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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

December GOCC Holiday Gathering

Tonya Knauth, Civic Club President

Please join us for the December Civic Club Meeting and Holiday Gathering on Tuesday, December 5th at 7 pm at Great Heights Brewing, 938 Wakefield.

The Civic Club will furnish a catered dinner with desserts.

A Tex-Mex dinner will be provided by Mickey Morales (of the Wakefield Market); vegetarians will be accommodated as well. Desserts will be provided by GO resident Angela Winston of Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery. Please RSVP to membership@gardenoaks.org so we can get a head count for dinner.

Also, if you are so inclined, please bring an unwrapped toy for the Constables' Toy Drive. That would greatly support their annual effort to make the holidays a bit more special for those in need.

Before our Social Time, we will have a short business meeting where we will be voting on the 2024 budget and the new officers for 2024. The nominated slate of officers for next year are President – Mike Stephens, Vice President – Paul Vincent, Treasurer – Brian Rabe, and Secretary – Deepak Khosla. Nominations can also be made from the floor. Only paid 2023 GOCC members are eligible to vote.

Parking should be available between Decant Winery and Great Heights Brewing.

Please come out and join us! You do not have to be a member to attend.

Notices

GOCC Meeting:

Tuesday, November 7 at 7pm
Great Heights Brewing Private Meeting Room

GOCC Meeting & Holiday Gathering

Tuesday, December 5th 7 pm
Short Meeting
Catered Dinner & Desserts
Great Heights Brewing Private Meeting Room

RSVP:

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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.

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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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

It's finally November, my favorite time of the year. October has been pretty awesome this year, but November ushers in the Holiday Season. We can look forward to the Thanksgiving feast and a visit from Santa Patrick. And let us not forget those pumpkins. In case you're new to the neighborhood, The Farmstand is your gourd recycling center. Every year folks bring hundreds of gently used holiday pumpkins for the farm animals; please don't bring any that have been carved or are ready for the compost heap.

Speaking of compost, we have a new vendor at the market. Austin Potts of KarmaPharmaTx (could he have a better name?) is bringing his handmade compost and microgreens each Saturday. He's also starting to build up a network of folks who drop off their kitchen scraps so he can make more compost. Farmer Cathy's egg producers (the hens) should be cool, comfortable and upping their game now by laying lots of delicious eggs for your holiday baking. And of course I'll be taking preorders for my highly sought after pecan tarts.

The following is an excerpt from last month's post that never

made it to press. It disappeared in the ether somewhere. Thanks for your indulgence.

This week I've been watching documentaries on the tragedy that was the attack on 9/11 and I thought about where I was and how I felt at that time. In the midst of all the confusion that day, my phone rang. It was my mother calling to see if I was okay. It was a reminder that you never stop being your mother's child. Y'all may have noticed that I didn't post about my mom's condition last month. My mom on more than one occasion said to me that her children were her life's work. My mom passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of August 26th, which is why I wasn't at the market that day. I'd like to thank all of y'all for allowing me to write about her these past few months and allowing me to become part of your family over these past twelve years.

As always, "Come soon, come often, and hug or call your momma."

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Sara Mathias, GOKids Admin

Matthew's (8) and Christian's (6) favorite part of Thanksgiving is their mom's pumpkin pies. Odette (5) loves making her thankful Turkey and adding a feather for each thing she is thankful for.

GOKids is thankful for all of our sponsors and the wonderful events we had this year. We will have a playdate in the park and a Christmas party at William Price Distilling to end the year.

If you are interested in joining our group, please sign up at <https://gardenoakskids.cheddarup.com>



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spice, dinner, family, turkey, back, stuffing,
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Constable Program

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

See Meet Deputy Tommi Kelley article for information about our newest deputy.

Hats off to all who supported the new Fall Constable Program Fundraiser. Updates will be posted to social media and an updated article should be in December's newsletter.

Thank you to the Neighbors who participated on the damp evening for National Night Out and those who had gatherings the following week.

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!
<https://www.gardenoaks.org/go-constable/>

If you need a new sign, please email constable@gardenoaks.org. 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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My name is Deputy Tommi Kelley 1N66, and I have been assigned to Garden Oaks since June of this year. I have approximately 20 years as an active law enforcement official in a variety of capacities. I graduated the police academy in 2002, and have held the positions, titles and/or assignments of Reserve Officer, Narcotics in an undercover capacity, Warrant Officer, Investigator in CID (Family and Sexual), Investigator in the Joint Harris County Task Force as directed by former HCSO Sheriff Adrian Garcia, Investigator in Internal Affairs Division, Traffic Enforcement Officer, Supervisory positions, as well as a Contract Deputy to numerous contracts throughout Harris County.

I am a mother of 3 adult children, Nana to 3 beautiful granddaughters, and a wife to a fellow law enforcement official, who is also an outstanding deputy with Harris County Precinct 1.

I feel honored to be assigned to Garden Oaks and to have the opportunity to serve your community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or any official of Harris County Precinct 1 with any issues you may have, or just to say hello.

Thank you again for accepting and welcoming me as your deputy.

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Constable Statistics September 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.

Accident Minor –	Open Door/Window – 1
Alarm Local – 3	Solicitors – 1
Burglary Motor Vehicle - 3	Special Assignment - 1
Check /Park/School/Business – 4	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 4
Civil Process - 3	Vacation Watch – 8
Contract Check – 45	Vehicle Stickered - 1
Disturbance Loud Noise –2	Writ - 1
Illegally Parked Vehicle - 1	
Information Call -2	
Follow Up - 1	
Meet the Citizen – 16	

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Terry Jeanes

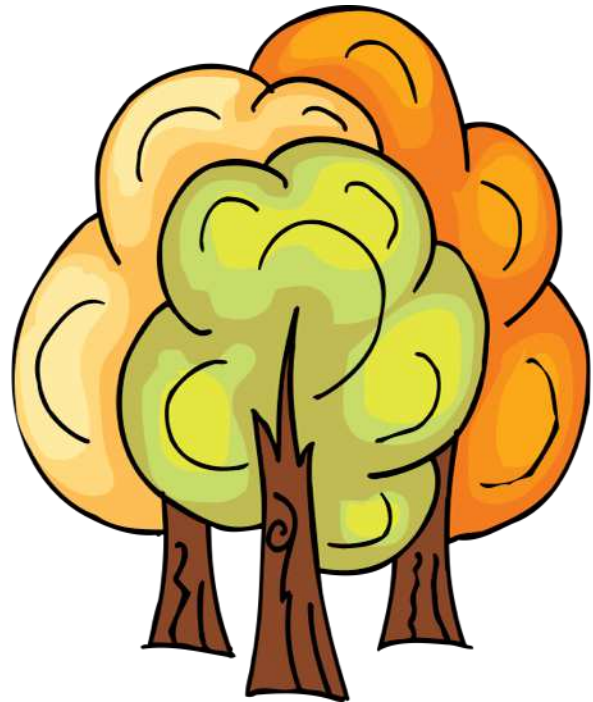
Welcome, New Neighbors!

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

- 706 West 42nd
- 320 West 33rd
- 332 West 31st
- 813 West 31st
- 412 West 31st
- 1023 West 43rd

Happy Birthday

- Adelaide Leonard 1st
- Gina Pecoraro 4th
- Deborah Seghers 4th
- Mike Maltbie 5th
- Frank C 7th
- Angela Winston 7th
- Anthony Neiser 10th
- Caroline Padon 12th
- Julia Kramp 13th
- Sheila Briones 14th
- Emma M 14th
- Dianne Murata 18th
- Susan Saranie 19th
- Hannah M 20th
- Lucy Mc 25th
- Cheryl Cohorn 28th
- Megan Salch 29th



Happy Anniversary

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

Congratulations to

Lauren Seghers who received recognition for her top PSAT10 score from last year! She also participated in band color guard which placed first in their last 6A band competition.

Also to **Alex Feit**, attending the UNAA World Finals and World Cup in July in FL., placing 9th in preliminaries and 11th place in the finals. She also participated in the Ninja World Cup for adult women and placed in the top 10.

New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here!

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

(Oak Tree from page 9)

Out and About

The **Seghers** had a fun, long weekend in St. Louis, Missouri and Nashville.

Fun times plus a win for **Heather McKeown's** visit to Baton Rouge and LSU Tiger stadium. **Carl Waters and Leslie Ryan** continued their October tradition attending Astros baseball playoffs.

Jaime Zamora participated in the Rock and Roll Flea Market in Corpus Christi.

Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold had great anniversary and birthday fun in NYC.

Georgia Lister had an amazing trip to Paris and the south of France.

Caroline Stender celebrated a Birthday Brenham weekend with former Garden Oaks resident & long time pal Janna Alsobrook.

Terry Jeanes enjoyed her first ACL music festival watching her eldest granddaughter perform with her school choir. A great family weekend for the **Salch family** visiting Lubbock and their eldest at Texas Tech.

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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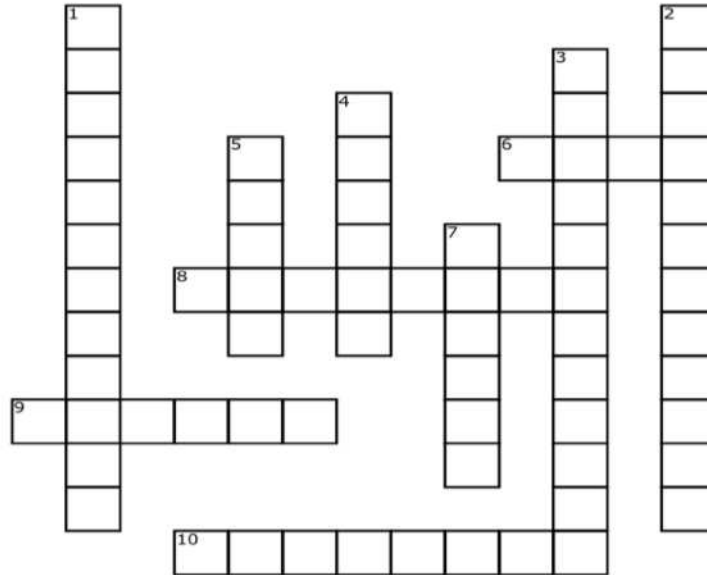
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November Puzzle



Across

- 6. Fall _ _ _ _
- 8. those who have served
- 9. third meal
- 10. Goes with 3 across

Down

- 1. Fall beverage flavor
- 2. seasonal name
- 3. November holiday
- 4. the bird
- 5. served hot or cold
- 7. relatives

(answers on page 5)



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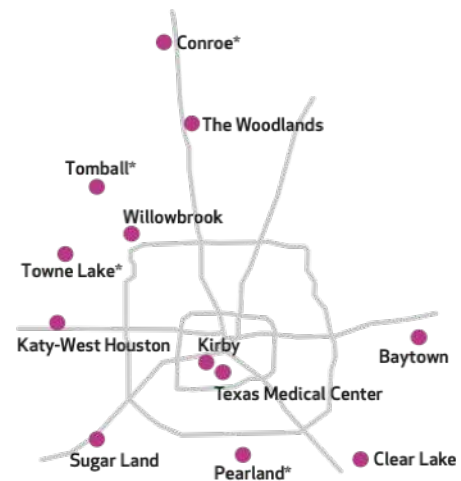
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Civic Club:

\$ _____ **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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Troubleshooting Tips for Gas Furnaces

Mitch Weigand

(1) **Inspect and replace the air filter.** Clogged filters cause problems and money. If your furnace is running inefficiently or shutting down prematurely, remove the filter and inspect it for excess dust and debris. Always, always, always replace filters on a regular basis.

(2) **Check the furnace's circuit breaker.** Sometimes when your furnace won't run, it's due to a tripped circuit breaker. If it's tripped, no power can be sent to the furnace. Go to the circuit box, and make sure the furnace's circuit breaker is switched to the "on" position.

(3) **Check the settings on the thermostat.** If your furnace doesn't seem to be running, check your thermostat. Make sure it is turned on, set to heat mode and the temperature is higher than the ambient temp in your home.

(4) **Examine all registers and return air vents.** Diminished air flow occurring in your ceiling registers and return air vents can also affect your furnace's performance. Make sure they are open and not obstructed by furniture, plants or other objects.

When it's time to call an A/C service technician

(1) **The furnace is short cycling.** Short cycling is when your furnace runs for only a short time (typically two to three minutes) and then shuts off. This cycle is repeated over and over again. Usually short cycling is caused when the thermostat is out of adjustment or the heat exchanger overheats, making the burner shut off to prevent damage.

(2) **The flame is irregular.** Within the furnace, properly functioning burners have fairly even rows of flames. If the flames are uneven, it could be a sign of dirty burners or a cracked heat exchanger.

(3) **You hear odd noises or rumbling.** While rumbling and popping aren't cause for concern in a hot water or steam heating system, they shouldn't occur when you have a gas furnace.

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5  Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 GOCC Meeting Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling	8	9	10 Veteran's Day observed	11  Veteran's Day
12 Diwali	13	14 Garbage, Yard Waste,	15	16	17	18 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
19	20	21 Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling	22	23  Thanksgiving	24	25 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
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