



Not Voting is a "No" Vote

Sam Stengler

For those of you remaining who haven't yet turned in a ballot,

- If you have not yet received a ballot, or have misplaced it, please contact me at 281.773.3478, or contact your Section Captain listed on page three of this *Gazette*. We'll make sure you get one right away!

We'll also have a supply of ballots available at the June Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting.

Simply fill it out and return it at the Civic Club meeting, or mail it to the address on the first page of the ballot. That's all there is to it!

- A few of you have chosen to not cast a ballot. This is, of course, your right.

However, in this case your 'non-vote' is actually a 'No' vote against the creation of a Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization !

Let me repeat that. By not filling out and returning a ballot, you are voting against the creation of a Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization!

This is not like most of our political elections where you can sit back and say "Well, those folks that do vote will elect *somebody*; I don't need to bother!" A Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization cannot be created by a simple majority of property owners casting votes - it takes 60 or 75 percent of **all** the property owners in each section to create a Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization !

If you *want* a Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization , you *must* vote 'Yes' for Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization!

Our Committee members will be continuing their sweep through Sections One, Two, Four and Five. We will have ballots *and* information. We encourage you to talk to the Committee members when they visit, and, **please**, fill out a ballot! Section Three has voted for a Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization, but they can only act for that section. Don't be left out. *Do your part to make sure your section approves the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization today!*

As always, if you have any questions, or need more information, please contact me at 281.773.3478 or your section captain listed on page three.



Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 4th

The next Civic Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Everybody's Job is Easy

Joe Muscara

I recently received this letter from a resident.

"Lots of people thought this week was heavy trash day. I guess they get put off by the recordings they get when calling, and/or just won't take the time. Would it kill you to put it on the *Gazette* calendar?"

I explained why I stopped providing the city pickup information back when I did it. The reason I bring this up now is that it made me realize something about the perspective we often have of what other people do. To me, I don't think it's a big deal for residents to call the City of Houston and ask them for the pickup information, or to find it at the City's web site. In fact, one of my reasons for the removal was that the city sent a pickup schedule to every resident. Mine is still on the fridge, though the dates are from 2000.

On the other hand, this resident thinks that it would be much easier for *me* to provide the pickup information for all of Garden Oaks, despite the fact that not all of the neighborhood is on the same schedule and all the other reasons I stated in my editorial when I did it (to be fair, the resident went on to say, "that last sentence is said with good humor - I'm definitely not criticizing").

Until quite recently (heh heh, yes I actually took the plunge for my own business), I used to work for a boss who had what I called "The Only Client Syndrome." One of the worst things he made me do was to contact suppliers to find out why they weren't done with our work yet. He was determining the amount of time it would take them to do a job without considering the fact that they had other clients and jobs that they had to finish first. In an ideal situation, they would have had the work done already. Ideal except they would be out of business if they didn't have any other clients.

It's very easy to think that the work others do is simple. In fact, I think when people underestimate the time it will take them to do a project, they are doing the same thing to themselves. I tend to do these things myself. I am not a patient person, but I try to make up for it by understanding what can happen.

Have a great summer, and don't forget how much extra time it takes to finish something in the Houston Heat!

Garden Club Officers

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Hail to the Chef

Kenneth Santos

What makes a neighborhood great? What makes Garden Oaks such a great neighborhood? If you were to ask a dozen people that question you are most likely to get twelve different answers! Mature trees, green space, large lots, location, charm and quaintness, resale value and good investment are some of the predictable responses.

All of those responses are important and very valid but more important to the integrity of our neighborhood are the people who choose to live here. That has the biggest influence on the quality and greatness of any neighborhood. We sometimes forget that a great neighborhood starts out with people – people who get involved.

Garden Oaks has a small core group of volunteers who manage to dedicate time and energy in their neighborhood of choice, the neighborhood they call home. These tireless groups of residents who serve on various committees, directly as well as indirectly, help maintain the qualities that attract people to Garden Oaks. Without volunteers and neighborhood involvement, the green spaces could go away; the mature trees lost to development; property values might change and, in time, the charm, quaintness and overall attractiveness of GO could be severely altered. These committee members work hard to also improve our fine neighborhood. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank these fine individuals for making my neighborhood, the great neighborhood it is!

GOMO Section Captains and Voting Totals

Sam Stengler

Summer is almost here, and that means we are in our final weeks of balloting to have the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) created to help us keep our neighborhood the way we want it.

The May push is over, and we saw some increase in ballots. The mid-month numbers are below:

- Section One - 59% - needs 75%
- Section Two - 58.7% - needs 75%
- Section Three - 63% - needs 60% - *Passed!*
- Section Four - 29% - needs 60%
- Section Five - 36% - needs 60%

We still have far to go. If you haven't voted, please contact me at the number below or email at [sstengler@covad.net](mailto:ssstengler@covad.net) for a ballot. Or, contact your Section Captain listed below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any of the numbers listed below!

Section 1 - Marie Grochoske	713 864 8164
Section 1A - James King	713 426 1607
Section 2 - Warren E. Carlson	713 697 8690
Section 3 - David Bell	713 694 5016
Section 4 - Needs You!	Call Sam Now!
Section 5 - Shelly Immel	713 688 4681
All Sections - Sam Stengler	281 773 3478

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Minutes of the May 7, 2002 Civic Club Meeting

Lori Kennedy, Secretary

President Kenneth Santos called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The April minutes were accepted as published.

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Treasurer Margie Dalton reported that the constable account has about a 2 month balance and has been paid for May. The home tour has added a lot of income to the accounts.

Standing Committee Reports

Beautification - Chair Rick Grochoske reported that the City is almost through with the green space at 30th, Randall and Durham, and the planning for that space is the next big project. Routine mowing of the parks is now in progress. Contact Rick 713.864.8164 for more information or to volunteer.

GOCOP - Chair Carl Waters reported the March crime statistics. There were 2 robberies in March and 1 resident was assaulted in his yard. Contact Carl at 713.864.1992 for more information or to volunteer.

Constable Program – Deputy Moncrief reported that there was an assault on W. 42nd. The suspects are 2 black males in an older model silver or gray Cadillac. There was also a burglary on W. 33rd. There have been a lot of bike thefts recently and Deputy Moncrief reminded people to close garage doors and keep things locked up and out of sight. Contact Terry Jeanes at 713.812.9154 for more information or to support the constable program.

Gazette – Chair Joe Muscara reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. Contact Joe at GOGazette@Mac.com regarding Gazette submissions. If you know of someone who wants to advertise, please contact Holly Veech at 713.861.8093.

Home & Garden Tour – Co-chair Sheila Briones reported that final numbers are still being tallied as there are still a few more bills to pay. The gross proceeds are about \$33,000 with there being about an \$18,000 profit. This year's tour made about \$4,000 more than projected. Sponsorship donations brought in about \$10,750; the silent auction about \$8,000; ticket sales about \$6,000; the sponsor party about \$2,500; and pre-sale tickets about \$2,000. The projected profit of \$14,457 has already been included as part of this year's budget. Sheila moved that all excess, unbudgeted profits, about \$4,000, be used for repairing and/or new signage for the neighborhood. The motion was seconded and passed.

Membership – Chair Cherry Wolfarth announced there are 251 paid Civic Club members so far this year, but we still need about 100 more to make the 25% goal. The committee is still calling people to remind them of the meetings. Membership has started a pilot program going door-to-door to try to recruit new members. The welcome packets are ready and Membership attempted to deliver 17 in the first quarter of the year. Shelley Rogers and Carl Waters won the door prizes.

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Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Deed Restrictions – Chair Sam Stengler reported that May will be the last full month of balloting. Totals are as follows: Section 1 – 58%; Section 2 – 55%; Section 3 – 62%; Section 4 – 27%; and Section 5 – 35%. GOMO has passed in Section 3! Everyone vote and then get your neighbor to vote; every ballot helps. The next meeting will be Wednesday 5/15/02 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kroger. Contact Sam at 281.773.3478 for more information or to volunteer.

GO.org – No report.

Garden Club

Brenda De Alba reported that the next meeting was this Thursday at 850 Sara Rose. Contact Janet Cones at 713.956.7340 for more information or to join.

New Business

Shelley Rogers announced that Alex and Mary Tyler-Martinez have filed a lawsuit against Conn's to stop them from using the 2 residential lots behind their store for business purposes. Shelley is urging Section 1 residents to intervene in the lawsuit to make a stronger case. Contact Shelley at 713.880.0503 for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Meeting refreshments were graciously provided by Sheila Briones and the 2002 Home and Garden Tour Committee.

Constable Report

Terry Jeanes and Susan Saranie

2002 Contributions DUE! We need you!

Thanks to all those who have sent in their 2002 contribution. However, we are still in need of further contributions.

For those who wish to join, please see the enclosed insert for membership. This includes 40 hours per week of paid professional patrol, vacation watch, alarm monitor contact, and security evaluation for an insurance discount.

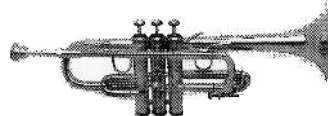
In addition, congratulations to former patroller Deputy Jason Green, who was married on May 18th.



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Citizens on Patrol*Carl Waters, Jr.*

As I promised last month I am starting this month's article with the sentencing information of Robert Tedford, one of the men who had been victimizing my neighbor. Unfortunately, stealing over \$3,000.00 from someone does not get as big a penalty as it used to get. Mr. Tedford entered a plea to what is called a State Jail Felony and received a 10 month sentence. With good time and time served he will probably be out of jail by the end of the summer. Hopefully he will find somewhere else to ply his trade. [Ed. Note: *Hopefully he'll find a new trade altogether, preferably a more lawful one!*]

In early May I received a call from a homeowner who lives in the 900 block of Gardenia who reported her family's car had been broken into six times, I believe she said in the past year. She wanted to know what could be done to get the word out in the neighborhood. I told her I would put the information in my article this month. One of things about our conversation that disturbed me was her stating that they had not reported several of the break-ins to the police. As I said to her, the only crime that cannot be solved is one that is not reported. If you are a crime victim please report it to the Houston Police Department and the Precinct One Constable's Office. Calls for service (taking reports, etc.) are the basis by which HPD allocates its manpower. More officers are sent to the areas with a higher number of calls for service.

Another way to spread information is to participate in National Night Out. This program started in Pennsylvania in 1983. The idea was to spend an evening out in your front yard getting to know your neighbors. National Night Out is conducted on the first Tuesday in August. Start planning a party on your block now.

March Crime Statistics (10)*Robbery (2)*

1500 block of Sue Barnett on March 9 at 9:05 a.m. (street).

700 block of W. Forty-first St. on March 16 at 8:30 p.m. (bus stop).

Burglary (3)

600 block of W. Thirtieth St. on March 19 at 10:30 a.m. (residence).

900 block of W. Forty-third St. on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. (garage).

3000 block of Randall on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. (location list as unknown).

Burglary of Motor Vehicle (3)

200 block of W. Thirtieth St. on March 5 at 8:00 a.m. (street).

800 block of W. Thirty-first St. on March 11 at 10:00 p.m. (street).

300 block of W. Thirty-second St. on March 30 at 10:00 p.m. (location listed as unknown).

Auto Theft (2)

800 block of W. Thirty-first St. on March 6 at 6:30 a.m. (driveway).

200 block of W. Thirty-second St. on March 25 at 12:10 a.m. (location listed as a store parking lot, but more likely from a garage).

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Heart Healthy Eating and Exercise

Catherine Kruppa, MS, RD, LD

Despite the considerable progress that has been made in decreasing cardiovascular disease (CVD) morbidity and mortality since the 1970's, it remains the leading cause of death in the U.S. Major risk factors, both modifiable and nonmodifiable, have been identified for CVD. Family history, age, and sex cannot be modified, but hypercholesterolemia, hypertension, cigarette smoking, being overweight, physical inactivity, and a stressful lifestyle can be. Diet, in conjunction with regular physical activity and other healthful lifestyle practices, favorably affects major risk factors for CVD. Diet is also a key component in the treatment of CVD.

High blood cholesterol is a serious problem; it is a "risk factor" for heart disease. That means that having high blood cholesterol increases your chance, or risk, of getting heart disease. The higher your blood cholesterol, the greater your risk of getting heart disease. Heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States.

The two specific kinds of blood cholesterol are called low-density lipoproteins (LDL) and high density lipoproteins (HDL). LDL-cholesterol, sometimes called "bad" cholesterol, causes the cholesterol to build up in the walls of your arteries. Thus, the more LDL you have in your blood, the greater your heart disease risk. In contrast, HDL-cholesterol, sometimes called "good" cholesterol, helps your body get rid of the cholesterol in your blood. Thus, if your levels of HDL are low, your risk of heart disease increases.

Here are some dietary modifications that you can make to help lower your cholesterol.

1. Saturated fat v. Polyunsaturated fat v. Monounsaturated fat

What is a better choice? Butter or margarine? Corn oil or olive oil? Olive oil or canola oil? What about fish oil supplements and these omega-3 fatty acids?

The overall recommendation is – whatever type of fat you choose, use as small amount as you possibly can. Instead of using butter or margarine, two new revolutionary spreads have hit the butter aisle by storm. These spreads, Take Control and Benecol, are made with soybean extract instead of saturated fat. The soybean extract actually helps to lower bad cholesterol levels up to 10%.

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The research to date shows that if you do need to use fat, the oils with a high percentage of monounsaturated fats, olive or canola, may be the best. Omega-3 fatty acids, which are found abundantly in cold-water fish such as salmon and tuna, have been found to fend off arterial blockages and relax narrowed arteries.

2. Recommended Fat intake: 20-30% of Total Calories

How to measure in food: 1g fat = 9 calories

Example: Frozen dinner has 210 calories and 12g fat or 108 calories from fat.

$108 \text{ calories fat} / 210 \text{ total calories} \times 100 = 51\% \text{ calories from fat.}$

An easy way to read food labels is to try to eat foods that have 3 grams of fat or less for every 100 calories in the food. Another way to know if you are on the right track is to try to eat 3 healthy foods for every 1 unhealthy food during the day.

3. What you need to eat every day:

- 10 servings of fruit and vegetables daily. This is not as hard as it sounds. Include 2 fruit servings at breakfast, 2 vegetables and 1 fruit at lunch and dinner and fill in the rest with snacks. If you eat this many fruits and vegetables you will not have room for the unhealthy, low nutrient foods.
- Include whole grains daily. These include high fiber cereals such as oatmeal, All-bran or Total, brown rice, whole-wheat tortillas, Triscuits and whole-wheat pasta.
- 3 servings of fish per week. Many people only eat fish out at restaurants. If this is the case, try to include canned tuna or salmon during the week. Gorton's makes a microwaveable fish fillet that is very tasty. Check your grocer's freezer.
- 1-2 servings of soy per day. Try soy milk, soy cheese, edamame (soy beans), soy nuts, veggie burgers etc.

Physical Activity:

Regular aerobic exercise reduces blood pressure, lowers triglyceride concentrations, increases HDL-C, aids in weight control, and improves insulin sensitivity. The frequency, intensity, and duration of exercise necessary to obtain cardiovascular benefit have been clearly defined.

Aerobic exercise such as walking, cycling, and swimming 3-5 times per week for 30 to 60 minutes per session is considered optimal. Aerobic exercise fewer than 3 times per week may offer benefit, but trials demonstrating weight loss and improved HDL-C generally used at least 3 weekly sessions.

We should supplement aerobic exercise with activity such as yard work, using the stairs, and parking the car at the far end of the parking lot. Guidelines from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Sports Medicine for the general population recommend that every US adult accumulate 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity on most- preferably all- days of the week.

Commit to some or all of these lifestyle changes for 3 months and you should see results in your dietary cholesterol levels and you will feel better too!

June Stuff

Mark Saranie

As the summer heat begins to increase, gardening ambition begins to take the back seat, at least for me. There is nothing worse than feeling like a baked clam while gardening. A thing I now do on a warm sunny day is carry a patio umbrella around with me in the back yard and stick it in the ground so that it shades the area I will be working on. Doing this has averted my feeling the horrible onset of heat stroke. Plus, since I look like a dork when I wear a hat, this is a good trade off. If only I could attach it to the lawn mower. Hmm...

There are many things that can and need to be done this month. Most importantly is to continue mulching if you have not done any this year. It already feels like the promise of an unforgiving summer so protect your efforts as well as yourself. Drink lots of water and slather on the sunscreen.

Don't forget to fertilize your color beds. Most plants will benefit from a balanced fertilizer as will your lawn. A 13-13-13 ratio is adequate. For Azaleas, Camellias, Hibiscus, and Roses, use a fertilizer specially formulated for them. A good non-chemical plant food that is great for everything is seaweed extract. It does make your yard smell like a beach for a few hours but the benefits outweigh the aroma.

While azaleas are still in mind, mid-June is the absolute latest to prune these shrubs if you have the gumption to do so. Any later and you will be removing the flower buds for next year. The garden centers are full of summer color and you can still fill in those spots that need a plant. I should talk. I have so much to do that I see no end to the task.

The grass is growing with a vengeance. Rather than bagging the clippings, either mulch them into your lawn, have your lawn service mulch them or add them to your compost pile, if you keep one. If you don't and are interested in starting one, read up on the subject and go for it. A few Sundays ago I ripped out the old retaining walls of my first compost pile and erected a three-sectioned set up. One bin is for new additions, the second for compost that is half done, and the third for the final product. Compost is such a great additive with which to side dress plants throughout the year that everyone in our neighborhood should maintain a pile. Yes, it is a bit labor intensive but again, the benefits outweigh the work.

Another thing growing is the amount of insects. When it comes to these, it is a tough call because if you spray for everything you kill the beneficial insects along with the bad ones. What a dilemma! For leaf munching bugs, spray BT, (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), for slugs and snails spread diatomaceous earth. Try insecticidal soap before the heat of day sets in. I have read in my favorite Saturday newspaper section that a good spray from the hose deters aphids. Guess what—it works. A non-chemical solution I have seen on some TV gardening shows involves making a liquefied solution of jalapeño peppers, garlic, water and dish soap. I do not know the proportions so if you do, I would like to have the recipe.

Any broken or dead tree branches should be removed. Later in the year when hurricane season is upon us these can do some harm when they get blown around.

Your best plant choices for summer and year round are native plants. Once they are in place they seldom need replacing and come back year after year. We have

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Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Hi Neighbors! School is out and summer is officially here. Are you ready for the next four months of chasing the shade? It is already hot enough for heat exhaustion so make sure your pets are protected from the soaring temperatures. Mau Mau says if your cat is grooming more than usual don't worry he is probably trying to cool himself. When you are outside watering don't forget all of the other little creatures that need water too

Pet of the Month: "Mr. June" is Meaux Trouble Than He's Worth Ruttiger Winston Kennedy. Meaux thinks he must be royalty and that's why he has so many names. Sir Meaux is the son of Lori Kennedy and Joe Muscara [Ed. Note: He is not my cat.] [Ed. Wife's Note: Yes he is.] and lives on Sue Barnett in Section Two. He is a domestic shorthair cat with orange stripes. He is now four years old and has been with the Muscara's [Ed. Note: He is not my cat.] [Ed. Wife's Note: Yes he is!] since he was old enough to pick a family. His absolute favorite activity is to sit and look out of the front picture window, but when he is not busy doing that he likes to play foosball, roll around on his head, or eat. Meaux power to you!

Pet News: Jackson Hendricks (Visla) is twelve weeks old and will soon be finished with his puppy shots. The Wiley pack adopted a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Jake. Bear Lee (Australian Shepherd) had a sleepover with Roxie Vicknair (Rottweiler) and Beaux Thomasson (Pharaoh Hound). They played so good, but didn't sleep much so they were all tired the next day. Jesse Christ (Greyhound) gets popsicles on really hot days. Don't eat the stick Jesse.

Critters 101: Preventing Heat Exhaustion

During summer pet owners must take special precautions to ensure that their pets are adequately protected from soaring temperatures. Animals with short-muzzles have even more of a difficult time breathing during hot, humid days.

All pets should have access to cool, shady areas. For dogs and cats this can be large, thick foliaged trees. In the case of other pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs or birds, their cages must never be in direct sunlight. Be particularly careful with bird cages and aquariums that are near windows where the sun may stream in at certain times of the day, as even on a moderately sunny day the sun shining through the glass may be hot enough to be dangerous to the pet.

All animals must have an adequate supply of cool, clean water. If pets are alone during the day it is best to leave them with more than one container of water in case the container is knocked over and spilled. Now and then, throw in a couple

of ice cubes to cool the water down. When outdoors your dog may enjoy lying in a baby pool filled with fresh water. If pets are locked in a house or shed it is essential that the area is well ventilated. Never leave pets in a car as temperatures within cars can cause death from heat exhaustion in as little as five minutes. When the temperature is 85 degrees, the temperature inside your car can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and to 120 degrees in 30 minutes. And that's with the windows open and parked in the shade.

Animals suffering from heat exhaustion may pant, lie on their side, or be listless and disoriented. Other signs include rapid pulse, glazed eyes, excessive salivating, elevated body temperature, excessive whining or agitation, staring or vomiting and white or bluish gums. Only one of these symptoms has to be present to indicate your pet may be in trouble. If you think your pet is suffering from heat exhaustion it must be cooled immediately. Put the animal in a cool and shady area. Damp it down with tepid water and fan the animal. Contact your nearest veterinarian and transport it in a vehicle which has air conditioning. If the animal is conscious, offer cool, not cold, drinking water. Do not allow the animal to gulp large amounts of water.

Old, overweight, and very young animals are most susceptible to heat and should be provided with special care during hot weather. Although many dogs look forward to their regular walk late in the afternoon they should not be walked until the sun goes down during hot weather. Also be aware that concrete and footpaths may be hot enough to burn the dog's feet. On those days when you feel like basking in the sun at the beach, think about leaving your pet at home in the shade.

Dear Mau Mau: Why do cats groom so much? H. Hickman

We cats like to be clean, not like those stinky canines. Licking our fur also aids in heat regulation and waterproofing. It increases our scent and sometimes helps us cope with stress. Yes, we cats have stress; heck, most of us are awake for six to eight hours a day.

Migratory Report: Got Water? No element in your backyard can be more enticing to wildlife than water. Birds, dragonflies, frogs, and other creatures seem to materialize instantly if you just add water. Make it simple or make it elaborate and size does not matter. What is most important about your water feature is that you keep it clean, keep it safe, and keep it wet even in winter. Add some sort of foothold such as a brick near the edge so that small animals can climb out if they fall in.

Casey's Comments: If you think it's easy being a mama cat try raising a litter of kittens. It's a lot of work!

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three very good nurseries in our midst that can assist you in your selections as well as dispense advice. I wish I could mention them here but that would be free advertising. Anyhow, they are your best resource for native, unusual and quality plants.

Some Plants to Look For

One plant I have transplanted as they popped up in the lawn or in places I do not want them is Cleome. This heat loving plant re-seeds itself so there is usually a supply of seedlings mid spring. Coreopsis is a standard in the garden. Many varieties can be seen blooming in lots of gardens around the neighborhood. Plumbago, Nandina, Antique Roses, Purple Coneflower, Daylilies, Lantana, Pentas, Portulaca, Salvia, abound. Take your pick and give them a home.

Phew! The list can go on and on. Just thinking about the plethora of available stuff out there waiting for a home in our gardens makes me want to just hop into the hammock and enjoy a quiet hour or two or three doing absolutely nothing; a rare activity for me. Hey, enjoy the summer, the sun, and the dirt under your nails.

Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome the following new neighbors who have recently closed on their homes:

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 1031 West 42nd
 224 West 31st

We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

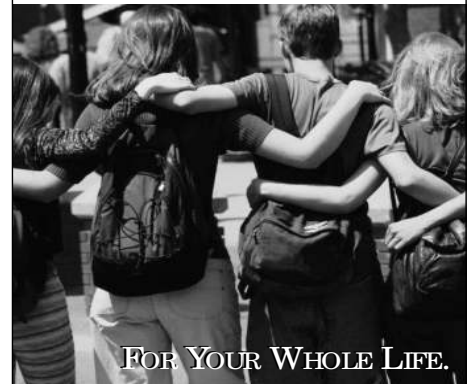
Welcome home to college attendees - Michael Chiasson, Jacqueline Debien, and Becky Jeanes. Michael is home from Canada following a cruise, Jacqueline is home from Canada, and Becky is home from New Orleans.

Congratulations to recent graduate Ricelle Luck. Ricelle graduated from Lamar High School and is deciding on where she will be attending college in the fall.

Congratulations to former Constable patroller Deputy Jason Green. Jason was married on May 18. Best wishes.

To highlight an event contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or email her at jeanest@pdq.net.

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Ken Yarbrough
713 263 1516

John Whitmire
713 864 8701

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