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Let's Get Together, Garden Oaks!

Emily Stephens, Social Chair

The Garden Oaks Civic Club (GOCC) is proud to announce the return of the Azalea Street Beer and Wine Extravaganza (ASBWE)! We're inviting you to join us on November 16th from 3:00 - 6:00 PM in the 800 block of Azalea. Scan the QR code for tickets.

ASBWE is a block party format, and with the purchase of a ticket, you are able to enjoy delicious drinks, tasty bites and fun freebies from a variety of local businesses and residents. Table Hosts include Upside Pub, High Five Mini Bar, Heights Margaritas, Tulum Wellness and a number of our neighbors who have been long term supporters! We will have live music (band tbd) and photography by Briana Kristine Photography to help capture the fun!

Why are we doing this? As fun as it is to get everyone together for a good time, we're also doing this to fund an important program that keeps our neighborhood safe - the Constable Program. Our Constables work hard patrolling the neighborhood, and responding to calls of concern. If your home alarm dispatch is set up to call them, and it goes off, a Constable is likely to be there faster than other law enforcement agencies. Trust me, I know from personal experience.

Our dedicated neighborhood Constable also handles other important tasks, like vacation checks on your home. The dedicated Garden Oaks Constable is 100% funded by the neighborhood. The GOCC coordinates funding of the constable program through fundraisers like this, as well as your personal donations. Hurry and purchase your tickets now to take advantage of the early bird special (offer ends October 15th) and join us on November 16th!

Interested in volunteering? We have many volunteer needs for different roles - anything from being part of the planning committee to a simpler role of day-of assistance. Please email me at Social@GardenOaks.org.

Follow us on social media to stay updated on all things Garden Oaks! @GardenOaksHouston on Instagram or join our official GO Facebook group at Houston_GO!

Upcoming Events

GOCC Meeting:
Tuesday Sept 3rd
7:00 pm
Great Heights Brewing
Private Meeting Room

National Night Out
Tuesday Oct 1

ASBWE
November 16, 3-6pm
800 Block of Azalea



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- Recognition in the GO Gazette through Dec 2024
- Your logo/link on the Garden Oaks website

Platinum Plus (\$1500) Cash Contribution

- INDIVIDUAL sign at the entrance on Azalea
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- Garden Oaks Gazette ½ page ad (value \$110)
- Recognition in the GO Gazette through Dec 2024
- Your logo/link on the Garden Oaks website

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- Garden Oaks Gazette ½ page ad (value \$110)
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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)**

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A Guide to Cooking with Beer for Oktoberfest

Kala Dunn, Garden Oaks Resident

Oktoberfest officially begins in September and is celebrated in many ways across Houston, including in Garden Oaks. Our local Houston breweries will soon be featuring their best German-inspired brews, ready to be enjoyed at home or out at one of the many local Oktoberfest celebrations.

Now's the perfect time to try out cooking with beer if you haven't already! You may have poured a beer into your world-famous pot of chili or fired up a beer can chicken on the grill, but there are so many more possibilities for incorporating beer into your cooking. Here are some of my favorite ways to prepare food with beer, including a few that might find their way onto the menu at Plonk! Bistro during Oktoberfest:

1) Marinating meat is an easy way to incorporate beer into your cooking. Beer is a great tenderizer, and a splash of sweet-ish Pilsner can balance the acidity of certain marinade ingredients, like citrus or vinegar.

2) Because stout beer often has chocolate undertones, it's a fitting addition to chocolate desserts. There are plenty of excellent chocolate cake recipes out there that include stout beer, but you can also incorporate stout beer into a boxed chocolate cake mix. To do so, simply swap the stout beer for the milk or other liquid called for by the instructions. Stout beer will add complexity to the flavor profile of the cake, and you can experiment to find your favorite. Rich and creamy stouts, especially those labelled "chocolate stout" or "milk stout" work best for this application.

3) A simple beer cheese recipe is definitely one to have in your arsenal. This rich sauce usually starts with a flour-and-butter-based roux with sweet onions or garlic that's thinned with a light-bodied but flavorful beer, simmered until most of the alcohol evaporates, and then fortified with Dijon mustard, cream, and a high-quality cheddar or other melting cheese. Besides the usual pairing with a

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soft pretzel, beer cheese can be used on top of burgers, tacos, and eggs, or even tossed with pasta for a spin on your favorite mac and cheese.

4) Like wine, beer can be used to steam seafood. Instead of white wine, a light beer can be added to aromatics and herbs to flavor a pan full of mussels, shrimp, or fish that you'd like to prepare using a gentle method that makes seafood difficult to overcook.

5) Did you know that IPA complements the flavors of fresh ceviche? Usually, cooking with IPA is something to avoid because the intense bitterness of hops overpowers other flavors and creates an imbalanced dish. However, a splash of bitterness works well in many ceviche recipes. To try it out, prepare your favorite ceviche recipe, allowing the citrus or other acid to marinate the fish until it reaches your desired texture, then drain the acid off and add a splash of IPA for flavor, along with any other herbs or other ingredients you'd like to use right before serving. Don't try this with salmon, as the combination can create a metallic taste, but IPA is a match for many white fish and for shellfish like shrimp or scallops.

Whether you're cooking for an Oktoberfest gathering or just trying out new recipes at home, cooking with beer can be fun, easy, and creative!

Kala Dunn is the Executive Chef at Plonk! Bistro and Wine Cellar and a longtime resident of Garden Oaks.



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Arson/Fire - 1	Meet the Citizen – 33	Welfare Check - 8
Alarm Local – 4	Meet the Officer - 1	
Burglary of Habitation – 2	Solicitors - 1	
Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 1	Special Assignment – 2	
Check Park/School - 9	Stationary Visible Patrol - 8	
Civil Process - 2	Stranded Motor Vehicle - 1	
Contract Check – 112	Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 11	
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Why Garden Oaks Montessori?

Rashada Abraha, PhD., Principal, Garden Oak Montessori Magnet

As we embark on a new academic year here at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet (GOMM), I am both honored and excited to serve the vibrant Garden Oaks community. Having served as a campus leader (assistant principal and principal apprentice) at GOMM in the two years prior to being named principal, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and passion that define our school and this community. My vision for GOMM is simple yet profound: to nurture an environment where every student not only excels academically but also grows as a responsible and compassionate member of this community. Our teachers and staff are committed to embodying the spirit and pride of our namesake community and instilling these values in the children of the community.

What makes a Montessori education at Garden Oaks Montessori so unique? In a comparative study of Montessori and traditional approaches Mutmainnna et al. (2024) found that Montessori education fosters social emotional skills such as curiosity and independence, while traditional approaches provide students access to structure and rigor. At GOMM, the heart of our educational philosophy will always be the Montessori method grounded in a belief of the innate potential of every child. Maintaining the integrity of an authentic public Montessori education not only guides our curriculum but also shapes the way we interact with and support each student, ensuring they receive a personalized education that empowers them to thrive. In addition to our Montessori curriculum, our students have access to the rigorous Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which ensures our learners are holistically prepared to contribute as members of our community.

We welcome all zoned students of the Garden Oaks community to take advantage of this free public Montessori education offered within the community. If you would like to learn more about our Montessori school, please call the campus at 713-696-2930 to inquire about our Fall tours.

Rashada Abraha, PhD, was named principal of Garden Oaks in May of 2024. This year marks her 12th year in public education and her 2nd year at Garden Oaks. She is a Louisiana native, which is where she got her start as teacher and administrator before moving to Texas in 2019.

Article. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/381496712_A_Comparative_Study_of_Montessori_and_Traditional_Education_Approaches_Cognitive_Development_and_Academic_Achievement



Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

Tho we gotta say goodbye to the summer,
Oakies, I promise you this.
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Sealed with a wish.

Lyrics adapted from "Sealed with a Kiss" by Brian Hyland

This is just a sample of the thoughts that go through my mind when I'm not sleeping at four in the morning, making up parodies of songs I've recently heard. We have one more month of miserable summer weather left to endure. Of course there's no guarantee of cool weather in October; however, that's when the cold fronts begin to edge toward us, offering some relief from the heat.

Let's get down to market news. First, thanks to all who continue to support us through the sizzling summer weather. And by now almost everyone has learned that we've been rejoined by Hugo and Elvira of Cake and Bacon, with their amazing array of breads and pastries. Just when I thought that we were going to have to do without all this goodness

with the departure of Sophia, along came these guys to add that extra variety to our little market.

The build-out across the street at Decant Urban Winery continues, and I'm gathering the equipment necessary to launch our move once the space is ready. We are planning to do a relaunch of The Farmstand to make sure that folks know where we've gone. We'll keep y'all posted on the progress.

As always, "Come soon, come often, and bring your friends and family!"

The Farmstand is open on Saturdays from 9 to 1 pm, rain or shine. It's located on Wakefield across from Decant Urban Winery and Great Heights Brewing. Fresh farm eggs and Mickey's made- to- order tacos and omelettes are available each Saturday, along with seasonal vegetables, jams, jellies, and now breads from Cake and Bacon.



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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Deepak Khosla, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, Aug 6, 2024 @ Great Heights Brewing

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Mike Stephens.

Mike welcomed Council Member Mario Castillo as the first speaker and mentioned how reps from both Council Districts C&H had been very proactive in reaching out and helping after the storm. CM Castillo provided an update on the debris pickup that has been backed up for a while. His office is providing extra funds to bring in contractors to speed things up with Garden Oaks being on the priority list.

CM Castillo also mentioned a safety-related initiative started in his district that addresses lower quality of life issues such as homelessness, illegal dumping etc. The office is providing extra funds to HPD so officers can work overtime to get to these reported cases. His office has also started a 6-month paid internship program for district residents interested in a career in city government. Lastly, he mentioned that the company responsible for developing the old Sears property is studying various options to preserve the historical nature of the Sears sign. Requests were made to CM Castillo to also investigate preservation of the tree at the old bus stop/Sears signage, and regular flooding at Graham Park on the corner of 34th and Lawrence in Section 1.

Mike mentioned that District C was teaming with Trees for Houston for a tree care and sustainability event.

The minutes from the June 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Brian Rabe presented the Treasurer's report which now reflects the budget changes approved in May.

Deputy Kelly briefly discussed issues with some wild horses that had to be corralled on July 4th, and encounters with homeless people in the area. She encouraged people to be on the lookout for thieves stealing equipment from workers in the neighborhood, as well as to request vacation watch when leaving for a few days. She also thanked the politeness of people in our neighborhood vs. what she has seen in other areas.

Social chair Emily Stephens reported that the upcoming Azaleas St. Beer & Wine Extravaganza date has been moved to Nov 16. The team is looking for corporate sponsors, table hosts, and a band. This is the largest fund raiser for the Constable Program, and volunteer participation is very much needed to make it successful. Specific details on the types of help needed will be published soon.

Beautification chair Pam Parks next mentioned the large number of incoming questions about cleanup plans for storm debris in the pocket parks, and that there is no clear timeline from the city. She reported that the extra money approved in the new budget was already being used for improving the pocket parks.

The \$25 raffle gift card was graciously donated by Darlene's Flowers & Gifts and was won by Section 1 resident, Suzanne Debien. Suzanne (Central City Air) is also one of our GOCC CommUnity Partners. Thanks to Darlene's and to Suzanne for their support.

GO resident Alex James next provided a quick update on the ongoing discussions with Centerpoint. He mentioned that Centerpoint had been very responsive to requests and updates during and after the storm. For an upcoming meeting, Alex would like residents to send specific information on what issues they may have seen during the repair activities. He will then summarize and funnel that to Centerpoint so they can provide specific answers in a future meeting. Please send your input to Alex at alex@harryjamesbuilder.com.

GOMO president Stuart Arouty reported good progress with the ongoing restructure. The organization will be putting out a survey soon to all 5 sections asking for input on various topics. The goal is to come up with the best framework for GOMO that reflects the needs and wants of the residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Garden Oaks Creature Report: Yellow-Crowned Night Heron

Sophie Crow and Bernada Rubasingham, Garden Oaks Residents

The joys of living in Garden Oaks include the sights and sounds of the creatures that visit or call GO home. On walks in the evening, you can encounter nocturnal creatures, such as the yellow-crowned night heron. Our last sighting was on June 24th, 2024, in section 3. At each sighting, the lean bird was silently standing in the ditches or easements foraging for food. Their dark coloring enables them to blend easily into the darkness. Spotting them is always a pleasant surprise!

A GO resident of over 20+ years, Cathy in Section 3, reports having seen several birds in the ditches in front of her house years ago on a regular basis.

Creature Details:

The yellow-crowned night heron is a species of night heron, and like other herons they have very long legs. They have distinctive yellow crests that give them their name. Their calls are usually a short 'woe' or 'wok' sound. They prefer wet woods and swamps. They nest in trees and use sticks to make their nests. Their diet consists mainly of crabs, fish and sometimes small mammals, frogs, and roadkill. The average life span of a yellow-crowned night heron is 6.3 years.

Official Bird of Houston: Since September 24, 2019!

Status: Not an endangered or threatened species

Protection: A migratory bird, protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918

Fun Fact: They are known to use tools, such as twigs, to get prey out of hiding places.

Have you seen a yellow-crowned night heron in GO? Let us know when and where @ gazette@gardenoaks.org.

More Garden Oaks Creature Reports coming soon! Here is a hint regarding the next creature report: ESTXA DTOA



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GOMO Board Meetings

Propose 3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm of each month:
Location: 1100 W 23rd St in the conference room

2024

- August 21
- September 18
- October 16 Annual Members' Meeting & Board Elections (Location TBA)
- November 20
- December 18

2025

- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16

Meetings are open. Questions: manager@gardenoaks.org

GOKids

Sara Mathias, President

GOKids is a family group that aims to give our neighborhood a small town feel while supporting local businesses. We are a fee-based membership group that hosts between 8 and 10 events each year. We recently started a public instagram page (gokids77018). Our instagram page highlights our past events and our sponsors.

If you are interested in seeing the events we host and supporting our sponsors, we recommend following our page. Two of our most popular events of the year are coming up this fall, so we encourage you to join for the remainder of 2024 at <https://gardenoakskids.cheddarup.com>.

This year we will have a Dia de Los Muertos block party with a bounce house, crafts, face painting and more. We are also beginning to plan our Christmas party. Last year we had Santa, a trackless train, along with chocolate milk bars and tasty beverages from William Price.

We hope you can follow us on social media or join our group!



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Constable Program

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

Neighbors Night Out – Tuesday October 1st (evening) Please let us know if you are hosting a gathering on your block, and we will advise law enforcement so they may stop by. It can be a simple gathering with your favorite beverage to an elaborate cookout with bouncy houses; this is a great way to connect with your neighbors.

The Constable Fall Fundraiser – Azalea Beer and Wine Extravaganza will be held November 16th. Both tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.gardenoaks.org/azalea-street/

Have you supported the Constable Program yet? We need you! Pay your dues via the mail OR pay online. Payment of at least \$250 per household will get you a GO Constable Supporter sign. That's a mere 65 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 \$250 & 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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Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

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Happy Anniversary

Trent and Megan Salch 5th

Mike and Diane Heath 7th

Phil Ramirez and Gina Pecoraro 7th

Kristine Tolentino & John Magsipok 18th

Happy Birthday

Gretchen S. 10th Candice Croker 25th

Sylvia Escobedo 16th Belated to Jaime Zamora 8/12

Jacopo W 20th

Allison Mattingly 21st

Congratulations to

Tony and Debbie Padon, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to the interior of northern Alaska followed by a cruise down the inter passage to Vancouver, BC.

Special Thoughts

To **Celeste and Jaime Zamora** in the loss of **Celeste's** mother. For **Doug Mischlich** and also **Tina Sabuco** for recovery following recent surgery.



Out and About

Early July, **Mike & Emily Stephens** were joined by a group of friends in Costa Rica to celebrate Emily's birthday. Then, they returned to Houston, scooped up the kiddos and escaped the heat by heading off to Colorado for the end of month.

The **Dilley boys** had a great time at baseball camp before school was back in season. **Caroline McLean** visited London. **Tina Sabuco** was treated to a local version of her 45th high school reunion with dear friends. The **McKeowns** vacationed in Monaco. **Julie Sherber and her girls** treated local residents in Sargeant to some homemade tacos and more during recovery from Beryl. **James Flowers and Brandon Madden** had a great time in LA.

The Seghers had a good time in Durango with a visit to Mesa Verde. Earlier, it was a flight to London, a trip to Dover, and then cruise to ports in Iceland, Northern Ireland, and Liverpool. On their flight to London, Deb snagged a selfie with Carl Lewis who went on to Paris to carry the Olympic torch.

It was a great adventure shared with some real estate industry friends for **Terry Jeanes**, visiting Canterbury England, and departing for a cruise with stops in Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Warnemunde/Berlin, Gothenburg, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Brugge. The big surprise was a chance meeting of former GO residents **Rodney Seiler and Lin Hlanak**, passing in and out of the entrance to Brugge. All in perfect timing.

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

Choosing a Home Generator: Portable vs. Stand-by

Part Three of Three

Mitch Weigand

This is our final column on home generators (portable vs. stand-by) and which would be the right choice for you. Let's take a moment to compare them in several crucial areas:

INITIAL PURCHASE

Portable - Definitely the less expensive of the two. You can buy one that generates 4,000 watts of electricity for under \$600; it will run refrigerator, some lights and a fan.

Stand-by - A stand-by generator which can supply 10,000 watts starts around \$6,000. Depending on the size of your home, you may be able to run one of its A/C systems.

FUEL USAGE

Portable - You have a variety of fuels to choose from with propane and gasoline being the most convenient and easiest to obtain. However, you will have to go out and get the fuel from a gas station or hardware store which can be a definite hardship after a major natural disaster. That is, if the fuel is available which it may

or may not be.

Stand-by - Attached to your home's natural gas or liquid propane (LP) gas supply, it's always there and immediately available.

CONVENIENCE

Portable - This kind of generator requires constant monitoring and refilling of fuel. Are you willing to do that at 4:00 in the morning?

Stand-by - Within seconds of an electrical outage, stand-by generators automatically supply power to your home and then shut off by themselves when no longer needed.

NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION LEVELS

Portable - Think of a lawn mower running non-stop outside your window with the noise and fumes it creates. Not an attractive thought.

Stand-by - They do make noise similar to your central A/C sys-

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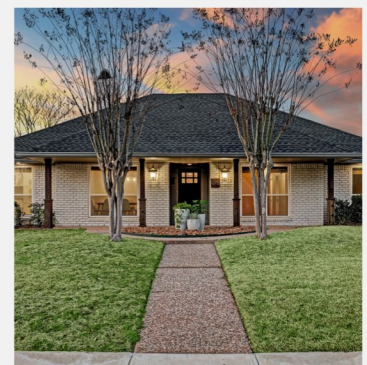
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tem's outside condenser but if properly maintained, there are very little - if any - fumes.

ECONOMY

Portable - What you save in the initial purchase is quickly consumed in fuel costs.

Stand-by - Very economical since it runs on natural or LP gas.

AIR CONDITIONING

Portable - This is asking a lot of a portable generator. You'll need one that can provide at least 10,000 watts to keep you cool plus run your refrigerator and a couple of lights.

Stand-by - Definitely the better choice because of their superior capacity to produce the necessary wattage.

Finally, what is my opinion?? Hands down, if you can afford it, get yourself a stand-by generator. I have one that generates 30,000 watts of electricity which will fulfill all of my needs including three A/C systems plus enough power left over to help my neighbors.

But realistically, be ready to spend \$12,000 for 20,000 watts of power. You'll never regret it. For further information, do some research on "home generators" online or go to a home generator store.

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