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2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour

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The 2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour Executive Committee worked very hard to create a successful event **that netted over \$30,000 to benefit our neighborhood.** Their enthusiasm was contagious and made the entire tour weekend a great success. Every time I needed help in a specific area, one of the committee stepped forward to get the job done.

There are so many to thank, but I would especially like to mention a few “behind the scenes” folks that really made a difference. Thank you to Susan Taylor for her artwork on the photographs and graphics used in the day of Tour ticket. She filled big shoes when she took over the job this year, and she did a beautiful job. Noe Garcia with Computer-Wiz, also did **an outstanding job** in creating the logo, postcards and posters this year. Jan Forster stepped up so many times to give advice and help with graphics; I truly do not know what I would have done without her support. Believe me, I learned more about graphic art this year than I ever wanted to know!

For those of you who have enjoyed our 25th Anniversary Edition Garden Oaks Cookbook, there are two residents that need to be acknowledged and thanked for their contribution. **Thanks go to Susan McMillian for sharing her priceless first edition cookbook with us, and Oscar Ochoa for making a dream I had of putting this book together come true.** There is so much history in this book. If you do not have a copy yet, you

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2006
“Spirit of America”
Bicycle Parade**

**Next Civic Club Meeting
Tuesday, July 5th**

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5th at 7 p.m. in the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria, 901 Sue Barnett @ Garden Oaks Blvd. Babysitting services are available at a cost of \$1.00 per child. Hope to see you there!

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2006 Garden Oaks...

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need to have one to experience the change in our neighborhood. If you end up with a new recipe, well that is a bonus!

Without question our auction benefited from all of those working behind the scenes collecting items, storing over 200 items, categorizing, entering into the computer and getting the website update constantly. Thanks go to Joe Muscara, termite terrace studios, Brian O'Leary and George Appling for use of their home, garage and ANY available space we could use for storage. **I would also like to thank Shelley Rogers for getting all those remaining auction items to the appropriate winners after the party.**

Two of our executive committee members were also home/garden owners on the tour. Nothing like pressure! I would especially like to thank both Amber Graham (Preview Party) and Tina Sabuco (Live/Silent Auction) for their efforts. Both undertook huge jobs as well as opening their home and garden to the public.

We also had great volunteers greeting the public at each home or garden and at the command center. Our house and garden captains kept things organized and flowing smoothly once again. Thank you Joan Baron, Brenda DeAlba, Mike Caldwell, Mike Dreiss, Scott Easterly, Terry Jeanes, Tina Nieto, and Susan Saranie.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the homeowners for being so gracious. It was such a pleasure, from beginning to end, to work with each of you. The variety of style, décor, architecture and garden elements presented gave a wonderful representation of Garden Oaks. Thanks Garden Oaks for a successful 2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour!

**Don't forget Civic Club
Meeting is
Wednesday,
July 5**

Heard Under The Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

**Welcome new neighbors
who recently joined the
neighborhood.**

955 W42nd. 730 W 30th
963 Althea 327 W 32nd.
1031 W 42nd 705 W 39th
1543 Sue Barnett
1087 W 41st. 311 W 33rd.
216 W 32nd. 722 W 38th
1015 Althea 962 Lamonte

Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

**Congratulations on these Birthdays
and Celebrations.**

7/2 Claire Balance
7/7 MT Herring
7/11 Claire Foley Bell
7/12 Kaplan Martinez,
7/16 Sterling and Sean Walden
7/23 Trent Toxey.

Belated wishes to **Shawna Tatum**
6/21.

Congratulations go out to Elizabeth Anne Sobol who graduated Cum Laude from Spring Woods High and will attend Texas A&M . She is the granddaughter of the late **Bert and Wilma Spinks** original Garden Oaks residents. **Seen in the Travel section and other related news..... Tina Parks** celebrated her birthday with a vacation trip to Cozumel in June. **Patty Walters** enjoyed a brief vacation with her mom and family in Las Vegas. **Margaret Rudd** and **Tom Peden** visited **Tina Sabuco** and **Shellye Arnold's** Abundance Retreat in Wimberley enjoying several nights in Moondance cottage. The creek is great!

In Memoriam : our thoughts and condolences go out to the families of both **Jack Cato** and **Larry Davenport** who passed away recently.

To highlight an event or celebration or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.

May Meeting Minutes

Warren E. Carlson, Secretary

WELCOME

The meeting was convened in the cafeteria of the Garden Oaks Elementary School. President Sheila Briones opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Carl Waters motioned to approve the minutes of the April meeting as printed in the May Gazette. The motion was seconded by Mike Dishberger and the minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mike Dishberger made available an income statement and balance sheet. Dishberger reported that the Civic Club is currently running under budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee Co-Chair Brenda de Alba reported there would be more volunteer workdays in the fall when the weather has cooled off. Specifically, the Rose Garden is targeted for work. Volunteers are greatly needed to keep our green spaces looking their best.

Constable Program Chair Terry Jeanes made the following announcements: Shepherd Park Plaza has a new constable. Their constable also responds to calls from our neighborhood when our constable is off duty; The vacation watch form is available online (www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/VacationWatch.pdf). While on duty, our constable will periodically drive by the properties of paid members on vacation and watch for any unusual activity; Phone Stickers are available at the Civic Club meetings; Section 1 has recently suffered vandalism at various sites. The markings that were spray painted were not identifiable by the police department. **A note about parking on our narrow streets:** Please do park completely off the street and onto the grass. Any obstruction of the street is a hazard, especially to emergency vehicles such as those driven by the police and fire departments. Please be aware that law enforcement has recently issued citations for vehicles

parked along the street opposite the flow of traffic, i.e. pointing the wrong direction.

The Gazette submission deadline is always the 15th of the month.

The Home and Garden Tour proceeds are still being calculated. There were approximately 225 attendees at the Sponsor/Preview Party.

Citizens on Patrol Chair Carl Waters announced there were 9 reported crimes in our neighborhood in February 2006. A very warm welcome and thank you to new patrol volunteer Gil Evans.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New playground equipment other than the new SPARK park equipment is already being constructed on the school grounds. The SPARK park equipment is still scheduled for spring 2007. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at the Upper Kirby District building (located 3015 Richmond Avenue, Houston, Texas 77098).

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club member Brenda de Alba announced that the next meeting would be May 10th at the GOMO office. The topic is slated for African Violets.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Terry Jeanes needs nominations to recognize deserving neighbors who really make a contribution to our community. The award will include a \$50 savings bond and a gift certificate appropriate to the recipient. The good neighbor will be recognized at either the June or July Civic Club Meeting.

BYLAW REVISIONS

Committee Chair Lori Kennedy made a motion to adopt the new set of bylaws as submitted to the Civic

Club at the April 4, 2006 and the May 2, 2006 meetings and that such new bylaws will replace and supersede all previous bylaws, amendments and

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operating rules. The motion was seconded by Brenda de Alba. Members in attendance approved the motion overwhelmingly.

SPECIAL GUEST

President Sheila Briones introduced Bonnie Hebert from the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD). Ms Hebert's presentation entailed such issues as how properties are appraised by HCAD, when properties are appraised, the rights and responsibilities of HCAD, the rights and responsibilities of property owners, protest deadlines, means to file protests, the protest process and homestead exemptions.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was attended by members of 29 households. Guests, new members and first time attendees included Arthur Reyes, Aimee Ford, Ernest and Paulette Svec, Janna and Dwight Alsobrook, Jeremy Rangel, Graham Gips, Vid Hinojosa, Leslie Novak, Teresa Coleman and Pam Parks, Valeria Brown, Richard Averitt, Mary Jane Menzel, Diana Tarley and Jonathan Morgan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37 p.m.

June Meeting Minutes

Warren E. Carlson, Secretary

The meeting was convened in the cafeteria of the Garden Oaks Elementary School. President Sheila Briones opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dian Austin motioned to approve the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Terry Jeanes and the minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mike Dishberger made available an income statement and balance sheet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constable Program Chair Terry Jeanes made the following announcements: Section 1 has recently experienced incidents of prostitution. There is a Hispanic male, approximately 35 years old, with a large mustache, driving a silver extended cab Ford F150 truck who is suspected of assault. Please be on the lookout for this individual.

Home and Garden Tour Chair Sue Schmidt relayed accolades of praise and gratitude to many very key volunteers who helped make this year's home tour a tremendous success. Proceeds from the event totaled a handsome \$30,531.39!

Citizens on Patrol Chair Carl Waters reported a significant increase in petty crime in the past 6 to 8 weeks, as well as an incident of homicide that occurred at the Carter's Grove Apartments! It is imperative that homeowners report criminal and/or suspicious activity to both the Constable's office (713-755-7628) and the police department (713-884-2121). By reporting to the law enforcement agencies and making them aware of the activity, in turn they will focus their efforts to better protect our area. Additionally, the GO-COP program can only be effective with homeowner participation. Homeowners are trained by the police department to patrol the area and report suspicious activity. Volunteers make no arrests, carry no weapons, and do not interact with suspects in any way. Volunteers are trained to simply keep an eye out and to contact law enforcement while



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on patrol. The presence of GOCOP volunteers patrolling the area in itself is a deterrent to criminal activity. Contact Carl Waters (gocop77018@aol.com or 713-864-1992) to join the GOCOP volunteers.

Membership Chair Dian Austin reported the welcome packets are being revised, and home tour t-shirts and cookbooks are available for purchase at the civic club meetings. The cookbooks are an excellent resource of Garden Oaks history and memorabilia.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The budget for the new SPARK park equipment has been set at \$75,000.00, to be funded from various sources. To join the planning committee for this project, contact President Sheila Briones (president@gardenoaks.org or 713-861-8091).

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club President Chris Lindsay reported their next meeting would be Wednesday, June 14th at 412 West 34th Street beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be trees, and wine will be served! Future meeting locations will alternate between members' homes and the GOMO office. Annual dues to the Garden Club are \$10. All are welcome, master gardeners and novices alike.

GARDEN OAKS MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (GOMO)

Section 3 Director Mike Dishberger reported GOMO meets twice per month, in their office (4001 North Shepherd Drive, Suite 216) and at the elementary school following the Civic Club meeting.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Terry Jeanes awarded Patty Bloomer in recognition for her generous gift of time and efforts to friends and neighbors in need. Bloomer received a \$25 gift certificate to Tony's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina.

SPECIAL GUEST

Vice President Chris Schmidt introduced Donice Shilling from CenterPoint Energy. Ms. Shilling addressed issues such as power outages, causes of power outages, power line repair proto-

col, CenterPoint's post deregulation function and storm management. CenterPoint's customer service line is 713.207.2222.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to a conflict with the July 4th holiday, the Garden Oaks Civic Club will not meet Tuesday of that week. Instead, the Civic Club will meet Wednesday, July 5th for its monthly meeting.

The July 1st Bicycle Parade will be a great time had by all! Bring your classic cars, art cars and decorated bicycles to show off. Council Member Toni Lawrence will preside as the parade's Grand Marshall. Many thanks for support of the event are extended to Hartman & Associates, underwriter, and to Pat Buron, official photographer.

National Night Out is scheduled for August 1st. Plan your block party and contact Carl Waters at: gocop77018@aol.com or 713-864-1992 to be included in the neighborhood goings on.

DOOR PRIZE

Shelley Rogers won a gift certificate to Home Depot. Congratulations, Shelley!

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was attended by members of 16 households. Guests, new members and first time attendees included Wes Krueger, and Patricia and Thomas Mehrkam.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

CORRECTION

Okay, folks, the secretary is losing it! The minutes to the May meeting inadvertently listed Aimee Ford as a new attendee to the meeting. I very well knew her name is Aimee Flood, not Ford. My sincere apologies to Aimee, and thanks for coming to the meeting!

THANK YOU!

Terry Jeanes of Re/Max Metro graciously provided refreshments.



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Pathways Thru the Oaks

Constable Program

Terry Jeanes & Susan Love-Saranie

In response to the increase in unwanted activity around the areas of W 38th, W 39th, and W 34th near Crater's Grove Apts. This last month adjustments were made to Deputy Smith's schedule in efforts to deter the activity near Carter 's Grove Apartments and the 700 blocks of W 39th, W. #8th, and Sue Barnett. As of this writing no burglaries have been reported and several arrests have been made.

A reminder to all area residents you are the additional eyes and ears for the success of our program. . Last month one of our older neighbors was assaulted and robbed as he walked back from Kroger – description of the vehicle is a silver extended cab pick up without license plates and an Hispanic male 35-40 years of age with a mustache. Please be alert and call constable dispatch 713 755 7628 on any suspicious activity. Your call could make a difference.

Constable Program benefits include:

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County Constable
- Vacation watch by Harris County Constable. Forms available at: <http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm.pdf>
- Security check for insurance discount
- Alarm contact/ response by Harris County Constable
- Perceived value by prospective new neighbors considering buying in Garden Oaks because the neighbors work collectively to make the neighborhood safer
- Low Cost. The annual fee is \$140 per year, which is less than 40 cents per day. There are two payment options. An annual check of \$140 or a bank draft option of \$15 per month.

Contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com with any questions.

Constable Program *Continued*

Constable Program Statistics from May 2006

Miles patrolled ...1307
Court Citations...15
Alarm responses...0
Verbal warnings...0
Written warnings...6
Vacation watches...33
Suspicious Vehicles...2
Criminal Offenses...0
Arrests...0

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GO Kids Potluck Party *Tonya Knauth*

Aimee and Tyler Flood will host a Garden Oaks Kids Potluck Party on July 8th at their home, 806 W. 30th, from 4 - 7 pm. Bring your family and favorite dish! Adult and children's beverages will be provided, and there will be splash activities for the kids.

GO Kids was started by a group of parents who want to build a family-friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together -- all Garden Oaks families are welcome! Please RSVP to the Floods at (713) 862-4203.



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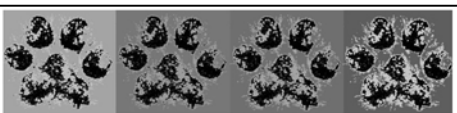
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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters Jr.

Section 2 residents living along 38th and 39th streets have reported an influx of burglaries in their area over the past two months. Garages and out buildings have been the main target with lawn mowers and other easily pawnable items being taken. There was also at least one incident where a homeowner was awakened to a Hispanic male going through his home. Please be sure to lock your doors and windows at night to help reduce the chance of this happening to you. It would also be advisable to move chairs; ladders and any other item that might help a burglar enter your home.

It is also a good idea to get to know your neighbors if you don't already. Knowing who is around and who belongs next door may keep someone from breaking into your home or your neighbor's home. A great way to do this is to host a National Night Out Party. Tuesday, August 1, 2006, is the date for National Night Out. Please contact Civic Club President Sheila Briones, Terry Jeans or myself if you would like to "register" your party and have a chance to speak with HPD officers or someone from the Constables Office regarding your concerns.

The Citizen Patrol Program is saying a temporary good bye to patrollers Bob and Jo Bewley. Bob has accepted a new work assignment which will prevent him from patrolling for about a year. Bob and Jo have been patrolling since the fall of 1997. Bob referred to his Monday patrols as being "out amongst silos" referring to the large trash cans out at the street each week. Bob also called me one night to say he had to stop patrolling to help a family cross the street. He laughed a few seconds later and stated he stopped to let a mother opossum and her brood cross in front of his vehicle. In appreciation for their efforts I have picked up a gift certificate from Cavatore's for their use.

April Crime Statistics (5):

Burglary (1):

3000 block of N. Durham Dr. on Sunday April 23rd at 9:00 p.m. (restaurant).

Burglary Motor Vehicle (3):

500 block of W. 30th St. on Monday, April 10th at 11:00 p.m. (driveway).

200 block of W. 32nd St. on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. (residence).

4100 block of Apollo St. on Friday, April 28th at 9:00 p.m. (residence).

2900 block of Ashland St. on Wednesday, April 19th at 11:20 a.m. (street).

This gives us a year to date total of 26 crimes reported this year. This is seven less than reported through April of last year.

As always inquires about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the COP email account at:

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or by phone at 713.864.1992

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Bottom Line

Sue Schmidt

The numbers are in and The 2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour was a great success! The event netted over \$30,500 which was 30% more than the projected \$23,800 we had targeted. These funds have a direct affect on our community in supporting our parks and beautification program, constable program, Citizens on Patrol, *The Gazette* and Garden Oaks Elementary School. Once again, I have to say **Thank You** to all of our generous sponsors and donors. Without their support, the Home and Garden Tour could not have hoped to achieve this level of success. All of our sponsors and auction donors were listed in an insert printed in the June edition and are listed again on pages 6 & 9 this month. I hope that all Garden Oaks residents will keep this list close at hand and give their business, whether goods or services, to those who support the community. Let them know their support of our neighborhood is appreciated. Tell them their support

affected your decision. The insert of sponsors and donors is available at www.gardenoaks.org/gazette or call Sue Schmidt at 832-563-3402, and I will be happy to get a copy to you. I would also like to thank all of those that worked so hard to make this possible. The 2006 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour Executive Committee (see article on page), all of the house captains, the many volunteers and supporters, and the homeowners. It does take a village to make this happen and all of Garden Oaks shines on Tour Day. The 2006 Executive Committee will be meeting one last time to make recommendations about the programs that will benefit from the funds that are in excess of the budgeted net proceeds of \$21,545 that was projected by the Civic Club. All of the funds made by the Home Tour go back into our neighborhood. When it comes time to volunteer for the 2008 Home and Garden Tour, just remember it benefits every single homeowner in our neighborhood! It is a great way to support our community.

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Sheila Briones, 2006 Garden Oaks Civic Club President

JULY 1ST BICYCLE PARADE

Join us on Saturday, July 1, at 9am. as we celebrate Independence Day with the "Spirit of America" bicycle parade at the Rick Englert SPARK Park located @ 901 Sue Barnett. Line-up begins at 8:30 am

Serving as Grand Marshal is District A Houston City Councilmember Toni Lawrence. Judging for the best in each category will be held before the parade with winners announced after the parade in the following categories: strollers, tricycles, wagons, groups, walkers/foot, skates, kids bicycles (ages 0-6, 7-12, 13-17), adult bicycles and pets.

Now get to work on those floats, enter your restored classic car or truck, get your bicycles oiled, and get some fresh wheels on your board and roller skates. Let's show America what a red, white and blue parade really looks like.

Volunteers are needed to serve as

judges and parade marshals. Call me at 713-861-8091 or email me at sbriones@hotmail.com to volunteer. This year's parade has been generously underwritten by Hartman & Associates.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING JULY CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Since July 4th falls on the first Tuesday of the month, the **July Civic Club meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, July 5th**. Meeting is held at the Garden Oaks Elementary School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Make plans to attend!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st

Don't forget about National Night Out! Plan to attend or host a party. If you host and would like to register your address, contact Carl Waters at GOCOP77018@aol.com or by phone at 713-864-1992 by July 15th. We'll list your party in the August issue of the

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- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

POOPER SCOOPER LAW

A reminder from the Houston Department of Health and Human Services and your neighbors: Don't forget to pick up after your dog or cats. The Pooper Scooper Law, Section 6-24, reminds pet owners that they must remove all fecal material deposited by their pets on property they do not own, including neighbor's yards, city parks, school property, public rights-of-way, etc. Violation of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75

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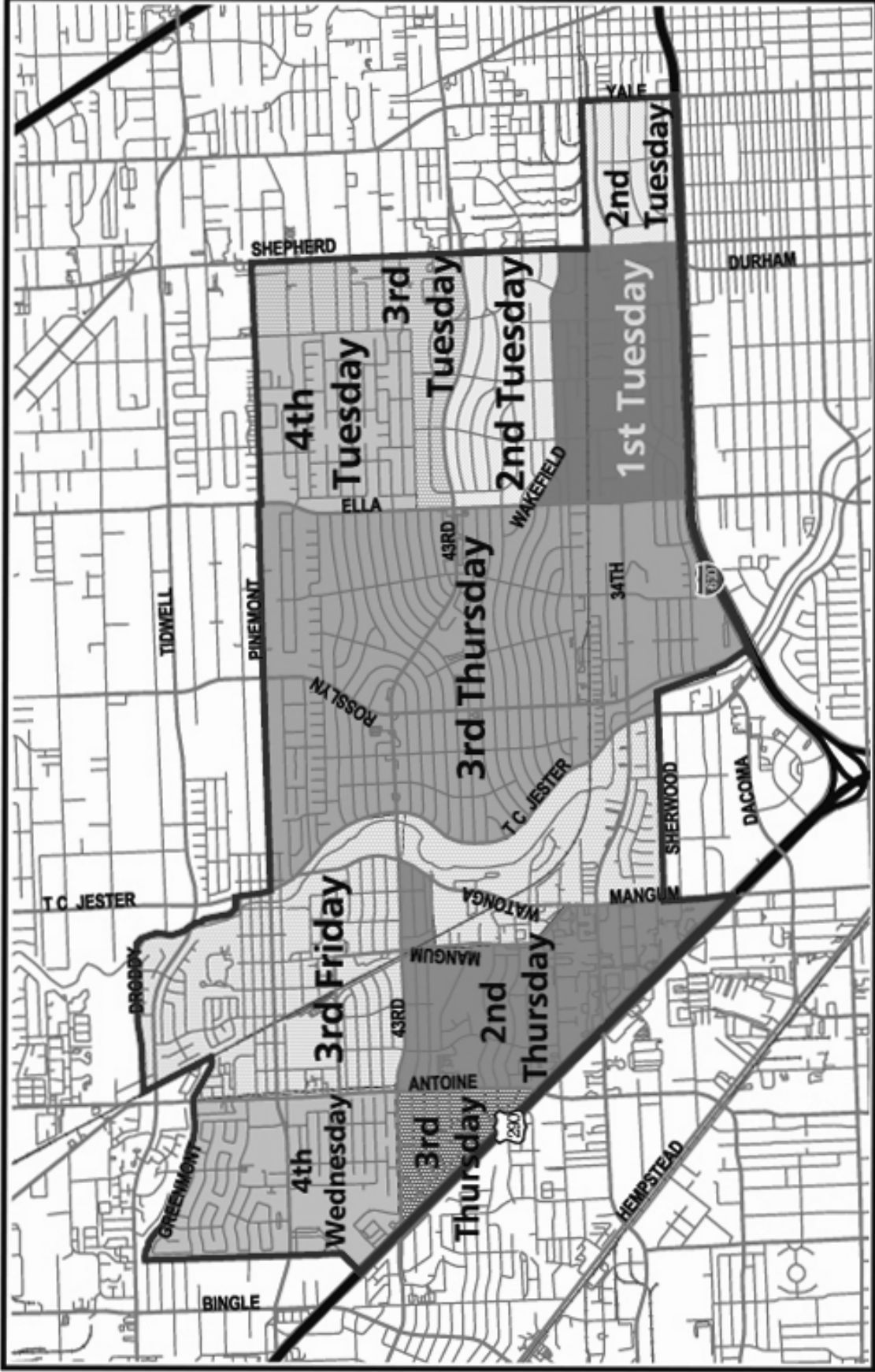
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Curbside Recycling

Sue Schmidt

Recently Mayor Bill White launched a "recycling awareness campaign" to increase the use of the Houston's curbside recycling service. Your family should have received the letter that was mailed out to the community giving information on the program. Not all Houston neighborhoods receive the curbside pick up. Some are even on a waiting list. The city will be monitoring the use of the program and some neighborhoods could lose curbside recycling pick-up if there is a lack of participation.

Garden Oaks is one of the neighborhoods that **does** receive this service from the city, and a challenge has been issued to all of the neighborhoods that are currently involved. Mayor White would like to see an increase in the number of homes using the recycling service. The letter sent out states that in the communities that do currently participate, only 20%, **one in five residents**, currently recycle. I know we can do better than that!

With this in mind, the city is sponsoring a competition among the neighborhoods that have curbside recycling. "Each subdivision will be 'scored' on their participation rate and the amount of recyclables. The subdivision with the highest overall score and the one with the most improvement will be rewarded with a \$5,000 cash prize to be used on neighborhood improvements. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: the most improved paper recycling area, the overall highest paper scoring area, the most improved commingled area, and the highest overall commingled area.

I don't know about you, but I love competition! Let's get those recyclables out at the curb for pick up and WIN \$5,000 for neighborhood improvements! There are so many things we could do with another \$5,000. Of course, another benefit is keeping the program in our neighborhood! Let's go Garden Oaks...start recycling!!

2006-2007 Bi-weekly Recycling Schedule - Week B

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Instructions: On Green Shaded Weeks - Your Garbage Day is *also* your Recycling Day
Exceptions: Pineloch Residents; Your recycling day is on the shaded Fridays)

On Non-Shaded Weeks: No Recycling Collection; Garbage & Yardwaste Collection Only

Circled Days = City Holidays: Solid Waste services provided the following day
 Check your local newspaper or our website for possible changes to the holiday collection schedule

Placement Time: Out by 7am, in by 10pm (on your collection day)

Recyclable Materials Accepted in the Curbside Program

Mail, Envelopes Home Office Paper

- No dark colored or decorative papers
- No foil packaging

Plastic Bottles

- #1 and #2 only
- Bottles must have smaller necks than base
- Less than 3 gallons
- **No lids!!**

Aluminum, Tin, Steel & Empty Aerosol Cans

- Rinse & drain
- Labels are okay
- Place lids inside larger containers

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Telephone Books

- Loose dry & unsoiled
- Remove plastic wrapping, rubber bands

Flattened Corrugated Cardboard

- Flatten to a max. of 3 feet on each side
- No food, pizza or cereal boxes
- No beverage cartons, gift boxes, styrofoam, peanuts or packing material

Used Motor Oil

- Drain into original container
- Clean, non-chemical/ non-detergent screwtop container okay
- No empty used oil containers
- No anti-freeze liquid or containers accepted

Note: No glass or plastic bags accepted in the curbside program. On windy days, secure recycling materials by placing full sacks of paper on top of bin.



July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	Independence Day	5 GO Civic Club Meeting @ GO Elm. School @ 7 PM	6	7	8
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