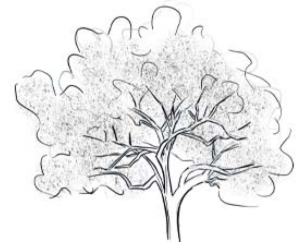




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

Neighborly News



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Come Join the Group



6PM, Thursday, February 15

Hostess: Mary Jane Medlin

1923 Shadow Park North

Come and join us for a festive evening to catch up with one another. There will have light snacks, tea and water.

Can't wait to see you girls!



To Laura and Al Pulido

For "resurrecting" the Christmas lights on the front gate commons. The new look was great!

Also we had a string of lights on the outer tree, along Jones Maltsberger, to give folks a "marker" at night for the location of our front gate, but not all sections of the lights

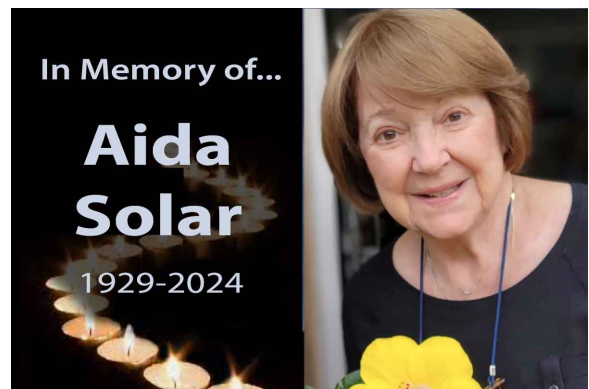
worked. This string of lights was taken down and replaced with a string on which all of the lights work. Looks MUCH better !!!! Thanks to Laura and Al.

To Mary Jane Medlin

For coming up with lights, garland, and Christmas wreaths to adorn our "Gardens of Oak Hollow" sign.

When you see these neighbors, please let them know that you appreciate their efforts!!!

Rest In Peace



"I love all the beautiful trees.

It's the prettiest entrance ever!"

Those are the words that Aida said every time she entered the Gardens of Oak Hollow to visit her daughter, Frances Menjivar.

Aida will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with her husband of 32 years. She was a loving mother and will be missed by the family and her friends tremendously.

Election INFORMATION

MARCH 5, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

Early Vote Period: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Friday, March 1, 2024
Election Day Vote Period: Tuesday, March 5, 7 AM to 7 PM

HOA Election

HOA General Meeting 6PM, Tuesday, March 26

In the last two Newsletters, I have asked you first to consider running for one of the HOA Executive Board positions: President; Vice President; Treasurer; and Secretary.

Hopefully you have given it some thought and are interested in participating with the HOA. If so, you can put your name into consideration by talking to Zane (the outgoing treasurer) or your Block Captain. I am providing a link to their names as well as the job description of the four elected positions.

Thanks!!

God Winks



(Submitted by Edie DeVilbiss) I would like to share a recent event that was very special. As most of you know, I serve as a part-time

pastor at one of the large downtown churches.

PART ONE

Last fall, the Garden Gals wanted to have a Community Project. I suggested a Sock Drive for those living on the streets in San Antonio. The church that I serve has a clothing closet, and there is always room for new socks. As we talked about the need, I commented that not all needs were obvious. For instance, women find feminine hygiene products necessary; people in wheelchairs may require adult diapers. Or they could use soap, toothbrushes, combs, haircuts, bus passes: sometimes it seems the list is endless.

The large outpouring of donations from you, my neighbors here in the Gardens, was generous and remarkable. Last December, I was so proud when I deliver all of your gifts to the agency.

Last week, one of our neighbors asked if she could contribute some more. Of course! So she dropped off large packages of a couple items, feminine hygiene and adult diapers.

PART TWO

Last Sunday, I was visiting with one of our elderly volunteers who hands out bulletins with a bright smile. He is wheelchair bound and had lived on the streets for months before he had temporary shelter at Haven for Hope.

Not long ago, he was able to get housing. Unfortunately, shortly after he moved, he had a small stroke. He still faithfully showed up to volunteer and worked tirelessly to get his hand steady enough to hold out the bulletins as guests arrived.

Yesterday he seemed unusually down. When I asked what was troubling him, he shared

with me that has Social Security Disability check was not automatically deposited on the first. He is working with Social Security to get this resolved. Being late on the rent puts his new apartment at risk. Yikes!

And that's not all. He is not able to purchase things for his day to day. When I asked him what kind of things he needs, he talked about food being helped by the food bank, and he can eat one meal a day at Corazon. What else? Well, he blushed as he told me, "I need some Depends." What size? "Medium."

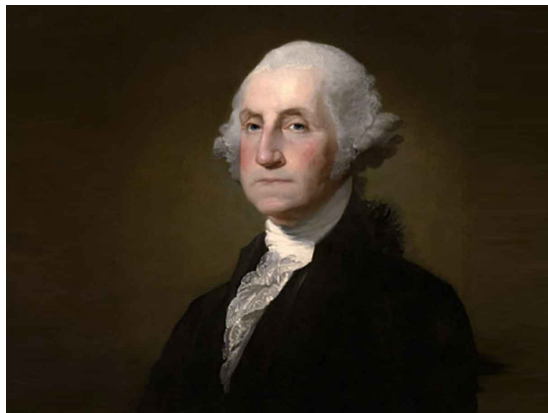
God Winks

Here was a specific need right in front of me and (thanks to our wonderful neighbor) I had just brought in a package of 60 medium-sized Depends!

I wanted to share with you that our Community answered a pressing need for man who truly struggles to meet his own daily living requirements.

Thank you for being a good neighbor.

Washington's Birthday



aka Presidents Day

Did you know? "This holiday is designated as 'Washington's Birthday' in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for

Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law." U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

President George Washington the first President of the United States of America was born on February 22nd. Another much loved and very popular President, Abraham Lincoln, was also born in the month of February, the 12th. Referring to Washington's Birthday as Presidents' Day is an effort to recognize both Presidents.

Washington's Birthday, aka Presidents' Day, is celebrated on the third Monday of February. This that is next Monday, February 19th.

Uniform Monday Holiday Act

In 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill was adopted by Congress to move a number of federal holidays to Mondays. The change was designed to schedule certain holidays so that workers had a number of long weekends throughout the year. Thus Washington's Birthday was shifted to the third Monday of February.

During debate on the bill in Congress, it was proposed that Washington's Birthday be officially renamed Presidents' Day to honor the birthdays of both Washington and Lincoln. The idea behind the name was to create a holiday that did not recognize a specific president, but rather celebrated the office of the presidency. Following much discussion, Congress rejected the name change.

Since the bill went into effect in 1971, "Presidents' Day" became the commonly accepted name, due in part to retailers' use

of that name to promote sales and the holiday's proximity to Lincoln's birthday.

When Was Washington Born?

President George Washington was officially born on February 11th, 1731. At that time the entire British Empire adopted the Julian calendar. The Gregorian calendar was adopted by Catholic Church in the Vatican along with the rest of the Catholic world. The British considered themselves not to be bound by the Gregorian calendar and remained with the Julian calendar.

There was utter confusion especially during the 1700's since the Julian calendar was eleven days behind the Gregorian calendar. Then to put things right, in 1752 the British too reverted to the Gregorian calendar. Hence, important dates like George Washington's Birthday, had to be re-calculated to the new Gregorian calendar.

Hence, February 11th the day that President George Washington was born was calculated, under new calendar, to be February 22nd.