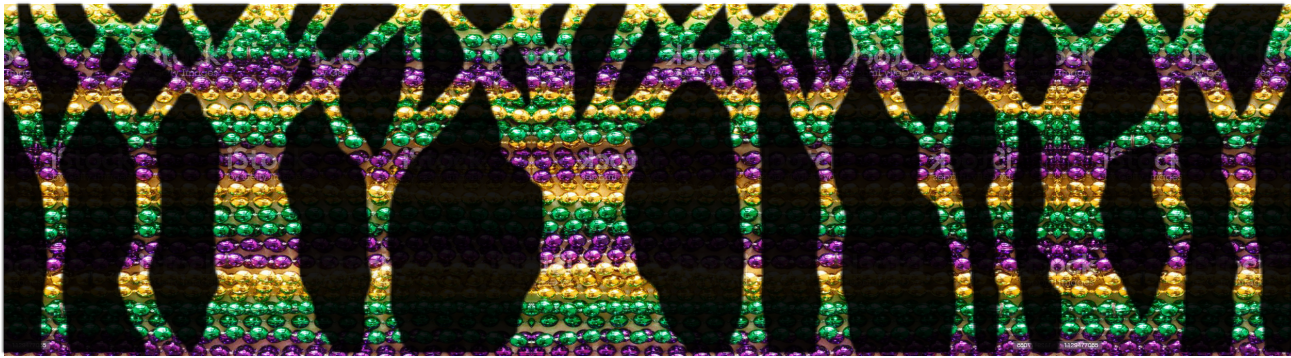


UNIVERSITY OAKS



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February 2022 Edition

Mission Statement

The mission of the UOCC Newsletter is to connect the people of our community, provide access to resources, support each other, and share important or exciting news about our University Oaks community.

Check out the UOCC Website!

www.universityoaks.org

and visit Facebook:

 University Oaks Houston



Please feel free to submit any community related content; articles, local businesses to spotlight, photos, and story ideas with the subject: "UOCC Newsletter" to: vnddesign@gmail.com



UO MARDI GRAS POP-UP EVENT

SAT. FEBRUARY 26 AT THE NOOK CAFÉ 6-8 PM

We will all be French as we celebrate the Mardi Gras season with the next neighborhood Pop-Up hosted by the Socialistas. The Nook café (just around the corner at 4701 Calhoun Rd) reserved space for UOaks neighbors in the café and back patio. There is parking in the back, but if the weather is optimal you may want to walk over or ride your bike.

We hope to see everyone there, all neighbors and children welcome. We really want to reach out to all the preteens, teens, and young adults in the neighborhood to have a chance to meet each other. We will gather for fellowship and music, and of course there will be a few beads up in the mix. Come early to enjoy complimentary Pink's Pizza and King Cake provided by the UOCC. Drinks are on your own. The Nook has a great variety of coffees, teas, juices, hot chocolate, waters, soda, wine, and beer.

This year "Fat Tuesday" is March 1 and "Ash Wednesday" is March 2. You may want to brush up on your Mardi Gras trivia because there just may be some lagniappe (a little something extra) for correctly answered questions at the event. So let us "Pass a Good Time" and Laissez les bons temps rouler (Let the Good Times Roll!) at the Mardi Gras Fais Do-Do (Sat. night party in Southern Louisiana) with our UOaks krewel!

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Dates & events tba and will be updated monthly here. Keep your eyes out for the newsletter and follow UOaks Facebook group page for more info.

FEBRUARY 26th
MARCH 12th
APRIL 12th
MAY
OCTOBER
DECEMBER

MARDI GRAS POP UP event
Sonny Day Dog Show and Parade
CC Board Member Candidate Presentation
Breakfast on the Bayou & UOCC Election
National Night Out & Fall Event
Winter Holiday Event, Luminaries & New Years Eve



3RD ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OAKS SONNY DOG SHOW & PARADE!



WHEN: Saturday March 12th 10am - 12pm
WHERE: The empty lot next to 4373 N. MacGregor
Bring your pooch and enter him/her in the contest to win awards for:
Best Trick – 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
Best Costume – 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
& Top Dog and Hot Dog (best overall personality boy & girl!)

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT to Herschel at
attorneycashin@hotmail.com
(IF YOU WANT A DONUT on that morning ☺)

On A Neighborly Note

- Leash laws are to be observed • Pet and people friendly dogs only • Please clean up after your dog poops



FEBRUARY 2022 BOOK CLUB

This is the schedule for the UOaks
Book Club through June 2022.
The book club currently meets on
Zoom every third Wednesday of the
month. Meeting time is 7:30pm.

Contact Robyn Webb at
robynwebb@swbell.net
to be added to the Zoom invitation.

Read On!

March 16: The Five
April 20: A Taste of Ginger
May 18: Hamnet
June 15: Braiding Sweetgrass



MOONSHOT COMPOST & RECYCLING- MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CLIMATE CHANGE

Nearly 33% of all food produced globally for human consumption ends up in the trash, according to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. Excess food makes up approximately 20% of landfills. As this excess food decomposes, it produces methane at sufficient levels to constitute nearly 10% of total global greenhouse gas emissions. The UN Climate Change Conference said our methane gas emissions were a major contributor to climate change, and many nations (including the US) promised to reduce their methane emissions. Since 2020 food waste diverted from landfill=663,312 lbs

It was very impressive when UOCC hosted Moonshot Compost as our presenter at the Neighborhood Social Hour. It was not previously realized that food waste made methane gas when it was sent to the garbage dump! \$29 a month seemed like a small price to pay to divert that waste into compost. Contact www.moonshotcompost.com to sign up and get more information.

Be part of the solution, it's actually fun!

NEW UOAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The University Oaks Civic Club (UOCC) Board of Directors Election is coming up in May. This is a pivotal election. The present Board's term ends August 31, 2022, and the new Board's first two-year term begins September 1, 2022. In order to facilitate the process to elect the new Board of Directors, the current board is requesting UO residents to volunteer to form a new Board Member Election Committee. The election committee will be chaired by Mrs. Janine Cashion, then assisted by Mr. Cashion and Mr. Penn. The duties of the Election Committee will be to solicit candidates, organize their presentations at the monthly meetings, and organize voting process on election day.

The past two years our monthly civic club meetings have all been virtual. The last two elections we had two different gatherings to brainstorm ideas for the candidates. Subjects that were broached were the high points of UOaks, what works well, and what we do want to continue? What changes will improve the neighborhood? Towards the end of each of these meetings, the facilitator raised this question: Which of you will run for the Board to carry these ideas forward? A brief bio of each candidate was then published in the newsletter. At the April Civic Club meeting prior to the May election, a large meeting was held at which each candidate had an opportunity to state why he/she is running. This year will be the same process. UOCC hopes to create the Election Committee in March 2022, present potential board candidates at the April 13th CC Meeting, and vote for the new board members in May.

Timeline:

February newsletter election information announcement for candidates.

March CC meeting - discussion of the process.

Late March/early April- all candidates send in their nomination form and bio.

March newsletter- full description of election process/closing date for nominations.

April CC meeting-candidates present.

April Newsletter-candidates bio in April newsletter.

May - Election event at Breakfast on the Bayou.

For those who wish to volunteer to be part of the Elections Committee please email: secretary@universityoaks.org Attn: Elections Committee, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS...DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The Texas Primaries are happening now. Early voting till Feb 25th (polls closed on Presidents day Feb 21).

Election Day is March 1st for more info: <https://www.harrisvotes.com>



In-person ballot drop off on Election Day ONLY from 7am-7pm.
Harris County Election Harris County Administration Building
(1001 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002). You must present an acceptable form of photo identification. Only the voter may deliver their ballot in person.

In Person Voting - Local Polling Locations

Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Gymnasium - 3810 Ruth St.
University of Houston Student Center South - 4455 University Dr.
TSU Texas Southern University Robert J Terry Library - 3100 Cleburne St.

YARD OF THE MONTH

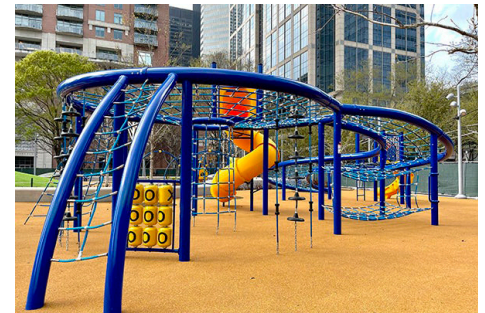


The February yard of the month goes to one of newer houses in the neighborhood. This yard never disappoints that it is always perfectly groomed with flowers blooming in the yard during all seasons. This yard was beautiful even during the freeze, and the roses were lush and gorgeous the next month! The picture doesn't do justice to this perfect yard.

Please take a look when you pass by 4394 Harvest LN.

Congratulate your neighbors **SANDY** and **GREGORY ULMER**, on winning the yard for the month for February.

DISCOVERY GREEN



Discovery Green is a gem of an urban park, an environmental showcase that sits very close to University Oaks. It is a nationally recognized gold rated 12-acre park designed to use the latest technology in “green” building methods, energy conservation, sustainable environmentally friendly park operations.

Discovery Green outdoor fitness classes are plentiful. The classes include Yoga, HIIT, Pilates, and Tai Chi. Grab your picnic baskets, blankets, and lawn chairs. DG hosts “Screen on the Green” family-friendly movies. UHD hosts a Thursday Night Concert Series featuring very talented bands and musicians. Toddler Tuesday is scheduled every Tuesday in April, but a very special Texan Toddler Tuesday is scheduled Feb. 22 with a rodeo mascot and clown. HLSR will give a roping demonstration. There are always ongoing exhibitions throughout the park. The current one is Mosaic Music with beautiful mosaics synchronized to music. This is best viewed in the late evening/night. DG also includes a dog park. These activities are all FREE to the public. Simplest and sometimes best, there are 12 acres with playgrounds to just let the kids play. Grab a ball for them to kick and chase, pack a picnic, and enjoy the day in a safe nature filled environment. You can get to DG on the Metrorail at the Wheeler station. How user-friendly is that?

No parking or traffic concerns. Children 5 and younger ride free, otherwise \$1.25.

There are seasonal activities and events that do charge nominal fees. The roller skating rink (The Rink) is open every day, but only for five weeks starting Friday, March 4. Check the schedule for times and the theme (Disco, Rodeo, 80's, etc.). There may be a different theme every day of the week. During the winter holiday season there is ice skating. The skating rink is located next to the Lake House Café which offers an affordable café menu. Currently there is an open air mini-golf experience called Pixar Putt available until March 20. Kayaks are available on Kinder Lake for \$5.00. You can Kayak every weekend starting in the Spring and through the entire week of Spring Break.

Check out the website: <https://www.discoverygreen.com/>
for the schedules and upcoming events.