for spring migration through Houston. She will also share tips on how Garden Oaks residents can support the monarchs by including the right plants in the garden.

On Sunday April 24th there will be a monarch food (milkweed) and nectar plant giveaway hosted by the Garden Oaks Garden Club from noon to 2 pm at the Art Park, Sue Barnett @ W. 43rd. Activities and planting instructions will be provided by the children. There will also be a hands-on demonstration of the monarch life cycle stages as the caterpillar hatches and undergoes its metamorphosis to the spectacular monarch butterfly. A variety of fun and educational activities are planned.

In support of the monarchs, Garden Club members planted a mix of native and tropical milkweed at Friendship Garden on March 13th workday. The combination of nectar plants and host plants will provide the habitat necessary for the monarch survival, as well as other essential pollinators like bees, moths, and birds. By following sustainable garden practices, including the avoidance of most herbicides and pesticides, Friendship Garden is eligible for certification by the North American Butterfly Association. If you are interested in improving our local pollinator habitat or becoming a NABA certified garden, stop by the Art Park on April 24 to pick up your plants!



Garden Club members Chris Lindsey, Jan Knight, and Shawn Spear plant milkweed and pollinator plants at Friendship Garden.

Garden Oaks Civic Club

GOCC April Meeting:

Tuesday, April 5th
7:00 pm

Great Heights Brewing
Private Back Room
938 Wakefield

Topics:

Monarch Migration
presentation
with Lisa McMillian

Continued discussion:

CoH sidewalk ordinance and
the Heritage District
designation.

Garden Club Monarch plant giveaway

Sunday April 24 12-2pm
Art Park, Sue Barnett & W.
43rd



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.

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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

Greetings! Spring has sprung, and by the time this post is published, our world should be in full blossom. Just remember, however, that winter isn't really over until the pecan trees tassel, which Farmer Cathy taught me long ago. Hopefully that blessed occurrence has already happened. Speaking of Cathy and all the doings at Sullivan's Happy Heart Farm, she sure could use a shot in the arm after all the travails of dealing with old man winter these past few months. Basically all she had to sell were eggs and what few veggies were spared from successive and very untimely freezes. And she sold very little of that. With today's fuel prices and a fifty mile journey round trip just to get to the market each Saturday, every sale counts.

Getting here would be much easier if not for the ongoing and never-ending destruction of Wakefield. I'd like to have a long conversation with whomever decided to start tearing up the westbound lane before completing the sidewalks on the eastbound side. It's treacherous for pedestrians, especially any with children, to navigate down to us.

Of course, "when all is said and done, more is said and done" and so life continues. On behalf of Farmer Cathy and local hero/brave young entrepreneur Sophia, I'd like to thank everyone who has traded with us through all the commotion and foul weather these past few months and kept us going. By the time of this posting, I will have survived my twenty-five day rodeo work marathon and will be rested, retooled and ready to bring forth new culinary creations and events. Ya'll can follow my antics along with market news on Facebook at Gourmet Familia and The Farmstand of Greater Heights.

As always, "Come soon, come often and watch out for the traffic on Wakefield."

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1. Take reusable bags and containers when shopping or packing lunches or leftovers.
2. Swap paper towels, plates, and napkins for reusable ones.
3. Buy in bulk. Avoid individually wrapped items, snack packs, and single-serve containers.
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Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1

Check /Park/School/Business - 26

Civil Process – 7

Contract Check – 326

Disturbance/Loud Noise/Other – 1

DWI – 1

Follow Up - 4

Information Call - 3

Meet the Citizen – 22

Meet the Officer – 1

Mental Health Check – 1

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Terry Jeanes

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Happy Birthday

Kiran .B. – 4/2

Devin Hunter – 4/6

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Melissa Neiser – 4/10

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Lily Bowman – 4/18

Leyton C. – 4/21

Leslie Ryan – 4/21

Nicholas M. – 4/26

Jim Tucker – 4/28

Wade M. – 4/30

Happy Anniversary

Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold – 4/6

Congratulations to **Alex Feit**, who placed 1st in the Gauntlet Fitness Tx Ninja competition in Dallas. And to **Julian Seghers** who was named "Boy Most Likely To Succeed" from the class of 2022, Heights High School.



Out and About

Heather McKeown and clan headed to Winter Park, CO. **Julie Sherber** had a successful moms' camping trip to with lots of area folks. **Elisa Cuellar and hubby Knox** visited the Gallapagos Islands. **Howard and Toni Tate** were excited to finally get their trip to Spain. It was Barcelona for the **Vonder Haars**. The **Zindler - Feit clan** had a great time in Hawaii. **Robert and Amanda Carlin** were off on an "Epic 25th Anniversary Road Trip to Marfa, TX". They caught up with recently moved Lamonte neighbors Greg, Jennifer, and Alejandro in Boerne. **Malcolm Taylor** ventured to Costa Rica with former GO friends Rodney Seiler and Lin Hlanak. **The Theriots** had a great time hiking in Big Bend. It was Georgia for fly fishing and hiking for the **Shamblens**. **Ivan Mayers and Juergen Mueller** took a Texas road-trip to Rockport, Fredericksburg, and Wimberley. **Chris and Art Lindsay** headed to Austin to celebrate a 40+ anniversary. Then it was a busy 3+ weeks of Rodeo Season for **Katy Kyle, Kat Stinson, Scott Matney, and Terry Jeanes**.all representing Garden Oaks on HLSR's Breeders' Greeters Committee.

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

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Joseph Masabni, Assistant Professor and Extension Horticulturist, The Texas A&M University System

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Texas gardeners can grow a variety of small- and large-fruited tomatoes:

Small fruit

- Baxter's Early Bush
- Cherry Grande
- Juliet
- Red Cherry
- Small Fry

Large fruit

- Better Boy
- Big Beef
- Big Box
- Bush Beefsteak
- Carnival
- Celebrity
- Homestead

Site Selection - Tomatoes grow well in most Texas areas if planted in soil that drains well. They need at least **6 hours of sunlight** each day.

Soil Preparation - Work the garden soil only when it is dry enough not to stick to the garden tools. Several weeks before planting, work the top 8 to 10 inches of soil. Remove all rocks and trash from the soil and rake it to break up large clods.

Tomatoes grow best in soils that have lots of organic matter. If possible, spread 2 to 3 inches of organic material such as compost, leaves, or rotted hay over the planting area. Mix this organic material into the top 4 to 6 inches of soil.

Planting - It is best to buy plants and not grow them from seed. Buy healthy, green plants that are 6 to 8 inches tall. Do not set out tomato plants until all danger of frost has passed. Plant each transplant slightly deeper than it had been growing (Fig. 1). Pack the soil loosely around the plant. Leave a slightly sunken area around each plant to hold water.

If you plan to grow single plants, dig a hole 2 feet wide and 10 inches deep. Refill the hole with half soil and half organic matter. For this type of planting, mix 2 level tablespoons of fertilizer into this planting area.

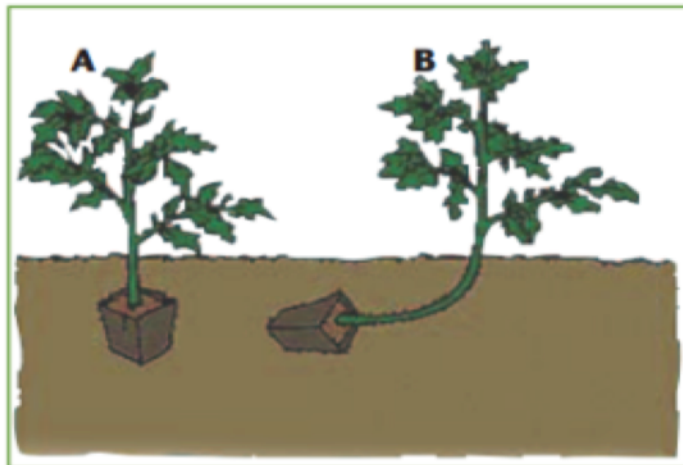


Figure 1. Plant tomatoes slightly deeper than they were first growing (A). If the plants are leggy, set them as shown (B).

Fertilizing - Add 2 to 3 pounds of fertilizer such as 10-10-10 for every 100 sq ft of garden area. Spread the fertilizer evenly, and then mix it into the top 3-4 inches of soil.

Watering - Water the tomato plants slowly and deeply so they develop a strong root system. Do not let the tomatoes wilt severely or yields and fruit quality will be low.

Care during the season - For the highest yields, place mulch around the tomato plants. Spread a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic material such as compost, leaves, or pine straw around the growing plants. Mulching will help stop weed growth and water loss.

You can let tomatoes grow on the ground or support them with stakes or cages. Put the stake in shortly after transplanting to lessen root damage. A 6-foot-long stake set 10 inches works well. As the plant grows taller, tie it loosely to the stake every 12 inches with rag or twine.

To develop the plant into two main vines, remove all but the lowest shoot. It will develop into a second branch. Caging is another way to train tomato plants. You can make a good cage with a piece of concrete reinforcement wire 5 feet tall and 6 feet wide. Put the cages over the young plants, pushing them down into the soil to keep them from blowing over. You can give

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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 \$70,000 in contributions. That is not quite enough to pay for even one constable patrol. Keep those contributions coming in!

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!

REQUEST: Looking for a volunteer sign installer for the Wood Thermometer Signs. Please email constable@gardenoaks.org or call/text Terry (281-236-8033).

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2022 DUES STATEMENT (January – December)

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Beth Jackson, Secretary

March 1, 2022

The March GOCC meeting was hosted by Great Heights Brewing. . President Tonya Knauth called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paul Vincent reported that the GOCC account balance has increased by a couple thousand dollars over last month. There was nothing new to report and the organization remains on track with its 2022 budget. GOCC current finances are available for neighbors to review by contacting treasurer@gardenoaks.org.

Committee Reports

Constable Program: Terry Jeanes shared that the Constable Program currently has 243 paid supporters this month, up from 220 in the previous month. Constable Jessica Clark joined the meeting online and encouraged all to keep eyes and ears open. There was no significant crime or activity in the neighborhood over the past month. Contact constable@gardenoaks.org if you are interested in volunteering. **Call Constable Dispatch @ 713.755.7628 with any issues.**

Beautification: Pam Parks reported on two recent Beautification workdays already and more to come as Spring arrives in Houston. New volunteers are always welcome. Follow the official Garden Oaks social media accounts for workday dates and times.

GardenOaks.org: There was no news to share about the Garden Oaks website, but Pam Parks did note that emails are going out with reminders about monthly meetings.

GO Citizens Patrol: Mark Saranie was not present. Interested in joining the GO Citizens Patrol? Contact Mark at gocop@gardenoaks.org.

Membership: Dian Austin reported 205 paid GOCC members in March, up from 178 last month. There are

currently 12 business members who are featured each month in the Gazette. Beth Jackson won the evening's raffle: a \$25 gift certificate to Great Heights Brewing.

GO Gazette: Editor Christi Hartley noted the deadline for submissions to the April Gazette is March 15th. There has been a good reception to new features like the Crossword puzzle. Please share feedback and content to gazette@gardenoaks.org.

Social Media: John Alvar was not present. **Neighbors, join the moderated Garden Oaks Facebook group, Houston_GO.** Membership is limited to owners and residents of GO.

Government Affairs/Capital Improvement Plan: Tonya Knauth reported that work continues on the Golf drainage project. The City continues to accommodate residents and businesses on Wakefield during the disruptions caused by this major construction project. The latest estimate from the City is that the Wakefield portion of the project will be complete in 6 weeks to 2 months (~April 15-30). **Neighbors, email Tonya at president@gardenoaks.org if you have concerns or issues with any aspect of the construction project.**

Tonya continues to work with Council Member Abbie Kamin's office to address the new City of Houston sidewalk ordinance and requirements of remodeled properties and new construction. There will be no wholesale exemptions to the ordinance for Garden Oaks.

Old Business

CITY OF HOUSTON SIDEWALK ORDINANCE & HERITAGE DISTRICT TOOL

The discussion focused on the topic raised in the February GOCC meeting: the CoH's "sidewalk ordinance", enacted in October 2021, which requires a sidewalk plan and construction of such for significant remodels and new residential construction throughout the city. The intention is to provide walkability city-wide, which is a great goal. However, the discussion focused on if and

how the ordinance affects the unique character and design of the Garden Oaks neighborhood. Originally, Garden Oaks was designed and developed with an intentional ditch and swale drainage system. This design did not include sidewalks running alongside the streets. With the City's new "sidewalk ordinance," there is the potential to create "sidewalks to nowhere" — a stop and start system of concrete sidewalks ending in grassy or graveled right of ways sprinkled throughout Garden Oaks. This could pose safety hazards for pedestrians, be aesthetically unappealing, and affect draining and flooding risks for the neighborhood in the future. The City has said that there will be no neighborhood-wide exemptions to the ordinance. Private property owners can apply at their expense for an individual exemption. There is currently one example of a new home in Garden Oaks where the builder has installed a "sidewalk to nowhere" instead of applying for an exemption in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

Designating Garden Oaks as a City of Houston Heritage District might be a way to protect the intentional and effective ditch and swale draining system in the

neighborhood. Heritage Districts are a new City of Houston tool aimed at recognizing and protecting the unique assets and character of a particular neighborhood. Heritage District protections **only apply to city-owned property and rights of way, NOT personal property.**

An open forum ensued with questions and discussion about the sidewalk issues facing Garden Oaks and any interest in a heritage district designation to protect the existing ditch and swale infrastructure as a means around the new sidewalk requirements.


New Business


The April Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will feature a presentation by area neighbor Lisa McMillian on Monarch butterflies on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm, hosted once again by Great Heights Brewing on Wakefield. There will also be continued discussion on the CoH sidewalk ordinance and the Heritage District designation.

With no further business raised, the March GOCC meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.


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the vine support without having to tie it (Fig. 2). Tomatoes growing in cages do not need to be pruned. When the first fruits are about 1 inch in diameter, scatter 1 level tablespoon of fertilizer around each plant, about 6 inches from the stalks. Work it lightly into the soil. Water the plants after fertilizing.

Fertilize the plants every 3 to 4 weeks with 1 to 2 level tablespoons of fertilizer. To control weeds, you may cultivate or hoe around the plants. Work the soil only deep enough to kill the weeds but shallow enough not to damage the tomato plant roots.



Insects and diseases - Many insecticides are available at garden centers for homeowner use. Sevin is a synthetic insecticide; organic options include sulfur and Bt-based insecticides. Sulfur also has fungicidal properties and helps in controlling many diseases. Neem oil, sulfur, and other fungicides are available for use.

Harvesting - For best quality, pick tomatoes at full color. If you pick them when they are pink, let them ripen at room temperature. They may be stored in the refrigerator after they reach full color.

Figure 2. Cages made from reinforcing wire give good support to tomato plants.

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Mitch Weigand

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Get your A/C service technician to inspect it, and he may say that your home can be back to 75 degrees by this evening but the repair will be very expensive, around \$3,000. Should you repair or replace? How do you make the right decision?

Consider the 50% rule. When the cost of repairs nears or is greater than 50% of the replacement value of your A/C system, it's time to replace it. The average life expectancy of an AC or heat pump here is 10-12 years. If your unit is nearing its end, you'll need to weigh the repair cost against the real possibility that additional repairs will be needed soon or even a complete replacement.

Fixing decade-old equipment is like putting a new \$3,000 transmission into a 10-year-old pick-up truck that has over 300,000 miles on it. False economy never pays.

New equipment also means better efficiency.

Equipment that is near the end of its life expectancy will typically be much less energy efficient than today's new equipment. Typically, a 10-year-old A/C will have a 6 - 10 SEER*, compared to a new system whose SEER can be 20 or higher.

Also, keep in mind the savings on your monthly energy bills. Energy costs have risen significantly and will continue to do so. Consider the energy consumption of your old unit versus a new one and the potential savings over its lifetime. If your old system has a 10 SEER rating, you will see a 47% drop in your electric bill with a new 15 SEER system. Cool!

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3	4	5 GOCC meeting 7:00 pm Garbage & Lawn	6	7	8	9 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
10  Palm Sunday	11	12 Garbage, Lawn, & Recycling	13	14	15 Gazette Articles Due Good Friday Passover	16 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
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Garden Oaks neighbors,

There's a new tool available to protect the PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS and STREETS of Garden Oaks from incompatible changes — a City of Houston Heritage District designation.

A Garden Oaks Heritage District could:

- **Protect the intentional and effective “ditch and swale” drainage system throughout the neighborhood**
- **Avoid “sidewalks to nowhere” as builders and property owners install sidewalks in a piecemeal fashion as required by the City of Houston’s new ordinance**
- **Maintain safe and walkable streets and rights-of-ways for residents and families**
- **Create future opportunities and potential funding to improve green spaces, restore original street markers, and maintain the unique character of the neighborhood**
- **Improve and increase property values over time**

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? Email: heritage@GardenOaks.org

*****GOCC Meeting/Discussion, Tuesday April 5, 7:00 pm***
@ Great Heights Brewing, 938 Wakefield**

City of Houston Heritage District Designation

The heritage district designation is intended to foster civic and cultural pride by protecting character-defining elements within neighborhoods. A heritage district is a section of the city that is distinguished by a unique community identity that residents generally recognize.

Non-profit organizations apply for heritage district designation, and once approved, are permitted to protect, restore, or install significant elements within the district such as brick-paved streets, walkways, signage and markers, 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.

Heritage district projects are only allowed on public streets and rights-of-way.