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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

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## Azalea Street Fest – November 15

*Emily Stephens, Social Chair*

Mark your calendars, neighbors! On Saturday, November 15th from 4–7 PM, the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be hosting our annual fundraiser - Azalea Street Fest - on the 800 block of Azalea Street. This adults-only event is more than just a fun evening out—it's a chance to support one of the most important programs in our community: the Constable Program. Proceeds from the festival will directly benefit this initiative, which helps keep our neighborhood safe and secure.

The Azalea Street Fest will showcase some of our favorite local vendors, each offering small pours of drinks and light bites to sample. It's a perfect way to discover new flavors, support local businesses, and enjoy a relaxed evening with friends and neighbors. There will also be live music from local favorite Taylor Marberry, adding to the festive atmosphere.

You can purchase your tickets using the QR code, the flyer in the Gazette, or at our Eventbrite site – <https://tinyurl.com/353thbyk>

Check-in is required at Triangle Park on the west side of Azalea Street near Alba, before entering the festival area, so be sure to stop by there first to pick up your wristband and wine glass! If you have any questions, please contact me at [GOSocial@GardenOaks.org](mailto:GOSocial@GardenOaks.org) or you can message me on Instagram @GardenOaksHouston.

### Upcoming Events

**GOCC Meeting:**  
No Meeting  
Enjoy National Neighbors Night Out

GOMO Business Mtg  
October 13, 6:30 pm  
Mtg Room 1911 W. 34th

Azalea Street Fest  
Nov 15th  
4:00 to 7:00 pm

GOMO Townhall  
Tuesday Nov 18th, 7:00 pm  
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# 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](mailto:membership@gardenoaks.org).*

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## Support the Constable Program at the Azalea Street Fest Sponsorships or Table Host Opportunities

### *Emily Stephens, Social Chair*

The Garden Oaks Civic Club is excited to host the Azalea Street Fest on Saturday, November 15 from 4–7 PM. This event is designed not only to bring neighbors together, but also to raise critical funds for our Constable Program—a vital service that helps keep our community safe.

We're inviting local businesses and individuals to get involved in one of two ways:

1. Event Sponsorship – 100% of your sponsorship dollars goes directly to the Constable program. Sponsorship ensures continued visibility for your business throughout the event and shows your commitment to the safety of Garden Oaks.

2. Table Hosting – Reserve a spot to showcase your business (or yourself). Not into food and drink? No problem – grab a case of wine and snack platter from Costco and share with the neighbors while you connect. Whether you're a business looking for local exposure or an individual eager to support neighborhood safety, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved. Together, we can make this event a success and ensure the Constable program continues to serve Garden Oaks well.

All inquiries please contact Emily at [GoSocial@GardenOaks.org](mailto:GoSocial@GardenOaks.org)

# Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

*Bill Shaughnessy, GOCC Secretary*

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ Great Heights Brewing

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Vice President Paul Vincent.

A motion to accept the minutes as written from the August 2025 meeting was made by Paul. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jacob Mata, a representative from Council Member Abbie Kamen's office (District C), stated that folks should continue to report trash/debris collection problems by calling 311 or emailing CM Kamen's office. A new director with the solid waste department has been hired, so hopefully improvements will be seen with regard to collection schedules. He announced that there will be a Families with Pride event on October 18th from 9:00-12:00 at Discovery Green. He also stated that anyone hosting National Night Out gatherings should email the CM office to let them know so a representative can stop by.

A representative from CM Mario Castillo's office (District H)

reiterated what Jacob Mata said about solid waste collection issues. Also, it was pointed out that a few attempted abductions occurred at Shepherd Park. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious to HPD or the Constable. Patrols have been increased in the area for that purpose.

Sara Davidson, the Policy & Constituent Engagement Director for CM Julian Ramirez (At-Large 1), also discussed the trash collection issues and she, too, encouraged anyone who is hosting a Night Out party to let the council members know so they can send a representative to the gathering.

Treasurer Brian Rabe stated that all is still on course with the 2025 civic club budget. Brian stated that the 2026 civic club budget will be rolling out soon.

Speaking for the constable report, Paul Vincent iterated that anyone hosting a NNO gathering should let Terry Jeanes know so she can arrange to have a constable stop by your event.

Social Committee Chair Emily Stephens announced that

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work for the Azalea Street Festival, which supports the constable program, is moving right along and plans now include a musician, and possibly outdoor lighting at this year's event. Tickets go on sale September 19th.

James Elmore said work is ongoing to obtain permits and erect new Garden Oaks signage at the entrances to the neighborhood. Funding and design have already been approved.

Beautification Chair Pam Parks stated that mowing the pocket parks has been more frequent due to the abundant rainfall this year has promoted vibrant grass growth. This includes mowing the area around the front of the Garden Oaks Montessori, which HISD should have been taking care of. The registration of neighbor's emails is ongoing, and now includes over 900 registrants, which is an increase of over 300 from earlier this year. Builders at the old Sears property have agreed to save the tree, as well as the bus stop furniture. It may cost \$3000-4000 to help prepare the oak tree to help it withstand the stress of the future construction at that sight.

Amanda Edwards, candidate for US House of Representative

District 18, was the guest speaker. She grew up in the area, attended Aldine Eisenhower High School, then attended Emory University and received her law degree from Harvard University. She is also a former At-Large City Councilwoman. She explained in detail the redistricting efforts currently taking place and discussed how they affect Garden Oaks at the Special Election (2025) and also how they affect the mid-term elections (2026).

Ms. Edwards promulgated that the Special Election to fill the House District 18 seat (which has been vacant since Sylvester Turner's death in March) is taking place on November 4, 2025. All registered voters are strongly encouraged to vote in this special election. This will mark 8 months since constituents of District 18 have had a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Paul Vincent stated that there will be no civic club meeting on October 7 since it is National Night Out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.  
Attendance: 21

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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)

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## GO Kids Updates!

*Arley Turner-Allen, President*

The kids are back in school, and the GO Kids group is busy planning fall and holiday fun for our families! On October 25th we will be hosting our fall festival, with bounce houses, carnival games, and a costume contest! And in December we look forward to our holiday party, with a very special guest from the North Pole.

It's not too late to join to celebrate all the fun with us! GO Kids is \$85 annually per family and holds several fun, family-friendly events throughout the course of the year. To join visit <https://www.gardenoaks.org/gocc/payments/memberships/> and scroll down to the Add-On section.

We are also looking for high school volunteers to help with our events; if interested, please email us at [gardenoakskids@gmail.com](mailto:gardenoakskids@gmail.com).

## 5 Reasons to Participate in Halloween

*Sam Swart, Section 3 resident*

1. It's the neighborly thing to do. Your community is out with their children, looking for a friendly house with lights on and residents ready to hand out a piece of candy. It's the easiest gig to show your good neighbor cred.

2. It's a nice thing to do. Not everyone who comes to your door will be a neighborhood kid; quite a few are families out looking for a safe place to let their kids trick or treat. It's good to be nice (and almost all of the kids are really polite).

3. It's a scene, man. Dinosaurs, princesses, superheroes, and video game characters - you'll see them all parade down the street and come to your doorstep. It's more entertaining than anything on Netflix.

4. They're coming regardless, so you might as well join the fun and do your part to provide a memorable Halloween for the hundreds of kids making their way through our neighborhood.

5. If you buy too much candy (let's say anything over 500 pieces), you may have 'fun size' benefits for days to come.



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## Dismantling GOMO: A Community Conversation

On Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church (2003 W 43rd St), all Garden Oaks neighbors are invited to attend our upcoming Townhall. We will share updates on where things stand today, the challenges we face, and the opportunities ahead. Most importantly, we'll discuss solutions that will help us continue building a stronger and more connected neighborhood.

Garden Oaks is a special community, known for its tree-lined streets, unique homes, and neighbors who care deeply about where we live. Like any neighborhood, we have areas where improvements are needed — from keeping our community safe, to maintaining and enhancing shared spaces, to ensuring our rules and processes reflect today's standards. These are issues we can only solve together.

The Townhall is designed to be an open and collaborative conversation, where residents can hear the facts, ask questions, and provide feedback. Following this, at our Annual Meeting in December, neighbors will elect new board members and help set the direction for the year ahead. Your voice matters. By showing up, listening, and sharing

your perspective, you play an important role in shaping the future of Garden Oaks. We encourage all residents to join us at these meetings as we work together to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

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*Pam Parks, Webmaster*

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The website serves our non-profit neighborhood organizations (Garden Oaks Civic Club and Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization) and provides news and information to owners and residents. Registering does not entail joining or paying anything. It allows us to share information with you as a homeowner in Garden Oaks, including our short monthly eblast of neighborhood activities and news. Some of this information could potentially affect property values.

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# Constable Program

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

Reminder Neighbors Night Out - Tuesday October 7th  
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Important: also support the Constable Fall Fundraiser... Saturday November 15th. ...via ticket purchase or hosting a table or cash sponsorship. More information on the Azalea Street Fest at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

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](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org). A roster of current supporters is available at [gardenoaks.org](http://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'

contributions. There is **no mandatory fee** collected.

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# GO Creature Report: Mexican free-tailed bat

*Bernada Rubasingham and Sophie Crow, GO residents*

We are on the brink of Halloween and so we will unearth our very own not-so-spooky residents: the Mexican free-tailed bats. On warm evenings at dusk, these eerily impressive acrobats can be seen zig zagging through the sky prowling their next ghoulish grub. They faintly make a murmur and zip by so swiftly one must keep a piercing gaze to spot them. You cannot spot them for long as they will just as abruptly vanish into thin air.

- million, ~300K under the Waugh Drive Bridge in Houston
- 3. Their pups can fly within weeks
- 4. Some, not all, migrate between Mexico and US during spring and fall
- 5. They consume their body's weight in insects

Thank you to our dear friend, Ms. Mary Lynn for inspiring this spooky article and being a voracious fan!

A truly unique encounter is visiting the bat colony living beneath the Waugh Drive Bridge. Nothing prepares you for that moment when the bats make the unanimous decree to fly out from under the bridge in unison.

Creature Details:

- Diet: Flying insects
- Lifespan: 8-11 years
- Habitat: Caves and urban areas
- Size: 3.5 - 4.3 inches
- Other Facts:
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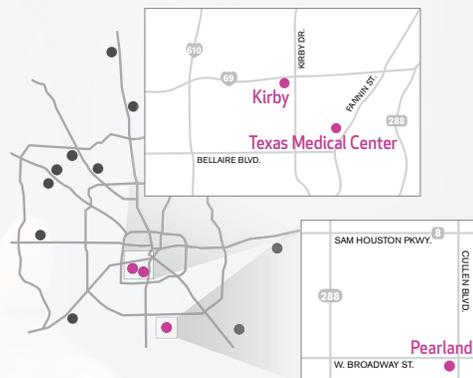
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# Heard Under the Oak Tree

*Terry Jeanes*

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| 834 Lamonte           |               |

## Happy Birthday

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Dian Austin 1st      | Mark Saranie 25th   |
| Sue Schmidt 3rd      | Fritz Westover 25th |
| Tina Sabuco 9th      | Jack Runge 28th     |
| Michael Padon 17th   | Eden Craig 30th     |
| Alice Sarmiento 24th |                     |
| Benjamin B 24th      |                     |
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## Happy Anniversary

Tony & Debbie Padon 6th  
Elizabeth & Mark Klein 7th  
Betsy & Gig Runge 9th  
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## Out and About

Mark it a "W"/ Win for **Max & Adam Dilley** in their 1st St. Pius High School Football team appearance. **Jackson Theriot** attended Class of 2029 Camp Aquinas for incoming freshman at St Thomas High. **Trent & Megan Salch** were in Fredericksburg. **Mike Stephens** visited Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Tina Rowe & Jim Dicola** enjoyed some time in Maui.

For **Shellye Arnold**, it was an amazing trip to northern Italy with family and friends.

**Terry Jeanes** enjoyed a great European adventure with real estate industry friend, including England sightseeing before boarding a cruise from France to Italy. Terry connected unexpectedly with Traci Elsner Buttram (former staffer for Ellen Cohen District A) who was on the same cruise trip. It was end of an era for **Caroline McLean** - after starting a girls' Lacrosse program at St Pius 10 years ago, she completed her coaching tenure with many memories made.

## Special Thoughts

and continued well wishes to **Tina Sabuco** on continued recovery on her thumb and hand surgery.

*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](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com)*

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## Now is the Time for Your Furnace Tune-up

*Auggie Reyes, new owner of AirWise*

We have experienced an incredibly hot summer this year, and it's a relatively "mild" 87 degrees outside while I'm writing this column. Summer will eventually ease into fall in Houston. No matter what the temperature is outside, it's easy to achieve that perfect indoor environment by properly maintaining your AC system.

### (1) Schedule a winter check-up

Before the holidays arrive, have a routine maintenance check performed on your furnace. This will ensure all components are working properly, safely and efficiently.

### (2) Upgrade to variable speed heating

Variable speed heating enhances your indoor comfort while using less energy. "Variable speed" refers to how a furnace's indoor blower motor operates, allowing your furnace to operate at an energy-efficient lower speed and when necessary, a higher speed for increased warmth. With this smarter system, your furnace doesn't have to turn on and off as much which will save money plus you won't experience uncomfortable drops or rises in temperature.

### (3) Have a programmable thermostat installed

With a programmable thermostat, you can pre-set temperatures to match your daily schedule, whether you're at home or away. The newer thermostats have touchscreen controls which are easy to use and have some neat side benefits like informing you of the

outside temp and when it's time to change your A/C system's air filter.

### (4) Protect your family from carbon monoxide poisoning

It is highly recommended to have your gas furnace cleaned and inspected every year. Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion and is present whenever fuel is burned. Virtually every gas furnace produces some carbon monoxide which is carried away from your home through the furnace's vents.

While a newer gas furnace is equipped with features that shut it off when a problem is detected, older furnaces have no such devices. Over time, a furnace can develop small cracks in its combustion chamber. They may not be visible to the naked eye, but it is through these cracks that CO leaks into your home.

Another important task is to change your filter regularly. A clean filter will help your furnace run more efficiently and help keep dust from circulating throughout your home.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends installing at least one carbon monoxide detector per household, near the sleeping area. Additional detectors on every level of a home and in every bedroom provide extra protection. Be sure to choose an Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) listed detector that emits an audible alarm and has a digital display.

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