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Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

Azalea Street Beer & Wine Extravaganza a Great Success!

M'Lissa Dilley

After 12 years of the Garden Oaks Wine Walk, we introduced a new location and format this year for the Fall Constable Program Fundraiser. We are happy to share that the Azalea Street Beer & Wine Extravaganza was a success and raised \$30,000 to go toward Constable Program contract costs!

The event provided a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to mingle and see old friends and make new ones. As this was the first year for this new format, the committee is pleased to see this success and has received great responses to the event from both table hosts and attendees. We've taken valuable feedback to incorporate into future events so look forward to a repeat of this event next Fall!

There are many people to thank for the success; a collection of volunteers and donors made this happen. We appreciate all of the contributions, including:

- Homeowners of Azalea Street who made their driveways and yards available throughout the weekend
- Table Hosts who created a fun and lively environment and provided libations
- Event Sponsors, without whom we would not have had such fundraising success
- Hosts, homeowners & supporters of years past who shared valuable information and lessons learned
- All who bought tickets and attended the event
- Our youth volunteers who supported set up and breakdown
- And lastly, our Event Committee Members who brought it all together

Notices

GOCC Meeting & Holiday Gathering

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

RSVP:

membership@gardenoaks.org

Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit

Gazebo Park 42nd Str.
Dec 12th and 13th
6:00 to 7:30

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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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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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The constable program is voluntary but is totally reliant on donations from local business owners and individuals and contributions from YOU, our Garden Oaks residents. Without it, we cannot maintain constable coverage. Please consider making a donation or signing up if you don't already contribute. We need your support!

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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

So here we go Christmas 2023. It seems like the year just started, but where did it go? While I was living it, it seemed to grind by, especially the summer - the hottest and driest one since the drought of 2011. Farmer Cathy and I have decided that we'll be looking for an indoor venue before the next hot summer. We have a couple places in mind and will keep y'all posted.

As I write this post, we are a week away from celebrating Thanksgiving. And that leads me to think of all the things I'm thankful for. First, I'd like to thank all the good people who continued to attend The Farmstand through this brutal summer along with all the thoughts and prayers as I cared for my mom. I'm also thankful for Sophia and now Austin for keeping Cathy and I company and adding some diversity to our little market.

This next part is for people new to the neighborhood. We've been operating on Wakefield Drive for over twelve years in various venues on the street. We originally started out as the Petrol Station Farmers Market up on the corner of Fisher with quite a lot of vendors. As we slowly migrated east, we began to shed folks, and Covid was almost the death knell to our market. We decided to rename ourselves as The Farmstand of Greater Heights. So basically, we've brought what folks used to find on drives out in the country into your neighborhood. We're perfectly happy to be this small and deliver an honest product to y'all.

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Constable Program

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

Many Thanks to all who supported the Azalea Beer and Wine Event. That includes the neighbors along Azalea, the table hosts, the sponsors, the committee, and the attendees. Great Job, and \$30000 was raised for the Garden Oaks Constable Program.

Stay tuned to social media regarding the Precinct One Toy Drive. The Precinct One Toy Drive supports families in need at area schools as well as others throughout Precinct One. If you are attending the GOCC Holiday Gathering, it would be appreciated if you brought an unwrapped toy.

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.

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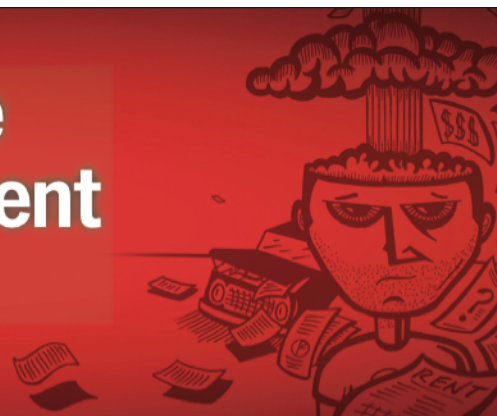
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Alarm Local/Holdup – 2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 13
Animal Humane – 1	Traffic Hazard – 4
Assault - 1	Traffic Initiative - 4
Check /Park/School/Business – 13	Traffic Stop - 2
Civil Process - 2	Vacation Watch – 4
Contract Check – 79	Vehicle Abandoned - 2
Disturbance Loud Noise –1	Vehicle Illegally Parked - 1
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Meet the Citizen – 26	

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Garden Oaks Kids

Sara Mathias, GOKids Admin

GOKids had 10 events in 2023! We are already looking forward to 2024. GOKids is a membership-based organization, and the dues go towards our parties. Our motto is to bring a small town feel to the big city while supporting our neighborhood businesses. If you are interested in joining us in 2024: <https://gardenoakskids.cheddarup.com>

We could not offer the fun parties on dues alone and so we are very thankful to our wonderful sponsors: American Legion Post 560I, Fat Cat Creamery, Frankie + Flora, Great Heights Brewing Company, Dr. Theresa Haring and Spa 146, Kate Mejia Photography, Katie Hilburn Interiors, Ledwell Realty, Lovebugs, Luloos Day & Night, Primrose Garden Oaks, Raising Cane's, SK Designs, Stomping Grounds, Wakefield CrowBar, Walking Stick Brewery and William Price Distillery.

Our last event was a Halloween Monster Mash Dance Party with face painting and tattoos. The kids loved singing and dancing to their favorite songs, but I think the DJ lead contests were the crowd favorite, especially the mummy making contest. A few of our kids found out that hula hooping was harder than it looks, while some parents were shocked at how well their kids did.

The Heald Family loves making teddy bear bread. "One of my favorite Christmas traditions was baking teddy bear bread with my mom. It happened every year at our house and sometimes included friends and neighbors. As kids, we loved rolling the dough and seeing our creations come to life as teddy bears. I can't recall ever eating any, but we did carry our bears around the house." Now that she has kids, she is passing on her mom's (their Mimi's) tradition. Here is the recipe if any other families want to start this fun tradition: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/teddy-bear-bread/>



Dear Garden Oaks,

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

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951 West 41st

718 Garden Oaks Blvd.

814 West 31st

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Joel E 1st

Joshua M 2nd

Jane Ann Roberts 2nd

Pierce E 4th

Ella C 9th

Jason Espeseth 9th

Jayne Maltbie 10th

Terry Jeanes 11th

Chris Lindsay 13th

Sabrina 15th

Carmen Elizabeth C 17th

Katie C 30th

Happy Anniversary

John and Margie Hesse – 29th

Troy and Jordan Allan – 31st

New to the Neighborhood?

We are glad you are here!

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



Out and About

Jaime and Celeste Zamora spent a few days in Cozumel. **Katie Kyle** visited Isle Mujeres. **Tina Rowe** is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel on her big renovation project in Rockport. **Robert and Amanda Carlin** enjoyed an upstate New York Adventure.

Terry Jeanes had a fun weekend trip with friends and sister that included a Cozumel stop & beach hopping around the island. It was a fun time at Caddo Lake canoeing for **John and Cindy Bartos**. **Deb Seghers** had a great time seeing U2 at the Sphere in Vegas and then time for a spa retreat in Utah.

Special Thoughts for

Jason and Julie Sherber & family in the loss of Jason's grandfather

Gina & John Greenslate in the loss of Gina's father

Alisha & Jason Cunningham & family in the loss of Alisha's father

Gina Pecoraro & Phil Ramirez & family in the loss of Gina's father.

Dian Austin in the recent loss of her family member Riley Ray Rascal.

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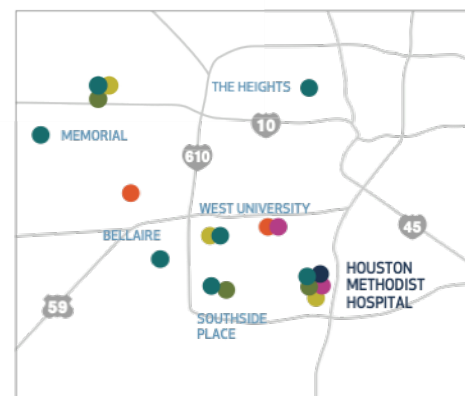
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Civic Club:

\$ _____ **Basic Membership \$40** (\$20 for seniors 65+)

\$ _____ **Community Household Membership \$100**

Constable Program:

\$ _____ **Annual Constable Supporter (\$250, w/yard signage)**

\$ _____ **Additional Constable Program contribution**

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Deepak Khosla, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ Great Heights Brewing

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Tonya Knauth.

The guest speaker was Alan Krathaus with CORE Design Studio, who is spearheading the Garden Oaks rebranding efforts. Alan presented the finalized logo design including various logo styles and color palettes to be used for collateral and stationery.

Some additional uses shown were new signage for entrances, banners, street signs and dog waste stations. The results shown received very positive feedback. The next step will be receiving the deliverables to support potential applications.

Following the presentation, a motion to accept September meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

Paul Vincent presented the November treasurer's report and highlighted the success of the Azalea Street event which

raised \$30,000 for the constable program.

Constable Deputy Tommie Kelly attended and brought up an accident where a cyclist got injured on the corner of Wakefield and Alba where traffic has been a recurring issue. She re-emphasized that parking within 20 feet of an intersection is illegal. Issues with people parking on Wakefield on the wrong side and running stop signs were brought up. She requested any issues be brought up to the constable dispatch or via Terry Jeanes who is the constable liaison. She also brought gun locks to share with anyone who wanted them.

Old Business

The huge success of the first Azalea Street Wine & Beer Extravaganza was discussed with thanks to the planning group, volunteers, and all participants. A recap will be done by the committee to capture the positives and areas of opportunity for next year.

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(minutes from page 14)

New Business

Paul Vincent presented the 2024 budget proposal for review. It will be published in the December Gazette and presented for approval in the December meeting. The 2024 budget does contain funds for implementing some of the rebranding concepts recommended.

Bill Shaughnessy, chair of the officer Nominating Committee, presented the slate of new officer candidates for 2024 as listed below. The final vote will be held at the December meeting; anyone else can nominate additional candidates from the floor.

Terry Jeanes announced that Pictures with Santa will be in the Gazebo Park on Dec 12 and 13 from 6:00-7:30pm – dogs welcome!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – 7 pm – Holiday gathering. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Constables' Toy Drive. A buffet dinner will be provided by Mickey Morales of the Wakefield Market, with desserts by Liberation Gluten Free Bakery (GO resident Angela Winston).

Please RSVP to membership@gardenoaks.org so we can get an accurate head count for dinner.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

2024 slate of officers presented:

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- Vice President – Paul Vincent
- Treasurer – Brian Rabe
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10/31/23**

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GOCC Operating Fund \$	80,293	\$ 84,912	\$ 86,206	\$ 76,542	\$ 66,034
Constable Fund \$	122,115	\$ 92,966	\$ 81,832	\$ 66,513	\$ 94,984
Total \$	202,409	\$ 177,878	\$ 168,038	\$ 143,055	\$ 161,018

Income

	YTD	YTD Budget	2023 Budget	12/10ths	Proj EOY	Proposed 2024
Civic Club	\$ 9,948	\$ 9,942	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,937	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Beautification - Gen. Maint./Improvements	\$ 2,519	\$ 2,517	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,022	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Beautification - Ind. Park Projects	\$ 335	\$ 335	\$ 2,500	\$ 402	\$ 402	\$ -
Gazebo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Triangle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rose Garden	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$ -
Garden Oaks Blvd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Berm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Friendship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Community Garden	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
Garden Club	\$ 837	\$ 837	\$ 500	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Gazette	\$ 13,566	\$ 13,558	\$ 22,000	\$ 16,279	\$ 16,300	\$ 16,000
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Product Sales	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$ 500	\$ 288	\$ 250	\$ 250
Total Income	\$ 27,444	\$ 27,429	\$ 40,500	\$ 32,933	\$ 32,952	\$ 32,250



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Mitch Weigand

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Whenever your A/C or furnace is running, these built-up irritants are spread throughout the home. If your home's vents (those are where the air comes out in the ceiling) are dirty, your ductwork definitely needs to be inspected and cleaned.

Breathe in the benefits

Clean ductwork creates a variety of benefits for you and your home:

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Better energy-efficient operation

Less wear on the A/C system along with the potential for increased lifespan

Regular ductwork cleaning is a crucial part of HVAC maintenance. I recommend having this done by trained technicians once every five years. They attach a large suction tube to one of the vents and run a fringed tether through the duct. By spinning vigorously, it dislodges the accumulated debris which coats the duct's interior. This debris is then sucked through the tube and into their van outside, never contaminating your home. The technicians proceed to each vent throughout your home until all of the ductwork has been cleaned.

Along with the ductwork, they should also clean the following: Supply and return grilles, plenum, heat exchanger, blower motor, assembly and housing, and the evaporator coil, drain and drain pan. Your entire A/C system will benefit from this cleaning. This leaves your home's air healthy and clean.

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3	4	5 GOCC Holiday Gathering & Meeting	6	7	8  Hanukkah (day 1)	Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
10	11	12 Santa at the Gazebo 6:00 to 7:30 Garbage, & Yard Waste	13 	14	15 Gazette article deadline	16 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
17	18	19 Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling	20	21 Large Waste pickup	22	23 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
24	25  Christmas Day	26  Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30 Farm Stand 9am to 1 pm 949 Wakefield
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