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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## The Wine Walk is Here!

*Dian Austin, Committee Chair*

Garden Oaks' most fun event is happening on Saturday November 12th. Please join us on that crisp, fall Saturday afternoon as we sip, taste, and mingle, all while raising funds for the Constable Program. Over the years, this event has made about \$245,000 for our underfunded Constable Program. We expect to generate another \$25,000 this year.

The format is simple: 11 generous neighbors and area businesses will be stationed around the yard as table hosts. Each station will serve a different beverage and foods. Offerings include wines, beer, sangria, and frose'.

Tickets to the Wine Walk and the Wine Pull can be purchased via the ticket form in this newsletter or by going to <https://gowine2022.eventbrite.com>.

Tickets for the Wine Walk are \$125 each, and Wine Pull tickets are \$20.

Tickets will be held in the purchaser's name at the check-in table on November 12th. You should have gotten an automatic confirmation if purchased online, and a confirmation email if you purchased via the ticket form. If you did not get a confirmation, please email [cavort2@gmail.com](mailto:cavort2@gmail.com).

**What:** Garden Oaks 12th Wine Walk, "Sip, Sip, Hooray", celebrating the neighborhood.

**When:** Saturday, November 12th, from 2:30 to 5 pm.

**Where:** 744 West 43rd, the gorgeous backyard of Ed and Brenda de Alba

**Why:** To mingle with your neighbors, have some fun, and most importantly... Support the Constable Program! Please join us!

**Note:** This is a non-smoking event, and attendees must be at least 21 years of age. No pets are allowed. There will be limited parking on W. 43rd, so please try to "walk the walk" and either walk, bike, or Uber over for the event. Please arrive no earlier than 2:30 pm (unless you are a table host and setting up your table). Low-heeled shoes are best to navigate the flagstone pathways.

### Notices

#### **GOCC Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 1  
Neighborhood Input Workshop  
Great Heights Brewing, 7pm

#### **GO Wine Walk:**

Saturday, November 12th  
2:30 to 5:00pm  
744 W. 43rd.

#### **GOCC Meeting & Holiday Gathering**

Tuesday, December 6  
Catered Dinner  
Great Heights Brewing, 7 pm

## 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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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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### *Pam Parks, Committee Chair*

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- Oct. 22     **Art Park** (Sue Barnett @ W. 43rd)
- Oct. 29     **Randall Berm** (Durham @ W. 30th)  
Graham Park (Lawrence @ W. 34th)
- Nov. 5       **Gazebo** (W. 42 @ Sue Barnett)
- Nov. 12     Friendship Garden (Lawrence @W. 30th)
- Nov. 19     **Garden Oaks Blvd.** (between N. Shepherd & Sue Barnett)
- Sunday AM   Triangle Park (Alba @ Azalea)  
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*Mickey Morales*

Happy November! It's definitely time to give thanks. First, I'd like to thank all the wonderful people connected to the Gazette for the opportunity to promote our little neighborhood market. And we'd also like to thank all our customers for your continued support. Without you, we'd have to reason to show up each Saturday

I was watching a movie the other day titled "Seven Days In Utopia" starring our national treasure, Robert Duval. The nugget of wisdom I gleaned from it was something he taught a young man, which in shorthand is S.F.T. Spelled out, it means See it. Feel it. Trust it.

This quote made me realize that Farmer Cathy and I have been living this truth for years now. We saw what we wanted to establish. We felt it was the right thing to do, and we trusted that it would be successful. Granted, it doesn't always work out the way we think it will, but what we might judge as a success may be seen as another's failure. We learned if we keep our eye on the goal, it tends to work out in the end. All we ever wanted was a place to sell our honest goods to a willing public. And that is what we believe we've achieved.

Back to market business..... November also means used pumpkin time. Last year we saved a tremendous amount of gourds from the landfill. I spent more than one Sunday loading them into the farm trailer. This year we're going to work smarter, not harder. I'm going to position said trailer at the driveway leading into the market. So feel free to bring your gently used pumpkins. The goats and the hens will be most grateful.

On a personal note, Thanksgiving also means it's time for pecan, chocolate pecan, and apple tarts, along with quiches of various types. This year I'm also adding lemon/ blueberry and key lime mousseline pies. Check with me at the market or message me at my Gourmet Familia page on Facebook for price and pickup dates.

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

A Thank You to the Neighbors Night Out Hosts and Attendees as well as the many Precinct One Deputies who made gatherings in the area on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Have you supported the Constable Program yet?

Thank you to our current supporters. Note that we are now collecting funds for the 2023 year.

We ended 2022 with 299 supporters, who contributed about \$83,000. The current roster can be found on [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

A single Precinct One contract costs about \$87,000, so we need to increase our collective contributions.

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!

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*Terry Jeanes*

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Frank C 7th  
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Cheryl Cohorn 28th  
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## Happy Anniversary

Bob and Debbie Driver 4th  
Hal Bowman and Georgia Lister 11th  
Keith and Susan Kostelecky 13th

## New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here!

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## Congratulations to

**Alex F.** who placed 3rd at the Texas Ninja League (TNL) State FINALS representing Ironsportsofficial. And to **Reagan S.**, who not only made JV team as noted last month, but also earned a spot on GO Club volleyball team, where she ultimately decided to play. And especially to **Jason Cunningham** on his book, *Wherever You Are Tonight: Love and War in the Forgotten Theater of World War II*.

## Out and About

The **Theriot household** enjoyed time in Minnesota hiking and sightseeing, The **Dilleys** broke away to London for holiday and the NFL London game while also visiting longtime friends.

**Elisa Cuellar** had a trip to Iceland, enjoying thermal baths, incredible water falls, whale watching and going to the National Park & experiencing ice caves and a lava tunnel.

**Terry Jeanes** had an amazing trip with her Mom, including Paris, Rome, with a cruise that included Greek islands and the Amalfi Coast.

**Heather McKeown** not only enjoyed camping in Guadalupe State Park but also Austin and the 2nd week of ACL.

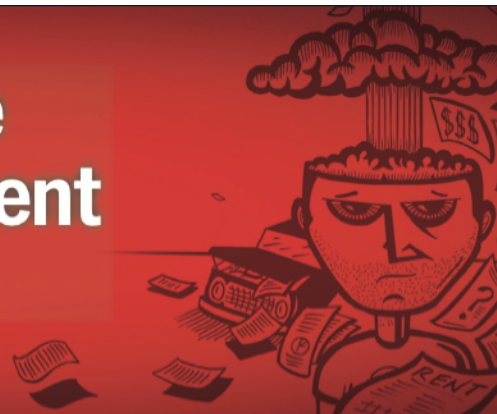
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**Al Thomas and Dea Larson**, on the passing of Al's father in September. .

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4. Are you curious about your roof's condition?

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# November GO Kids Update

*Sara Mathias, GO Kids Admin*

The neighborhood kids loved seeing the Halloween-decorated houses. We asked a few what their favorite part of Halloween was, and since they all answered "candy", we had to ask what their second favorite thing was!

The Phillips family loved dressing up in family costumes that included the kids' godmother. Maybe you saw them dressed as Harry Potter and friends? John, 2, loved trick or treating with his friend, Odette. Lincoln, 9, had fun with his new costume. Carter, 7, repeated the tradition of dressing as a team with his brother. Did you spot Willie Wonka and the Oompa Loompa?

The neighborhood GO Kids Halloween event was so fun. Thanks to sponsors Ginny Ledwell Realty, Katie Hilburn Interiors, Primrose, Raising Cane's-Ella, SCM Construction Services, Slowpokes, and Sign Gypsies for helping make this special for the kids.





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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**

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# Home Heating Energy Myths Debunked - Part One

*Mitch Weigand*

Let's set the record straight regarding common home energy myths.

**The higher you set your thermostat, the faster the furnace will heat up your home.**

**False.** Furnaces deliver heat at the same rate no matter how high the thermostat is set. If you set your thermostat at the desired temperature, it will reach that point just as quickly as if you set it higher than you truly want.

**Adjusting your thermostat to a lower temperature at night or when nobody's home can save you money. True.** Research shows

that the longer your house stays at a reduced temperature during the fall and winter, the more energy and money you will save.

Heating cost depends mostly on the difference between indoor and outdoor temperature. When you lower the temperature, you are reducing this temperature difference. Setting the temperature back 10 or more degrees for eight hours while you sleep or go to work can reduce your energy bill by 5 to 15 percent. A programmable thermostat can do this automatically for you.

**Energy-efficient windows will save you money. On the fence.** Leaky windows waste energy by letting heat escape. However, new windows can cost thousands of dollars, and it may take years before the expenses are realized by energy cost savings.

You're better off dealing with smaller leaks which are usually much more affordable to fix. For example, adding insulation around plumbing vents, wall sockets plus adding weather stripping to doors will seal up your home for a fraction of the cost of new windows.

**Fiberglass insulation in your attic alone keeps cold air out of your home. Not exactly.**

Fiberglass does a better job at keeping heat in than keeping cold out. If you have cracks and air leaks anywhere in your house, the cold air will seep in no matter how much attic insulation you have.

**Having an energy efficient furnace installed will reduce your energy bill. Depends.**

The highest efficiency-rated heaters can cost you more money than necessary if they are improperly sized or installed. According to the DOE, shoddy installation and improper sized equipment can waste as much as one-third of your energy consumption.

*Part two in next month's issue of the Garden Oaks Gazette. Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise TM.*

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