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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Sue Barnett Sidewalk Extended

Pam Parks

The west side of Sue Barnett between West 43 and West 41 is sporting a new section of sidewalk. If you haven't checked it out, it is a sidewalk worth a stroll down, even in this sweltering heat. There are several things to like about this new walkway. First and foremost, this is "a sidewalk to somewhere that somebody needs to go" as it fills a big gap for GOMM students coming safely south on Sue Barnett to GOMM. Beyond its obvious functionality, it is anything but the typical suburban strip of concrete. The wide curved path weaves behind old and new trees and landscaping for a really nice feel.

Notices

GOCC Meetings:

Tuesday, Aug. 1st

GOCC Meeting

Featured Speaker:

District Attorney Kim Ogg

7:00 PM

Great Heights Brewing

938 Wakefield



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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.

Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

"Once more unto the breach" is one of my favorite lines from Shakespeare's Henry V, along with "for he today who sheds his blood with me shall be my brother", or in this case of Farmer Cathy and Sophia. ...sister. And of course we shed a lot of sweat rather than blood. As I've said in the past, if there's anything good about August it is that the days become shorter and shorter as the month progresses. We had a pretty good dose of August-type weather in June, and it continues unabated in July, and will most likely continue into September.

Farmer Cathy and I had a discussion just the other day about how many more summers we had left in us. At that particular time, my answer was "just this one". I may have to reconsider that because at the time I was under considerable duress with it being one of the hottest days on record. In other news, I have contacted our favorite Indian food vendor and we've had a little back and forth, but so far nothing definite lined up. Sophia should be back by the beginning of the month after her immersion in French language and culture this summer. I hope it's cooler over there.

My mom continues to improve. I can only chalk it up to the lack of leukemia medications she's no longer taking. Of course this will eventually cause her other problems down the road. In the meantime she has become quite a handful, wanting to go shopping and starting decorating projects around the house along with wanting to sell all the cool stuff she's collected over the years. All of these projects require additional labor for both me and my sister, so if you see me wandering around aimlessly, please understand that I'm just plain worn out.

As always. "Come soon, come often, and come early to beat the heat."

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August Gardening Tips

Excerpted from Buchanan's Native Plants website

- Hummingbirds are here!! Migrating hummingbirds can be found at your feeders and natural nectar sources. Keeping feeders clean, filled and in a shady area will encourage visitors.
- Plant transplants for tomatoes and peppers now. Keep young plants protected from intense midday heat by placing cages over plants and clothes pinning newspaper or cardboard at the second rung level. This temporary shade device can be removed once plants reach height of the cardboard; they are established.

Seeds to plant now include cucumbers, calendula, snapdragon and alyssum. Plan for the fall vegetable garden and choose seeds for planting next month.

- Mulch, mulch, mulch. Mulching keeps plant roots cooler and weed seeds at bay. Apply 3" deep around trees and shrubs. The Ground Up Native Hardwood Mulch is our favorite. Add compost around annuals, herbs, and vegetables. Remember: never pile mulch against the base of a plant.

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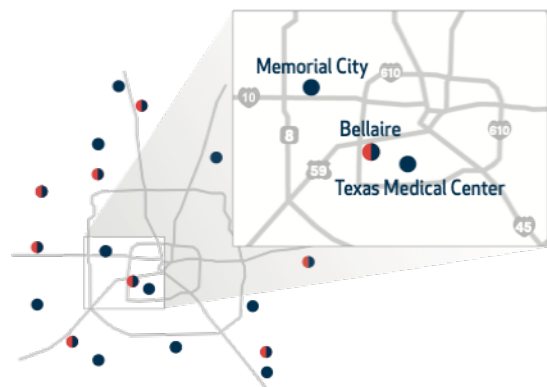


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Terry Jeanes, Program Chair M'lissa & Craig Dilley –Vice Chairs

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Deputy Tommie was present at the Garden Oaks July 4th Bike Parade. Thank you to Precinct One for providing units for the safety of our participants.

Precinct One Deputy Jessica Clark is currently on unpaid family leave due to the care required for premie Ruby at this time. Dad Matt is still on temporary assignment in Kingsville, Texas, commuting the 4 hours to Houston when possible. If you wish to provide gift cards for Deputy Jessica and her family, you can send them direct to RiseUp4Ruby@gmail.com.

Have you supported the Constable Program yet? We need you! 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!
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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.

Accident, Minor - 1

Alarm Local - 2

Check /Park/School/Neighborhood – 1

Civil Process - 6

Contract Check – 20

Criminal Mischief - 1

Meet the Citizen – 5

Missing Person - 1

Solicitors – 2

Special Assignment - 1

Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 5

Telephone Harassment - 1

Theft Other – 2

Traffic Stop – 7

Vacation Watch – 4

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Garden Oaks Kids

Sara Mathias, GOKids Admin

It seems the summer has flown by, and while some parents might be counting down the days until school starts, we are excited to give back to our community with our GOKids Gives Back event. On Friday, August 18, we will be making lunches for Kids' Meals Houston.

Wakefield Crowbar has generously donated their inside private room and playground to GOKids and Garden Oaks residents for this event.

So please join us between 4:30 and 7 on August 18th.

GOKids will be making 100 lunches for Kids Meals, but if you want to contribute so that we can feed even more kids, please consider donating through our Amazon wish list. Scan the QR code.

We have a busy fall planned with a Halloween Dance Party, Dads and Donuts, Park Party and our Christmas Party. If you are interested in attending these events, please sign up at <https://gardenoakskids.cheddarup.com>.



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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.

1059 West 43rd
854 West 42nd
726 West 30th
919 Gardenia
404 West 30th
308 West 30th
4215 Alba

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

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to **Gretchen Seghers**, receiving the most outstanding STEM student medal at her summer camp



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Out and About

Julie Sherber and daughters had a big adventure in Paris, Ireland, and London, including a bucket list item for Julie in seeing the Book of Kells. The **O'Guynns** ventured to Playa del Carmen. **Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold** headed to Marquette, Michigan. **Pene and Dennis Carter** spent time in the Davis Mountains, where Dennis completed a number of paintings. **The Greenslates** enjoyed Barbados. The Theriots had a grand time in Costa Rica. **The Dilleys** visited Hawaii and enjoyed the California wine country on the way back to Texas. **The Theriot kids and the Dillely kids** enjoyed a great two weeks at Camp Ozark.

Special Thoughts to

Suzanne Debien in the loss of her longtime canine companion, Zack.

New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here!

If you'd like a Welcome Packet,
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(Gardening from page 4)

- Feed the soil. Medina Plus and MicroLife Humates Plus actually feed the micro-organisms in the soil which improves soil quality and reduces compaction, in turn increases water holding capabilities. Healthy plants start with healthy soil.

Use seaweed spray such as Microlife Seaweed to boost the immune system of plants. A healthy plant is more resistant to insect infestations and fungal problems. A spray-down every two weeks that covers the entire surface of all leaves will do the job.

- Continue slow, deep watering to encourage proper root growth and prevent runoff. Watering longer and less often encourages deep root growth and healthier plants. Soaker hoses or a regular hose turned on to a slow drip are good ways to do this.



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(Airwise from Page 15)

- While you are home, set the thermostat as high as comfort permits and use ceiling fans. Air movement generated by the fans causes moisture evaporation on your skin which makes you feel cooler. Ceiling fans do nothing when no one is at home.
- Keep all windows and doors closed.
- Remember that by increasing the glass area in your home, you increase the amount of heat added in summer and lost in winter.
- Ensure the fireplace has a tight-fitting damper which is closed when not in use.
- Keep your outdoor condenser's fins clear of debris by spraying them with a garden hose. Also, trim surrounding foliage back at least two feet to allow for adequate airflow.
- When adjusting your clocks in the spring and fall, change batteries in smoke alarms, radon, and carbon monoxide detectors.

Mitch Weigand is the owner of Air Wise TM



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\$ _____ Contribution to **Garden Club** (maintain Friendship Garden, Section 1)

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Mitch Weigand

While it's necessary at times to get a professional's expertise, there are many things you can do yourself to create a comfortable, healthy and energy-efficient home environment. Here are some tips that really work:

- Replace your A/C filters every month.
- Insulate your home. This is the single most important step in conserving energy. R-30 (10") insulation is recommended for ceilings while R-11 (3-1/2") is best for exterior walls and floors.
- Seal air leaks in the attic, around windows and doors.
- Weather-strip doors that connect your home to the outside.
- Install storm doors at all entrances to your house.
- Install a programmable thermostat and raise the temp while you're gone.
- Replace single-pane windows with double-pane models.
- Install awnings over windows exposed to direct sunlight.
- Close drapes on the sunny side of the house, especially during hot afternoon hours.
- Don't run kitchen and bath exhaust fans longer than necessary.
- Plant trees to help create shade for your home.
- Replace incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs with LED ones. They produce virtually no heat and use minimal electricity.
- Don't place lamps or TVs beneath a wall-mounted thermostat.

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6	7	8 Garbage, & Yard Waste	9	10 Garden Club Meeting 6:30 pm 1520 Candlelight Lane	11	12 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
13	14	15 Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling	16	17 Junk Waste	18	19 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
20	21	22 Garbage, & Yard Waste	23	24	25	26 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
27	28 HISD 1st Day of School	29 Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling	30	31		



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