



Editor's Column

Rebecca Ferguson

So I'm the new editor. Allow me to introduce myself (drum roll please). My name is Rebecca Ferguson, and I have been a resident of Garden Oaks for the last twenty years. I have always found this neighborhood to be a comfortable and quiet place to live, but I've been a bit quiet myself, and have therefore met very few of my neighbors the whole time I've lived here. While I have finally met a few of you, I know there are many more I have yet to meet. However, if the cross-section of fellow Garden Oaks-ians I met at the last Civic Club meeting is any indication of what the rest of the neighborhood has to offer, I can only look forward to working with more of you.

For the last two years, I have been working on a bachelor's degree in professional writing at the University of Houston, focusing heavily on technical documentation and layout. I have also been working at ChevronTexaco's Drilling Technology Center, where I primarily work on manuals and technical documentation. Given this background, it came as no surprise when the front page headline for last December's *Gazette* caught my attention: "Gazette Editor Needed." At first, I just skimmed through the article, and then I flipped through the rest of the newsletter before I came back to that front page. Almost on a whim, I decided to call the editor. After a brief question/answer session, I felt pretty comfortable with the idea of taking over wherever Joe decided to leave off. And after a shaky start and a few late-night swearing sessions, I still feel pleased with my decision.

Initially, I thought that being editor of the *Gazette* would allow me to mould and develop my writing style and skills, and I would therefore be able to gain some added experience in my field of study in order to further my career. And although this is only my first issue as editor, the Garden Oaks *Gazette* has already given me that much and more. I couldn't be happier about getting to know my neighbors. Everyone I have met has had nothing but words of thanks and encouragement for me. I can't thank all of you enough for making me feel so welcome.

I now have a box of *Gazettes* under my desk, dating back to 1978. Looking through them has been interesting, and has triggered a lot of memories for me. A lot has changed in our little subdivision over the last two and-a-half decades, but overall, I think it has been for the better. I've spent many years here, and thought little of it until recently. I knew I would experience personal benefits from taking on this job, but what I hadn't counted on was being so glad about finally giving something back. I thank you all again.

Civic Club Meeting

*Tuesday,
February 4th*

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

Letter From the President

Kenneth Santos

I have been attending Civic Club meetings for five years and have been the President for the past year. Lately, I've have been wondering if you are satisfied with the Civic Club's performance and what it is doing.

The Civic Club continues to perform in the same manner as it has over the last several years. The monthly meetings garner the same attendees and each month the same business is carried out. The committees continue to do what they have been doing for years. Consistency is fine, but maybe with your input, changes can be made.

What would you, the readers of the *Gazette*, like to see happen in our neighborhood? What would you like to see the Civic Club accomplish? What changes would you like see take place? I ask you, the readers, to make your thoughts known. E-mail me or any of the other officers. Feel free to call with your suggestions and input. Attend a meeting and share your ideas.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Muscara for his nearly three years of dedication to the *Gazette*. I enjoyed what he accomplished with the *Gazette* and I will miss working with him. Good luck Joe with any and all of your future endeavors.

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome New Neighbors

Congratulations to the following neighbors who recently closed on their homes:

215 West 32nd.
971 Althea
215 West 33rd.
3202 Lawrence

Welcome to the neighborhood. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon!

Happy Belated December Birthday

Jacqueline Debien
 Sarah Shelley (her 1st. birthday!)

Get Well Wishes

Fred Cowart
 Pet lover, Casey Farris, for her broken wrist received New Year's Eve.

Welcome Back

Dave and Vanessa Groves, new homeowners in Garden Oaks, following their holiday trip to South Africa.

REMINDER - Mark your Calendars!

Garden Oaks Elementary Friends of Montessori Pancake Breakfast Saturday, February 8th. This is a great place to enjoy breakfast, neighbors, friends, and fun!

To highlight a neighbor or an event, contact Terry Jeanes at jeanest@pdq.net or 713-812-9154

Minutes of the January 7, 2003 Civic Club Meeting

Lori Kennedy, Secretary

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

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Treasurer Margie Dalton reported the account balances are still in good shape and provided reports for comparison of the 2002 budget versus the actual 2002 income and expenditures.

Standing Committee Reports

Beautification – Chair Rick Grochoske reported the water bill had been paid recently and they are working on getting the last meter converted to the City. There will be a workday in the Rose Garden (34th & Lawrence) on Saturday 2/15/03 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Rick at 713.864.8164 for more information or to volunteer.

GOCOP - Chair Carl Waters reported the November crime statistics. They recently had an appreciation dinner for the patrollers. Contact Carl at 713.864.1992 for more information or to volunteer.

GardenOaks.org – Co-chair Joe Muscara reported no new information on the website.

Gazette – Chair Joe Muscara announced a new editor—Rebecca Ferguson. Hector Willars has taken over as assistant editor; they are still looking for a new ad director. Thanks to Joe for all of his hard work over the past 3 years, and thanks to Rebecca for taking over! The deadline for submissions remains the 15th of every month. If you know of someone who wants to advertise, please contact Holly Veech at 713.861.8093. Contact Rebecca at Gazette@GardenOaks.org regarding submissions.

Membership – New Chair Chis Lindsay announced that the committee has sent out dues invoices reflecting the new membership categories; some renewals have already starting coming in. The committee can use more members; they deliver welcome packets and staff the sign-in table at the Civic Club meeting, among other activities.

Other Reports

Constable – *Co-chair Terry Jeanes reported that there are 78 total contributions so far towards restarting the program. They still need a total of 225 pledged supporters before drafting to renew the program.*

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Garden Club – Robert De Veau reported the next meeting will be at 811 W. 41st. Membership dues are \$10 and are separate from the Civic Club dues. Contact Ed De Alba at 713.694.5934 for more information or to join.

GOMO—President Sam Stengler reported that the next GOMO meeting was 1/8/03 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kroger on 34th. There will be a special election in March for additional directors. There was a brief question and answer session; contact GOMO directors for questions regarding the deed restrictions or GOMO policy and procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Membership Committee Report

Chris Lindsay

Keep those checks coming in! The annual civic club dues are payable now. A major fundraising event has not been scheduled for this year, so the Civic Club needs as many households as possible to participate. This participation will help us have the necessary funds to pay for our basic programs, including Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, the Gazette, Membership Committee, and our Website.

Each household should have received a mailed (i.e. regular U.S. Post) dues statement in late December or early January requesting payment by January 31st. We have 3 different levels of participation available, depending upon your generosity. The *Crepe Myrtle* level is our basic membership of \$25 (\$5 for seniors 65-years-or older), the *Magnolia* is our intermediate level at \$50 (\$10 for Senior), and the patron level is the *Golden Oak* at \$75 (\$15 for Seniors). Or, you can write a check for more or less, plus make a separate contribution to the Garden Club if you so desire. Each membership is needed and all funds will be used by the Civic Club to run our basic programs and committees. Payment of dues by January 31st is preferred. However, all who send in their membership dues by March 1, 2003 will be eligible for a special prize drawing to be held during the March Civic Club Meeting. Therefore, if you have not sent in your payment, please do so. Membership forms are available as an insert in the Gazette and can also be downloaded from the Garden Oaks website.

Remember that we provide a baby-sitter at our monthly Civic Club meeting. Cost is just \$1 per child.

We held a drawing for a door prize at the January Civic Club meeting. New Garden Oaks homeowner Sheila Briones won a \$25 gift card for the Home Depot! All you have to do to be eligible for the door prize is come to the Civic Club meeting. It's that simple.

Garden Oaks Beautification Schedule

Rick Grochoske

Want to get involved, have fun and make new friends without a commitment? Want to make Garden Oaks look better or have an idea to improve our green spaces? Want to feel good about cleaning and make your neighborhood look its best? Want free donuts and coffee? Please plan on coming to the following Garden Oaks Beautification workdays. Bring your garden tools, wheel barrels, trimmers, and a good attitude. Mark your calendars now, and remember that all are welcome.

- February 15th**—Rose Garden at 34th and Lawrence
- March 15th**—Art Park at West 43rd and Sue Barnett
- March 29th**—Yale Street Clean up at Yale and 32nd
- April 5th**—Gazebo Park at Sue Barnett and 42nd
- May 3rd**—Garden Oaks Blvd between Shepherd and Sue Barnett

Please pass this message to your Garden Oaks buds. Feel free to contact me at (713) 864-8164.

February Garden Oaks Yard of the Month

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Garden Club Presents

“How to Manage a Collection of Plants in Houston”

Robert De Veau, Garden Club Vice President

The Garden Oaks Garden Club invites you to join us on Thursday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. when we will hear from Bob and Lana Beyer, authors of *A Mini-Botanical Garden for Your Houston Back Yard* and web hosts of “Ornamental Horticulture for the Houston and Gulf Coast Area.”

These soon-to-be published authors (River Bend Books in Fall, 2003), gardening web-site developers (www.houstongardening.info), and avid gardeners hail from Clear Lake City where they have transformed their residential lot into a miniature botanical garden with a diverse collection of rare and unusual plant cultivars and varieties. Included in these collections are tropicals (bromeliads, orchids, bougainvillea, gingers, hibiscus, plumeria, flowering and foliage ornamentals, cycads, etc); edibles (loquats, oranges, bananas); cacti & succulents (agaves, yucca, euphorbia); rare and unusual plants from around the world; hardy perennials; unusual cultivars of holly; commonly known hardy ornamental shrubs; trees; and aquatic plants.

Bob and Lana’s presentation will focus on the principles of planning, organizing, and managing a variable and ever-changing ornamental garden for your personal enjoyment—similar to the techniques and principles used at prominent botanical gardens—and how those techniques can be introduced into our backyard landscaping design. They will share personal examples of ornamental garden management in hopes of stimulating new creative thoughts in our minds. Sub-themes within their presentation will include: the concept of creating a mini botanical garden in your back yard; how to enjoy a large number and variety of plants with limited space; logistical and over wintering capabilities; and how to extend the enjoyment of plant collecting beyond the actual garden itself. You won’t want to miss their tips and methods for staying organized and in control of your gardening efforts.

If you forgot to attend our January meeting, you missed an extremely informative talk and slide show with noted camellia authority, Greg Davis. Greg brought along over 15 samples of various camellia blooms, which attendees got to take home. The camellia blossom size ranges from miniature (under 2 ½?) to very large (over 5?) and are classified as one of five flower forms: single, semi-double, anemone, peony, and formal double. The four common cultivars grown in our region are: *Camellia japonica*, *C. sasanqua*,



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C. sinensis or tea camellia, and *C. reticulata*. For the Houston garden, look for varieties labeled as “early” or “midseason” blooming. If you want to include this carefree shrub in your landscape, consider one of Greg’s recommendations: *japonica* or ‘Purple Dawn,’ which has early-blooming, extremely large, double blooms with loose, irregular, flaming crimson petals and a rose-shaped blossom; *japonica* or ‘Professor Charles S. Sergeant,’ which blooms midseason, with brilliant red, full, double peony-type flowers; or *japonica* or ‘Nuccio’s Gem,’ which blooms in midseason, with medium-large, white flowers. Site your shrub in an area that receives about 60% shade, and plant it in an acid soil amended with 1/3 sand, 1/3 topsoil and 1/3 mulch. Fertilize your camellia with cottonseed meal or an all-purpose 13-13-13 fertilizer in the early spring, June, and again in September. Once it is done flowering, don’t be afraid to prune them back by as much as 1/3 to maintain a good shape.

Garden Club meetings are open to all residents and friends of Garden Oaks. If you would like to become a member of the Garden Club, annual dues are only \$10. Our February 13th meeting will be hosted at 1063 W 42nd St. You may call me at (713) 686-6012 for additional information. We hope to see you at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th.

Constable Report

Terry Jeanes and Susan Saranie, Constable Co-Chairs

Thank you to the many of you who have come forward and submitted your draft form toward our goal of 225 contributors. We still need a total of 225 draft commitments of \$20 per month. Remember that drafting will *not* begin until all 225 commitments are met. These commitments will allow Garden Oaks to reinstate a private Harris County Deputy Constable for 40 hours per week. Your contribution will also allow you a security evaluation for insurance discounts, vacation watches, and the opportunity to have the constable officer as your alarm monitoring contact.

Please take the time to fill out the Constable Membership form enclosed in this issue of the *Gazette*. There will also be a form you can download from the Garden Oaks website at *GardenOaks.org*. You may contact Terry Jeanes at (713) 812-9154 or jeanest@pdq.net, or Susan Saranie at (713) 861-7994.



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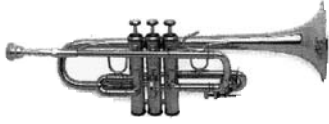
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In December, Citizens on Patrol held an appreciation dinner at Duchos Steakhouse, recognizing the hard work and effort of its members. Special recognition was given to patrollers V. D. Kelly, Woody Mehrkam, and Johnny Murphy who have been active members of the program for at least 10 years. Other members recognized for their service time were Bob and Jo Bewley, Amanda and Robert Carlin, John Hesse, and Bill and Amy Shaughnessy.

Our *Patroller of the Month* for February is Woody Mehrkam. Woody has been a patroller for over 11 years. In addition to patrolling twice a week, Woody has also served as a base station for other patrollers in the neighborhood. In patrol hours alone, he has committed 1220 hours to the protection of our neighborhood. His commitment to the patrol program earned him the distinction of being one of the first patrollers in the neighborhood to fly with the Houston Police Department's Helicopter Patrol. Woody regaled us with stories about his flight during our appreciation dinner.

Woody has been a Garden Oaks resident since 1947, when he and his wife of one year moved into a home in Section 5. Woody and Lucille reared two children, a son and a daughter in their home which Lucille recently told me was among the last in the neighborhood when they purchased it. The area west of their home consisted of woods all the way to where 290 now runs.

November Crime Statistics (5)

Robbery (1)

Thursday, November 21st, 700 block of W. Forty-third St. at 9:30 a.m. (Street).

Assault (1)

Monday, November 18th, 4200 block of Apollo at 10:39 p.m. (Residence).

Burglary (1)

Thursday, November 21st, 1100 block of Sue Barnett at 8:30 a.m. (Residence).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

Saturday, November 30th, 800 block of Azalea at 8:19 a.m. (Residence). Tools were stolen from a lawn man's car.

Narcotics (1)

Wednesday, November 5th, 700 block of West 39th St. at 10:16 p.m. (Street).

In addition to these crimes, the report also included three crimes that occurred in October:

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2)

Friday, October 4th, 500 block of W. Thirty-fourth St. at 11:00 p.m. (Driveway).

Thursday October 31st, 700 block of Garden Oaks Blvd. at 10:00 p.m. (Driveway).

Auto Theft (1)

Thursday October 31st, 700 block of Garden Oaks Blvd. at 10:00 p.m. (Driveway).

Please contact me at (713) 864-1992, via the Internet at GOCOP77018@aol.com, or from the Garden Oaks web site for details about joining our program.

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The Holiday Five Pounds

Catherine Kruppa MS, RD, LD

The average American gains 5-10 pounds between Halloween and New Years Day. If you fell into this trap, don't worry; there are easy ways to burn off those unwanted pounds. Take action now, so that you aren't still carrying around those pounds when the holiday season comes around next year.

Be mindful of portion size. In one study 80% of women underestimated their food intake by 700 calories! In addition, portion sizes at restaurants are 2-3 times the size that we should be eating.

Solution: Start a food journal to help hold yourself accountable for and be more attentive towards what you put in your mouth. Keep the journal every day—even on bad days. Doing so will help you identify triggers for overeating as well as unconscious eating.

Are you eating too much fat? Only 1/3 of American women limit their consumption of fat to 30 percent, the recommendation from the American Heart Association. Most of us get all the fat we need from added fats such as margarine, salad dressing, butter and fat used in cooking. The other fat that we eat in ice cream, fried food, cheese, and meat is excess. Furthermore, the more fat that we eat, the less fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, non-fat milk, and vitamins and minerals we consume.

Solution: Eat more fresh food, which is lower in fat than more processed foods. Use low-fat mayonnaise and salad dressings, and moderate amounts of olive oil or canola oil in cooking. Limit intake of high-fat sweets to once a week. Read nutrition labels. Opt for foods that contain no more than 3 grams of fat per 100 calories.

Are you addicted to sugar? The average American consumes 158 pounds of sugar per year. That is equivalent to 34 teaspoons per day. The majority of the excess sugar is found in processed foods such as fruited yogurts, flavored oatmeals, granola bars etc.

Solution: Make desserts a weekly treat, not an everyday habit. Read nutrition labels and limit foods that list sugar as one of the first three ingredients. Sugar is also listed as sucrose, high-fructose corn syrup, or glucose. Limit intake of sodas to no more than 2 cans per week, or switch to sugar-free soda.

You can contact Catherine Kruppa at (713) 316-2707, or on the web at ckruppa@houstonian.com or www.advice4eating.com


Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Greetings from the bathtub! We've had a lot of commotion at our house lately and the bathtub is one of the few places not under construction so Mau Mau and I often hang out in here to read, write, and collect our thoughts. Some cats like water but Mau doesn't so we just sit or stretch out in the dry tub. Michael and I are remodeling our home on Gardenia and decided to live through it rather than displace our pets. This requires constant adjustments for all of us, but the pets seem to adjust quicker than the humans. Our dog, Sydney, is actually enjoying the whole process, and lies near the street to inspect all materials, deliveries, and lunchboxes.



You may have heard that our house (the part not being remodeled) got hit by an 86-foot pine tree during the storm on December 23rd and during the cleanup, I fell through the attic breaking my right wrist into many pieces requiring surgery, casts, etc. Lots of neighbors came forth to help us and we needed the help. Many nights someone has brought us dinner and I know these people work all day. Special thanks to Saint Margie Dalton, Holly Veech, and Deanna Zugheri. Others helped us pack up and move our "stuff." My colleague and buddy, Dodie Davis, comes over at a moment's notice to be my right hand, literally. Mike, Robin and Bear, Lee continue to be the best folks and neighbors on the planet. I can't even go into what all they have done for us, and I know they would do the same for any neighbor. We have received daily doses of encouragement and hugs from two-legged and four-legged neighbors. We are grateful to be in Garden Oaks where knowing your neighbors and helping each other is alive and well. So from the bottom of my heart, here in the bathtub, thank you neighbors!

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services©, a Garden Oaks company offering many services and products dedicated to the welfare of our pets and the people who love them. Mau Mau Farris is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@goDOGusa.com or call 713-683-6191.



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Captive Roses

Mark Saranie

I never wanted roses in our garden because all the information I had read in the newspaper, magazines, or books lead me to believe that roses were difficult to maintain. They do have specific requirements, but aside from those few demands, the rest is simple. For the last year, my interest in this most fascinating shrub has increased so that I am slowly adding roses here and there and relocating a few others. One rose classification I am most interested in is antique roses, especially those that do well in containers. I have a potted Martha Gonzalez out front and many times during the year she puts on a showy display of red blooms.

Antique roses are perfect for our climate. Most are resistant to the typical maladies that affect other roses, such as mildew and pests. Once antique roses are established after being planted in a garden, they can endure our summers and drought conditions. If they are planted in a well-draining area, they can also withstand many

days of soggy weather.

Containerized roses are easy to care for, even though they require more frequent watering due to their captive situation. I use a soil mix of equal parts of good potting soil, composted manure, and bark mulch. The composted manure I usually find is bagged and normally amended with other organic soils so it is not 100% processed grass. This mixture provides a light and fertile medium for the roses to grow in. I top off the pot with more mulch. This helps the pot hold in moisture a bit longer.

Most antique roses that fall in the one- to three-foot category do very well in containers. Some of these include Martha Gonzales, Marie Pavié, Ducher, Cécile Brünner, Perl d' Or, and Grüss an Aachen. Being in a container gives the roots a restricted environment in which to grow, so these roses will be smaller than they would be if they were planted in the ground. The beauty of containerizing these roses is that you gain the ability to move them around at will without having to open a war chest of gardening tools to do so. The pots also add extra height and texture to your walkway or beds.

Garden things for February

- We can still experience freezing weather, so if one is in the forecast, water plants very well. This will protect their roots.
- This is a good time to plant bare root roses. Follow the \$5 hole 25¢ plant rule and your rose will reward you beautifully.
- I enjoy amaryllis and February is the perfect month to get these and other late blooming bulbs in the ground or in pots. Use high phosphorous fertilizers to encourage blooms.
- If you use them, February is a good time to apply pre-emergent herbicides on your lawns.
- If you want color right now, check out your nursery. They will have plants that thrive during our winter.
- Happy Valentine's Day.

Letter to the Editor

I am a Garden Oaks resident and I would like to make a request regarding yard clipping bags being left on the street for days at a time. I feel we live in a beautiful neighborhood and it would look so much nicer if on any given day there were not bags of yard clippings sitting at the street.

The city policy regarding trash being taken to the street states that household garbage and yard clippings should be placed at the street between 6:00 p.m. the night before and 7:00 a.m. the day of pickup. You can find more information regarding city policies at <http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/swd/index.html>.

If a yard service takes care of your lawn, please ask that the clippings be left next to your trash can or away from the street. If you are elderly, please ask a neighbor to assist you in moving your lawn clipping bags to the street the night before pick-up.

Kelly Gould

Section Three Resident



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Awareness Week

*Jeff Amerson, Garden Oaks
Elementary School Principal*

All families of current and future Garden Oaks Elementary School students are invited to attend the second annual Garden Oaks Awareness Week, the week of February 3rd. We will be spotlighting many of our special programs beginning Monday and continuing through Saturday, February 8th. The school will offer tours the morning of Monday, February 3rd, and Friday, February 7th. On Tuesday, February 4th, kindergarten students and teachers will show off our wonderful kindergarten classrooms during our annual Kindergarten Round-Up in the library at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the Round-Up, join us for a cookout lunch in our school cafeteria. We will be serving smoked turkey legs, hot dogs, and hamburgers grilled outdoors during our normal lunch periods. As one student stated the first time we had a cookout, "Y'all should have this every day!" Parents of current students are encouraged to come and have lunch with their children on this day. After checking out our kindergarten program and sampling our cafeteria food, parents are encouraged to return Tuesday evening to experience many of the other special things that Garden Oaks Elementary offers during our Awareness Evening Event.

That evening, Tuesday, February 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., our second Awareness Evening will take place. Come see highlights of our Montessori, Neighborhood Gifted and Talented, and our Bilingual programs. Each of these programs will have brief presentations to help answer your questions. There will be plenty of time for parents to visit different classrooms. Our Neighborhood Gifted and Talented classes and our Bilingual classes will also be open for parents to visit and ask whatever questions they may have. We want our community to be informed about our school. We will also have presentations about early language development for parents of very young children, sessions to show parents how to help their children with reading at home, and homework tips for parents.

Not only will we be highlighting our school's programs from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., we will also be offering several services for parents this evening. The Northwest Clinic will give health screenings, the March of Dimes will have representatives on hand for prenatal care information, and someone will be here from the CHIPs program to discuss the reduced insurance program for children. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will have representatives on hand, the Oak Forest Branch of the Houston Public Library will have Power Card applications, and the PTA will be selling school shirts. We are also hoping to have someone here to fingerprint children. There will be a special meeting of the Friends of Montessori board in the library from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. to elect new officers

Applications for our Montessori Program will be available at the school during the Awareness Week and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2003. There will be no "camp out" as there has been in years past. Parents will be able to drop off applications any time between January 21st and March 3rd. Applications will be selected using a lottery process. The only criteria used for the lottery will be that applications will be divided according to the grade level of the children. Then the positions will be filled in the order that the applications are drawn. Those not making it into the classes will be placed on waiting lists by grade level also based on the order in which they are drawn. Students will be notified of their admission status the last week of March.

The week concludes with our 9th annual Montessori Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Come have some great pancakes, enjoy face painting, a moonwalk, visits by the Houston Police and Fire Departments, and learn more about our very unique and renowned Montessori program by talking with the teachers and parents. There will be a silent auction fundraiser for the Montessori program, good food, and great fun for the kids. For more information regarding any of the above events, call the school office at (713) 696-2930 or e-mail the school's principal, Jeff Amerson, at jamerson@houstonisd.org.

News from GOMO:

Vacant Directors' Positions

The Directors of the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization, Inc., (GOMO) are moving right along into the New Year!

The Directors have scrutinized and approved almost a dozen homebuilding/remodeling plans in the past few months. The Directors would like to thank all of you who took the time and effort to submit your plans. Your efforts will help ensure the continued existence of our Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions in the coming years!

In other news, the GOMO Directors have announced an election to fill the vacant Directors' positions throughout the neighborhood. The elections will take place immediately after the Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting on March 4, 2003 (around 8 p.m.).

Nominations for the following positions are now being accepted, up through February 28, 2003:

- one (1) position in Section One
- one (1) position in Section Two
- one (1) position in Section Three
- three (3) positions in Section Five (!)

Any of you, as property owners, can self-nominate for any section where you own a property. To learn more about qualifications, please contact one of the current Directors. You will be asked to sign a form confirming that you meet the qualifications for Directorship before you can run for a position.

What does a GOMO Director do?

In addition to all of the usual tasks necessary for any non-profit organization, such as keeping the books, maintaining records, creating/maintaining rules and procedures for everything that we do, and interacting with residents/property owners and various professionals that help make Garden Oaks run, our duties also include examining and approving building/remodeling plans, keeping our eyes and ears open for property sales/rebuilding/remodeling, and taking complaints (and compliments!) from residents and property owners.

Although there is no monetary compensation for this volunteer position, the knowledge that you have directly influenced how Garden Oaks grows in the future is well worth the effort! (Also, the more Directors we have serving at one time, the lighter the workload for each of us!)

If you would like to nominate yourself for a Director's position with GOMO, please contact one of the current Directors.

See you around the neighborhood!

GOMO Directors

<i>Section One</i>	Donna Archer	713-863-0532
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<i>Section Two</i>	Sam Stengler	281-773-3478
	Peter Kozak	713-692-5843
	David Hoyer	713-699-8171
<i>Section Three</i>	Richard Stark	713-691-1067
	Mike Dishberger	713-695-7916

[Directors for Section Five are still needed. If you would like to run for Director of Section Five, Please contact a Director listed above for detailed qualifications and procedures.]

For a copy of the deed restrictions for your section, visit the Garden Oaks web site at <http://www.gardenoaks.org> or contact any of the above GOMO directors. Please be

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Deed Restriction Violations
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Bruce Tatro (District A)
713 247 2010

Ken Yarbrough
713 263 1516

John Whitmire
713 864 8701

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Remember that the deadline for Civic Club membership dues is March 1, 2003. See the enclosed dues statement for costs and details.