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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

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President's Message

Mike Stephens, GOCC President

Over the last few years during my role as GOCC President, I have written many times about the importance of the volunteers needed to make everything work for our Garden Oaks Civic Club, and all we support in this community. These include the upkeep of all of our parks (which many residents still wrongly think is the responsibility of the City of Houston), to the many forms of communication (Gazette publication and distribution, social media, monthly membership meetings), to the various social events and fundraisers for our residents throughout the year.

You may have noticed the new Garden Oaks neighborhood entrance signs being installed around the neighborhood. That is the result of a multi-year effort by many GOCC volunteers. I will highlight the details of that project more in a future Gazette issue.

In early May, GOCC hosted a "Thanks to our Volunteers" picnic in our beautiful Gazebo Park. There are over 75 people who in some way, or many ways, make Garden Oaks a better place to live. It was a small token of our appreciation for those people. Thanks to everyone who attended the picnic and thanks again for all you do!

Would you like to be a volunteer for your community? Please reach out to me (president@gardenoaks.org), or any of my amazing team (contact info listed on page 2 of the Gazette). We'd also love to see you at our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm at Great Heights Brewing.



Upcoming Events

GOCC Meeting:

June 2, 7 pm

Great Heights Brewing

Speaker: State Senator Molly Cook

GOMO Meeting

June 8, 6:30 pm

Trees for Houston Mtg Room
1911 W. 34th

Garden Club Meeting

June 11, 7:00 pm

Kroger on 43rd-2nd floor



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Constable Dues Here**

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Thank you to the following neighbors and neighborhood businesses who are supporting our new CommUnity Partnership Program for 2026.

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1. MS Word or text document as an attachment (not the body of the email), left justified, no headers or footers. Keep formatting to a minimum.
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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 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)

\$ _____ Membership GO Kids \$85

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Constable Statistics APRIL 2026

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.

- Animal Aggressive – 1
- Assault - 2
- Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1
- Check Park, School, Business, Church, Parking Lot – 12
- Civil Process - 6
- Contract Check – 201
- Disturbance Loud Noise – 1
- Follow Up - 3
- Information Call -3
- Illegally Parked Vehicle - 1
- Meet the Citizen – 38
- Solicitors - 2
- Stationary Visibility Patrol - 8
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 6
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- Traffic Initiative - 3
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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes, Program Chair

Patrol Announcement – New Patrol Deputy Sydnie Pennie. Welcome to Garden Oaks Patrol. More on getting to know Deputy Pennie soon, his career and more. Best wishes to Deputy Tommie Kelley as she is now in Buildings with the Precinct.

Seeking Volunteers to join our Great Signage Delivery Team. Email constable@gardenoaks.org.

2025 - 2026 Contract Our Constable contract cost is \$99,950 annually, so funds are very important. We need you as annual supporters and also supporting our fundraisers as well as the sponsors and vendors who support us.

Pay your dues via the form in the Gazette (snail mail) or pay online at gardenoaks.org or via the QR code on the front page. Payment of at least \$300 will get a GO Constable Supporter sign.

If you need a new sign, please email constable@gardenoaks.org.

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

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?

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Terry Jeanes

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867 Lamonte

515 West 30th

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Happy Birthday

Andrew B – 1st

Elyse S – 9th

Julie Sherber – 2nd

Mark Klein – 13th

Stephen S – 4th

Landon C -18th

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Antonio R – 23rd

Odette – 7th

Allison Padon – 28th

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Out and About

The **Sherber** ladies enjoyed a night out with Bruno Mars. **Mike Stephens & son** had a great weekend at Camp LaJunta in Hunt Tx. **Carl Waters & Leslie Ryan** celebrated Leslie's birthday in Spain and Portugal.

Terry Jeanes checked off a bucket list item: an Alaskan cruise after a day in Seattle. Included were 1st train White Pass Rail to Yukon Territory, a hike in the snow to Nugget Falls at Mendenhall Glacier National Park, whale watching in Icy Strait Point, and Butchart Gardens in Victoria BC. Mark down another French canal boat adventure for **Ed & Brenda de Alba** and **Pam Parks & Teresa Coleman**. **Tina Rowe & Jim Dicola** enjoyed some time in Asheville NC. **Cat & Jason Theriot** spent time in Galveston celebrating **Jason's** Birthday. It was a mom and daughter Trip to Florida for **M'lissa Dilley & Reagan**. **Tina Greer** visited her daughter for several weeks in California.

Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold had another fabulous trip to Ireland. What an Experience: **Jaime Zamora** threw out the 1st pitch at the Astros/Dodgers game on May 4th. It looked to be a STRIKE! Well done. The **Carlins** navigated planes, trains, and automobiles, making it to their granddaughter's performance in Shrek the Musical in New York.

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

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Bill Shaughnessy, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ Great Heights Brewing
Attendance: 27

The meeting was called to order at 7:19PM by President Mike Stephens.

A motion was made by Mike to accept the April 2026 meeting minutes as published in the May 2026 Gazette. The motion was seconded and approved.

Council Member Mario Castillo, representing District H, made a surprise appearance at the meeting. Mr. Castillo stated that the city budget is in the progress of being formalized. A vote will be made on the budget in the upcoming months. He discussed the proposal to initiate a \$5/month garbage collection fee. This fee will likely go up on a yearly basis after the first couple of years. The CoH Solid Waste Department will soon be migrating over to the Utilities Department.

He announced two upcoming town halls, one on May 16th at 10:00AM at the Fondé Community Center on Sabine Street, and a virtual town hall at 6:00PM. He also announced a shredding event from 9:00AM-Noon on May 30th at the Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center.

Veronica Xiloj, the Deputy Chief of Staff for At-Large Position 4 Council Member Alejandra Salinas, introduced herself and described how the at-large position represents the neighborhood compared to the dedicated council districts.

The guest speaker this month was Maureen McNamara from Arthouse Houston. Arthouse Houston is making an effort to save the Garden Oaks Theater from being demolished and replaced with a new retail or residential property. Arthouse Houston saved the River Oaks Theater from a similar fate. She envisions the theater to be preserved and used as a live art venue, soda fountain, café, or similar idea. When the fundraising effort started, there were 40 days to obtain financial pledges for 35% of \$7.1 million (or approxi-

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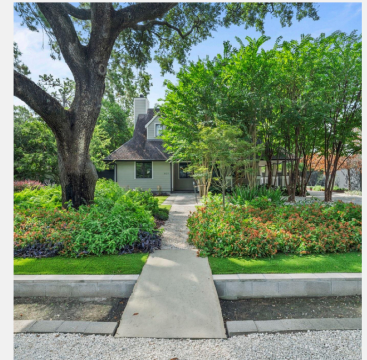
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mately \$2.5mm) to close on the property before a mid-May deadline. Visit arthousehtx.org for more information, or to make a donation/pledge.

Treasurer Brian Rabe reported that the Wakefield Shuffle netted over \$4000 to support the civic club and other neighborhood needs. He also stated that membership numbers are closer to 2024 levels for the same month, so they're not quite up to the 2025 level yet.

Mike Stephens proclaimed that three of the ten new neighborhood entryway signs have been erected in Section One. He, James Elmore, and Brian Rabe installed these 300lb signs last Saturday. More signs will be put in place over the following weeks.

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization President James Elmore announced that a new attorney has been hired to work with GOMO, so work can begin updating by-laws, etc. GOMO meets at 6:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Trees for Houston office on 34th Street.

Mike Stephens disclosed that the guest speaker for June's meeting is scheduled to be State Senator Molly Cook

The meeting was adjourned by Mike at 8:24PM.



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The Memorial Rose Garden

Brenda de Alba, park co-captain

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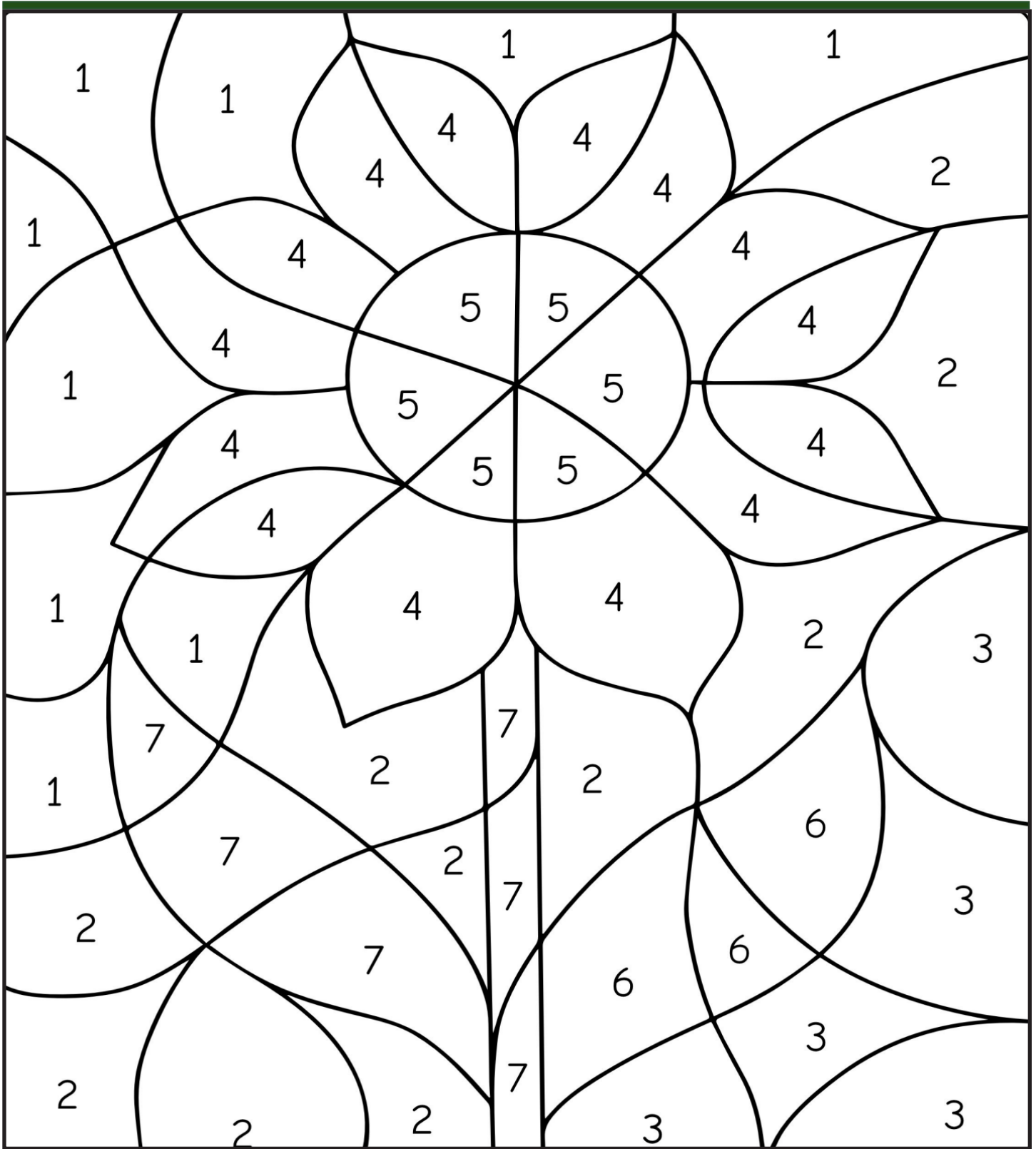
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Auggie Reyes, owner of AirWise

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MILDEW - If the air coming from your A/C vents smells like a wet towel, mildew is your problem. It can grow in or around the air conditioner. This is not really that surprising since, in addition to cooling the air in your home, your A/C system also removes excess moisture. If it's not drained away properly, mold can grow on areas with lingering moisture. Even a dirty air filter can cause the smell of mildew. Get a professional to clean the system and replace the filter to get rid of the mildew smell.

SMELLY FEET - A dirty, clogged air conditioner can emit a stinky feet smell. This is caused by stagnant water collecting in the system that isn't drained away properly. A thorough cleaning by a professional should be enough to remedy it.

ROTTEN EGGS - A dead animal is the most common cause of a rotten, spoiled-egg smell coming from the air vents. An injured bird or small mammal has climbed inside an air duct where it died and has begun decomposing. It is not advisable for you to clean the unit out yourself because there are many health hazards asso-

ciated with dead animals, especially if they have been sitting for some time. You need to have your ducts professionally cleaned to remove any animal remains.

SEWAGE - This usually means that there is a backup in the sewer system which is caused by a sewer vent pipe that has ruptured near your A/C ducting. All it takes is a little methane gas getting into the ductwork and your entire home will smell like a sewer. Methane gas can be dangerous so if you smell sewage, contact your service technician immediately to look into the problem.

GUN POWDER - If you smell gunpowder coming from your A/C vents, you are probably experiencing an electrical problem such as a shorted-out circuit board. Problems like this often occur in older A/C systems that have been around for a while. Call your service technician.

EXHAUST FUMES - Your air conditioner is powered by electricity, not gas. However, some components contain fluids that can leak out. If this happens, the smell of exhaust fumes can permeate your home. To prevent a harmful situation from developing, contact your service technician immediately.

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7	8 GOMO Meeting 6:30	9 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	10	11	12	13 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 948 Wakefield
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21 Father's Day Summer Solstice	22	23 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	24	25	26	27 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 948 Wakefield
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