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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Save The Date – November 12, 2022 Garden Oaks Wine Walk

Annual Constable Program Fundraiser

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

Plans are underway to host the 12th Annual Garden Oaks Wine Walk on Saturday, November 12, from 2:30 to 5pm. The Wine Walk is our main fundraiser for the GO Constable Program. Our last Wine Walk was held in 2019 and raised over \$46,000 for the Constable Program!

The Wine Walk takes place in the perfect backyard venue in the 700 block of W. 43rd, where neighbors and area businesses host tables, each serving different wine(s), food(s), and even beer. We have a full complement of table hosts returning from previous years. There will be a Plonk! Wine Pull as well.

This is an adults-only event. We generally sell only about 200 tickets, and they go fast! Sponsorship opportunities will be available.

So, for now, save November 12th, 2:30 to 5 pm, for the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, where we will mingle and have fun raising monies for the Constable Program! More information will be available next month.



Garden Oaks Civic Club

**GOCC July Meeting:
IN PERSON ONLY**

Tuesday, Aug 2nd
7:00 pm
Great Heights Brewing
Private Back Room
938 Wakefield

Topic: General Business
Meeting (Social time following
meeting)

Anyone can attend-
GOCC members can vote

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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4th of July Bike Parade

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Letter to the Editor

Hello. My name is Antonio Ramirez, and I am a Boy Scout from the local troop 40. I am writing to thank you for all the years of writing this great Gazette.

Ever since I was a kid, I always saw it as a neat idea to have people in our neighborhood talk about things happening to our neighborhood. Even now at 17, I still think it's really great how a community can wholeheartedly come together to write and care about a neighborhood this much. So again, thank you so much for writing such insightful pieces for so long.

Sincerely,
Antonio Ramirez
Section 4 resident

Receiving the Monthly Civic Club Update?

If you'd like to receive a monthly email that will give you the specifics of the next Civic Club meeting (date, location, topic, speaker, etc.), information about upcoming neighborhood events, and a link to the upcoming Gazette newsletter before it's delivered to your home, we've got you covered.

Some of you are already receiving these monthly emails, but if not and you want to get on the mailing list, go to gardenoaks.org and register under the Members tab. You should then automatically receive the email update.

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Beyond the Bankruptcy

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization

As we come to the final months of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization’s bankruptcy, it is time to hold board elections. You might ask, why is this important? It’s important because GOMO still exists. 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 bankruptcy.

A date and location will be set after the bankruptcy court grants permission to spend the necessary funds to hold an election. Stay tuned for more information. If you’re interested in running for the board or learning more about how you can help reshape our community, please email help@gardenoaks.org.

We need a new board to help make decisions on how our community moves forward. We need to answer questions such as - Do we want a governing body to represent the owners? Do we want deed restrictions that make sense for modern times and that can be modified for future generations? Do we want the same protections that other comparable neighborhoods have? Currently, there are still more questions than answers.

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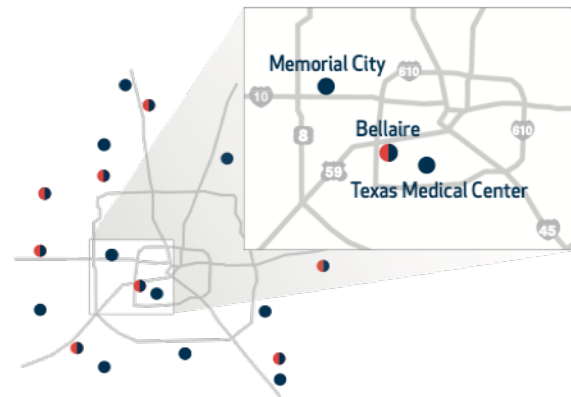
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Terry Jeanes

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 878 West 41st
 1018 Lamonte
 1419 Sue Barnett
 748 West 42nd
 831 West 41st
 823 West 41st

Happy Birthday

Mark Sarmiento 3rd
 Elizabeth Klein 4th
 Katherine Knauth 4th
 Avery T. 5th
 Rick Knauth 9th
 Tony Padon 23rd
 Isabella R. 23rd.
 Trent Salch 23rd
 Mary Beck 24th
 Bridgette Martinez 26th
 Emma Kathryn C. 28th
 Debbie Padon 28th
 Gretchen Dreher 29th
 Carl Waters 29th

Happy Anniversary

Pat Buron & Shelley Rogers 5th

Congratulations

To **Reese S.**, who earned a spot on her first club volleyball team. And to **Mae T.** on her Order of the Arrow at Camp Ozark and also to brother **Jackson T.**, who got his 5 year pin. And to **Heather McKeown** who now has a new ride after a long wait...

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.



Out and About

The **Zindler-Feit clan** celebrated the 4th holiday in the Canyon Lake Hills Golf cart parade, enjoyed the river, Robert Earl Keen concert & fireworks of course.

The **Salches** had a great time in Gulf Shores, Alabama. **David Shamblen** and **Morgan** went to Colorado for the week to play softball. The **Dilleys** and the **Cracknells** had a grand time in the Ozarks as well as the kids enjoying camp.

The young **Sherber girls** worked in Louisiana on a Mission Trip. **Caroline Stender** enjoyed Kerrville as well as Garner State Park. **Heather McKeown** visited Fredericksburg, Johnson City, New Braunfels, the Comal River, & Luckenbach. It was beach time in Port Aransas for **Carl Waters** and **Leslie Ryan**. **Heather Leverett** spent some time with gal pals in Telluride Colorado. **Cat and Jason Theriot** enjoyed a little Louisiana time.

The **Weltin Boys** big Summer Adventures continued this year in the Northwestern United States. The **Goad family** had an adventure heading to Scotland via Germany. For the **Seghers**, it was off to Belgium for the summer for **Julian**, with the family visiting Belgium, then enjoying Normandy, Paris, Versailles, and even celebrating Bastille Day in Rouen.

In Memoriam. Special thoughts for our Garden Oaks neighbors who lost someone special to them: **Jaime and Celeste Zamora**, with the passing of **Jaime's mother**, who was just shy of her 99th birthday.

Heather Leverett & Stephen Mink with the loss of their pup, **Mangum**. The **Polasek** household who lost their pet, **Blitzen**.

Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

Hooray, it's August! Okay, before y'all think I've gone totally daft, just know that I'm happy because we're halfway through our normal summer heatwave. Granted it did start a few months earlier than normal; thus the cause for celebration. With a little luck, maybe the heat will end a little sooner than expected, but I'm not holding my breath.

What I am praying for is the completion of the construction on Wakefield. At the time of this writing in mid-July, I'd like to express the consternation of anyone who has to travel down or do business on the street. Granted, I'm not a civil engineer. I have however been building various forms of electronic and mechanical equipment and structures most of my life, and I can detect no rhyme or reason to the work being accomplished. All I can really hope for is that they somehow get their act together and finish this road.

Back to market news - Farmer Cathy, Sophia, and I have managed to hang on through the heat, construction, and lack of traffic to the market, and we are hopeful that the future will hold a reward for our diligence. On the other hand, I've been contacted by various prospective vendors over the last few months from which we will select a good mix for y'all to shop with, once the construction is completed and traffic begins to flow again.

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Burglary of a Motor Vehicle - 1	Neighborhood Check - 2
Check /Park/School/Business - 33	Open Door/Window – 1
Civil Process –3	Special Assignment - 13
Contract Check – 292	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 8
Disturbance/Loud Noise/Other – 1	Theft Other – 1
Follow Up – 1	Traffic Hazard - 1
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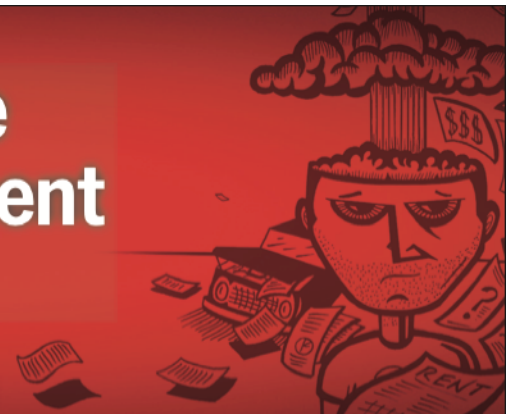
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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

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GOCC Meeting Minutes

Beth Jackson, Secretary

July 5, 2022

President Tonya Knauth welcomed attendees and opening the business meeting at 7:06 pm.

Tonya introduced Welby Goode, the Community Liaison for Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Harris County Commissioner, Precinct One. Garden Oaks has been redistricted into Precinct One. For any county issues, we can contact Welby and Commissioner Ellis for aid in navigation and assistance. Contact Welby at 832.538.4029. Tonya invited Welby Goode back to a future GOCC meeting to share resources and issues facing Precinct One.

Dian Austin moved to accept the June GOCC meeting minutes. Kevin David seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Current net income is \$14K in the current year. The GOCC does have a deficit spend-down budget, and we continue to be in the positive. Balances in checking account and constable account are in line with the budget year-to-date. Current Civic Club finances are available for neighbors to review by contacting treasurer@gardenoaks.org.

Committee Reports

Constable Program: Chairperson Terry Jeanes reported 287 members, creeping up towards 300 households for the year.

Seven Precinct One deputies attended the annual Garden Oaks 4th of July bike parade which was a successful event. Special thanks to Pamela and Matt Bell for coordinating.

Please remember to use the Vacation form and patrol offered by the Constable program. The form alerts the Constable of your absence so that patrol can keep an eye on your property.

The Constable Program Committee is always in need of volunteers, specifically those who can help to update thermometer signs at entrances to the neighborhood. Contact constable@gardenoaks.org if you are interested in volunteering to aid the Garden Oaks Constable Program. Neighbors, call Constable Dispatch @ 713.755.7628 with any issues.

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Beautification: Pam Parks reported that irrigation has been shifting in response to the City of Houston voluntary water restrictions. The Committee has been hand watering the new trees at Graham Park. Many thanks to Pam and her committee for their diligence.

GardenOaks.org: The webpage is undergoing a refresh. A new landing page will feature social media and more relevant info. If you would like to receive email reminders about upcoming GOCC meetings and events, please register at www.GardenOaks.org.

Membership: Dian Austin reported that membership is up, and there is a new Business Member, Great Heights Brewing Co. The raffle prizes were a GO t-shirt and a \$25 gift card to Great Heights Brewing. The Wine Walk Committee plans to host the Constable Program fundraiser in November. Due to the pandemic, the Wine Walk has been absent for the past two years. Look for more info in the September Gazette.

GO Gazette: Christi Hartley reported that the Gazette is coming out quicker. The deadline for the August Gazette is July 15th. Please send submissions to gazette@gardenoaks.org.

Social Media: John Alvar was not present, so there was no social media report. John continues to push information on Instagram. If you have social media requests or questions, please reach out to Mr. Alvar at social@gardenoaks.org.

Government Affairs/CIP: Tonya shared that the Wakefield portion of the current construction project is supposed to wrap up by the end of July. The lack of rain has been beneficial for the progress of the project. The Golf Street project should be north of 43rd by the end of the summer. No target date for start of the Phase III, the Sue Barnett phase, as of now.

Please reach out to Tonya for concerns of questions - president@gardenoaks.org. Fastest response is via Tonya, not 311.

Old Business

The subject of the evening was the continued discussion of the sidewalk ordinance and heritage district designation.

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Tonya began with an update on the sidewalk ordinance. The City of Houston planning department proposed amendments to the October 2021 ordinance. The public process began in May, and public input was received through the end of June 2022. The GOCC encouraged all the submit feedback. The next step is for the Planning Department to potentially revise the proposed amendments based on feedback. There is no specific date for revisions.

If you know of someone who is building or significantly rehabilitating a property, please reach out to Tonya for information about the fee in lieu of building a sidewalk guidance.

Moving to the heritage district topic, Beth Wiedower Jackson made a motion for the GOCC to prepare and submit an application to the City of Houston to designate the Garden Oaks neighborhood as a heritage district. James Elmore seconded. Discussion ensued. A vote on was taken with 27 votes in favor, and 1 vote in opposition. The motion carried, and the GOCC will establish a committee to begin drafting a heritage district nomination.

New Business : None

The August 2nd Garden Oaks Civic Club general meeting will be at Great Heights Brewing.

The July Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.



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31	1	2 GOCC meeting 7:00 Garbage, Yard Waste & Recycling	3	4	5	6 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
7	8 HISD Teachers First Day Ashura	9 Garbage, Yard Waste	10	11 Garden Club Meeting	12	13 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
14	15 Gazette Articles Due	16 Garbage, Yard Waste & Recycling	17	18	19	20 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
21	22 HISD Students Return	23 Garbage, Yard Waste	24	25	26	27 Farm Stand— 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
28	29	30 Garbage, Yard Waste & Recycling	31	1	2	3 

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