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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

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Stars, Stripes and Scooters:

Don't miss the Garden Oaks 4th of July Parade!

We'll be meeting at the Spark Park in front of Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet off of 41st and Sue Barnett. Please arrive by 8:30 AM if you would like to participate in the parade - you'll also want time to grab a snow cone from Myti Ice, and check out the Fire Truck!

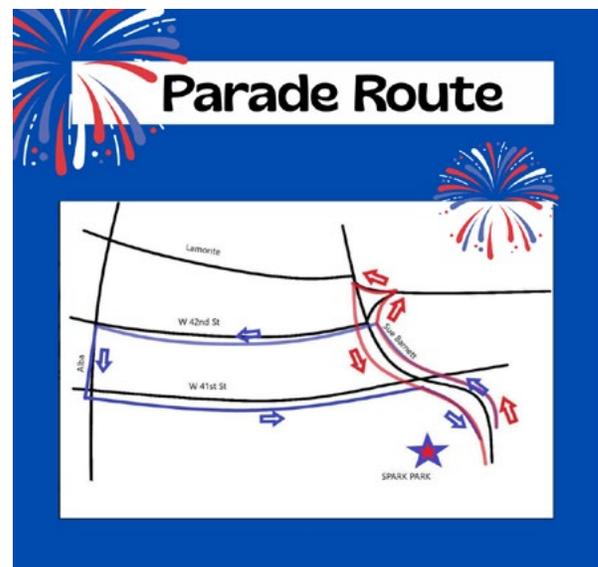
The parade will begin at 9:00 AM. Strollers, wagons, scooters, bikes, or walkers - everyone is invited and encouraged to come in your Red White & Blue!

All are welcome to participate in the parade! Everyone is encouraged to gather along the parade route and cheer on all of our neighborhood participants!

Upcoming Events

GOCC Meeting:
July 1 -- 7:00 pm
Great Heights Brewing
Speaker: Lauren Simpson -
Why Native Plants Matter

GOMO Meeting
July 9 -- 6:30 pm
1100 W. 23rd Mtg Rm



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New Addition to the Neighborhood

Dian Austin, Membership Chair

There's a new mural in Garden Oaks! Specifically, the signal box at N. Shepherd and W. 38th has been recently painted to celebrate First Responders, including the fire department, constables, police, and paramedics. The concept was developed and spearheaded by Section 2 residents Sam and Janie Rezzoffi. They got the idea from seeing all the emergency and law enforcement vehicles that routinely drive up and down N. Shepherd into and from Garden Oaks. This project took over a year and involved several City of Houston departments, along with the non-profit organizations Art in the Heart and Up Art Studio in order to secure the \$3500 funding.

In addition to helping bring new art to Garden Oaks, good neighbor Sam also cleans up the right of way on the west side of N. Shepherd, between W. 38th and the RR track. This is the long, narrow grassy area sporting a row of oleanders and a Metro bus stop. He mows, weed-eats, and trims that entire area, and picks up the eternal trash that accumulates. He also takes pride in painting over the graffiti that shows up periodically on the walls of the adjoining underpass. Thank you for your diligence in taking care of our neighborhood!



Sam and Janie Rezzoffi

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Bill Shaughnessy, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ Great Heights Brewing

The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by Social Chair Emily Stephens.

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

Guest speaker Texas State Representative (District 148) Penny Morales Shaw provided an overview of the recent session of Congress that had just ended. Over 9000 bills were filed this year, with 455 passing in the House, and 445 passing in the Senate. Governor Abbott has 20 days to either sign or veto these bills. Highlights of the bills covered topics such as property taxes, school finance/education, insurance, hemp/medical cannabis (THC), and several others. There was plenty of productive Q&A and dialogue.

Treasurer Brian Rabe stated that the budget is still on track for 2025. The recent approval of the \$3000 allocation from GOMO is now in the budget.

A representative from State Senator Molly Cook's office distributed a flyer on information about Ms. Cook's office, and how to get in touch with her. Ms. Cook will be having a joint town hall with Ms. Shaw at the Freed Park Community Center in the near future.

Constable Committee Chair Terry Jeanes announced that she needs an additional team member to help distribute the signs to constable supporters.

Emily Stephens discussed the upcoming Fourth of July parade, which will be taking place on July 4th. Participants will be gathering at the Rick Englert Spark Park. Highlights this year will be an HFD fire truck leading the parade and a sno-cone truck.

Beautification Chair Pam Parks announced that the City of Houston will be drastically reducing the frequency of mowing events at the neighborhood parks during the Summer and Fall.

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Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) President Stuart Arouty announced that a vote was just held earlier in the evening by the GOMO board members to reform the maintenance organization as an entirely new entity. The new homeowner’s association will have a goal to include all 5 sections of Garden Oaks. It was also pointed out that all Deed Restrictions are still valid for ALL sections and are still being enforced.

Garden Club President Chris Lindsay stated that the speaker at the July Civic Club meeting will be native plant expert Lauren Simpson. Also, planning is underway for the Spring 2026 Pollinator in the Park event.

Sam Rezzoffi spoke about the newly painted junction/utility box located at Shepherd and 38th Street. The theme of the artwork on the box is to commemorate first responders. A total of \$3500 of funding was secured for the project, with special thanks going out to Rhonda Sauter and Sandra Cortez from the Mayor’s Assistance office, Roni Cabrera from

Art in the Heart, Ella Quiles from Up Art Studio, and artists Carolina Gonzales and Mary Glovanovich.

Tony Padon provided an update that the tennis courts at Graham Park have been resurfaced and now includes lines for pickleball. Drainage issues at the park are still ongoing and are continually being reported to the proper entities.

The winner of the raffle this month was Emily Stephens. The \$25 gift card was donated by the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Thanks to Tony & Debbie Padon for providing pizzas for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

Attendance: 32

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Civic Club:

\$ _____ **Individual Membership \$50** (\$25 for seniors 65+)

\$ _____ **Community Household Membership \$125**

Constable 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**

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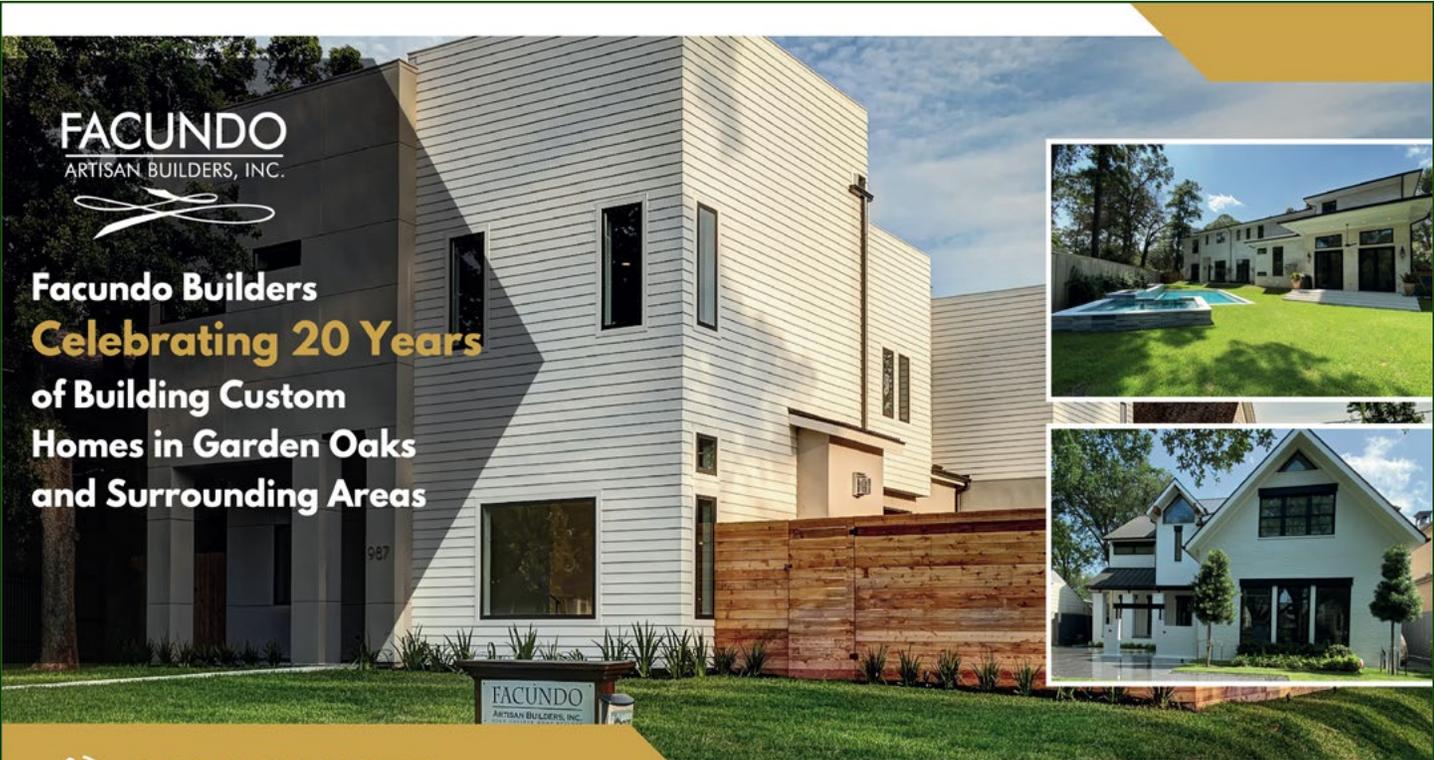
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Constable Program

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

Help Wanted – We need an additional Constable Supporter Sign Team Member. The job is placing new signage and/or 2025 stickers on the supporter signs (supplies provided). Hours are few and very flexible. A big thank you to team member Meagan Twomey whose family is relocating. If interested, please email constable@gardenoaks.org.

Save the Date: Neighbors' Night Out will be Tuesday October 7th so start thinking about block gatherings.

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.

Constable Supporter Signs and Stickers are generally available at the Garden Oaks Civic Club meetings.

Reminder: The Constable Program is paid only by residents'

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Animal Humane – 1	Meet the Citizen – 22	Vehicle Speeding - 1
Animal Aggressive - 1	Mental Health Call - 1	Vehicle Stickered - 1
Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1	Property Found/Lost - 1	
Check Park, School, Parking Lot - 41	Stationary Visibility Patrol - 10	
Civil Process - 1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 5	
Contract Check – 161	Theft Residence – 1	
Disturbance Loud Noise – 1	Traffic Initiative -4	
Follow Up – 5	Traffic Stop - 15	
Indecent Exposure - 1	Vacation Watch – 31	

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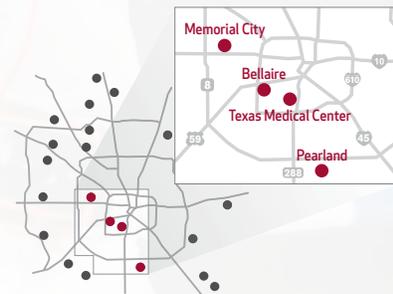
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751 West 43rd 926 West 41st

224 West 30th

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Mike Heath 5th

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Kaplan Martinez 12th

Jenny Espeseth 17th

Mary Sharon Komarek 18th

Deanna Zugheri 23rd

Akira B 27th

Jason Cunningham 27th

Happy Anniversary

Jenny and Jason Espeseth – 7th

Congratulations to

Michael Beard and Shane Hutsen on their recent wedding.

Special Thoughts

To **Tonya Knauth and family** on the recent loss of Tonya's birth mother.



Out and About

It was a three-generation special Teatime for **Megan Salch**, daughter **Kylie**, and mom, **Dawn**. The **Vogels** enjoyed a visit to Pittsburg. **Tina Rowe** took a fast 3-day trip to Singapore.

It was a relaxing trip to Hawaii for **Craig and M'lissa Dilley**. **Elisa Cueller** experienced much of Croatia and Slovenia on her recent adventure. The **Zindler-Feit Family** had a fabulous South Pacific Adventure including Sydney, Australia and added stops in Fiji and New Zealand. **Sandra and Kelly O'Guynn** headed to Pensacola for some fun.

John and Cindy Bartos ventured to Alaska, even celebrating Cindy's birthday while there. **Jim Dicola and Tina Rowe** headed to South Padre Island and visited the Space-X complex.

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HVAC 101: What Is a Return Air Vent, and What Does It Do?

Auggie Reyes, owner of Air Wise

Every home having a central air conditioning system uses forced conditioned air for cooling during the summer. The air is distributed throughout the home via supply registers located in the ceilings and measure about 12" by 6". After this cool air has been delivered, it will eventually warm up and need to be reconditioned. That's where the return air vent comes into play.

Return air vents as part of the ventilation cycle

The return air vent is the component which allows warm air to be pulled back through your A/C system. It's also where the system's air filter is located. Not only will the air be cooled again, it will also be cleaned of airborne contaminants.

Return air vents can be installed in two different ways: (1) in every room where there's a supply register or (2) located in a single spot on each floor of your home. These are typically located near the center of each floor, usually in a hallway.

Ideally, it's better to have a return air vent in every room than it is to have a single, centrally located one. Multiple return air vents make it easier to achieve neutral pressure within your home. Measured in cubic feet per minute, you want the air being distributed throughout your home to be equal in pressure to the air being returned to your A/C system. This can be much more easily

accomplished when a return air vent is in each room that has a supply register.

Return air vent maintenance

Because your home's A/C system uses forced air, a slight suction is created when the warm air is being drawn in to be reconditioned. This suction will pick up airborne contaminants (dust, pollen, pet dander and hair, etc.) where they're trapped by the air filter located behind the return air grill. As time passes, debris accumulates on the grill and filter, choking off the system's air intake. This causes the evaporator coil located in the attic which reconditions the air to work very hard.

It's essential that you replace the air filter on a regular basis plus clean your home's supply registers and return vents. Accumulated dust and dirt cause your A/C system to work much harder than it should, resulting in higher energy bills, poorer indoor air quality and premature failure. It's also important that air travel freely to your return air vent. Make sure there's no large furniture or other obstructions that can block air flow.

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6	7	8 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	9 GOMO Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
13	14	15 Yard Waste, Garbage, & Recycling	16	17 Large Yard/Tree Waste	18	19 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
20	21	22 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	23	24	25	26 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
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