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The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

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GOCC Holiday Gathering

Tuesday, December 3rd at Great Heights Brewing 7 pm

At our December civic club meeting, we will have a short business meeting to elect 2025 officers and to approve the budget.

After that, we can all enjoy a catered Tex-Mex dinner from Mickey Morales of the Wakefield Saturday market fame. And desserts will be provided by GO resident Angela Winston's Liberation Gluten-Free Bakery.

Please join us. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to membership@gardenoaks.org.

Hope to see everyone there!



ASBWE a Success!

Emily Stephens, Social Chair

The Azalea Street Beer & Wine Extravaganza was a great success! A special thank you to everyone who came out and joined us, the generous cash sponsors, table hosts, and last but not least, the gracious homeowners of Azalea Street! We'll be announcing total profits made in next month's issue. To view pictures from the event - check out GardenOaksHouston on instagram or the Houston_GO facebook group.

Upcoming Events

GOCC Holiday Gathering

Tuesday Dec 3rd

Great Heights Brewing, 7pm

RSVP to membership@gardenoaks.org

Gazebo Park Santa

Monday/Tuesday Dec

16/17th

6 to 7:30 pm

Lamonte @ Sue Barnett

Santa & Mrs. Claus Will Visit Gazebo Park

Monday, December 16th, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

AND

Tuesday, December 17th, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Join us for the fun visit and a great photo opportunity for the young, young at heart, and even your fur babies. Bring your camera/cell phone and catch that special moment and visit with Santa, along with Mrs. Claus and the elves. Stay tuned to neighborhood FB pages for more information. Elves Terry Jeanes and Sally and Jim McDaniel. Gazebo Park is located at Sue Barnett/Lamonte/W. 42nd.

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Neighborhood Updates from the Homeowners Association

Stuart Arouty, GOMO

Dear Neighbors,
We're excited to share what your Homeowners Association has been working on to support and enhance our neighborhood. Your input and engagement are essential to these efforts, and we hope you find these updates helpful.

One of our major projects is updating the neighborhood's deed regulations and bylaws. This process includes defining key terms, removing unenforceable items, and preserving the essence of our original documents while incorporating modern practices. We're also adding commonly used language and creating mechanisms to allow for future changes. These updates aim to strike a balance between maintaining tradition and addressing the evolving needs of our community.

In addition to this, we're working to legitimize the organization by preparing for a full board election at our annual meeting in January. Eight new board members will be elected, and they will receive all necessary documents and tools

to guide the neighborhood's progress. With your continued support, the new board will be well-positioned to propose and implement any needed changes.

Effective communication remains one of our key priorities. Given the regular turnover in the neighborhood, staying connected with all homeowners can be a challenge. Currently, we have contact information for just over 500 of the 1,400 homes in Garden Oaks. This information is crucial for facilitating electronic voting, distributing the Garden Oaks Gazette and bulletins, and sending out important updates or warnings. To encourage sign-ups, we launched an incentive program with a gift card reward, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. We encourage all homeowners to register their contact information so we can stay better connected.

We also want to thank everyone who has participated in our survey so far. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable, helping us understand the community's priorities and

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Friendship Park & Our Mighty Oak Survive 2024 Storms

Christina Lindsay, President, Garden Oaks Garden Club

We all can attest to the devastation that the May Derecho storm, followed by Hurricane Beryl in July, did to our neighborhood. Unfortunately, we have several of our neighbors who are still in recovery and repair mode. However, there was one positive aspect that occurred in Friendship Park in Section One: there was no damage to our magnificent 70+ year old live oak tree!!

We did have minor damage with some broken branches from the pine trees, and a few small branches were blown off the mighty oak, but nothing of significance. The storms did spur the Garden Club members, who are stewards of Friendship Park, to action. While we dodged the bullet with these two storms, we knew we needed to be prepared for more storms during the year. We contacted three different tree service companies that we knew and took bids from all three before selecting SavATree.

SavATree's arborist, William Marcum, was deeply concerned about the mighty oak and wanted to ensure that it got the best possible care so that not too many branches were

needlessly removed thus altering the beauty of the tree as well as its health. Because the Oak Forest and Garden Oaks neighborhoods are within his service area, he knew of the importance of the tree to the Garden Oaks community and gave us a fantastic price for trimming it as well as the pine trees, along with a second oak in the park and the two crepe myrtles. The real icing on the cake was that he also included a brace for one of the mighty oak's branches that was leaning on the neighborhood sign. The brace is on a small concrete pad and was painted black to blend in with the surroundings. Unfortunately, it is hard to see in the photo.

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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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Increasing Costs for GOCC

Mike Stephens, GOCC President

Hello fellow Garden Oaks residents! If you attended the November Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting, you heard the report from our Treasurer, Brian Rabe, that over the last 5 years the expenses for things like our Constable deputy assigned to Garden Oaks, maintenance of our many beautiful parks and green spaces, and other important neighborhood needs, have gone up as much as 26%. Incidentally, 5 years ago was also the last time the Civic Club made increases to the annual dues to help support these important needs.

The increased expense costs, combined with fading volunteer involvement from the community for things like fundraising events, is putting our ability to support the Constable program and Garden Oaks beautification efforts at risk.

Therefore, after much discussion, the GOCC board is raising the dues for 2025. You will see on the GOCC dues flyer that membership costs will increase as follows:

Senior = \$25

Individual = \$50

Household = \$125

Additionally, the requested annual Constable Program contribution is now \$300, separate from GOCC dues.

We also encourage you to consider additional financial support for beautification and becoming a member of other great local, civic club-supported groups like the Garden Club and GOKids.

Lastly, our need for volunteers is real. Whether it's to be part of a team to organize a fundraising event, or to chair or join one of the many committees that GOCC supports, we need more help from our neighbors!

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Garden Oaks Civic Club
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Income	FY 2023	Annual 2024 Budget	YTD 2024 10/31/2024	YE24 Projection	2025 Budget Proposal
Civic Club	\$ 12,059	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,196	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,000
Gazette	\$ 14,631	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,460	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Spring Event Revenue					\$ 5,000
Beautification Income	\$ 3,265	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,603	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,500
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547	\$ 650	\$ 500
Product Sales	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 40	\$ 40	
Partner Organizations		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,600	\$ 8,300
Garden Club	\$ 899	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,500
GO Kids					\$ 6,800
Total Income	\$ 30,853	\$ 31,250	\$ 28,365	\$ 30,990	\$ 41,300
Expense	FY 2023	Annual 2024 Budget	YTD 2024 10/31/2024	YE24 Projection	2025 Budget Proposal
Beautification Expenses (non-mow)	\$ 2,145	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,810	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000
Beautification - Mowing all parks	\$ 11,560	\$ 11,760	\$ 9,800	\$ 11,760	\$ 11,800
Utilities	\$ 1,781	\$ 1,900	\$ 704	\$ 800	\$ 800
Citizen Patrol	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Community Events (Grants)	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 32	\$ 250	
Gazette	\$ 18,466	\$ 16,300	\$ 16,488	\$ 19,200	\$ 20,000
Marketing	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 13,000
Schools (GOMM, FBMS, Waltrip)	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Meeting Expense	\$ 1,362	\$ 350	\$ 211	\$ 350	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 500
Spring Event Expenses					\$ 1,000
Partner Organizations	\$ 1,097	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,600	\$ 8,300
Garden Club	\$ 1,097	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,500
GO Kids					\$ 6,800
Administrative Expenses	\$ 6,148	\$ 885	\$ 888	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,073
Bank Fees-Wells Fargo/Frost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,431	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
Insurance	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,300
Professional Fees	\$ 894	\$ 400	\$ 861	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,100
Rent	\$ 1,925	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,790	\$ 2,220	\$ 2,250
Web Hosting	\$ 598	\$ 600	\$ 156	\$ 600	\$ 600
Constable Admin Exp Alloc (85%)		\$ (5,015)	\$ (5,034)	\$ (6,056)	\$ (6,078)
Total Expense	\$ 50,908	\$ 48,645	\$ 38,459	\$ 51,229	\$ 64,473
Net Income - Civic Club	\$ (20,055)	\$ (17,395)	\$ (10,093)	\$ (20,238)	\$ (23,173)
Constable Fund					
Income	FY 2023	Annual 2024 Budget	YTD 2024 10/31/2024	YE24 Projection	2025 Budget Proposal
Constable Patrol Income	\$ 71,435	\$ 75,000	\$ 56,480	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Spring Event Revenue	\$ 3,290	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,938	\$ 4,938	
Fall Event	\$ 30,493	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,828	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Interest	\$ 1,711	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,617	\$ 1,940	\$ 2,000
Total Income	\$ 106,928	\$ 111,200	\$ 78,863	\$ 96,878	\$ 92,000
Expenses	FY 2023	Annual 2024 Budget	YTD 2024 10/31/2024	YE24 Projection	2025 Budget Proposal
Constable Patrol Expense	\$ 90,335	\$ 94,000	\$ 78,626	\$ 95,172	\$ 101,000
Admin Expense Allocation		\$ 5,015	\$ 5,034	\$ 6,056	\$ 6,078
Spring Event Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 816	\$ 816	
Fall Event Sponsorship Expense	\$ 611	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,540	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
PayPal Fees	\$ 1,773	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,353	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Total Expenses	\$ 92,719	\$ 104,015	\$ 87,369	\$ 106,045	\$ 111,577
Net Income - Constable	\$ 14,209	\$ 7,185	\$ (8,507)	\$ (9,167)	\$ (19,577)
Net GOCC & Constable Net Income	\$ (5,846)	\$ (10,210)	\$ (18,600)	\$ (29,405)	\$ (42,750)



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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Deepak Khosla, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 @ Great Heights Brewing

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the September 2024 meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Office Nominating Committee chair Bill Shaughnessy presented the slate of new officer candidates for 2025. The final vote will be held at the December meeting; anyone else can nominate additional candidates from the floor. The candidates are:

- President – Mike Stephens
- Vice President – Paul Vincent
- Treasurer – Brian Rabe
- Secretary – Open (Interim - Deepak Khosla)

Treasurer Brian Rabe presented the Treasure’s report and shared the proposed 2025 budget based both on previous history and input from the committee chairs. Some key additions included GO Kids as an organization, \$10K for neighborhood signage, and budgeting for the December holiday gathering. Further, the

Spring Wakefield Shuffle funds would be allocated to cover Civic Club costs. Brian also shared concerns about the overall budget deficits. Income from membership dues has been flat, and expenses have been going up significantly over the last 5 years, including over 25% increase for the constable program which is now over \$100K annually. The goal next year would be to increase income by 25%.

Mike mentioned that prices will increase for both constable and civic club memberships due to increased costs, and the 2025 dues statement with increased membership prices will debut in the December Gazette.

Deputy Kelly mentioned various concerns, including parking on Golf & Fisher due to a pharmacy business, and people speeding in the school zone. She also reminded everyone to watch for people following delivery trucks to steal packages during holidays and report any suspicious activity.

Social Committee chair Emily Stephens reported that the Azalea Beer & Wine event has signed up 20 table hosts and will have

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drinks, food, and a band. She asked us all to spread the word to hopefully increase ticket sales. For the social committee per se, GOCC is splitting the event coordinator and social media roles, and the event coordinator role is now vacant. Contact Emily at GOsocial@gardenoaks.org or any GOCC officer for more information.

GOMO President Stuart Arouty provided the organization's updates. They are in the process of updating the bylaws to be more modern and to allow future changes. They need to fill 8 of 12 board seats in the annual January meeting. GOMO is looking for ways to better communicate with the neighborhood residents, including an upcoming survey. Only about 1/3 of GO residents are registered with their email addresses, and a drive is under way to incentivize people to register and provide contact information.

GOMO treasurer James Elmore drew the winner of the first registration drive drawing. The \$250 prize went to West 41st St. resident Jerry Morrison.

Sara Mathias with GO Kids discussed the benefits of the organization's partnership with GOCC including the potential for increased GOCC membership. GO Kids has around 80 members and a 50% event participation. The group reserves \$2K from the dues collected for insurance and rentals and spends the rest on events.

Russell Etherton from Council Member Mario Castillo's office said that solid waste pickup is still a few months behind. Mr. Castillo will be holding 5 town halls in early 2025. Russell closed by offering free tickets for the zoo to anyone interested.

President Mike raised a motion to vote on the club to fund the food for the December 3rd GOCC meeting and it was passed without objection. The December meeting will be a Holiday Gathering with dinner catered by Mickey Morales of the Wakefield Farmers' Market and desserts by Liberation Gluten Free Bakery/Angela Winston. If you plan to attend, please rsvp to: membership@gardenoaks.org.

The \$25 GOCC raffle gift card donated by Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard was won by Section 1 resident, Mark Saranie.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



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GOKids

GOKids Admins, Monica Yancy & Sara Mathias

GoKids had a Fall Festival on Lamonte Lane in November. The rain caused our inflatable obstacle course, bounce houses and soft play to be cancelled, but the admin team decided to make it a driveway party. SK Designs sponsored a pumpkin punch game that all the kids loved. We had giant bubbles, and the admin team painted faces while the kids played with yard toys and decorated arts and crafts under the porch overhang. Special thanks to our sponsors: Great Heights Brewing Company, Primrose, SK Designs, and Deep Eddy Vodka.

Go Kids is hosting a members-only Christmas party on Saturday, December 7th. We will transform a local athletic training space into a holiday fun zone. Attendees will find something for everyone, including a faux snowball fight, Christmas-themed games and free play, a baby and toddler area, and much more! Santa will be in attendance and <https://portraitefx.com/> will be taking photos. La Mex is providing breakfast tacos and CoCos is donating donuts. Thanks to Himari for also helping sponsor this event.

2025 Membership dues of \$85 can be paid through the Garden Oaks website (gardenoaks.org). Membership is for the entire 2025 year and GOKids will have at least 6 events. GOKids is a family-

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

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The Constable Fall Fundraiser – A huge Thank You to the generous sponsors, table hosts, attendees, committee volunteers, and Azalea Street neighbors for holding the Azalea Street Beer and Wine Extravaganza. Stay tuned for an update on the proceeds! Please support the businesses that support our neighborhood!

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.

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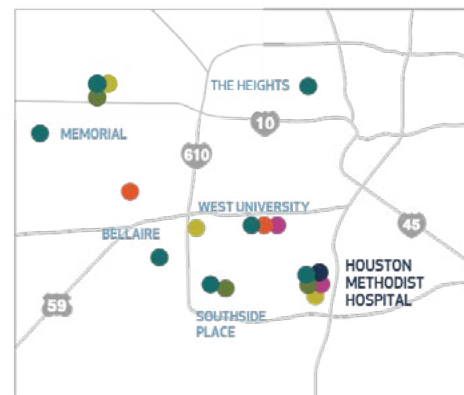
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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Congratulations on joining our community. We look forward to seeing you at a civic club meeting soon.

709 West 34th	4207 Apollo
515 West 30th	725 Sue Barnett
1015 West 43rd	930 West 43rd
420 West 34th	4319 Apollo

Happy Birthday

Joel E 1st	Jayne Maltbie 10th
Joshua M 2nd	Terry Jeanes 11th
Jane Ann Roberts 2nd	Chris Lindsay 13th
Pierce E 4th	Sabrina 15th
Ella C 9th	Carmen Elizabeth C 17th
Jason Espeseth 9th	

Happy Anniversary

John and Margie Hesse – 29th

Troy and Jordan Allan – 31st

Special thoughts to

Kate Vogel and family on the recent loss of Kate's mother.

Also to **Caroline McLean and family** on the loss of Caroline's dad.

Congratulations to

Reese Sherber who as team captain, played her final St Rose middle school volleyball game on her undefeated team. Also **Lauren Seghers** as a National Merit Commended Scholar scored in the top 98% on her SAT. And to **Alex Feit** for a job well done on her created club, COACH, whose purpose is gathering volunteers to serve sporting events focusing on kids with special needs. **Mae Theriot** scored a personal best during the Half Marathon in October. The **Dilley boys** along with their FBMS football team were undefeated and won the 8th grade HISD District Championship



Out and About

Jaime Zamora along with his cousin went cruising enjoying Mahahual. **M'lissa Dilley** with longtime friend Natalie had a great time at their annual London adventure. It was Sting and Billy Joel in San Antonio for the **Carlins**. **Alisha Cunningham** participated in a 5K fundraiser for Colon Cancer Coalition. **Julie Sherber and daughters** attended the NCL Palomas chapter mother-daughter tea. **Jason Feit & Marisa Zindler and daughter Alex** continued the college tour, checking out NC State, Wake Forest, and UNC Chapel Hill, even adding the WF vs Clemson game. **Leslie Ryan and Carl Waters** enjoyed NYC and another trip to Hilton Head celebrating their 35th anniversary. **Terry Jeanes** visited Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, and checked off bucket list item Dunns River Falls in Ocho Rios Jamaica. **Peter and Tory Vonder Haar** enjoyed New Belgium Brewing in Fort Collins. **James Flowers and Brandon Madden** visited Zurich.

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

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making adjustments where needed. As a reminder, the current board is not seeking to make major changes to the governing documents at this time. The survey is simply a way to gather input and ensure we are moving in the right direction for the future of Garden Oaks. If you haven't taken it, please use the QR code at the bottom.

We are committed to transparency and collaboration as we work to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community. Thank you for your continued support!



GOMO Board Meetings

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

- 2024
- December 18
- 2025
- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16

Meetings are open.
Questions: manager@gardenoaks.org

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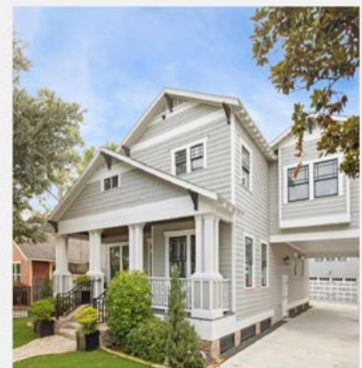
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How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in Your Home

Mitch Weigand

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that's the result of incomplete combustion of organic substances. This includes natural gas and propane which are used to heat homes.

It's dangerous because it interferes with your body's normal oxygen intake. Red blood cells pick it up more readily than oxygen. With every breath, oxygen in the blood is replaced with CO, thus depleting oxygen within the body. This can damage tissues and even result in death. Symptoms of CO poisoning include headaches, dizziness, tiredness and nausea that may lead to impaired judgment, memory and coordination.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 8,000 to 15,000 people go to hospitals for CO poisoning each year, with an estimated 500 deaths.

Simple measures to protect you and your family
Carbon monoxide can build dangerous concentrations indoors when fuel-burning devices are not properly used, vented or maintained. It is strongly recommended to have your gas furnace cleaned and inspected annually. All gas furnaces produce some carbon monoxide, which is carried away through the furnace's venting. However, a defective furnace can be deadly.

New gas furnaces have safety features that shut them off when problems are detected, but older furnaces have no such devices. Over time, a furnace can develop small cracks in its combustion chamber that can allow CO to leak into your home. An A/C service technician can detect these cracks and leaks.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends at least one CO detector per household, located near where you sleep and, if possible, close to the A/C system's return air vent. That way, it can monitor all your home's returning air at the same time. Also, choose an Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) listed detector that emits an audible alarm and has a digital display.

Here are some other helpful hints:

- Never leave a car running in your garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never burn charcoal in houses, garages, vehicles or tents.
- Never sleep in a room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.
- Never use any gasoline-powered engines (mowers, weed trimmers, chain saws, small engines or generators) in enclosed spaces.

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December

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 GOCC Holiday Gathering 7 pm Yard Waste, Garbage, & Recycling	4	5	6	7 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
8	9	10 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	11	12	13	14 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
15	16 Gazebo Park Santa 6 to 7:30 pm	17 Gazebo Park Santa 6 to 7:30 pm Yard Waste, Garbage, & Recycling	18	19 Heavy Waste Pickup	20	21 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
22	23	24 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	25 Christmas	26 Hanukkah Kwanzaa	27	28 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
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