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# Garden Oaks *Gazette*

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## American Legion Park Revitalization Project

*Andrea Rafiel, Chairperson, Friends of American Legion Park*

Friends of American Legion Park is a community group that's championing the fundraising efforts for the Masterplan Revitalization Project!

**Please help us reach our goal of \$35k to fund the Masterplan for the Revitalization Project!** We're about 2/3rds there, and every donation gets us closer! **All donations are tax deductible and can be made online through the Houston Parks Board ALP website.** Friends of ALP also needs volunteers to help coordinate events and fundraising efforts to benefit the park! Find us on Facebook @friendsofalp.

**American Legion Park is located at 3621 Golf Drive in the Oak Forest neighborhood adjacent to Garden Oaks and Shepherd Oaks.** The park has large grass fields that countless youth and adult recreational teams play on. However, the backstops and bleachers need refreshing, and more lighting is needed to provide safer places to play and exercise throughout the five-acre park. Perhaps a walking trail around the park and other fitness opportunities could be added to the Masterplan.

**Beyond the park's expansive fields and majestic oak trees, the playground is the first thing you notice when you arrive at American Legion Park. Unfortunately, it's seen better days.** Even the pieces that haven't gone missing are inaccessible. Besides being unsightly, the playground is barely usable for kids wanting to play—especially for those with disabilities. **Let's do better for our neighborhood children, who'd treasure a new playground to enjoy!**



Speaking of our neighborhood children, let's not forget that Friends of ALP hosts preschool story times and a Kids' Green Club at American Legion Park, to encourage local families to get outside. Children enjoy stories, songs, environmentally friendly crafts, and the chance to play with each other afterwards on the playground. **The park is now a much safer place to host gatherings thanks to the new fence that was installed along the railroad tracks by the Houston Parks Dept with Councilmember Abbie Kamin's help.** The fence came about after Friends of ALP urged the City to address the safety concerns the nearby railroad tracks posed. Our next goal is to make the park earth friendly by offering recycling and perhaps even composting. With your continued help and support, the possibilities for revitalizing this local gem in our amazing community are endless!

### Notices

#### GOCC Meeting:

**Tuesday- March 7th,**  
Presentation by Principal Rhonda Honoré and Tim Weltin, College & Career Readiness Advisor, about Waltrip High School

**Tuesday, April 4th,**  
Community input session for GOCC rebranding, facilitated by CORE Design Studio.

Great Heights Brewing  
938 Wakefield — 7 PM  
Private Meeting Room

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## 2023 Garden Oaks Civic Club CommUnity Partners

*Thank you to the following neighbors and neighborhood businesses who are supporting our CommUnity Partnership Program for 2023.*

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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.

(AL Park from page 1)

A Friends of ALP Co-Chair had this to say about the ALP Masterplan Revitalization project: **“The theme of American Legion Park’s revitalization movement as a park for all ages could not be more fitting.** Whether it’s a story time, kickball game, birthday party, baseball practice, Easter egg hunt, or a baby shower, American Legion Park has a storied history of being the outdoor gathering place for the Garden Oaks/Oak Forest community. The neighborhood is buzzing with excitement about what the next chapter of this urban greenspace in the center of our area will bring. Seeing the return of young families under old oak trees, the lawn covered in picnic blankets, and people dancing in the park this past year has been heartwarming. So many neighbors at Friends of ALP story times, picnics, and fundraising events have eagerly shared their hopes for beautifying this public space. I’m thrilled to be part of the effort to sustainably bring ALP to its full potential as an environmentally friendly neighborhood park for future generations to enjoy.” -AM

Once we reach our \$35k goal to fund the Masterplan, Friends of ALP will collaborate with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Councilmember Abbie Kamin’s office to gather feedback from the community on goals for the Revitalization

Project. We’ll send out notices of these future meetings, so we can bring together the spectrum of park users and collect their input. **Please join the ALP Friends Committee on Facebook @FriendsofALP to stay in the loop on all future developments! We are dedicated to achieving our goal of revitalizing American Legion Park, so that it’s accessible to people of all ages and sustainably designed to stand the test of time!!**

History of American Legion Park: WWI & WWII Veterans in the Garden Oaks/Oak Forest area planned out this beautiful five-acre park with a ballfield and playground in 1948. Then in 1951, American Legion Post 560 donated the park to the City of Houston and moved to their current home which is located a few blocks from the park on Alba Road.

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## Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

Giddy up! It's rodeo time! A little-known fact is that I grew up as a country boy right here in the city, just down the road at N. Shepherd/Parker. My family began raising horses around the time I turned eight years old, and later we started showing horses. Back then they called the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo the Fatstock Show or just the Stock Show. It was still a big deal back then, but nothing like today. It was much more laid back. With our bronze exhibitors' badges, we were free to go anywhere we wished. We saw Elvis sing in the Astrodome, along with Charlie Pride and many others.

All in all, it was a good experience. It taught me the value of hard labor and persistence along with the ability to endure almost any amount of pain and hardship. My older brother showed the overall Grand Champion Stallion in 1969. He was the envy of all the large well-funded operations in Texas. I can remember going to smaller horse shows around the state and watching other competitors withdraw their entries, loading up and heading off as fast as possible to the closest show because they knew that they wouldn't place first.

I believe all those experiences make me ideally suited for the work I do today. It taught me how to build things that last, and that you need lots of patience. The most important thing I learned was how to endure the weather, hot or cold, and how to prepare for it. That's why when Farmer Cathy and I say we run a Rain or Shine operation, we mean it. Lots of folks marvel at the fact that we're out there week after week and thank us for being here for going on over eleven years now.

As always "Come soon, come often and Thank God for the Farmers and Ranchers."



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## Gardening Tips for March

Weather gurus say that our last frost has most likely passed, so everyone should be getting excited about getting out in the garden. One of my favorite parts of early Spring is finding the dormant plants that are popping up in the garden. March is that transitional month where we play the game of too cold and just right for throwing out seeds, transplanting, fertilizing and watering. March is also the start of WEDDING season, so start doing your stretches.

Any of the rainy, chilly rodeo weather days can be spent finishing up planning your garden layout, and visiting your local garden centers to see what's coming in from the growers. When planning, think about the plants you want to put in the same areas, and make sure they have the same water and sun requirements. It's helpful to keep a garden journal, reminding you of what plants did good and where. If you feel that Punxsutawney Phil might have gotten it wrong, spend the first part of the month prepping your beds for seeds and transplants, with a nice layer of organic compost around the yard and in beds to feed your new garden additions as well as your established plants. It's also a great time to have your sprinkler system audited, and to switch your flower bed zones to drip irrigation.

In the garden, your fall planted annuals will really start to put on a show. If you need an instant pop of color in the garden, to welcome in spring, buy some snapdragons, violets or dianthus to get your through early May when the perennials will take the lead. Deadheading the spent flowers will help them look prim and proper. You can continue dividing and transplanting established ornamental grasses, fall blooming bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees, but finish up quickly to eliminate the need for more pampering if done after the heat picks up. Most bare root roses should be in the garden by now, but if still have one, get it in asap. You'll need to prune all established roses as soon as possible, as late pruning equals late blooming. If you're feeling lucky, direct seed warm season perennials, veggies, and herbs, but cover if temps fall into the mid 30s or below. March is the last ideal month to plant a new tree, before temperatures rise. You can also plant vines, groundcover, ornamental grasses, and herbs. It looks great to mix your vegetables and herbs into your garden beds. Established shrubs, perennials and herbs can be pruned to encourage fuller growth unless frost damage has occurred,


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then wait for new growth to show before trimming. For lawns you can lay sod, but don't seed until April. Mulching will help prevent weed seeds from germinating, but you may need to pull the weeds if they are in your lawn.

With temperatures still being mild, you should only need to water newly transplanted plants, seedlings or plants showing stress from low water.

For the wildlife, it is still most important to provide a safe and clean water source. Herbs are a great way to attract many of the swallowtail butterflies. Bronze fennel, dill, parsley and carrot tops are host plants for the swallowtails, where you can watch the entire life cycle from egg to emerged butterfly.

#### Sustainable gardening tips for March include:

- start a compost pile in your yard with fallen leaves, newspaper and scrap veggies from your kitchen
- use that compost as a natural fertilizer to amend your soils
- mulch your beds for weed control and better water retention

- learn about native and well adapted plants in our area, and strive to replace an exotic/invasive plant in your yard with their native alternative
- clean bird feeders and water sources often

#### Plant of the Month

Texas Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*) – this Texas lupine has light-green, velvety, leaves, usually with five leaflets. They can grow up to about 2' and are topped with clusters of up to 50 fragrant, blue, pea-like flowers. The tip of the cluster is conspicuously white. They require low water and full sun. There are six *Lupinus* species which are the official state flower of Texas.

It is used by bees, and is the larval host plant for the Hairstreak butterfly and Elfin butterfly.

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The best time to throw bluebonnet seeds out in the garden is in early winter, but many growers and nurseries are now carrying bluebonnets that we can put directly into our yards as 4" plants. Look for them at your local neighborhood nursery. If you leave these plants in your garden beds, the seeds will drop and more bluebonnets will grow next spring for you. You can also find seeds for white, pink, and Aggie Maroon bluebonnets.

Sources: *Month-By-Month Gardening Texas* by Skip Richter, *Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac* and *The Wildflower*



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## Garden Oaks Kids

*Sara Mathias, GOKids Admin*

GOKids is looking forward to both our upcoming Easter event in collaboration with the Friends of the American Legion Park, and to our April Moms' Night Out.

About 50 families celebrated Valentine's Day with cookie decorating, making presents for their parents, and decorating lunch bags for Kids' Meals at the Stomping Grounds. Fat Cat Creamery and Luloo's offered discounts to the GOKids families and were so excited by the turnout. We were happy to support the local businesses in our area!

GOKids is a family membership-based group that helps bring a small town feel to the big city while supporting our local Garden Oaks businesses. We also offer bounce house and movie screens and projector rentals to our members. To join: <https://gardenoakskids.cheddarup.com>



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- May
- Bees
- March
- Chick
- Flowers
- Season
- Sunshine
- Green
- Picnic
- Warm
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Originally celebrated with religious feasts and services, St. Patrick's Day became a secular celebration of Irish culture when it reached the United States alongside Irish immigrants. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green.

Why is the color green worn on St. Patrick's Day? Patrick's revelers thought **wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns**, fairy creatures who would pinch anyone they could see not wearing green. People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers.



Leprechauns and everything green have become universal symbols of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. (Dima Gavrysh/Associated Press)

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

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*Terry Jeanes*

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**Congratulations** to **Julie Sherber** on a successful Moms' Camp 2023 – Cancun.

Also to **Abby OGuynn** on her acceptance to the University of Texas, where she will major in Environmental Science.

Huge Congratulations to both **Shellye Arnold** and **Randy Odinet** for the success of the Memorial Park Project. The Memorial Park Conservancy celebrated the grand opening of the new Land Bridge and Prairie with the "Biggest Picnic in Texas".

*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).*



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## Out and About

Big news ahead: Ragtime Original Broadway Cast Will Reunite in March 2023, including GO resident **Mary Sharon Komarek**. The 2020 event was postponed by COVID, and will include many of the original Broadway cast.

**Craig and M'lissa Dilley** spent Valentine's week at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico.

**Marisa Zindler and daughter Alex** had a great Galentine's Mom and Daughter trip to Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

Well wishes and continued recovery to **Tina Rowe** on her knee surgery and **Dian Austin** on her hip surgery.

## Special Thoughts to

**Brenda and Ed de Alba** in the loss of Brenda's cousin and former Garden Oaks resident, Jill Frazier Farnsworth.

**Tim Clark** in the loss of his wife, **Madeline Clark**, in December.

## New to the Neighborhood?

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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

*Beth Jackson, Secretary*

January 3, 2023 at Great Heights Brewing

President Tonya Knauth called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm following a half hour of social and community time per the new meeting format for 2023.

Knauth introduced Yucari Ramirez, the new Director of Constituent Services for District C Councilmember, Abbie Kamin. Any questions, concerns, drainage issues or otherwise, please reach out to Councilmember Kamin's office or Yucari at [yucari.ramirez-menera@houston.tx.gov](mailto:yucari.ramirez-menera@houston.tx.gov). A representative from Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office was invited to attend but was not present.

Acknowledging and thanking Angela Winston as the delivery coordinator for the monthly Garden Oaks Gazette, which includes the meeting minutes, President Knauth called for a motion to accept the January minutes. The motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Under the new meeting format, standing committee reports will only be delivered if there is new and relevant information to be shared.

Treasurer Paul Vincent delivered the monthly financial report, which covered two months since there was no report presented at the January meeting. Any neighbor can request financial reports by contacting [treasurer@gardenoaks.org](mailto:treasurer@gardenoaks.org).

## OLD BUSINESS

President Knauth moved to neighborhood updates beginning with the City of Houston sidewalk ordinance amendment that passed successfully in late January. Homeowners and builders can now pay a fee in lieu of building a sidewalk in Garden Oaks, in keeping with the character of the neighborhood's infrastructure and design.



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The long-awaited community identity and rebranding effort will finally take place in April 2023. As a lead up to the neighborhood input session, the branding consultants will be posting questions and soliciting feedback via social media. April's GOCC meeting will feature a community input workshop facilitated by consultants CORE Design Studio. Thanks for everyone's patience as we have worked with the consultant's schedule.

Secretary Beth Jackson said Garden Oaks' nomination for Heritage District is in the works. She also mentioned the new City of Houston Conservation District ordinance proposal before City Council in February. Residents are encouraged to read the proposed ordinance which could have some implications for Garden Oaks and our Heritage District application. These new tools could serve to bolster efforts to both encourage investment and development and protect the unique heritage of our neighborhood.

The proposed Phase 3 drainage and street redesign for Sue Barnett is not currently within the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the City, due to the re-prioritization of the project post-Hurricane Harvey. There are no new

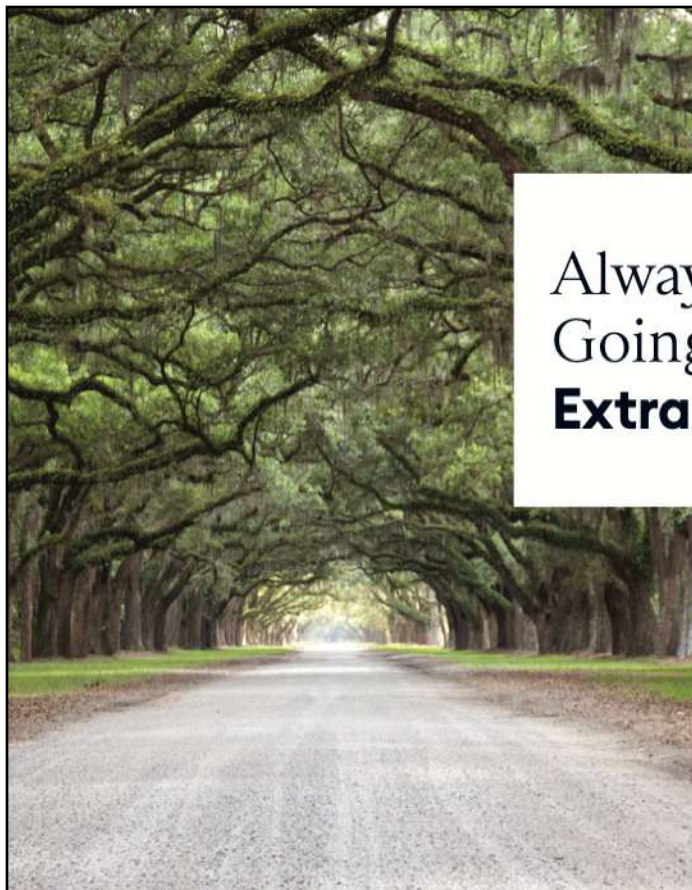
updates to share regarding the proposed I-45 project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upcoming event: Lauren Simpson's "Creating a Pollinator Paradise at Home" presentation at the Garden Oaks Garden Club on Tuesday, February 21 at the Candlelight Community Center.

Please join us for the next Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting on March 7th. Following social and community time, we hope to have a presentation about and by Waltrip High School. And mark your calendars for the April 4th community input session — invite a friend!

The February 2023 GOCC meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm by motion of James Elmore and approved unanimously.



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### 2023 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.**

**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)

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# Why Spring Check-Ups Can Save You Money

*Mitch Weigand*

One of the most important ways to extend the life of an A/C system is to have a yearly inspection done prior to summer. This will help ensure that the unit is prepped to work properly and at maximum efficiency.

Spring inspections can reveal problems while they're still small, enabling the technician to fix them promptly. If your system is short just one pound of freon (that's about 10% overall), your electrical bill can increase nearly \$50 per month. A well-maintained A/C unit uses less energy to cool, and can mean lower energy bills.

Replacing the missing freon and repairing the leak that caused it will cost around \$200-\$350. That's a lot cheaper than buying a new compressor to replace the one that burned out because of low freon levels. A new compressor can cost 10 times that, around \$3,000 or more. BIG difference.

## What else is done during the spring check?

Besides looking at freon levels, here's what else needs to be inspected:

**OUTSIDE** - Check start capacitor and potential relay. Check compressor contactor. Check all wiring and connections. Check condensing coils

**INSIDE** - Check voltage and amperage to all motors with meters. Check air temperature drop across the evaporator coil. Check secondary drain pan. Lubricate all moving parts. Check and adjust thermostat. Check filters.

Finally, if your A/C check-up takes place in the spring, you'll beat the long waits and higher prices which always come with peak-season summer inspections.

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5	6	7 GOCC Meeting 7 pm	8 Holi	9	10	11 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
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