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Wakefield Shuffle

Emily Stephens, Social Chair

Join us on Sunday, **April 13th from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM** as we shuffle down Wakefield and enjoy complimentary beverages from participating vendors while catching up with your neighbor and having a chance to win some great prizes!

Date: Sunday, April 13th

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Where: 900 block of Wakefield Drive

Tickets purchased ahead of time are \$25 each. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be \$40; however, GOCC members will still receive the early bird pricing of \$25.

You can purchase tickets ahead of time using this QR code or head to our website www.gardenoaks.org -> events tab -> Wakefield Shuffle, to be routed to the EventBrite site for ticket sales. We will have tables and tents outside of William Price and Great Heights for you to check in and receive your drink vouchers, as well as purchase any additional tickets needed.

A special **"Thank You"** to these neighborhood businesses:

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Wakefield Crowbar

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Check out just a few of the raffle prizes you can win! Over \$1,800 worth!

-Botox from Spa 146 (\$500 value),

-Gift cards to neighborhood favorites, such as Gabby's BBQ, Upside Pub, Burger Joint, Local Table, and Red Dessert Dive

-A free month of car washes from CARisma Wash

-3 months free family membership at YMCA

Upcoming Events

GOCC Meeting:

April 1 - 7:00 pm

Great Heights Brewery
Meeting Room

GOMO Meeting

6:30 April 9

1100 W. 23rd Mtg Rm



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.

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Garden Oaks Neighborhood Garage Sale

Emily Stephens, Social Chair

Here's a friendly reminder that the Garden Oaks Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on April 5th and 6th from 7AM to 11AM. Check out our instagram page @GardenOaksHouston or our neighborhood Facebook group: Houston_GO to see the most recent list of participating addresses.

To have your address featured on the website and social media, please email GoSocial@gardenoaks.org with your address including a brief description of what you will be selling. You **MUST** be a member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club to have your address featured. ANYONE is welcome to have a garage sale - only civic club members will get advertised. So, this is your chance to finally get that membership active!

Example: 123 XYZ street- maternity clothes and household goods

To enroll as a GOCC member - head to our website: www.gardenoaks.org -> select "\$\$Pay" and you will find various membership options.

We look forward to another successful neighborhood garage sale!

Participating Garage Sales:

922 Lamonte

- dog house & crates, air compressor, pitching machine, clothes and household goods

867 Lamonte

- tools, clothes, toys, shoes, decor items, scrapbooking items, etc



Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Bill Shaughnessy, GOCC Secretary

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ Great Heights Brewing

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

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

Russell Etherton, Chief of Staff from CM Mario Castillo's office (District H), stated that the community should continue to report infrastructure issues, such as dangling cable lines, to the District H city councilman's office.

A representative from State Senator Molly Cook's office encouraged residents to continue calling the office with questions/concerns about all government affairs.

Alma DeAlejandro, Community Liaison for State Rep Penny Morales Shaw's office, stated that Ms. Shaw is currently in Austin, and encouraged residents to call government officials to voice concerns/opinions regarding upcoming bills and amendments.

Beautification Chair Pam Parks said safety concerns have

been submitted to the city. Many of these have been rectified, including dangerous overhanging limbs at Gazebo Park and Rose Garden.

Treasurer Brian Rabe said the budget is on track, and maybe slightly ahead of last year. The reason for this could be due to the increased Civic Club dues that took effect in 2025. The check has been paid to fund the additional bike for the HPD bicycle patrol program in our neighborhood.

Betty Heacker, owner of Wabash Feed and Garden and President of the North Shepherd District spoke about the importance of creating an identity for the north side neighborhoods, and generating a cohesiveness for all subdivisions included within. Some items she mentioned include re-imagining the railroad underpass with gardens and murals and painting the utility box at the corner of Shepherd and 34th Street. Also, efforts are continuing to preserve the old Sears sign, bench, and 125-year-old oak tree at the site of the former Sears building. Talks are ongoing with the developer, Fidelis, to save the tree and "street furniture" that

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could take up as many as 10 parking spots for the lot that will likely be split up between a big box store and a residential building. Contact Fidelis to show support for preserving the tree/sign/bench. Get the Fidelis contact information by calling Donna at Wabash Feed.

Justin Hemperly from Centerpoint Energy spoke briefly about ongoing tree trimming efforts and general power concerns. There are 8 circuits on the electrical grid that serve the Garden Oaks area, and all are in the process of having trees trimmed or have already been trimmed. Justin also stated that Centerpoint has volunteers that can be available to assist with community projects.

Webmaster Pam Parks said 52% of Garden Oaks residents now have provided their email addresses. Efforts are continuing to increase registration, and volunteers are being sought to walk the blocks to gather email addresses for those who have not yet registered. She also stated that updates to the website are being made to reflect the new branding and additional redesigning.

Social Committee Chair Emily Stephens announced that the Wakefield Shuffle will be held on April 13. Tickets for the

event are currently \$25 for all, and will be \$40 for non-GO-CC members on the day of the event. Raffle tickets and liquor pulls are new features added this year. Emily also announced that the GO Garage Sale will be April 5th and 6th. Send your address to her ([gosocial@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gosomal@gardenoaks.org)) if you want your address/goods to be advertised. While any resident can hold a garage sale, only paid Civic Club members' homes will be advertised on social media.

The raffle drawing this month was generously donated by Another Place in Time, and Section 2 resident Sylvia Herrera won the \$25 gift certificate.

Garden Club president Chris Lindsay stated that since milkweed plants won't be available until late March, the monarch milkweed planting will take place in April. Also, Tony Padon stated that efforts are still progressing positively regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts and correcting the drainage problems at Graham Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM.
Attendance: 38



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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)

\$ _____ **GO Kids Membership \$85**

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

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Monarch Milkweed Planting Event!

Chris Lindsay, Garden Club & Pam Parks, Beautification

Earlier we wrote an article about helping the Monarch Butterflies by planting a key type of food source for them, milkweed. Milkweed is a host plant for them to lay their eggs and provide food for the hatched caterpillars which eventually make a chrysalis and later emerge as a Monarch Butterfly. They are the only host plants for them. While they can feed upon other nectar bearing plants, the host plant is crucial to their survival.

The Beautification committee together with the Garden Club plan to increase the number of native milkweed plants in our common areas. The plants should arrive shortly. Our **Monarch Milkweed Planting event will occur on Saturday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m. at each of the following locations:**

1. Triangle Park (Alba & Azalea St.)
2. Art Park (Sue Barnett & W. 43rd)
3. Gazebo Park (W. 42nd St. & Sue Barnett)
4. Garden Oaks Boulevard Esplanade
5. The Randall Berm (Randell St. & N. Durham)

A Garden Club member will be at each location to help with planting. Please join us at the location of your choice and bring a hand trowel or shovel if you can.

We have raised \$200, which is enough to purchase 60 plants. Additional donations can be made via the Garden Oaks Civic Club website. In the box for Beautification put in the amount you want to give and add the word "butterflies" in the field labeled "instructions". <https://www.gardenoaks.org/payments/memberships/>

Excess funds (if any) will be donated to the Native Plant Society of Texas, Houston Chapter. This non-profit educates the public on the importance of native plants and encourages landscaping with appropriate native plants.

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GOCC Supports Saving Tree at Sears Bus Stop

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To: Garden Oaks Owners/Residents and Friends

The North Shepherd District and partners have succeeded in *SAVING* the sign structure/bus stop on the old Sears property. Now they are asking our help to save its partner: a 100-year old Oak that stands next to it and is one of the last survivors from the forest that once grew on that site.

We are asking you to take action:

1. Send a "Save our 100 year Old Oak" letter of support. Include zip code.
2. Ask your neighbors to send a letter of support.
3. Get the word out! Spread the word and generate support!

Please send your letters to:

Garden Oaks Civic Club

P.O. Box 10273

Houston, TX 77206

Send emails to secretary@gardenoaks.org

We want to show how much support there is in our neighborhood for saving this tree to the Owners of the property, Fidelis Realty Partners, our Councilmembers and the "Big Box" merchant who will soon be our new neighbor.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! WE MUST ACT QUICKLY!

Betty Heacker of the North Shepherd District and I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to take action. When Betty appeared before the Planning Commission meeting where the decision was made to save the structure/bus stop, she noted that "this tree had stood for more than 100 years and taken everything that Nature could throw at it during those 100 years but it cannot survive a chainsaw".

Constable Program

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

Shout Out to sign delivery volunteers: Amanda Carlin, Jeremy Williams, Betsy Stein, and Meagan Twomey. We are awaiting the arrival of a new batch of Constable Supporter signs, underwritten by GO resident Patrick Murphy of Murphy & Vickers law firm.

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.

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?

Become a Constable Program Supporter: <https://www.gardenoaks.org/go-constable/>

Constable Dispatch: 713-755-7628

Sign up for Precinct One Crime Alerts: <http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/crime-alerts/>

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- Accident Minor - 1
- Alarm Local – 3
- Animal Humane - 1
- Check Park/School/Business – 10
- Civil Process - 5
- Contract Check –59
- Disturbance Loud Noise – 2
- Domestic Prevent - 1
- Information Call -2
- Follow Up -4
- Meet the Citizen – 13
- Stationary Patrol - 12
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 8
- Theft Other - 1
- Traffic Hazard – 2
- Traffic Initiative – 4
- Traffic Stop - 7
- Vacation Watch –8
- Warrant Service -1
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Dr. Rashada Abraham, Principal GOMM

As we plan for the next academic year here at Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet, I am both honored and excited to share information about our special gem, one of only two public Montessori schools in HISD. 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 and inquire about our campus tours.

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- Rockwell Family



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Rashada Abraham, 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



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Mickey's Minute

Mickey Morales

Sorry for not writing a post last month but I was still battling to settle my late brother's estate. By now, the court should have deemed me as sole executor of said estate, which means I can start the process of selling off the assets, including a nice 4/2 home in Mangum Manor with a pool. Neighbor Terry Jeanes will be listing it. And let me give a shout out to other neighbors Tonya, Amanda, Jody and all the rest at The Heights Law Group for helping me see this through.

In the meantime, I've become a property owner, with the purchase of a small parcel up in Crockett, Texas. So now I can say one day that I still live in Houston, Houston County that is. It's very exciting for me because I haven't been a man of property in over three decades. My plan is to develop it over the next few years into a homestead with maybe a few B&B cabins thrown in, since I never really plan to retire completely. It even has a Party Tree out front, a beautiful oak. Hopefully I'll be able to celebrate my eleventy-eleventh birthday under it someday in fine Hobbit fashion. That would be my one hundred and eleven for you non-Tolkien fans. We'll just have to see how it goes.

Life at The Farmstand continues to go on as usual with Farmer Cathy and I holding down the fort with an occasional appearance by our Indian food friends. There are rumors that our young entrepreneur Austin Potts will return at some point with his delicious micro-greens and composting service. The buildout across the street at Decant Urban Winery continues to move along albeit at a snail's pace, so many permits needed and so many delays. And people will wonder why I purchased property outside of Houston and Harris County. Hopefully we can move inside their retail area on Saturday mornings before it gets too hot. I have no desire to suffer through another summer out on Wakefield Drive.

As always, "come soon, come often and pray for a long spring."



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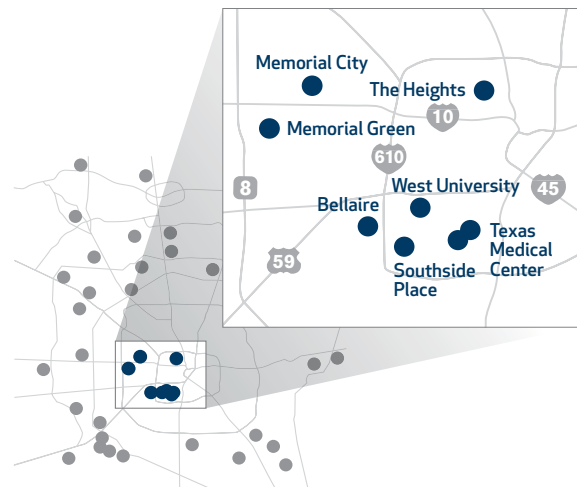


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Terry Jeanes

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515 West 30th	934 West 42nd
761 Sue Barnett	1066 Gardenia

Happy Birthday

Tony D'Amico 1st	Anna M 15th
Kiran B 2nd	Leyton C 21st
Kylie S 7th	Leslie Ryan 21st
Reid S 9th	Nicholas M 26th
Melissa Neiser 10th	Jim Tucker 28th
Mansi Patel 12th	Wade M 30th

Daniel Sanborn 12th

Happy Anniversary

Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold 6th

Congratulations to

Lauren Seghers as Valedictorian at Heights HS & her acceptance to Wash U's Business School. To **Reese Sherber** on her acceptance to St Pius.

Special Thoughts to

To **Julie Sherber and family** in the recent loss of Julie's father.

To **Juergen Mueller and family** in the recent loss of Ivan Mayers.

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



Out and About

M'lissa & Craig Dilley enjoyed a birthday celebration in Puerto Rico. **Heather McKeown & Evi** took a college tour trip. **Brenda de Alba** had a girls' trip to San Diego, **The Carlins** had a great time in NYC. **Tina Rowe** visited the Galapagos Islands. **The Seghers** enjoyed a trip to Durango. **Carl Waters and Leslie Ryan** traveled to Canada for Northern Lights. **The Goad** family traveled to Colorado.

Jaime Zamora went to Corpus Christi to view the progress on his photography wall display at the House of Rock. **The Stephens family** had a spring break visit to Mustang Island. **The Sherbers** enjoyed a Galveston beach trip. It was Fredericksburg for the **Cunningham family**. **The Theriots** spent glamping time in Palo Duro Canyon.

It was Dauphin Island for the **Shamblen family**. It was Houston Rodeo time for the **Salches**. Lots of rodeo volunteer time for **Katy Kyle, Kat Stinson, Scott Matney, & Terry Jeanes**, all Breeders Greeters.



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The benefits of a two-stage air conditioning system

You'll see an increase in energy savings. When a two-stage system is operating at its lower level, it naturally uses less energy than when running at the higher level.

It's better for your air conditioner. Because it has longer cooling cycles, a two-stage system does not shut off and on nearly as frequently as a unit with a standard single compressor. This puts less demand on the system and helps increase its lifespan.

Fewer temperature swings mean greater overall comfort. Two-stage systems are able to cool your home gradually instead of slamming it with a blast of cold air every time the temperature rises above a set point on the thermostat. This results in a more consistent, comfortable temperature in your home both day and evening.

Better dehumidified air feels great too. The longer cooling cycles allow it to pull more moisture out of the air, making it better at eliminating high humidity. This allows you to increase the overall temperature while still remaining comfortable.

For you techno geeks out there who want the latest and greatest, there's the variable speed A/C system. "Variable speed" refers to the unit's fan motor and outside compressor, which move at different speeds (in 1% increments) to precisely control the flow of conditioned air throughout your home. Better airflow control equates to superior balance of temperature and humidity without wasting energy.

Variable speed systems have a SEER (seasonal energy efficiency ratio) rating of 20 while most older home A/C systems today have a SEER rating of only 10. They're incredibly efficient and almost more computer than air conditioner.

Auggie Reyes is the new owner of Air Wise™

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		1 GOCC Meeting 7 pm Yard Waste, & Garbage,	2	3	4	5 Garden Oaks Garage Sale
6 Garden Oaks Garage Sale	7	8 Yard Waste, Garbage, & Recycling	9	10	11	12 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield Passover begins
13 Wakefield Shuffle Palm Sunday	14	15 Tax Day Yard Waste, & Garbage,	16	17	18 Good Friday	19 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
20 Easter	21	22 Earth Day Yard Waste, Garbage, & Recycling	23	24	25 Arbor Day	26 FarmStand 9am to 1pm 949 Wakefield
27	28	29 Yard Waste, & Garbage,	30			

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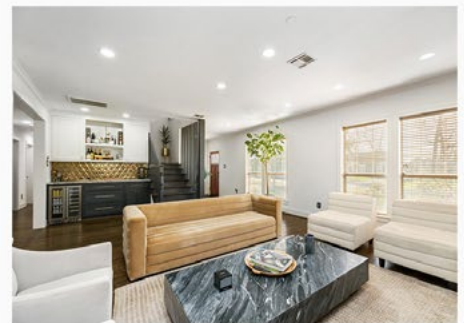


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