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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club May 2025 Volume 47 Issue 5

Garden Oaks Garden Club Events Christina Lindsay, President

Dedication Event

On March 15th we honored one of our own, Mrs. Madelyn Browder, who passed away in 2024 due to an unexpected illness. Madelyne was a very kind and gentle soul who was always interested in learning more about gardening and nature. We dedicated a park bench in her honor in one of our green spaces, the Randall Berm, in section 1A, which is where she lived. Her husband Jim, son Paul and sister Julie Parker attended along with Garden Club members and a few close friends. The bench was placed between two Crepe Mrytle trees, and we hope all who visit the park may enjoy it. Rest in peace, Madelyn.

Upcoming Events

GOCC Meeting: May 6 - 7:00 pm **Great Heights Brewing Reps from Harris County** Tax Assessor-Collector and **Voter Registrar's Office**

GOMO Meeting 6:30 May 14th 1100 W. 23rd Mtg Rm



Standing: Jan Knight, Shawn Spear, Paul Browder, Tina Nieto Seated: Mary Lynn Porter & Jim Browder



Paul Browder, Julie Parker & Jim Browder

2025 Garden Oaks Civic Club CommUnity Partners

Thank you to the following neighbors and neighborhood businesses who are supporting our new CommUnity Partnership Program for 2025.

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

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Milkweed Planting Event

On April 12th members of the Garden Club along with Beautification Chair Pam Parks, Gazebo Park Captain Lauren Ewald, and GO Blvd. Captain Laura Morgan conducted a native Milkweed Planting event at six different locations in GO to help with the scarcity of the milkweed plant which the Monarch Butterfly needs for survival. A mature female Monarch will lay eggs on the milkweed's leaves, and when they hatch, the caterpillars feed on the leaves and then pupate into butterflies.

We planted three different native species: Asclepias tuberosa, Asclepias verticillate (Whorled Milkweed) and Swamp Milkweed, hoping to entice more Monarchs into our neighborhood. The locations included the Art Park (43rd St. @ Sue Barnett), the Triangle Park (Alba & Azalea St.), Gazebo Park (W. 42nd & Sue Barnett), the Randall Berm (Randall and N. Durham St.), GO Boulevard, and Friendship Park (30th St. & Lawrence). With the help of a few generous donors, we raised \$160.00 which paid for the 110 plants we purchased and planted.

Plant Swap

Our next Garden Club event will be a plant swap on May 8 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Gazebo Park. A plant swap is a way to share plants from your garden with others. You bring a plant or two which you can swap for others' plants that you would like in your garden. The plants are usually cuttings or propagations made from a larger plant and brought to the swap in a container. It can be a vegetable plant, herb, shrub, or flower. If you are just getting started in gardening and don't have a plant to share, come anyway. We usually have extra plants we can give you.



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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes Bill Shaughnessy, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ Great Heights Brewing

The meeting was called to order at 7:24pm by President Mike Stephens.

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 2025 meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Arley Turner, the new president of the Garden Oaks Kids group was introduced. She said GOKids has about 60 members, and there are several events planned for the remainder of the year, including Mother's Day photos at the Gazebo, Fourth of July Bike Parade, and others.

Sophia Campos, a rep from Senator Molly Cook's office, encouraged constituents to voice any comments and questions to Senator Cook's office.

Russell Etherton, Chief of Staff from City CM Mario Castillo's office (District H), stated that the updates to the short-term

rental ordinance are still being considered, and will be addressed in the upcoming weeks. There will be a virtual town hall to discuss various issues. The Engage Houston website is still down, so any updates on the upcoming phase of the drainage project along Sue Barnett and 43rd Street cannot be reviewed.

Precinct One Deputy Kelley noted that they are keeping an eye out for squatters in vacant homes and to report any squatting activity to the constable's office. She also encouraged neighbors to report unsafe driving in golf carts in the neighborhood. This includes underage drivers, and she suggested taking photos of license plates and reporting them to the constable's office.

The first ever game of Garden Oaks Trivia was held to test our neighbors' knowledge of fun facts about Garden Oaks. The participants at the table headed by the de Albas were the winners of this mirthful event.

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Treasurer Brian Rabe stated that the budget is still in good shape at the end of the first quarter, ahead of last year with no anomalies.

Social Committee Chair Emily Stephens reminded attendees that the Wakefield Shuffle will be held on April 13. Tickets for the event are currently \$25 for all and will be \$40 for non-GOCC members on the day of the event. Raffle tickets and liquor pulls are new features added this year. All proceeds from the Wakefield Shuffle will support all functions of GOCC. Emily also reminded us that the GO Garage Sale will be April 5th and 6th. Send your address to Emily so your address can be advertised. While any resident can hold a garage sale, only homes of paid civic club members will be advertised on social media and other forums.

Beautification Chair Pam Parks announced that several trees have been donated to the civic club for planting in our pocket parks. The tree donations were made by Trees for Houston (20) and GO resident Mark Saranie (2).

Pam also stated that efforts are ongoing to try to raise the number of email addresses of residents to keep them in-

formed of current events in Garden Oaks.

Garden Club president Chris Lindsay updated the group about the milkweed planting project, set for April 12th at 9:30am. Currently, there are about 120 plants to be planted that will serve as host plants for migrating monarch butterflies. Chris encouraged all homeowners to plant nectar plants to support pollinators.

Mike Stephens closed by saying there is no official update on the status of the oak tree in the parking lot of the former Sears building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM. Attendance: 32





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2025 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 Cl	ub:							
\$	Individual Membership \$50 (\$25 for seniors 65+)							
\$	Community Household Membership \$125							
Constabl	e Program:							
\$	Annual Constable Supporter (\$300, w/yard signage)							
Other:								
\$	Contribution to Beautification (maintain area green spaces)							
\$	Contribution to Garden Club (Friendship Garden, Section 1)							
\$	GO Kids Membership \$85							
\$	TOTAL							
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	opt-in for monthly emails re: neighborhood news and meeting notices							

Trees for Houston and GO Volunteers add 22 Trees to Our Green Spaces

Pam Parks, Beautification Chair

Our new neighbor, Trees for Houston, recently held a tree and shrub giveaway for neighborhood groups. These are frequent events through the cool months, providing volunteers with the opportunity to receive up to twenty 5-gallon trees.

Our Pocket Park Captains and Community Garden Reps chose from a list of offered species and selected planting locations prior to tree pick up. On a Tuesday morning late in March, a handful of volunteers converged on the Berm (Randall & W 30th), Garden Oaks Blvd Esplanade, Gazebo Park, and Art Park to do the planting. Within a few hours fifteen trees were in the ground and watered. Two days later the twenty trees plus another two donated trees finished out the project. (Thanks to Mark Saranie, GO resident, for the additional two trees.)

It will take several more of these planting events to make a dent in the huge tree losses our green spaces have suffered with recent droughts and storms. Graham Park alone lost over fifty trees last year. Fifty! What keeps us from putting in fifty or one hundred trees in a year? We need many volunteers to literally carry water to keep the newly planted trees alive. Transplanted trees require two years of watering support. If interested in helping us keep the newly planted trees watered, please reply to beautification@gardenoaks. org.



Fundraiser Update

Emily Stephens, Social Chair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wakefield Shuffle! Your support of the Garden Oaks Civic Club is deeply appreciated. We raised around \$4,000!

A special thank you to the participating venues:

d'Alba Walking Stick Brewing William Price Distilling Decant Urban Winery Wakefield Crowbar Great Heights Brewing I would also like to thank these generous businesses that donated to our raffle packages. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

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Gabby's BBQ
The Upside Pub
Burger Joint
Red Dessert Dive
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Constable Program

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

Thank you to all who supported the Wakefield Shuffle: the GOCC Social Committee/Team, the vendors, the door prize donors, and the attendees.

Have you supported the Constable Program yet? We need you! Pay your dues via the mail OR pay online. Payment of at least \$300 per household will get you a GO Constable Supporter sign. That's a mere 82 cents per day!

If you need a new sign, please email constable@gardenoaks.org. A roster of current supporters is available at gardenoaks.org. Signage and stickers will be placed for all supporters of \$300 & higher. We do appreciate your patience in allowing time to have these installed.

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

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Alarm Local – 2

Accident Major - 1

Animal Humane/Aggressive - 3

Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1

Check Park/School/Business – 28

Contract Check -124

Disturbance Loud Noise – 2

Information Call -2

Follow Up -10

Meet the Citizen - 16

Open Door/Window - 2

Stationary Patrol - 9

Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 8

Traffic Hazard - 4

Traffic Initiative –5

Traffic Stop -4

Vacation Watch -35

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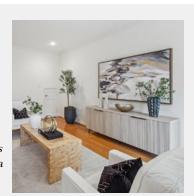


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Terry Jeanes

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331 West 30th 855 Lamonte

822 West 43rd 962 Gardenia

843 West 41st

Happy Birthday

Cheryl McCosh 1st

Amelie P. 24th

Linda Sparks 8th

Lauren S. 24th

Ryan W. 9th

Shannon Miller 31st

Victor Seghers 20th

Rowan S. 31st

Riley T. 22nd

Happy Anniversary

Victor and Deb Seghers 3rd Rusty and Linda Reichle 10th Jason and Alisha Cunningham 16th Alyn and Karie Goad (Belated April 10th) Knox Wright & Elisa Cuellar (Belated April 9th) Robert and Amanda Carlin (Belated March 21st)

Out and About

Jaime Zamora participated in the Love Street Music Festival at Karbach brewing, showing off some of his classic rock photograph collection after he enjoyed a solo cruise to Cozumel and Costa Maya. Alisha Cunningham enjoyed a Pink Full Moon Celebration at the beach. Craig and M'lissa Dilley enjoyed a fast & full trip to St Louis. Julie Sherber enjoyed Round Top Antique Week with 33 fellow St Rose of Lima moms. It was a quick girls' trip for Catherine Clark and Terry Jeanes to Cozumel. Work Hard Play Hard. Mike and Emily Stephens celebrated a friend's birthday in PV.



Congratulations to

...Senior **Ramona Vincent** who has been awarded the Stamps Scholarship, University of Oregon's most prestigious and generous undergraduate scholarship awarded to exceptional incoming freshmen. A highly competitive, merit-based scholarship is awarded to approximately 20 students each year. Well done, **Ramona**!

...Shellye Arnold, who was honored at the Memorial Park Conservancy 2025 Park Ball as the outgoing President & CEO. Such a wonderful celebration for both Shellye Arnold and Tina Sabuco.

...Heather McKeown and Evan Morgan on their recent engagement.

...Gretchen Seghers and her high school theater group who won first place at the district one act play competition. Gretchen played King Henry's last wife, Catherine Parr.

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Closing off vents and registers will reduce your A/C or heating bill.

FALSE If you have a modern central A/C system, the pressure load is balanced throughout the house. Blocking vents and registers impacts how the system circulates air which throws the system out of balance. This can cause it to have to work harder and less efficiently or even break down. Shutting off the vent in an unused room doesn't save anything; it actually harms.

Duct tape is good for sealing the A/C ducts in your attic. FALSE Loose, leaky A/C ducts in your attic allow cool, dehydrated air to escape into your hot, humid attic. What a waste! While duct tape has many great uses, it actually does a lousy job at sealing ducts! Mastic tape seals and insulates

much better. Have your A/C service technician inspect all of the ducts.

Showering uses less energy and water than taking a bath.

TRUE Taking a 10-minute shower with a low-flow (2.5 gallons per minute) shower head uses 25 gallons of water vs. a typical bath of 30-50 gallons. There are also high-quality shower heads that use only 1.5 gallons per minute or less.

A dripping faucet can waste a significant amount of water.

TRUE A single dripping faucet can add up to 300 or more gallons of water per month to your water bill.

Leaving lights, computers and other appliances on uses less energy than turning them off and also makes them last longer.

FALSE The small surge of power created when some devices are turned on is vastly smaller than the energy consumed by leaving them on when they're not needed.

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11 Mother's Day	12	Yard Waste, & Garbage,	14 GOMO Meeting 6:30 pm	Tree Waste	16	FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield		
18	19	20 Yard Waste, Garbage, & Recycling	21	22	23	FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield		
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