

Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Welcoming New Students for the 2023-2024 school year now!

Amanda Sebba, GOMM Principal

Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM) is gearing up for next year! If you are zoned to Garden Oaks, we are pre-registering students now for the 2023-2024 school year. Last week, GOMM hosted "office hours" for pre-registration. However, if you missed our office hours, it's not too late to register! Just call the front office at 713-696-2930, or visit our website (https://www.houstonisd.org/gardenoaks) for information about what documents you will need to bring with you to register your child. We look forward to welcoming you!

Notices

GOCC Meetings:

Tuesday-May 2,

Great Heights Brewing 938 Wakefield — 7 PM Private Meeting Room

Tuesday-June 6,

Great Heights Brewing 938 Wakefield — 7 PM Private Meeting Room

Wanting to learn more about your neighborhood school? GOMM is proud to offer Montessori education on our beautiful campus, where we focus on nature and environmental sciences. While playing at the Spark Park or walking by the school, our neighbors may have noticed our chicken coop, multiple vegetable beds, butterfly garden, and pocket prairie, all of which provide GOMM students opportunities to engage in handson learning. You may also have noticed our pond when walking on Sue Barnett. In collaboration with our highly-committed Parent Teacher Organization, GOMM is revitalizing our pond this year so that we have a true outdoor classroom next year! This transformed spaced will include outdoor learning stations, sustainable wind and solar energy as well as water reserves, and much more.

For those unfamiliar with the Montessori approach to education, Montessori is a child-centered educational approach, involving specially-designed materials coupled with a great deal of student choice and independence. Students at GOMM in grades as early as PreK 3 through 8th grade learn to become self-motivated, peaceful, and respectful of themselves, their peers, and their environment. Developed by Dr. Maria Montessori in the early 20th century, the Montessori approach aims to cultivate a child's natural curiosity and love of learning through a carefully designed curriculum and a supportive, nurturing environment.

One of the key benefits of Montessori education is its focus on individualized learning. GOMM's hard working teachers develop learning plans that are individualized to each student's education needs. They work with students to foster and encourage their individual interests and are given the ability to explore and discover their passions. This approach fosters a sense of autonomy and self-confidence, as children become active participants in their own education. An important aspect of Montessori is its emphasis on hands-on learning. Students at GOMM engage with the world around them through a variety of activities and experiences, from practical life skills like food-preparation and sorting, to working with manipulatives that help them master complex math and language arts concepts.

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.

If you/your business is interested in joining our annual program, please email membership@gardenoaks.org.

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- 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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Overall, Montessori education provides students with a unique and rewarding learning experience that can help them develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive long term. In fact, a recent study of adults who received Montessori education for at least two childhood years reported increased well-being compared to those who only ever attended traditional school. A recent study (Lillard, et al., 2021) with more than 1900 adults found that those with a history of Montessori education reported greater general wellbeing, engagement, social trust and self-confidence! These results held true even after considering different factors such as socioeconomic, race, gender, and public/private school status. Researchers also found that with each additional year of Montessori childhood education, adults reported a coinciding increase in their well-being scores.

At GOMM we are proud to offer our students the opportunity to receive up to 11 years of Montessori education. I encourage you to visit our website for video samples and photos of GOMM Montessori

lessons and educational events. We are honored to provide a Montessori education, with a focus on environmental sciences, right here in Garden Oaks, and look forward to welcoming you to our amazing campus!





A Perfect Day for the Wakefield Shuffle!

Tonya Knauth, GOCC President

The second annual GOCC Wakefield Shuffle was a big success! On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, neighbors came together to enjoy the offerings of the Wakefield establishments, and to raise money for the Constable program.

Thanks to Emily and Mike Stephens for chairing the event, and thanks to the following businesses for their support: Decant Urban Winery, William Price Distilling, D'Alba Restaurant, Wakefield Crowbar, Walking Stick Brewery, Great Heights Brewing Company, and The Canary Restaurant.





Garden Oaks Brand Survey

April's Civic Club meeting was an input Workshop to gather neighborhood comments, concerns, and direction on the future of Garden Oaks. With a goal to create a refreshed brand identity for the Garden Oaks Civic Club, this is YOUR chance to voice input and feedback about what makes Garden Oaks special and unique.

Share YOUR thoughts on the values, character, and future of YOUR Garden Oaks.

Answer the Input Survey. Send it to

President@gardenoaks.org, or bring it to the May 2nd GOCC meeting. You can also mail it to Survey at PO Box 10273, Houston, 77206.





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Garden Oaks Brand Survey						
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Briefly describe what you have heard people say about Garden Oaks who have never been there before						
Circle three words or phrases that best describe Garden Oaks currently	Growing Authentic Friendly Innovative Safe Diverse Rich history Close-knit Culturally rich Quaint Progressive Accessible Service hub Natural beauty Charming Business-friendly Welcoming Cosmopolitan Stable Active people Unspoiled Creative Sophisticated Quiet Family-oriented Senior- and Elder-friendly Healthy citizens Tolerant Student-friendly Diverse Other (please specify)					
Circle three words or phrases that best describe what you would like Garden Oaks to be in the future	Growing Authentic Friendly Innovative S Culturally rich Quaint Progressive Access Charming Business-friendly Welcoming C Unspoiled Creative Sophisticated Quiet Healthy citizens Tolerant Student-friendly Other (please specify)	ible Service hub Natural to cosmopolitan Stable Activ Family-oriented Senior- ar	eauty ve people			

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IDENTITY /SIGNAGE	Is history important to the identity of Garden Oaks					
	Is innovation and forward thinking important to the community and identity of Garden Oaks		T _C			
	Directional and street signage that provides clear wayfinding in the Garden Oaks					
	Signage that defines entry points to the Garden Oaks					
MEDIA		VERY	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
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IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE FOR OUR GARDEN OAKS PATROL DEPUTY

Garden Oaks Patrol Deputy Jessica Clark's preemie daughter, Ruby, born in November, has been in Memorial Hermann Children's Neonatal ICU since birth. Ruby has had multiple surgeries, and more are on the horizon. Matt Schoelles, Ruby's father, is currently on Family Leave which expires in May: Matt is a Federal Border Patrol agent stationed in Arizona.

Their compassionate family transfer requests for Dad to transfer to a closer BP Patrol sector have been denied, citing Dad is not in the "same household". Now is the time for ground roots support, as attempts on their own have failed.

Any assistance you can give by calling and/or writing government representatives including US Congress people & Senators, as well as State representatives, could help.

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(Constable from page 8)

If you wish a sample letter, email constable@gardenoaks.org one will be sent.

In addition, please share stories to your social media pages and others in your email database. Despite recent offers for a Go Fund Me page, Deputy Jessica has requested focus be on the transfer of Matt closer to Houston. If you wish to provide gift cards, i.e. Grub Hub as recommended by some Garden Oaks neighbors, they can be sent direct to Deputy Jessica and family at RiseUp4Ruby@gmail.com. Funds can also be used to help defray mounting costs, daily parking fees, etc. Reach out to constable@gardenoaks.org and information will be provided once arranged.

Thank you to Mike and Emily Stephens and all who organized the Wakefield Shuffle Event Sunday April 16th.

Have you supported the Constable Program yet? We need you! The 2023 campaign is in full force.. You can pay online at 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!

Online payments here: https://www.gardenoaks.org/go-constable/

If you need a new sign, please email <u>constable@gardenoaks.org</u>. A roster of current supporters is available at gardenoaks.org.

Reminder: The Constable Program is paid only by residents' contributions. There is **no mandatory fee** collected.

Pay your dues today. Why wait until you become a crime victim before contributing?

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

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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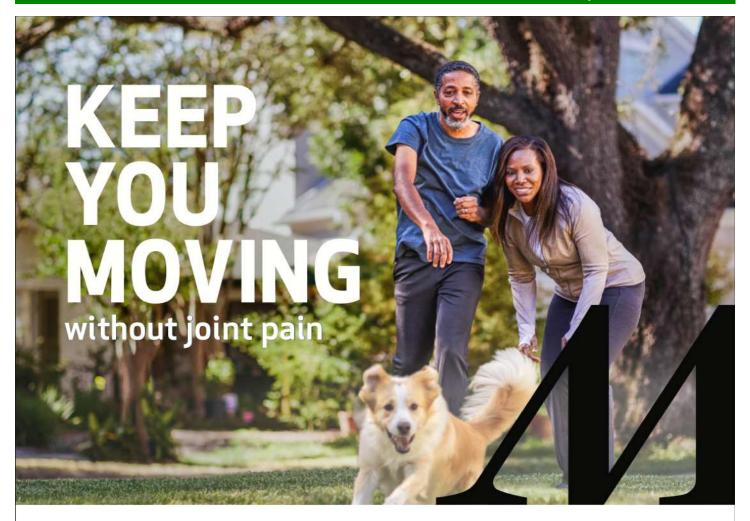
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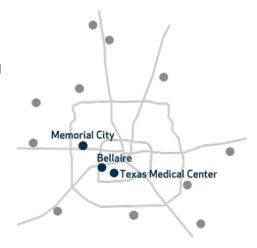
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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Congratulations on joining our community. We look forward to seeing you at a civic club meeting soon.

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1030 Lamonte

846 West 43rd

4235 Apollo

423 West 32nd

4252 Apollo

4129 Apollo

835 West 42nd

Happy Birthday

Cheryl McCosh 1st

Margot Velez 1st

Brad Hem 2nd

Christopher K. 5th

Linda Sparks 8th

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Jenny Odinet 14th

Victor Seghers 20th

Riley T. 22nd

Amelie P. 24th

Lauren S. 24th

Shannon Miller 31st

Rowan S. 31st

Happy Anniversary

Victor and Deb Seghers 3rd

Rusty and Linda Reichle 10th

Jason and Alisha Cunningham 16th

Congratulations to Lauren Seghers and her colorguard

team, taking home 1st place in recent competition It was a big Match Day for **Carly Stender**, who received her first choice with a placement at the University of Texas – Houston Dermatology residency program!

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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Out and About

The **Goad gang** adventures continued with Natural Bridge Caverns, the Alamo, and Fiesta Texas.

Knox Wright and **Elisa Cuellar** traveled to Jordan, spending Easter Sunday in Jerash, largest Roman ruins outside Italy.

It was Broken Bow, Oklahoma for the **Shamblen family**. The **Odinets** celebrated Randy's 45th birthday with family in Baton Rouge, including an LSU baseball game.

The **Dilley gang** enjoyed Canyon Lake and Six Flags over Texas / SA.

The **Theriots** enjoyed St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans and a little LSU baseball as well.

The O'Guynns ventured to Palo Duro Canyon. Jeff Gibb, Melissa Reid, and family enjoyed a road trip to the Alamo. Jason Cunningham had a book signing in Fredericksburg.

Special Thoughts to

The **family of Tim Clark**, long time Section 1 resident, who recently passed away.

Elizabeth & Mark Klein family in the loss of Elizabeth's mother.

New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here!

If you'd like a Welcome Packet, please email membership@gardenoaks.org.

Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

At the time of last month's posting, my mother's doctor said she wasn't expected to live past the first of the month. Well, here I sit on April 14th and she's still with us. Maybe I should have asked which month he was referring to. Or perhaps my mom is made out of different material than normal humans, I hope that I inherited some of those genes. I'm not in a hurry for her to leave this world, but this process may take a little longer than the doctor said.

On a brighter note, spring has sprung, and our world is in full bloom. The egg producers (the hens) are in full production. Farmer Cathy is now allowing y'all to purchase more the two dozen eggs at a time, and since they are much fresher than the ones in the store, they'll keep just fine in the fridge. It's always been a paradox that the demand for eggs is always highest when production is low and lowest when production is at its peak. In other farm news, there are still some winter veggies that are doing quite well: rainbow chard,

dinosaur kale, and a few others, along with the beginning of berries, tomatoes, cucumbers, and okra down the way.

Sophia has been a busy little bee, cranking out lots of tasty baked goods week after week along with her delicious granola blends. I've been taking advantage of the bounty from the farm and making two to four quiches each week. I'll soon bring back my Mickey's pint size pantry with items like lemon and garlic hummus along with the roasted red pepper version. I'm also thinking about lighter soups, like chicken tortilla, gazpacho, cool cucumber dill, and creamy tomato basil. That's it for now. Be sure and come by your neighborhood market each and every Saturday and say howdy.

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Garden Oaks Kids

Sara Mathias, GOKids Admin

GOKids had a great moms' night out at the end of April hosted by Frankie + Flora. It was fun to meet other moms in the neighborhood.

In May, GOKids will have their most anticipated event of the year: family portraits. Each family will receive 3-4 professional photographs of their family. We would like to thank Frankie + Flora for the beautiful backdrop, Spa 146 by Dr. Theresa Harring, and Kate Mejia Photography for making this event possible.

Constable Statistics March 2023

Data are provided monthly for the contract with the Harris County Precinct One Constable deputy who patrols Garden Oaks. The number of responses is shown for each category.

Alarm – 2

Animal Aggressive – 1

Burglary of a Habitat - 1

Check / Park / School / Business - 17

Civil Process - 4

Contract Check – 123

Discharge Firearms - 1

Disturbance/Loud Noise - 1

Follow Up - 1

Indecent Exposure - 1

Information Call – 7

Meet the Citizen – 7

Solicitors – 4

Special Assignment - 1

Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 8

Theft Other - 1
Traffic Hazard - 1
Traffic Stop - 4
Vacation Watch - 29
Vehicle Speeding - 1
Warrant Service - 2

Welfare Check - 1



As an avid runner of Garden Oaks, Evan is always willing to go the extra mile. Whether crunching numbers or providing input on the latest real estate trends and hottest neighborhoods, rest assured that Evan will use his analytical expertise and unwavering commitment to guide his partners through the changing market. A personal approach that puts your first.



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Beautification

Lauren Martin, Parent

Cub Scouts from the Bear Den (3rd graders) at St. Rose of Lima Pack 40 helped bag leaves along the Spark Park. Leaf removal is an annual necessity if street flooding is to be avoided in front and along the north side of GOMM. The den moved a small mountain of leaves in a very short amount of time.

The scouts also helped weed and clean up the Pocket Prairie in front of GOMM, and it's in full bloom! Come on by to check out the blooms, bees, and butterflies!





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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Beth Wiedower Jackson, Secretary

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Great Heights Brewing

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. President Tonya Knauth reminded all about the upcoming Wakefield Shuffle, a new annual fundraiser benefitting the Constable Program. It will be held on April 16th from 3:00 - 5:30 pm. Advanced tickets are \$15, and \$20 on the day of the event. Tonya also reminded all about the North Shepherd Business Alliance's clean-up day, scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. Pam Parks is the point person. Come out and help spruce up North Shepherd at the entrance to Garden Oaks.

The agenda then moved to the Community Input Workshop. Beth Jackson gave a brief recap of the Civic Club's rebranding interests and introduced the facilitator, Alan Krathaus, of Core Design Studio here in Houston. Alan launched the evening's workshop with an overview of his firm's work and the impact of creating a collective identity and brand on other communities.

Alan then facilitated an engaging and robust discussion about the characteristics and qualities that make Garden

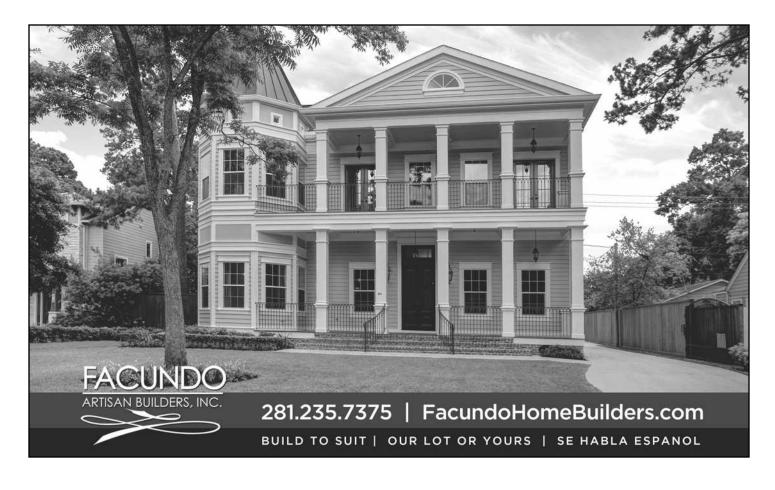
Oaks unique, as well as the challenges and changes happening. Attendees were vocal and forthcoming in their feedback and input.

The Core Design Studio team will take the feedback received and begin to develop a framework for a refreshed community identity and brand for Garden Oaks and GOCC.

The intent of this work is increased engagement among neighbors and with GOCC. To voice your opinions and share input, visit https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc/ for the Community Input Workshop survey (also printed in this newsletter). Please email responses to president@gardenoaks.org by May 1st or bring them to the next GOCC meeting.

The GOCC hopes to roll out the refreshed identity later in 2023.

After a lively discussion, the April meeting of GOCC adjourned at 8:25 pm.



GOCC Community Input Workshop Notes

Beth Wiedower Jackson, Secretary

Community feedback:

GOAL — Increase engagement with and membership in Garden Oaks Civic Club

Process/Timeline: DISCOVERY — DEVELOPMENT — REFINEMENT — TOOL KIT

What makes Garden Oaks unique? How has Garden Oaks changed? Good and bad?

- big lots, no sidewalks, a lot of young people (in 1974)
- progressing attitude
- intact deed restrictions
- character
- outdoors
- · walkable/bikeable
- safe
- · pretty neighborhood
- sense of space room to breathe not on top of our neighbors lack of density
- trees
- · close to downtown
- feels like you are not in the city, but so close
- hearts and hours of volunteers to care about neighbors and our community
- · land to spread out
- · lots of flavor in the neighborhood
- mix of architectural styles
- · old growth trees

How is Garden Oaks changing?

- more and more construction; new homes, bigger homes
- · neighborliness is changing? hope not
- new restaurants nearby
- schools are a big reason people move here; continuing to improve

Words/adjectives to describe Garden Oaks?

- trees
- grassy
- soft area
- green
- pine trees/majestic
- land

Development occurring? Change for good or bad?

- apartments and townhomes on all edges
- chaotic
- · "room to breathe"?

Why do this? To have more people like those gathered here tonight engaged with GOCC

What type of neighborhood are we?

- · Community-based?
- Family friendly?
- Dads'group?
- Home tour?
- Beautification?
- Need more active people
- We do a lot of fun things with the people we have

Need more communication about things going on/opportunities to engage

Garden Oaks Night Out - like National Night Out

What areas are the center of the neighborhood?

- · Triangle Park
- Gazebo Park

Next Steps? — fill out questionnaire; email to president@gardenoaks.org, return to May GOCC mtg, or mail it to GOCC Survey, PO Box 10273, Houston 77206. Encourage friends and neighbors to participate via social media — will be posting questions and seeding discussion on social media to encourage feedback.





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 C	lub:		
\$		Basic Membership \$40 (\$20 for seniors 65+)	
\$		Community Household Membership \$100	
Consta	ble Progi	ram:	
\$		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 Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:	
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Mini Splits - Get Comfortable One Room at a Time Part Two

Mitch Weigand

Controlling indoor air comfort with mini splits is easy. They come with a remote control to achieve the desired temperature with just the touch of a button. Select the mode of operation between cool, heat or auto. Auto mode will automatically adjust if you need cooling or heating in order to maintain a set temperature. Best of all, the control is right there in the room. You don't need to go elsewhere to adjust your central A/C's wall thermostat.

The mini split's outdoor compressor automatically changes its speed to match the cooling and heating demands in the room. This is accomplished very efficiently using minimal energy. This differs from a conventional A/C system which starts and stops repetitively, causing temperature fluctuations and wasted energy.

Filtration makes for cleaner, healthier air

The air quality inside your home is often worse than the outside. Mini splits use a multi-stage filtration system to help remove airborne contaminants such as pollen, pet dander, viruses and bacteria. Some systems even include a deodorizing filter to reduce unpleasant odors as well.

Although the filtration system is sophisticated, it's easy to clean and maintain. Every 3 months, simply wash the screens off, allow them to dry completely, and then slide them back into the unit. With regular cleaning, these filters can last up to 10 years. Then every 2 years, have your entire mini split cleaned thoroughly by your A/C technician.

In less than a day, you're good to go

One of the best things about mini splits is their ease of installation. It can usually be done in about four to five hours, and since there's little or no duct work involved, you won't have to put up with a messy house or costly remodeling expenses. A typical mini split costs around \$3,500 installed.

The indoor air handler mounts onto the wall, and a pair of refrigerant lines plus the control wiring connect it to the outdoor condenser through a 3" opening in the wall. The outdoor unit is guite small and can be easily hidden by a few strategically placed shrubs.

Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise

Here's what our customers say about us:

'Mitch, I can't thank you enough!" Beth J., Garden Oaks

★★★★ **Hi Mitch, I can't thank you enough for helping me out today.

Your assessment of the two A/C systems at the Chimney Rock place was so valuable to our decision-making process. Cheers!"



Air Wise owner Mitch Weigand



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	l May Day	2 National Teacher Day GOCC Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
7	8	9 Garbage, Yard Waste, and Recycling	10	П	12	Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
4 Mother's Day	15	l 6 Garbage, & Yard Waste	17	18 Tree Waste	19	20 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
21	22	23 Garbage, Yard Waste, and Recycling	24	25	26	Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
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	Memorial Day	Garbage, & Yard Waste	HISD Last Day of School			

