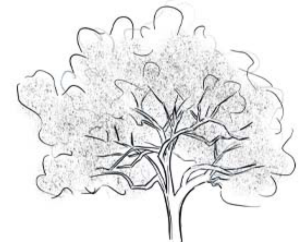




# Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

## Neighborly News



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### GREAT Community Response



The **Gardens of Oak Hollow** is a special place to live.

Our neighborhood is not only beautiful, it is filled with kind generous people.

The sock drive for Christmas 2023 is an amazing success!!



Well over 100 pairs of brand new socks are to be offered to the homeless. Plus coats jackets, shoes, jeans, and other necessary things were donated.

**Thank you for your generosity !**

The clients of Corazon ministries will be blessed by your gifts.

### Rest In Peach

#### Memorial Service

Tuesday, December 19, 1:30PM

First Baptist Church of San Antonio

515 McCullough Avenue

#### Elizabeth Miller Obituary

<https://www.porterloring.com/obituaries/Elizabeth-Jane-Miller?obId=30070415>



#### Tribute from Janie Jones

For those of us in the Gardens of Oak Hollow who have known and shared our lives with our wonderful neighbor, Elizabeth, some Scriptures may readily come to mind as we consider the gift of her life with us. Matthew 20:37-40 are verses which have filled my thoughts. Elizabeth surely evidenced her great love for her Lord with all her heart, mind, and soul.

Elizabeth beautifully fulfilled the second greatest commandment: to love your neighbor as yourself. It is about the actions

of love she generously and enthusiastically spread to her neighbors that I want to recall with you as we lovingly remember Elizabeth.

Early one Friday morning in August of 2004, the phone rang at my home in Austin. It was Elizabeth. We both sang in the Sanctuary Choir at First Baptist Church, but since I lived in Austin, choir was our main source of contact. All of this was to change very soon! Elizabeth was calling to tell me about a house in her neighborhood (The Gardens of Oak Hollow) that was for sale – and she thought it would be perfect for me! There was to be an “Open House” on the following Sunday and she wanted me to come and see it. How did she know that I was wanting to move to San Antonio to be closer to my sister and nearer to treasured volunteering activities? I’ll never know!

Like so many of us who live in the Gardens, you may remember seeing her walk, at top speed, among the streets and alleys which connect our 81 homes – greeting all who encountered her. She not only was walking, she was observing any homes which might be for sale or planning a special meal or welcoming gift for a new neighbor. Always alert to the needs of others, when one of us was overcome by sickness or a time of grief, Elizabeth came to us with comfort and food. With her professional knowledge as a registered nurse, she also could bind our wounds. Best of all, she and Alton believed in the power of prayer.

Elizabeth’s mind and heart were constantly at work planning ways to show appreciation to the firemen and police officers who served our neighborhood. On many occasions, she made cookies and other treats, and together we went to the fire station and police building to express the gratitude of our neighborhood for their service and protection. When one of the

neighbors wanted someone to be present in their home during the time of a family funeral service, Elizabeth volunteered.

My beloved friend and our sweet neighbor, Elizabeth, included me in many of her delightful ventures of giving to others. She absolutely spoiled us with her delicious turkey legs, pumpkin pies, Thanksgiving dinners, special oatmeal recipe, and so much more!! Elizabeth would call and tell me to lift my garage door so that she could transport some favorite delicacy from her kitchen, down the alley, to our back door! What great generosity!

What fun we had as we went to choir practice together each Wednesday night. As she left the car each time, she said: “See you tomorrow, Lord willing.” What pure “sparkle” she added to life!

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## Importance of December 25

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When asking people the importance of December 25<sup>th</sup>, you would expect most to respond with “Christmas” or various other responses relating to the spiritual holiday. Most likely no one would mention Trenton, New Jersey and The Battle of Trenton without which, we may not be celebrating Christmas as we typically do today.

## Bold and Risky

It was December 25<sup>th</sup> 1776 that General George Washington and 2,400 soldiers set off on a very bold and risky mission in the dark of night, crossing the ice filled Delaware River to get to Trenton, New Jersey. The ensuing battle on December 26<sup>th</sup> was a pivotal moment in the Revolutionary War and American history. Defeating the German mercenary Hessian soldiers, who were hired by the British, in this battle, marked the turning point of the war. The victory at Trenton boosted morale of the American forces and reinvigorated the Continental Army to march on to victory over the British army at York Town.

General Washington's bravery and victory over the Hessians elevated his stature as a great leader and quite likely was pivotal in his election as our first president. The next time someone asks what the importance of December 25<sup>th</sup> is, surprise them and mention The Battle of Trenton.

Information provided by The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).  
If you are interested and want to learn more about SAR or membership,  
contact Bob Watson, Beaglebud@satx.rr.com



## Straight from Reader's Digest

**Who is a  
Christmas tree's  
favorite singer?**  
Spruce Springsteen!



1. Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent calendar?  
He got 25 days.

2. What do you call a bunch of chess masters bragging about their games in a hotel lobby over the holidays?  
Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.
3. Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card?  
Because he went down in history.
4. What is a vegan's favorite Christmas carol?  
"Soy to the World."
5. How does the snow globe feel this year?  
A little shaken.
6. What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?  
A cookie sheet!
7. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
Ice Krispies.
8. How do Christmas trees get ready for a night out?  
They spruce up!
9. What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?  
Stick with me, and we'll go places!
10. What do you call a shark that delivers toys at Christmas?  
Santa Jaws.
11. How did Scrooge win the football game?  
The ghost of Christmas passed.
12. What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?  
The Christmas alphabet has no-el.
13. What do you call a search engine that sings the best Christmas songs?  
Michael Googlé.
14. What's every parent's favorite Christmas carol?  
"Silent Night."
15. What did the gingerbread man say after all the cookies were eaten?  
It's so hard to bake new friends!

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## Garden Gal Gathering

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**6PM, Thursday, Dec 21**

**Hostess: Mary Lou Lybecker**

**1821 Shoal Run**

Come and join us for a festive evening to  
catch up with one another during this  
Holiday Season