



July 4th Garden Oaks Parade

Brenda de Alba

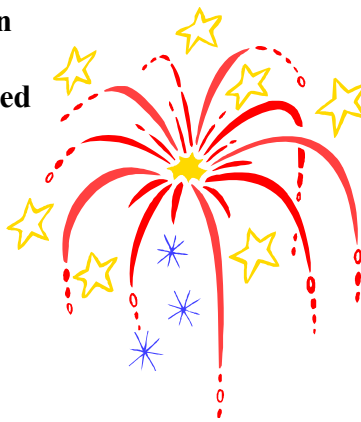
When: Friday, July 4th

Where: Garden Oaks Elementary School Spark Park, 901 Sue Barnett

Time: 8:30-9:00am Entry Registration
9:00-10:00am Parade time
10:00-10:30am Awards Presented

Entry categories:

- Strollers
- Tricycles
- Wagons
- Youth bicycles
- Adult bicycles
- Group category



Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 1st

The next Civic Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. Come meet your neighbors and share your ideas. Also, enter the drawing for the monthly door prize.

Short Parade Route: Strollers, Tricycles, and Wagons

The short parade route will begin at the Garden Oaks Elementary Spark Park, proceed north on Sue Barnett, circle the Gazebo Park from the east, and return south on Sue Barnett back to the Spark Park.

Long Parade Route: Bicycles and Vehicles

The long parade route will follow the shorter route, but will continue west on the 800 block of W 41st St., turn right on Alba, turn right and continue east on the 800 block of W. 42nd St., and turn right on Sue Barnett before returning to the Spark Park.

Everyone entered will receive a patriotic souvenir, and the best decorated entries in each category will receive an award. Some lucky parade entrant will win a \$100 gift certificate to Urban Bicycle Gallery at 1212 Durham.

Special thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their support:

- KELLER WILLIAMS Realty, The Garden Group on Wakefield - donation of \$250
- Urban Bicycle Gallery at 1212 Durham - \$100 gift certificate
- Ozarka Water - 8 cases of water (thank you, Allison Hutson)
- ARTS ALIVE! - donating the parade sound system (thank you, Tina Sabuco)
- Sue Shefman and Harmony, the Hippo-pautomobile - Harmony will lead the parade
- Eddie "Balloon Man" Mijares - creator of balloon animals for young & old



Remember, registration begins at 8:30a.m. Bring a lawn chair and come find a seat along the parade route. Hope to see you there!

Flight of Fancy

Rebecca Ferguson, Editor

I have always wanted a house big enough to get lost in—the kind of house that the neighborhood kids tell stories about when it gets dark. A house of a unique and remarkable build and stature. The time and calculation involved in such construction has always fascinated me. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that, for the last few months, I have watched with much interest the developments up and down my street.

For those of you who have driven down W. 43rd anytime recently, you are likely to be familiar with the For Sale signs, the demolition, and the reconstruction. On more than one occasion, a house I passed on my way to work in the morning has been gone by the time I came home. And the new ones spring up almost as quickly. In fact, the house that now looms over my backyard was not there five days ago. And while this alteration of this rather historical location is somewhat upsetting, my curiosity about what kind of houses will pop up within a few weeks typically gets the best of me, and I find myself monitoring the architectural developments with more than a little fascination. Which is why a news story on the radio about a rather unconventional architect caught my attention the other day on my way home.

A practiced architect with a technique and style all his own, earned a living building houses out of retired airplanes. The inside of the plane was fixed up to have bedrooms, a kitchen, a den, and bathroom facilities, among other things, depending on the size of the plane. The completed house stands atop a twenty-foot pedestal, and the homeowner has the option of rotating the house manually, or allowing the house to “weather vane” and turn with the wind. The architect explained that his company assembles the houses, and mounts them on the pedestals for you (which eased my mind, because for a brief second, I thought I would have to mount the plane myself). Currently, these houses are being auctioned on Ebay, starting at around \$200,000. A frequent shopper on Ebay, I later decided to check this out for myself, but

I could not find it, which is a shame because I cannot remember the architect’s name. I was nearing my house as the radio report was drawing to a close, and I looked at some of the new two-story homes that seemed to have popped up on my street overnight. I laughed out loud as I envisioned an airplane on a twenty-foot pedestal sitting between the two small houses that neighbor mine. Such a structure would surely violate Garden Oaks deed restrictions, I thought, so it looks like I will not currently be submitting any plans to GOMO. Maybe when the price comes down a little.

A Desert Oasis Awaits Those Who Dare

Robert De Veau, Garden Club Vice President

The word “desert” often brings to mind pictures of desolation: A place of burning sand and barren rocks, where life is scarce and death is as close at hand as the sun-bleached skull of a cow. But while some deserts *are* nearly devoid of life, they never completely are. There are always a few tough plants that persist – even thrive – where conditions are the harshest. The plants of the desert have a unique set of adaptations that allow them to make a home of a hot, dry land.

If you’ve ever found yourself at the corner of La Monte Lane and Oak Forest Drive (just behind the Oak Forest Library), you may have thought you stumbled upon a mid-west Texas desert nestled in the middle of Oak Forest. With its imposing boulders and a ground cover of crushed rock, the side yard is resplendent with cacti, succulents, plumeria and *Caesalpinia Pulcherrima* L. ‘Pride of Barbados.’ A veritable feast for the eyes, this is the work of Jack Casey, homeowner and general manager of Casey’s Texas Landscapes.

Join us on Thursday, July 10 when the Garden Club will leave the confines of our neighborhood and get a first

hand look at Jack’s version of Xeriscape. Xeriscape is literally landscaping using xerophytic (drought adapted) plants. Jack has created a wonderful combination of desert cacti and succulents, along with selected drought adapted shrubs and other flowering perennials to produce a beautiful and unique landscape. He’ll share with us his tips and suggestions on how homeowners and gardeners can conserve water and plant wisely – without recreating the Mojave Desert.

Last month, club members and guests spent a fascinating evening with Beth Galiano, “The Ginger Lady.” For many years, Beth was responsible for procuring the gingers for Mercer Arboretum for their annual March Mart Plant Sale. She also authored the booklet, “The Gingers of Mercer”. Today, Beth still grows many varieties of ginger around her home in Shepard Park Plaza. Long considered to be plants of the tropics, Beth showed us glorious slides of the many varieties that thrive in Houston. From the low growing, ground-cover ‘peacock’ ginger (*Kaempferias*), to the statuesque ‘Giant Butterfly’ (*Hedychium Maximum*), to the shade loving ‘Yellow Dancing Girl’ (*Globba Schomburgkii*), to the sun tolerant ‘Giant Plume’ (*Curcuma Elata*), there is a ginger for every garden situation. Easy to care for, gingers only require well draining soil and two applications of an all-purpose fertilizer – once in the spring as new growth emerges and once more in the summer. If you would like to purchase some of the more unusual forms of gingers, mark your calendar for the Mercer summer plant sale on Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 July 10 program will be hosted at 1344 La Monte (the corner of Oak Forest Dr. and La Monte Ln. in Oak Forest). For more information on this program or the Garden Oaks Garden Club, please call me at (713) 686-6012. We hope to see you at 7:00 p.m. on July 10.

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Membership Committee Report

Chris Lindsay

Approximately 1,000 Garden Oaks homes have recently received a second Civic Club Dues invoice. There are close to 1,400 homes in Garden Oaks, and of that number, 365 households have sent in their 2003 Civic Club dues. Therefore, 1,035 households still haven't joined this year, and if you received a second dues notice, you may be one of them. We are still encouraging you to join the Civic Club this year. Unlike homeowner's associations where yearly membership dues are mandatory, we are a civic club. Joining is therefore voluntary, and simply provides a way for you to show your commitment to the neighborhood. We have suggested various levels of contributions (\$25, \$50 and \$75), but the size of your donation is really up to you. Our only stipulation is that a minimum of \$25.00 is needed if you are going to vote on civic club matters. Other than that, what you choose to give is at your discretion. We appreciate whatever you are comfortable donating. All dues go toward civic club programs, including: Beautification, GO Citizens on Patrol, Home and Garden Tour, the *Gazette*, Membership Committee and our web site.

If you received the second invoice notice in error, please call me at 713-819-8412 or send me an email at membership@gardenoaks.org, and I'll be happy to check the membership roster and let you know whether or not we have received your payment.

The winner of the door prize at the June Civic Club meeting was Jo Anna LaBarbera. Ms. LaBarbera won four free lunches from Kojak's Deli on W. 18th Street. Thank you to Kojak's owners for the generous donation.

Remember that we provide a baby-sitter at our monthly Civic Club meetings at a cost of just \$1 per child.

Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

July is here already and boy is it hot, so watch your pets on the hot cement and give them lots of ice water. This month, we will talk about why June Bugs are also called May Beetles but are still here in July. During the heat of the day you and your pets should spend time indoors, and we have some tips on "brushing up" on your best buddy to wile away the time. Mau Mau keeps himself well groomed but explains why he enjoys a little help now

and then. Our Pet of the Month is just as irresistible as the character he is named after.

Pet of the Month: “Mr. July” is a 14-year-old orange tabby named “Tigger.” He lives in Section IV with his mother Laura, Peaches (Miniature Poodle) and Chloe (Grey/White Domestic Longhair). Tigger is easygoing, inquisitive, and affectionate. He loves people and other animals. Tigger suffers from kidney disease and gets an IV every single day. He takes this in stride (with a little tuna), and it does not interfere with his loving and adorable personality. As the song goes: “The wonderful thing about Tiggers, is Tiggers are wonderful things...”

Pet News: Bert and Ernie (Beagles) Speers had their cousin Chloe (Bichon Frise) come stay for a whole week. Atlas (German Shorthaired Pointer) Janssen takes his empty dog bowl to bed with him at night. The Diaz family in section IV has AKC black labs for sale. Their sire was a Master Hunter before three years of age, and has qualified for the national hunt test in October. And speaking of black labs, Gus is back home on LaMonte after another self-guided tour of the neighborhood. If you don't know Gus, chances are you will—he likes meeting new people. The Cat Catchers are working on a feral colony and have lots of adoptable kittens if anyone is interested.

Critters 101: Brush up on Brushing

A good brushing will keep your dog looking and feeling great, cut down shedding drastically, and alert you of any skin and coat problems. Mats and tangles are uncomfortable and prevent healthy air circulation from reaching the skin.

If your dog has a short coat, a soft bristled brush is perfect. This brush is ideal for removing dead hair and spreading the skin's natural oils. A pin brush is best for long wavy or wire coats. The straight pins will go deep enough to pull out the dead hair that causes matting. The slicker brush has a rectangular head and bent wire bristles. It works best for long soft-coated dogs, and it's great for working out tangles that come with curls and keeping straight silky fur soft and shiny.

The key to brushing is to angle the brush near (but not against) the skin, grasp the coat just about the skin, and then brush outward usually with the grain of coat growth. Be careful not to exert too much downward pressure on the dog's skin, as doing so can result in brush burns.

Wire-toothed combs are used to clean the undercoat of dogs with heavy, dense fur that regular brushes cannot penetrate, like that of Chow Chows. If your dog has very difficult mats, sprinkle talcum powder on them or snip lengthwise through the mat.

Most dogs love to be brushed, but if you live with one that doesn't, try

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Minutes of the June 3, 2003 Civic Club Meeting

Lori Kennedy, Secretary

Vice President Josh Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The May minutes were amended to replace the sentence "The home/garden selection process will begin around September," with "The home/garden selection will begin around June with homes/gardens announced in September." It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the May minutes as corrected.

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Lori Kennedy reported that spending for the month of May was a little greater than income for May, but the year-to-date expenditures versus income looks good and the account balances are still good over all.

Standing Committee Reports

Beautification – Chair Rick Grochoske reported there was a good work-day at the park at 30th and Durham on May 17. The berm was prepared for fall planting and several boulders were placed around the area to prevent driving across the park. An HFD firefighter has agreed to donate parts and materials for the irrigation system in exchange for a one-year ad in the *Gazette*. Contact Rick Grochoske at 713-864-8164 for more information or to volunteer.

GOCOP - Chair Carl Waters reported the April crime statistics. There were 10 reported crimes for the month, and 29 reported so far this year. Patrollers are always needed; new patrollers take a one-hour training program with HPD. Contact Carl at 713-864-1992 for more information or to volunteer.

GardenOaks.org – Chair Joe Muscara announced that the Garden Oaks forums are now set up and are accessible from the Garden Oaks website.

Gazette – Chair Rebecca Ferguson reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. Contact Rebecca at Gazette@GardenOaks.org regarding submissions.

Membership – Chair Chris Lindsay announced that the second membership mail-out is now in progress (literally). Overall membership revenue has been good but the committee would like to increase the over all number of participating households.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Cookbook (Membership) - Jane Hamilton is coordinating the Garden Oaks

cookbook project. Their goal is to have the cookbook available for the 2004 Home and Garden Tour. Contact Jane at Recipes@GardenOaks.org to submit recipes or help with the committee.

4th of July Bike Parade - Sheila Briones reported that registration will begin at 8:30 for the parade. Brenda de Alba still needs about 12 more volunteers to help on parade day; there will be more information in the June *Gazette*. Robert DeVeau moved to accept Sheila Briones' proposal to allot \$550 to the committee to provide refreshments, decorations (balloons, hats, flags, etc.) signs, ice and similar items for the bike parade. The motion was seconded and passed. Contact Brenda at 713-694-5934 for more information or to volunteer.

Home Tour - Chair Sheila Briones announced that she still needs committee chair and member volunteers, especially for the graphics committee. The tour will be Sunday, April 18, 2004. Contact Sheila at HomeTour@GardenOaks.org for more information or to volunteer.

Other Reports

Constable -Josh Hamilton read the announcement from Terry Jeanes and Susan Saranie that the constable program is now disbanded. Only 123 commitments were received out of the 225 needed for reinstatement. All checks being held from these reinstatement commitments will be returned over the next few months, and all current data will be retained for any future attempts to begin the program anew.

Garden Club - Vice President Robert DeVeau announced that the next meeting is Thursday at 319 W. 34th Street and will be on gingers. Contact Ed de Alba at 713-694-5934 for more information or to join.

GOMO - Director Donna Archer announced the next regular GOMO meeting is June 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kroger on 34th. There will be a special director election immediately following the July Civic Club meeting.

Old Business

Garden Oaks Prom/Cotillion - Tina Sabuco announced that she has had about 12 people contact her regarding the prom/cotillion. They will meet on 6/5/03 at 7:00 to brainstorm ideas and plans. At this point, they are thinking it might held in the fall - typical homecoming time. Contact Tina if interested in helping.

Announcements

A Section 1 resident brought up the problem of people driving across yards at the closed street in the 30th/Durham/Randall area because the street does not go through. Rick will speak with the resident to see if Beautifica-

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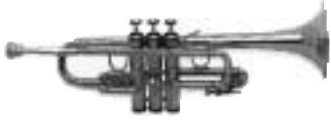
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tion can help with the problem.

Another Section 1 resident wanted to talk about rumors regarding placement of benches and tables in the park at 30th/Durham/Randall. She did not want benches or tables there because homeless people already congregate in that area and it is too close to the houses. Rick assured her that Beautification had no plans to put any tables or benches in that area.

Donna Archer announced that Cat Catchers, a neighborhood group dedicated to trapping, spaying/neutering, and then releasing feral cats from Garden Oaks colonies, is looking for homes for several kittens from a local colony. Contact Donna if you would like a kitten or to provide donations for the neutering/spaying of the cats.

The next Civic Club meeting is July 1, 2003. There will not be an August meeting in observance of National Night Out. Contact Carl Waters if you are planning a block party.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Meeting refreshments were graciously provided by Terry Jeanes of Re/MAX-METRO.

Citizens on Patrol

Carl Waters, Jr.

Happy Independence Day! I hope everyone has a good time at the picnics, barbecues, or the Garden Oaks Bike Parade. August will provide another good reason for a neighborhood party: *National Night Out* will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2003. Make plans now to have a party on your block. If you contact me early we might be able to have a patrol officer stop by your party and address some of your concerns.

Patroller of the Month

Our *Patroller of the Month* for July is long time veteran Johnny Murphy. Johnny started patrolling in September of 1991. In addition to patrolling the neighborhood, Johnny has also served as a base station operator and equipment manager for the GOCOP program for a number of years. Johnny and his family live in Section 5. Thank you Johnny for your long time commitment to the COP program.

April Crime Statistics (11)

Robbery (1)

3100 block of N. Shepherd on Friday, April 4, at 10:00 p.m. (restaurant).

Burglaries (6)

300 block of W. 31st St. on Tuesday, April 1, at 1:00 p.m. (residence).

700 block of W. 41st St. on Thursday, April 3, at 4:30 a.m. (residence).



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 800 block of Azalea on Friday, April 25, at 8:00 p.m. (residence).
 800 block of 43rd St. on Monday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. (residence).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

3100 block of N. Shepherd on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:45 a.m. (restaurant parking lot).

Auto Theft (2)

600 block of W. 34th St. on Saturday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m. (parking lot).
 700 block of W. 41st St. on Sunday, April 20, at 12:01 a.m. (driveway).

Driving While Intoxicated (1)

600 block of W. 34th St. on Friday, April 4, at midnight. (public street).

Our year-to-date total is now 30, which is one less than the first four months of last year.

In late May and early June residents of Section 1A reported a series of burglaries in which the culprits appeared to using the drainage ditches behind the residences as an access point. If your home backs up to a drainage ditch you might want to consider reinforcing your back fence.

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Garden Oaks Homecoming Dance

Jennifer Langdon

Patent leather shoes on the hardwood dance floor... a lattice archway decorated with crepe paper flowers and balloons... red punch that someone plans to spike... giant mum corsages with ribbons and trinkets dangling from dresses...the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen...butterflies in your stomach as you move in for that smooch... Bring back any memories?

The same spirit will take over our neighborhood this fall. You are invited to Garden Oaks' First Annual Homecoming Dance (for grown-ups!). A fun-loving bunch of your friends and neighbors are starting to plan a local evening of fun and frivolity that celebrates "Coming Home to Garden Oaks."

If you are past your high school years and still have a spring in your step and a twinkle in your eye, you are invited. We would like to welcome Garden Oaks residents of all ages. Our goal is to have residents who originally danced at "homecoming" or "prom" in at least five different decades.

If Homecoming in Garden Oaks sparks your imagination, please call Jennifer Langdon (713) 692-6186 or Tina Sabuco (713) 692-6778 to get more information. Our first step is to recruit diverse GO residents to join the planning. We are scouting nearby locations and will soon finalize the date.

So next time your sweetie asks "When are you going to take me out dancing?" you've got an easy reply: "Put on your dancing shoes, baby! We're going to the Garden Oaks Homecoming Dance this fall."

Watch the Gazette for more information!

Travel Lite this Summer

Catherine Kruppa, MS, RD, LD

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Here are some tips to help you eat healthy while on vacation.

Bring snacks with you. This will keep you from getting too hungry between meals, as well as keep you away from the junk food. Pack dried fruit, cut vegetables, string cheese, StarKist Lunch-to-Go (tuna and crackers), or an energy bar.

Eat healthy before you leave home. Instead of grabbing an Egg McMuffin at the airport, fuel up on a low-fat, balanced breakfast at home (i.e. oatmeal,

egg white omelet or whole grain cereal, skim milk and fruit).

Order healthy on the plane. Most airlines provide a heart-healthy meal if you call and request it 48 hours in advance. The typical airline meal can pack as many as 950 calories and 50 grams of fat! That is equivalent to a Big Mac, medium fries, and a strawberry sundae at McDonald's. A 150-pound woman only burns 84 calories per hour she sits in the plane. So you will definitely benefit from choosing a low fat meal. You could also pack your own bag lunch. A sandwich with lean meat, fruit, raw veggies, and string cheese is one example.

Drink up! For every hour that you fly, you lose approximately 16 oz of water due to the low humidity on the plane. This leads to dehydration, fatigue and jet lag. Bring a water bottle with you and avoid dehydrating beverages such as coffee, caffeinated soft drinks, and tea.

Avoid the minibar! After a hard day of vacationing, it is tempting to come back to the room and open the minibar, which contains high calorie and fat-packed fare. Your best bet is not to accept the key when you check in.

Garden Oaks Cookbook - 2004

Jane Hamilton

Hello neighbors! My name is Jane Hamilton and I'm putting together the Garden Oaks Cookbook Committee. We are hoping to have the cookbook for sale during the 2004 Home Tour, so time is short. Please email your favorite recipes to recipes@gardenoaks.org or mail them to me at 858 Azalea, Houston, TX 77018. Proposed ideas include a vegetarian section, updated versions of recipes from the previous GO cookbook, and asking local restaurants to donate a favorite recipe. If you are interested in serving on the cookbook committee, or have ideas about format or obtaining recipes, photos, and illustrations, please contact me at 713-695-7347 or at the email address above.

Yard of the Month

The yard of the month for July belongs to Connie Yell at 407 W. 30th St. Connie has lived there 12 years and her yard is beautiful. The sculpted boxwood and the windowbox with bouganvilla are fabulous.

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Preparing For a Long Weekend

Mark Saranie

If Wednesday is hump day, then the transition from June to July has to be hump *month*. Summer is like an annual Wednesday and Thursday, fall is Friday, and winter is the weekend. In our working lives, the week is on the downward slope after Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are used to tie up loose ends, finish projects and tidy up the desk so that the weekend can be spent worry free. Our gardening lives are no different, except for the fact that the “annual work week” is roughly composed of seven fifty-two day blocks.

So now we are in the annual day of Wednesday. The gardens are growing full “stem” ahead. We are in maintenance mode. Thanks to some of the erratic rainstorms we received mid-June, the need to continually water has been staved off. Despite this, we still have to face the hottest months of the year. As our annual Thursday and Friday approach we will all begin to prepare for our long annual weekend.

Just an early reminder about National Neighbor’s Night Out, which will take place August 5: Early July is a great time to make non-stressed plans for N.N.N.O. so that everyone on your block or street can come together and get acquainted or reacquainted with each other. This contributes to the strong growth in this common garden we all call home.

Lots of Gardening Things for July

☼ Enjoy and have a safe Fourth of July celebration.

☼ Mulch your garden beds throughout the rest of the year where needed as well as when you add tenants to your garden. Doing so will help you avoid the huge task of mulching all at once, and will give new and old plantings a much better chance of surviving the weather extremes of the second half of the year.

☼ Regarding your lawn, mow it at the highest setting allowed on your lawn mower. This will keep the turf roots a bit cooler, protect them from the sun, and aid in reducing evaporation, thus conserving water. If you use a lawn service, have them reset their mowers at the highest setting and request that they mulch the clippings into the lawn. This free food is excellent and will further enrich the soil.

☼ Be on the lookout for cinch bugs. Since they like dry conditions, summer is the greatest time for infestations. These critters eat the roots so once they attack, the sod has to be replaced. Keeping the lawn watered is your best defense. The other side of the lawn coin is a soggy summer, during which brown patch, a fungal disease can develop. The characteristic symptoms are large round “brown patches” in the lawn. The use of a fungicide formulated for southern lawns is your best defense. The grass will grow back in time.

☼ Too late to prune azaleas. If you missed the mid-June azalea pruning deadline, **do not** trim them now, or you will remove the buds that are beginning to set for next year’s show. The same goes for fertilizing your azaleas. **Do not** fertilize them until after blooming next year. Doing so now can hurt the bud set. Mulching azaleas with pine needles and oak leaves is a good practice throughout the year. Doing so adds nutrients to the soil and helps the soil attain acidity levels that azaleas prefer.

☼ If crepe myrtle blooms are fading, you can trim the old blooms off and add them to your compost. Trimming will encourage additional blooms.

☼ Be diligent in deadheading the flower garden as well. Plants shut down their flower production and dedicate their strength to creating seeds. This will encourage your plants to continue rewarding you with blooms through the summer and into cooler months.

☉ With Houston's summer heat come inevitable bare spots in the garden, but nurseries are often loaded with heat-tolerant plants. Ask your nursery person for advice. They are your best information resource.

☉ Kick back, have some ice-cold lemonade, and enjoy your gardening efforts.

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using a hound glove. This glove has soft rubber bristles on one side to loosen dead fur. A dog that fights the brush will generally sit for a hound glove.

Dear Mau Mau: Why do cats groom themselves? D. Moore

Well, the main reason is to keep our coats in good order. We each have a routine and we are able to get almost every part of our bodies. Our tongue has comb-like spines to help. Also, cats do not sweat, so the evaporation of our saliva functions like sweat, helping us to keep cool in this paradise called Garden Oaks. If you have a long coat, you will most definitely need help from your staff, but even shorthairs need to leave some of the grooming--it gives the staff something to do.

Mau Mau

Backyard Report

It's July and the June Bugs are still here. The life cycle of the June Bug or May Beetle takes three years to complete. The beetles lay a few dozen eggs in June or July in shallow burrows of the lawn. The eggs hatch into white grubs that can hardly crawl because their large abdomens are curled under their bodies. They feed on the roots of grass, often doing much damage. In the fall, they burrow two feet into the ground and spend the winter there. In the spring, they come back up to continue feeding and growing until fall, when they burrow deep again. In June and July of the next year, they become pupae, and in August and September, the adult beetles hatch. Then, the adult stays buried in the soil until the following spring. Now, three years later on a warm night in June or July, the beetle comes out and flies to the nearest porch light, in your hair, down your shirt, and into the house where it does a kamikaze flight around, and you unknowingly step on the remains.

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 713-688-6363.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9 GOMO Meeting Kroger's on 43 rd 7:00 p.m.	10 Garden Club Meeting 1344 La Monte 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15 Gazette Article Deadline	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Upcoming Events: -Neighbor's Night Out, 8/5 -G.O. Homecoming Dance (this fall) -Home and Garden Tour, 4/18	

2003 Garden Oaks Civic Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

(A) Annual Dues

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Are you a ___ new or ___ renewing member? Do you ___ own or ___ rent your house?
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If we publish a Neighborhood Directory, may we include your Contact Information?
() Yes () No

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