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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Wine Walk Tickets Now on Sale!

Dian Austin, Committee Chair

The 12th annual Garden Oaks Wine Walk is slated for Saturday, November 12th, from 2:30 to 5 pm. This is our largest Constable Program fundraiser. Please help us raise funds to keep our constable deputy patrolling in the neighborhood and surrounding areas by buying a ticket and attending the Wine Walk. We missed two years during the pandemic, so we are woefully underfunded.

Tickets can be purchased via the ticket order form in this month's Gazette or online via Eventbrite: gowine2022.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$125 (adults 21 and over only). Wine Pull tickets are \$20. Tickets will be held in the purchaser's name at check-in.

If you are new to our area, please check out this fun neighborhood event. It is held right here in Garden Oaks, in the gorgeous backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba. They have a huge and wonderfully landscaped yard, just perfect for an afternoon of tasting wines, beers, sangria, and foods. There will be 11 table hosts stationed all around the yard, each serving a different libation for you to taste. These hosts are our neighbors and neighborhood businesses who provide everything at their own expense. The event would not be possible without them.

All the monies raised go directly to the Garden Oaks Civic Club for payment of our constable program contract with Harris County Precinct One. Plonk! Beer and Wine Bistro will have a beer tasting tent. We will also feature the ever-popular Wine Pull. This is our most fun event of the year, so please plan to join us. We only sell 200 tickets, and we sell out every year, so get your tickets soonest!



Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting

No October Meeting

Events

National Neighbors Night Out

October 4th @ 6 pm - Your Block

November Meeting:

GOCC 11/1 Meeting NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT WORKSHOP

7-8 pm

Share what you value about GO and hope for its future.

GO Wine Walk -

Saturday, November 12th
2:30 to 5:00pm
744 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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Article Submission Guidelines

1. MS Word or text document as an attachment (not the body of the email), left justified, no headers or footers. Keep formatting to a minimum.
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.
3. Articles should be titled. These can be as simple as the name of the committee or the event, but a concise title should be provided for all other articles.

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Cash sponsorships generate most of the profits that the Wine Walk raises each year. We are so thankful for the sponsors below who have already signed up! Sponsorships are available ranging from \$500 to \$3000. Please consider advertising your business as a Wine Walk sponsor! Sponsor benefits can be found in this month's Gazette and at gardenoaks.org.

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All proceeds are used to fund the Garden Oaks Constable Program.

Questions? GOConstable@gmail.com.

2022 Garden Oaks Wine Walk Table Hosts

Our annual Constable Program fundraiser would not be possible without the generosity of our table hosts. Each table host provides at least a case of wine (or wines), or other beverages, and foods at their own expense. Most of these folks have been repeat hosts for many, many years. Thank you to these generous neighbors and neighborhood businesses. We appreciate you! Thank you for supporting our Constable Patrol Program. We couldn't do it without you!

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at \$20 each for a total of \$ _____

(Each Wine Pull ticket allows one "pull" of a wine bottle)

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Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet is ready to “Jump Into Fall”

Amanda Sebba, GOMM Principal, and Yoly Villarreal, PTO President

After pausing many of our community-engaging events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM) are thrilled to once again invite community members onto campus! Join us for our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fall Festival will include an array of fun activities, including crafts for the kids, entertainment, live music, bounce houses, guided tours of Montessori classrooms, and appearances from special guests.

GOMM is an HISD PreK-8th grade public school that focuses on providing authentic Montessori instruction. Our classroom environments are supplied with hands-on Montessori manipulatives so that students can learn by doing. GOMM is a diverse campus. Many students qualify as low-income and high-risk, and through fundraising efforts such as Fall Festival, we are proud to be able to provide quality Montessori programs to everyone. Fundraising events like Fall Festival and the support of our generous underwriters help us provide an enriching, public Montessori education through the public-school system. The annual cost of authentic Montessori in a public school is approximately \$200,000 more than a traditional school, and with the support of parents, community, and corporate sponsors, GOMM has been able to fill the gaps that state, federal, and local funding sources do not cover. The school currently educates approximately 800 students and administrators hope to continue to grow the program next year.

First developed in the early 1900s by Italian educator Maria Montessori, the Montessori teaching method has proven extremely successful for children of all socioeconomic, learning, and ethnic backgrounds.

Our GOMM program has successfully drawn scores of parents back to the public-school system who might otherwise choose private school for their children. We are aware of the tremendous desire for Montessori education among HISD parents. This past year we had over 1000 applicants for the 86 available seats at our school. We are working hard to keep up with the demand, but each new classroom costs about \$25,000 to set up. This school year we were able to add two new classrooms at GOMM: one for students ages 3 to 5 and another for students ages 7 to 9.

This year's Fall Festival will feature student artwork and hand-made crafts for sale through the Silent Auction as well as hundreds of quality products and services donated by area businesses and individuals. Tours of a Montessori classroom as well as an Introduction to Montessori Presentation will begin at 11:30 am. GOMM is located at 901 Sue Barnett, Houston, Texas 77018. For more information, email fallfestival@gopto.org or visit www.gopto.org/events/fall-festival/.

As an important member of our community, we invite you to Jump Into Fall with us! Come explore and reacquaint yourself with your neighborhood school and all that GOMM has to offer!



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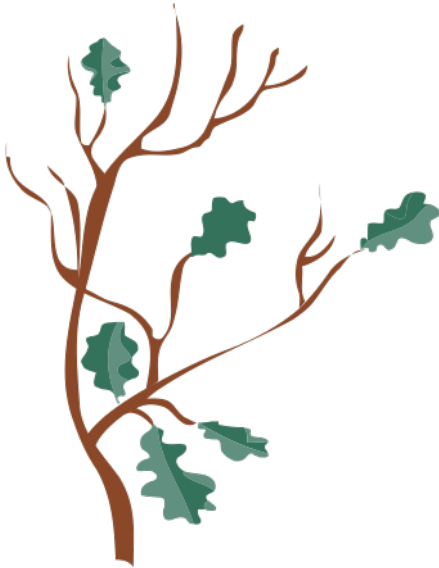
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Alice Sarmiento 24th
Benjamin B. 24th
Penelope Carter 25th
Linda Reichle 25th
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Jack Runge 28th
Eden Craig 30th

Happy Anniversary

Tony & Debbie Padon 6th
Elizabeth & Mark Klein 7th
Betsy & Gig Runge 9th
Sally & Jim McDaniel 22nd
Jayne & Mike Maltbie 38th

Out and About

Caroline Stender and **Linda Sparks** enjoyed a fun morning in Kleb Woods at the Hummingbird Festival. **Terry Jeanes and her mom** had an incredible trip to Paris and Rome, along with a cruise that included several Greek islands and stops in Turkey and the Amalfi Coast. It was a Flatland Calvary concert for **M'lissa Dilley, Lauren Cracknell, and Marissa Zindler**. The **Theriotics** attended the Imagine Dragons concert, the first concert for Jackson.

Congratulations:

Reese S. for making the JV volleyball team at St. Rose. And to **Tina Sabuco** and her Arts Alive! family, celebrating 28 years of joy and fun, and now expanding to Sugarland.

Well Wishes to **Ivan Mayers**, recovering from recent cardiac surgery.

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.

New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here!

If you'd like a Welcome Packet,
please email

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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair M'lissa & Craig Dilley, Vice Chairs

National Night Out Tuesday October 4th --- Who is having a gathering? Email constable@gardenoaks.org to be included in the list so law enforcement agencies, Precinct One Constable and HPD, are aware. Gatherings can be as simple as bring-your- own- lawn- chair and beverage, to covered dish pot lucks, to larger lavish events. The key is showing Neighborhood Unity for Crime Prevention. Share names and contact numbers and meet your neighbors. Most gatherings are in the 5:30 to 9 pm window.

Thank you to Captain Nancy Hennessy, who after 38 years in law enforcement, the last 9 with Precinct One, has retired at the end of August. It was my pleasure working with Captain Nancy as she oversaw the Contract Patrol Division. **Welcome to Captain Lori Bender!**

Become a Constable Program Supporter: <https://www.gardenoaks.org/go-constable/>

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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

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Back-to-School Favorites with GOKids

Sara Mathias, GOKids Admin

Earlier bedtimes and frantic mornings aren't the only exciting part of back to school! Eleanor, 6, loves her back-to-school tradition of meeting friends at Fat Cat Creamery for ice cream. Odette, 4, was excited to see the new toys and read the new books in her Pre-K class. Wesley, 3, couldn't wait to play with his friend Colton, while Holly, 4, loves story time and seeing her friends. Clara, 8, and Noah, 10, look forward to seeing their friends again when school starts. They also enjoy a back-to-school donut treat.

As the GOKids families get settled into their new routines, I know we are also looking forward to the upcoming Halloween party. If interested in attending the Halloween or Christmas party, 2022 memberships are still available at <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/gardenoakskids>.



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Questions?

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Help the Monarchs by Trimming Milkweed

Garden Oaks Garden Club

Garden Oaks residents support the monarch butterfly population by planting milkweed and nectar plants in the spring. As the monarchs traverse the country for the spring migration, abundant milkweed is needed to host a new batch of caterpillars. The widely available tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*), also the easiest to grow, serves an important role in the monarch life cycle as they pass through. However, in the fall, the extended availability of non-native tropical milkweed throughout the winter can disrupt the monarch migration, transmit disease, and weaken the population.

Late-season tropical milkweed patches can foster a parasite called *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE). OE spores from infected adults are deposited on milkweed plants and monarch eggs. The spores can then be spread by newly hatched butterflies, who may transmit the OE parasite to other Monarchs or spread the disease to the migratory population in Mexico. Native milkweed senesces (dies back naturally), which breaks this cycle. Tropical milkweed does not senesce, which allows OE to proliferate.

Before they begin the migration from northern states, shorter days and cooler temperatures cause the butterflies to stop reproducing and store extra fat in their abdomens. These changes are critical to conserving resources for the 3000-mile migratory flight. The primary need of the Monarchs in fall is nectar to fuel their flight back to Mexico.

What you should do:

- By November 1, cut back the tropical milkweed to 6" to reduce the parasite and motivate the migratory Monarchs to continue their migration.
- Grow fall flowering plants such as blue mistflower, fall aster, and salvia to provide fuel.
- Plan ahead to have a thriving milkweed crop in the Spring. In mild winters, the tropical variety will likely survive. Until February, continue to cut back milkweed to 6" to prevent Monarch overwintering.
- Plant native milkweed as it becomes available. Most natives are more difficult to propagate and slower to grow, but provide a more beneficial habitat.

The 2022 Monarch winter migration to Mexico has begun, according to the Journey North database, and should pass through Texas any time now. Sighting of migratory butterflies was reported in Chicago in early September, and they are heading this way.

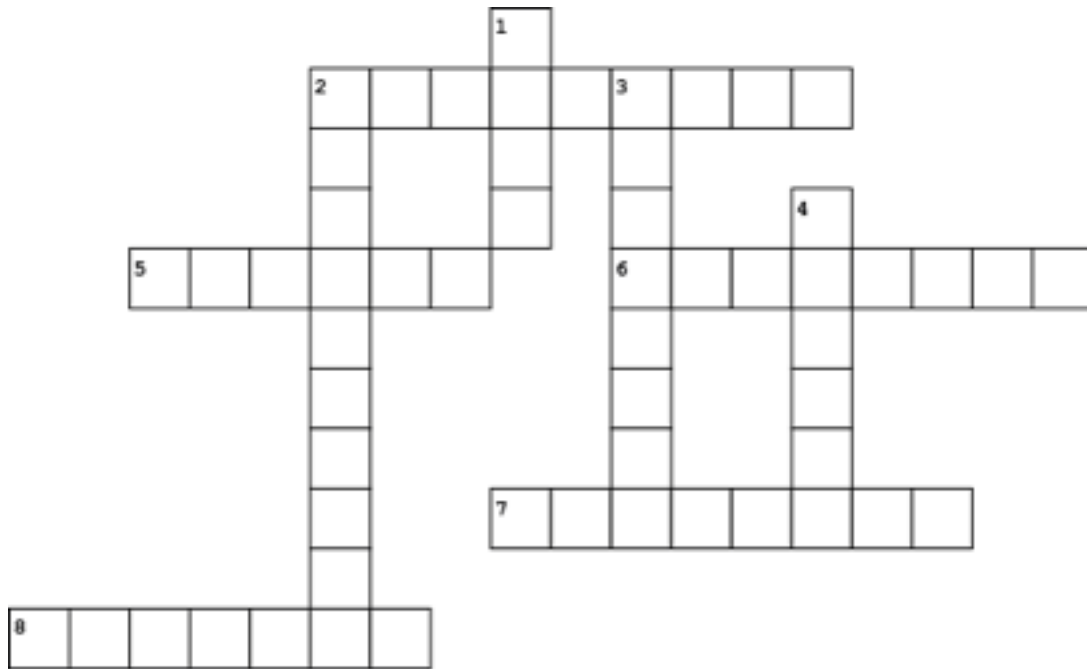
Track the progress on the Journey North site below.

<https://maps.journorth.org/map/?map=monarch-peak-migration&year=2022>

<https://www.monarchwatch.org/tagmig/>



Trim the Tropical Milkweed!



Across

2. The long trip back to Mexico the monarch takes in the Fall.
5. During migration, the monarchs get their energy from _____.
6. *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE)* is a deadly _____ that can infect the monarch butterflies.
7. To help decrease the amount of OE, plant more native _____.
8. Nectar comes from blooming _____.

Down

1. What you can do to tropical milkweed to decrease the amount of OE* spores.
2. Blue _____ is an example of a Fall blooming flower.
3. The type of milkweed that harbors the highest amount of the OE* parasite because it rarely dies back in our mild winters.
4. The type of milkweed that harbors the least amount of OE* parasite because it naturally dies back (senescence) each year.

*OE is *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha*

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Beth Jackson, Secretary

September 6, 2022 @ Great Heights Brewing

Tonya Knauth, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The August 2022 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The guest speaker was Heather Cook, Senior Assistant Attorney with the City’s Legal Department. Ms. Cook focused on deed restriction enforcement as applicable by the City. She gave a general overview of deed restrictions in Houston and answered questions about Garden Oaks’ deed restrictions and the City’s purview and enforcement of such.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Paul Vincent distributed the monthly financials. Funds have started coming in from sponsorships of the 2022 Wine Walk, which supports the Constable Program.

There is still room in the budget to spend additional funds supporting schools, beautification, or special projects based on the annual budget approved by the GOCC. Email president@gardenoaks.org for inquiries and with ideas.

Current finances are available for neighbors to review by contacting treasurer@gardenoaks.org.

Committee Reports

Constable Program: Chairperson Terry Jeanes was on vacation. Under consideration currently is the enlargement of the Constable patrol area covered by the new GOCC annual contract. Neighbors are encouraged to join the Constable program annually and to take advantage of the vacation watch service provided free of charge.

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.**

Beautification: Pam Parks reported that the Committee is still working on repairing the back flow preventer that was vandalized earlier this summer.

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They are putting pressure on the City to take down dead trees, specifically in Graham Park in Section One.

GardenOaks.org: Please sign up on the website for monthly email reminders and updates about the general meeting. Currently, GOCC is emailing about 600 people with monthly meeting reminders and pertinent information.

Membership: Chairperson Dian Austin reported 245 paid GOCC members, and 299 Constable program supporters for the current calendar year. Updated membership rosters are online at gardenoaks.org. The evening's raffle prize was a Hot Bagel Shop gift card won by David Fuentes. Congrats, David!

Tickets for the 2022 Wine Walk fundraiser go on sale October 1st. The event is November 12th. Tickets are \$125 each and will be available via the October Gazette and Eventbrite. Get your tickets soon as this FUNdraiser always sells out.

GO Gazette: Editor Christi Hartley was not present. Kudos to Christi for the past year of her service as Editor. The Gazette has grown and continues to do so. The deadline for the October Gazette is September 15th. Please submit to gazette@gardenoaks.org.

GO Kids: Sara Mathias will be giving monthly updates going forward. Welcome Sara and welcome back GO Kids. Their next event is a Halloween trick or treat scheduled for October 29th on 42nd Street (between Golf and Apollo). Check out the GO Kids Facebook page to join and participate in their six annual events for kids and families in Garden Oaks.

Social Media: The neighborhood Instagram account now has 700 followers and continues to grow. If you have social media content, requests, or questions, please reach out to John Alvar at social@gardenoaks.org. Please join Houston_GO on Facebook for the real, local, relative Garden Oaks information. This is a closed, moderated page for GO residents only.

Government Affairs/CIP: GOCC has joined the North Shepherd Community Alliance (NSCA), which is restarting after a pause during the pandemic. The organization advocates for the businesses and neighborhoods along North Shepherd. They have a meeting scheduled with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to discuss traffic flow on North Shepherd during the proposed I-45 expansion project.

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GOCC reps are attending the NSCA meetings and will report back on any action items and information pertinent to the neighborhood.

Questions, concerns for the Golf Rd construction project? Call (don't text) Harold McKinley, 713.412.3504, the City's project supervisor. Mr. McKinley is very responsive and helpful.

There is a state representative election on the ballot on November 8th. GOCC has no candidate forum scheduled for the upcoming election. Look for a candidate forum to precede November 2023's election for city council and mayor.

New Business and Announcements

GOMM's PTO President Yoly Villarreal shared that the school's annual Fall Festival will be held on October 8th, 11 am -1 pm. The festival celebrates Montessori learning and benefits GOMM. Please come out to support the school and neighborhood!

There will be no GOCC meeting in October. Instead, GO residents are encouraged to celebrate the national Neighbors' Night Out. Host a party or join one on your block. Please let Terry Jeanes (constable@gardenoaks.org) or Tonya Knauth (president@gardenoaks.org) know if you are planning a party and would like HPD and/or Harris County Constables to stop by your event.

The December GOCC general meeting will include a holiday party. More details to come.

The next GOCC meeting will be at 7 pm, Tuesday, Nov 1, at Great Heights Brewing.

With no further business raised, the September Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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2	3	 4 National Neighbors Night Out	Yom Kippur 5	6	7	8 GOMM Fall Festival 11am to 3 pm
9	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	11	12	13	14	15 Gazette article deadline
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