

The Garden Oaks

Gazette

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Carlson and Dyer Will Be Missed

by Sheila Briones and Sue Schmidt

Two members of the Civic Club passed away during the holidays. Clyde Dyer, 86, a U.S. Army veteran that was recently honored at the November 7th Civic Club meeting, passed away on November 21 from complications related to pneumonia. In addition, Warren Carlson, 2006 Civic Club secretary, died on Monday, December 18, from an aggressive type of skin cancer. They will both be missed and the Civic Club extends our heartfelt sympathy to both of their families.



Warren Carlson
Dec 8, 1969-Dec. 18, 2006

Warren loved Garden Oaks the moment he moved to the neighborhood in 1998. He immediately became active in the community. His caring ways are remembered by many neighbors and friends. Jan Forster, a '99 Home Tour homeowner remembers, "I first met him when our house was on the tour in '99. He was very involved and very supportive of a very nervous homeowner.....me!" In fact, Warren continued to support The Home Tour by fulfilling his commitment as a Trolley Docent this past Spring, even as he was being diagnosed with melanoma.

Good friends, Joe Muscara and wife, Lori Kennedy, met Warren while working to pass GOMO in Section 2. Although there were serious debates that Joe thought might put he and Warren at odds, once resolved, no one worked harder than Warren to see the ballot passed or became a better friend. This past Spring when the position of Civic Club Secretary needed to be filled, Warren once again stepped up. He continued to make every meeting he could. Warren is survived by his loving parents and 4 siblings. We will miss him walking his beloved dog, Gertrude, through the winding streets of Garden Oaks. Warren truly will be missed.

Clyde and his wife, Emma, at the November 7 Civic Club meeting

Clyde Newton Dyer, U.S. Army Rank: Sergeant

Clyde N. Dyer joined the army at 19 years of age along with his brother. Clyde became a medical technician and his brother went on to become a B-25 bomber pilot.



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Friendly Reminder

Deadline for Submission is the 15th of Every Month
No exceptions, no submissions will be accepted after this date. This allows us to proofread, edit, and the printing to be done in a timely manner for delivery to all Garden Oaks Residents.

Next Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, January 2nd

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd 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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President's Message

Sheila Briones, 2007 GOCC President

The coming of a new year is a time to take stock and look to the future with hope. We make resolutions, develop projects, follow new dreams. Above all else, we hope to live life to the fullest and spread joy to those around us. For me, 2006 was a year of possibilities.

I'm looking forward to serving as your Civic Club President in 2007. Joining me as Vice President is Mike Dishberger, section 3 resident. Mike and his wife, Debbie, have lived in Garden Oaks since 1989. Mike served as the Civic Club treasurer for the past three years and has served on the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization for the past four years. He also was instrumental in making sure the new Garden Oaks entrance signs were installed.

Newcomer, Jerry Butler, will serve as Treasurer. Jerry is originally from San Antonio, has lived in Houston for 22 years and moved to Garden Oaks 7 months ago. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting from Texas Tech University and is a CPA with his own accounting firm. He lives with a misbehaving beagle named "Courtney" who he rescued from HoustonBeagleRescue.org.

Serving as secretary is Cindy Bartos who moved to Garden Oaks in 1982 with husband, John and their sweet Golden Retriever, Sonny Boy. Cindy is on her 31st year of teaching in the Aldine Independent School District. In their spare time, Cindy and John, try to get out as often as possible to canoe and kayak the area bayous and bays.

Those returning to their standing committee positions are Dian Austin, Membership; Brenda de Alba, Beautification; Carl Waters, Jr., Citizens on Patrol; Joe Muscara, GardenOaks.org; Josh Hamilton, GardenOaks.org; and Terry Jeanes, Constable Program.

Jonathan Lanz and Sue Schmidt are also returning to head up the *Gazette*. May 2007 be luminous and spark everlasting hope for each and every one of us to hold in our hearts and for our fellow human beings.

I hope that the New Year will bring us all peace, health, happiness, and prosperity, and that extra measure of harmony that makes each of our adventures in this world so very precious.

Dyer Will Be Missed

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After his training at Ft. Sam Houston, Clyde was assigned to the 29th Infantry Division assembling in England in preparation for Operation Overlord – the great assault on Europe that would famously commence with D-Day, June 6, 1944 and the start of the Normandy campaign.

On August 1, 1944 the 29th Infantry was assigned to the newly constituted 3rd Army under Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr.

The autumn and winter of 1944 saw the 29th Infantry heavily engaged in the fighting around Metz and the Saar basin. In early 1945, the 29th Division was part of the tremendous campaign to subjugate Germany. In March 1945, 3rd Army crossed the Rhine during a night assault. It participated in the capture of Frankfurt, the conquest of Bavaria and the advance into Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The 3rd Army had advanced into Czechoslovakia when on one operation Clyde's company was following a team of about eight tanks being personally led on assault up a hill by Ol' Blood an' Guts himself, General Patton. Upon the successful conclusion of the operation, the general returned, halted his tank close to Clyde's ambulances, opened lid and yelled, "We whipped the bastards."

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

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

Congratulations on these January Birthdays and Celebrations...

Garrett Langdon Crownover (3rd),
April Toxey (8th),
Jennifer Langdon (21st),
Lindsay Veech (24th),
Allison Padon (28th),

and the celebrations on the 30th –
Tom Peden, Joe Muscara, and
Shellye Arnold. A Happy one to all!

Happy Anniversary - Bonnie & Rudy Hernandez in January.

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

Dinner's on Us!

Sue Schimidt

What a great time of year to share a fabulous holiday meal with friends and celebrate the season! With this thought in mind, the winners and diners set out to enjoy a Chef's Tasting Menu by Arturo Boada of Arturo's Uptown Italiano. Arturo served as executive chef of Charley's 517 where he was honored as one of the up and coming young Houston chefs. He later ventured out on his own and brought tapas to Houston when he opened Solero's. Honored in 2002 with a James Beard Award, Arturo went on to open Beso on Westheimer and Arturo's Uptown Italiano. Our group decided to spend a special occasion tasting the chef's own selections of delectable foods.

We started the evening out with a shrimp appetizer on a bed of fennel with a wonderful remoulade sauce. The appetizer was followed by a "shot" of yellow bell pepper soup. This was a menu item that would probably be passed on by many in the group, but it was truly divine. If the Galleria beckons again for one last

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Constable Program

Terry Jeanes & Susan Love-Saranie

It's that time of year again! Time to step up and join as a supporter of the 2007 Garden Oaks Constable Program. See the insert in this month's Gazette. Use the mailer sent along with your Civic Club Dues invoice, or use the form at

<http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources/ContributorForm.pdf>.

Constable Program benefits include:

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And remember you are an additional set of eyes and ears!!!! By all means, if you see something unusual or something that you are not quite sure about, make the call to Constable Dispatch at 713-755-7628. Your call could make the Difference.

November 2006 Stats.

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Min. of December 5, 2006

Lori Kennedy

Welcome

President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Motion by Ralph Hayes to accept the November minutes as published; seconded by Carl Waters; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

A year-to-date income and expense report was provided. Motion by Ralph Hayes to accept the 2007 Civic Club budget as printed in the *Gazette*. The motion was seconded by Terry Jeanes and passed by the members.

Standing Committee Reports

Beautification – Brenda de Alba announced there was November workday in the Gazebo Park and another decorating workday on December 2. The irrigation system in the Gazebo Park should be complete and working later this month, hopefully by the 18th. There will be a workday for the Boulevard on December 9. New signs have been installed around the neighborhood. The sign at the Rose Garden is being fixed and should be installed before the end of the month. Big thanks to Mike Dishberger for moving the sign project forward!

Constable – Terry Jeanes reported that the 2007 renewal forms have been mailed along with the membership forms. After you renew for next year, get your neighbor to join too! Deputy Vest reported that burglary of motor vehicles has increased and some cars have even been unlocked. Lock your doors - house, garage and car. The deputies recovered about \$6000 in stolen merchandise in Shepherd Park Plaza after they stopped a guy walking down the street carrying a TV. Hide your Christmas trash so you don't let the bad guys know what new goodies you have. Report suspicious activity even if you aren't sure. The only dumb question is the one that wasn't asked! The Constable's office is having a toy drive. Call Terry or Deputy Vest for pick up, or drop off the toys at the donation box at the Petrol Station, 985 Wakefield, by December 19.

Gazette – Sue Schmidt reported that 4

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new block captains are needed - no, make that 5. There will be an article in next month's issue listing all blocks. Submission deadline is the 15th of every month.

GO Citizens Patrol – Carl Waters reported there were 8 crimes in the October HPD report, which included 1 event from September.

GardenOaks.org – Joe Muscara had no report.

Membership – Dian Austin announced that the 2007 membership renewals had been mailed out along with the constable forms. Renewals are already coming in. Twenty-fifth anniversary cookbooks are still available. Jay Tatum won the door prize, a \$25 gift certificate to Home Depot.

Other Reports

Garden Club – Chris Lindsay announced that the next meeting is December 16 at 851 Lamonte and is the Garden Club's annual meeting with election of officers and a holiday dinner. Dues are \$10 per year. Monthly meetings have specific topics and guest speakers. Possible 2007 topics include wetlands, bogs, bamboo and dragonflies. The major project is Friendship Park and typically involves 2 workdays per year. They are considering hosting a Garden Club garden tour as a fund raiser in off-home tour years.

GOMO – Ed de Alba reported that there might be a plan review meeting after the Civic Club meeting. The school is looking for volunteers to help put in their vegetable garden this weekend.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

Nominating Committee Chair, Dian Austin, announced the slate for the 2007 officers: Mike Hess, President; Mike Dishberger, Vice President; Jerry Butler, Treasurer; and Cindy Bartos, Secretary. Diane then read an announcement from Mike Hess that he was regrettably withdrawing his name from consideration because he had underestimated the amount of time in-

volved. Nominations were then opened to the floor. Chris Lindsay nominated Sheila Briones to serve another term as President. Joe Muscara seconded and Sheila accepted. Brenda de Alba moved to accept by acclimation the names on the nomination slate with Sheila Briones replacing Mike Hess. Terry Jeanes seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and followed by holiday entertainment with bells and scarves provided by Tina Sabuco of Arts ALIVE! and a delicious dinner provided by the Civic Club and the attending members.

Garden Oaks Signs

Mike Dishberger

As you may have already noticed, six new signs have popped up at the entrances to Garden Oaks at Alba, Golf, Althea, Garden Oaks Blvd, Ashland, and Randall Park. In addition, the old sign on 34th Street at the entrance to Section 1 is in the process of being put back together and repainted as it was hit by a car. Since we have so many entrances into Garden Oaks, the more heavily trafficked areas (that did not already have a sign) were selected.

Funding was provided by the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization, through a vote of members in 2004 for \$5000. The delay was due to the fact that it took some time to find a sign company capable of replicating the older signs. If anyone has ideas for future locations of more signs, send me an email at Dishberger@aol.com.



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Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Brown-Farris

HAPPY NEW YEAR! From the words of Benjamin Franklin, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man." Most Americans ring in the New Year with resolutions in mind, and the most common resolution is to lose weight and exercise. This year when you plan your diet and exercise program don't forget your pets. 30% to 40% of pets are overweight too. Our Pet of the Month duo get "oodles" of exercise.

Pet of the Month: Mr. and Miss January are a pair of Standard Poodles named Charlie and Willa Edwards. They live in section 3 with their mum, Deborah. When you think of Poodle you may think "FooFoo" but nothing could be further from the truth. Poodles originated in Germany and date back to the 15th century. The name Poodle comes from the German word *pudel* which means to splash in water. Poodles are extremely athletic and their curly coat is designed to keep them warm and buoyant in the water while hunting for fowl. Poodles are the perfect combination of beauty, brains and brawn. Charlie and Willa are both gorgeous examples of this breed. Charlie is eight years old, a neighborhood jogger, and probably too smart for his own good, but when little Willa came leaping into the family (she doesn't walk; she leaps) he was so gentle, patient and kind to her. Willa celebrates her first birthday on January 10th and with Charlie being the stately older brother Willa has no concerns except happiness and joy. To the Edwards family and all the families of Garden Oaks – Mau Mau and I wish you happiness, joy and blessings for the New Year!

Critters 101: Overweight Pets

While most people don't think about their dogs and cats when making pledges to get fit, many should. Obesity can adversely affect a pet's health

just as it can our health. Besides the physical discomfort of simply being overweight, obesity can cause or aggravate a host of other physical ailments, including arthritis, joint problems, pancreatitis, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory difficulties and liver dysfunction. So, be honest... is your pooch pudgy? Do you have a chubby cat? A simple test is to stand over your pet and look down at them. You should see an hourglass shape around the stomach. Also, your animal should not have a sagging belly.

Obesity in pets is most often due to old-fashioned overeating combined with lack of exercise. If you suspect that your pet's obesity may be caused by other problems, or if your dog's weight does not respond to dietary and exercise management, consult with your vet.

Be conscious of what your pet eats. Don't leave food down all day. Instead feed your pet two or three times daily and you choose how much he eats. Try substituting praise and play instead of popping fattening treats into your pet's mouth. Many dogs love plain popcorn (no salt or butter) or a crunchy carrot stick as low fat treat alternatives. For weight loss, veterinarians recommend a low fat, high fiber diet. Most of the inexpensive commercial diets are poor quality, and may cause your pet to eat more in order to get the nutrients he needs. Try switching to a high-quality, low-fat diet. If you do change your pet's diet, do so gradually. Combine the new food with your pet's usual food in larger and larger proportions over several weeks.

Many pets are left alone all day while their families go to work. These latch-key pets spend most of their days sleeping, with occasional breaks for naps on the couch. After a hard day at work, most pet owners barely have the time or energy for more than a quick trip to the front yard, much less a brisk

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Critter Corner

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walk with the dog or playtime with the cat. Even a 5 to 10 minute walk or playtime is a great start. Before you know it, you will have a bona-fide exercise routine, and it is good for both you and the pet! Cats tend to do their own thing, but you can take time to discover your cat's favorite toys and encourage it to play. There are few things in life as pleasurable and good for YOU as walking a dog. Dog and human alike benefit physically from the exercise, and mentally from the relaxation such an activity provides. So, do something nice for yourself tonight, WALK THE DOG!

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services and Go Dog USA, Home of the Go Dog Social Club and Go Dog Academy @ Urban Tails. Mau Mau is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@GoDogUSA.com or call 713-688-6363.

Dog Ladies or Dictionary Ladies?

Casey Farris and Carol Metze of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services take time out from the dogs and cats to pass out dictionaries to every third-grader at Garden Oaks Elementary School. Casey said they took the idea from her mother who provides dictionaries every year across Galveston Island. The dictionary is designed for third-grade through high school. It is really a neat book with lots of information, along with some fun stuff in it. This was our second year to provide them and we plan to do it every year. The children love them and this project is such a treat for us. After all, third-graders rock!



13th Annual GO Elementary Pancake Breakfast

Mark Klein

Batter up for the 13th Annual GO Elementary Pancake Breakfast: Donors, underwriters needed for key February 10 fundraiser

Garden Oaks, Houston – With the pancake batter nearly ready for the griddle, donors and underwriters are needed to help make the 13th Annual Garden Oaks Pancake Breakfast a successful fundraiser for the Garden Oaks Elementary Montessori program.

Thousands of pancakes will be flipping Saturday morning, February 10, as neighborhood residents join together for some old fashioned community fun, all while helping raise dough for required teaching supplies. Underwriters are needed to help defray the costs of the free (“donations accepted”) breakfast, while donors are needed for silent auction items. Pictured above is the Robert’s family enjoying the event from last February.

A culturally and economical diverse Montessori program thrives at Houston ISD’s Garden Oaks Elementary – a unique neighborhood asset that has doubled in size since its inception last decade. But, fundraisers are crucial to the program’s existence as HISD funding to support the program is limited. Fun events like the annual GO Elementary Pancake Breakfast give neighborhood parents and community benefactors a chance to step up to help the Montessori program teach effectively.

“It is unusual to have a program like

this, but it is just one of those things that makes the neighborhood special for so many people,” says Stephanie Acosta, a member of the non-profit Friends of Montessori. “When you help underwrite the Pancake Breakfast you are really pushing our local education capabilities forward, and in the long run that can only help everyone in the community.”

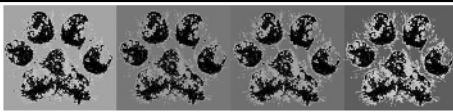
Also featured at the February 10 breakfast: A silent auction; an Arts Alive performance; special items designed and



produced by the students; parent orientation for the upcoming session; and, of course, lots of free golden brown pancakes.

To help underwrite some portion of the breakfast, or to donate auction items, please contact Elizabeth Klein, 713/461-2009, or friendsofmontessori@yahoo.com.

Montessori program applications for the 2007-2008 school year are now available in the school office. The deadline for applications is January 12th. You may call the school at 713-696-2930 for more information. Happy New Year from all the students, staff and parents at Garden Oaks Elementary School!



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Dinner's on Us!
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Christmas shopping spree, I will be stopping in for a hit of this soup as a reward! A Portobello Goat Cheese Salad with a balsamic glaze followed....this was probably the most forgettable course on the menu, but still good.

Next on the menu was an appetizer portion of Sonia's Ravioli stuffed with chicken and porcini mushroom topped with a white wine basil sauce and lump crab. Everyone agreed this was absolutely scrumptious. Definitely rates high marks as an appetizer or entrée.

The wine menu had some great selections, but definitely did not offer the variety of Catalan Restaurant the previous month. Several bottles were shared and enjoyed throughout the evening.

The waiter was quite insistent on serving each glass himself, so whatever you do; do not reach to refill your glass yourself! He obviously underestimated this group. Enjoying each others company and sharing good food and drink is what we are *all* about!

Between courses a white elephant gift exchange with a dining theme ensued. The gifts were so well thought out; very few wanted to "swap". It made for a fun filled evening. Finally, the entrée arrived and was certainly a worthy selection. Grilled beef tenderloin with porcini mushroom sauce so tender and flavorful, there was no shame in taking "doggie bags" with any leftovers this evening.

I doubt Rover saw one tiny bite of this treat...I know mine didn't! Dessert and coffee followed, but by this point, who was counting calories. Bring on the warm chocolate walnut cake. Another interesting and fun twist was just the slightest taste of crème brulee served in a spoon. What can be said but heaven, simply heaven! Dining is sometimes like art. Let the master create and relax and enjoy. It is not something you do every evening, but in the company of good friends and great food, there isn't a better evening spent. That is, until the check comes! Oh well, bon appetit!

Letter to the Editor

Trish Mehrkam

In the December Gazette there was reference to "whoever" the GOXtra people are ...here is some of who we are. Trish Mehrkam, GOXtra.org

I'm a WHOEVER how bout U??
I live here in the trees with the birds
and the bees
I run the streets with my bad knees
I have children, one, two and three
I love my wife of 4 decades old
I speak my mind no matter what I'm told
I live in a house with two cats and a
mouse
I paint my house whatever color I want
I live in it from month to month
I have been here for 4746 days
I plan to stay if my job still pays
I work for myself and no one else
I have fun with everything else
I love Garden Oaks and plan to stay
I would not want it any other way
So I'm a WHOEVER let it be known
I plan on staying here in my home

John D Goodman
Section 3

I'm not as clever as you
But I'm a WHOEVER too.

Jan Davis :)
Section 3

I'm a WHOEVER as well!
It's no secret that I can't tell.
I've lived in Garden Oaks since 1987.
I bought a bungalow, my slice of
heaven!
I love the area - location, location -
Nestled close in the city with good
schools for education.
I bought my bungalow for my daughter
and me
Not able to know what the future held,
you see.
My next door neighbor turned out my
husband to be!
Garden Oaks will always be special
and home
Where I raised my family and my family
has grown.
After a few years of dating, my
neighbor and me,
We happily married and became three
Moved to Shepherd Park Plaza for
more bedrooms & baths
Also for the 2 car garage - detached.

And now as life brings us back around
We are building, returning to my origi-
nal ground.

My husband and I and daughter too,
Returning to Garden Oaks to a house
lovely and new.
We are WHOEVER as well!
We have no secrets we can't tell!

Trish Mehrkam :)
Section 5

You poets are good its true,
But I live here in Garden Oaks too,
Poetry writing is not my thing,
So I will let someone else do the next
ring...

Walter Chance
Section 3

I'm a WHOEVER too.
I've lived in the trees since '53.
Garden Oaks is the place for me.
I ran the streets when I was three.
Garden Oaks was the place for me.
We went to school my sister and me.
And played with our friends in the
trees.

I married the girl next door.
She had a daughter who was four.
I couldn't love them more.
We moved from the trees
For bedrooms three
My family and me.
Now we want to move back to the
trees

Next to my mother who is 83.
We read the restrictions and found
with glee
The side lines were 10 feet.
The president agreed.
We designed our house in February-
eeee.
Used 10 foot lines but the board dis-
agreed.

Redesign was the only option they
gave me...
Or let the judge decide - and not for
free!
Some might say they bullied me.
I'm here to stay so redesign worked
for me.
I'll be hear until I'm 83!

Thomas Mehrkam
Section 5

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Carl Waters Jr.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who gave their time last year to make the *Citizens Patrol* program work. Without your time this program would not exist. Our program could use more volunteers. If your New Year's resolution is to become more active in the Garden Oaks community, our program could use your help. It takes just a few simple steps to become a member. First, you need to contact me by telephone at 713-864-1992, by email at GO-COP77018@AOL.com or through the Garden Oaks web site GardenOaks.org, if you chose the last option click on the get involved link and then click on our program. Once you have signed up you will need to complete a one hour training class and pass a criminal background check conducted by the Houston Police Department. The program is open to all Garden Oaks residents 18 years of age or older.

October Crime Statistics (7):

Robbery (1)
700 block of W. 31st St. on Friday,
October 27th at 3:20 p.m. (driveway).

Burglary (3)
400 block of W. 30th St. on Wednesday,
October 4th at 10:30 p.m. (residence).

3000 block of N. Durham on Saturday,
October 21st at 5:04 a.m. (restaurant).

500 block of W. 30th St. on Saturday,
October 28th at 4:30 a.m. (residence).

Auto Theft (1)
3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr. on
Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 a.m.
(other parking lot).

Narcotics (1)
200 block of W. 34th St. on Thursday,
October 26th at 5:00 p.m. (public street).
There have been 77 crimes reported by
HPD for our neighborhood through the
month of October. This is seven more
than reported for the same time period
in 2005.

As always inquires about joining the
Citizens Patrol Program or about other
community safety issues can be di-
rected to me via neighborhood website
GardenOaks.org or to the COP email
account at GOCOP77018@AOL.com.
or by phone at 713-864-1992.

Reference Numbers

Emergency Services

911

HPD Non Emergency Services

713-884-3131

All other City Services

311

Constable Dispatch

713-755-7628

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The Garden Oaks Gazette is the official publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is published on a monthly basis. It is hand delivered to 1,550 homes the first week of each month.

The Gazette's primary purpose is to disseminate information about Civic Club activities and community events.

Advertising rates are shown to the right. If you would like to purchase ad space, please contact the Editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

All articles must be submitted by the 15th of each month for publication the following month. Contributing articles will be printed at the Editor's discretion and edited according to space availability. Publication of any article not related to the Civic Club does not imply endorsement by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is solely the opinion of the author.

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January - December 2007

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Fill in Amount

- \$ _____ CREPE MYRTLE: \$25.00 (\$5.00 for Seniors)
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- \$ _____ THE MAGNOLIA: \$50.00 (\$10.00 for Seniors)
Intermediate Level – Household Membership
- \$ _____ THE GOLDEN OAK: \$75.00 (\$15.00 for Seniors)
Patron Level – Household Membership
- \$ _____ OTHER (Contributions other than the levels above)
Fill in amount you would like to contribute
- \$ _____ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 (non-voting membership)
- \$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO GARDEN CLUB
- \$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPARK PARK
- \$ _____ TOTAL

Membership dues go toward supporting all Garden Oaks Civic Club Activities: Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, The *Gazette*, Home Tour, Membership Committee and Website. The more you give, the more we can do!

Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:
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_____ **NEW** or _____ **RENEWAL**

(INVOICE MAILER)

MEMBER 1 (M1): _____

MEMBER 2 (M2): _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____

M1 EMAIL: _____ M2 E-MAIL: _____

M1 WORK PH: _____ M2 WORK PH: _____

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Enclosed find my payment for 2007 Of \$140.(Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club)

I/We cannot contribute \$140 now; however, enclosed please find my/our check for \$_____.

I/We will participate via bank draft. (Complete DRAFT AUTHORIZATION FORM below only if NEW)

Many of our neighbors live on limited, fixed incomes. Are you willing to adopt a neighbor?

Yes! Please accept my additional gift of \$_____ for the year (enclosed) OR \$_____ per month (bank draft option only).

DRAFT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I, _____, hereby authorize **Chase Bank**/to begin Direct Debiting of my Bank

Account Number _____ at _____ Bank and Bank

Routing Number _____ for my participation.

This monthly authorization remains in effect until written notice is given to the **Constable Chair of the Garden Oaks Civic Club**. If any changes occur to my bank account, I will promptly notify the **Constable Chair of the Garden Oaks Civic Club** so that my Constable Program dues can be directly debited from the correct account.

- Please take \$15 out of my account monthly for the Garden Oaks Constable Patrol Program.
- This authorization includes a debit for an additional \$_____ monthly gift to the program.
- This authorization includes permission for a \$15 cancellation fee.

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Telephone _____

*******Attach voided check & mail to Garden Oaks Constable Program PO Box 10273 Houston Tx 77206**



January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	Civic Club Meeting 7pm GOES Cafeteria & GOMO Annual Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8		10	11	12	13
14	15 Deadline for Gazette Submissions	16	17 GOMO Mtg. 7 PM GOMO Office	18	19	20
21	22 Martin Luther King Day	23	24	25	26	27
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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
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- No anti-freeze liquid or containers accepted

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