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The Garden Oaks

Gazette

Pancake Breakfast

Shana Tatum

A great time was had by all at the 13th annual Community Wide Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast. Record numbers of families and community members turned out to enjoy breakfast with over 800 pancakes flipped that morning in the kitchen. An awesome team of Dads from the program, lovingly prepared the breakfast. The neighborhood coffee spot, The Petrol Station, donated the hot coffee. Civic Leaders such as Sheila Briones Civic Club president, Ed and Brenda De Alba and neighbors Shelley Rogers, Sandy Altman and Dian Austin, Shellye Arnold and Deanna Zugheri were spotted sipping coffee, volunteering and bidding on silent auction items. Some early program founders like the Harmons and the Roberts came by to visit and work. HISD Regional Superintendent Adriana Tamez and Central Region Executive Principal Emily Reeves came by to be part of the early festivities. Council member Toni Lawrence was caught listening to all the latest community news. As now an annual tradition for him, enjoying some warm pancakes were State Representative Duane Bohac and his youngest son. Principal Emily Thomas joined right in the fun with the children as they enjoyed dancing with ART'S ALIVE! Tina Sabuco and Bubble Master Yvette led the group in musical dramatic play. Interested families stayed for a program orientation to learn more about Montessori and Garden Oaks Elementary School. The Friends of Montessori would like to thank the community for it's support not only of Saturday's event but for the many year's it has offered support to the neighborhood program. Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy included community as a foundation from which families and children can grow in their educational journey. As we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Montessori

education, it is fitting to recognize those that have helped us along the way. Because of the community's support, this event raised over \$12,000. This is the highest amount ever collected in our thirteen year history of celebrating Montessori with pancakes! These funds help defray additional program costs such as teacher's aides and Montessori classroom materials. A big thank you goes to our teachers, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Johanson, Ms. Straker, Ms. Hall, Ms. Torres and Ms. Carson. Without the full support of our great Principal Emily Thomas, Assistant Principal Kathy Drago, Ms. Tollivar, Kitchen Manager and the co-chairs of the event Jessica Modad, Stephanie Acosta and Elizabeth Klein our event would not have succeeded as it did.

The list of underwriters is large and we are so thankful! Do please forgive us if we have left anyone off the list. Please thank the following individuals with your business. *List on page 7*

Science Night at GOES welcomed over 200 students to learn about Science in our everyday world. Children made slime, cotton candy and other fun messy experiments (that we are still trying to get out of the furniture!!!) Family Reading night featured the Aztec Princess storyteller from Children's Express Theater. Her interactive bilingual tale of a young boy's journey into the world was heard by many young listeners and wanna-be actors. Upcoming events at GOES include the Spring Festival. Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 20th This day will prove to be great fun for all the students and families as well as community friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you soon! Pictures from event on page 5



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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, March 6th

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th 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 Garden Oaks Civic Club President

BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP

Bethany Foshee, Outreach Coordinator with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, will be speaking at the March 7th Civic Club meeting. Her presentation will emphasize conservation and park space efforts throughout the bayou corridor and update us on all their progress and future projects.

In 1984 Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire appointed a task force to study Buffalo Bayou and to develop a realistic strategy for its development. The result of the task force's two-year effort was the Buffalo Bayou Master Plan, published in 1986. In addition to outlining conceptual redevelopment designs for Buffalo Bayou, the task force proposed the establishment of a non-profit authority to implement its recommendations. Created in 1986. the Buffalo Bayou Partnership is a coalition of civic, environmental, governmental and business representatives whose director nominees are confirmed by the Mayor of Houston and Harris County Judge. The 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation is responsible for developing and facilitating improvements to the Buffalo Bayou greenway system.

In the past seven years, the Partnership has raised and leveraged over \$45 million for improvements along a 10-mile stretch of Buffalo Bayou from Shepherd Dr. to the Turning Basin. These improvements have included a 20-year master plan, <u>Buffalo Bayou and Beyond</u>, three miles of trails east of downtown, <u>Sesquicentennial Park</u>, the <u>North Side Trail</u>, and the purchase of over 35 acres of land in the <u>East End</u> for park lands. Their web address is: www.buffalobayou.org

ROSE GARDEN WORKDAY

Thank you to all the volunteers that showed up at the Rose Garden workday on Saturday, February 10th to weed, and cut back the roses. Volunteers showed up after eating a hearty

breakfast at the Annual Pancake Breakfast at Garden Oaks Elementary. "Thank you" goes to Ed & Brenda de Alba, Wayne Forster, and Shelley Rogers. Your help was invaluable.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR A "MEET AND GREET"

Did you know that the famous Rainbow Lodge restaurant has relocated to the former location of La Tour d' Argent restaurant at the corner of East T.C. Jester and Ella Blvd.? If you would like to visit this new location while enjoying the company of your neighbors, plan on attending the Civic Club's first "Meet & Greet" event scheduled Thursday, March 22, 6 to 8 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Look for the flyer inserted in this month's Gazette for more information.

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GO Kids News

Tonya Knauth

With the warmer weather, Family Potluck is back! March's gathering will be Saturday, March 24, from 4 - 7, at the Blackburn home, 1019 Candlelight Lane. Bring a dish and your family! Beverages (for both kids and adults) will be provided.

Moms' Night Out will be March 1, at Thai Spice on 19th, at 7 pm.

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! Aren't on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Tonya Knauth at (713) 628-8243, or tknauth@houston.rr.com.

CHEW TOY DRIVE BENEFITING THE ANIMALS AT BARC

(Bureau of Animal Regulation and Control) March 10, 2007 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M At the Spark Park located at Garden Oaks Elementary

The animals at BARC are in need of chew toys, such as rawhides and play toys for the dogs and plush toys and balls for the cats, to help alleviate boredom. Toys and chews animals can safely play with unsupervised are recommended. If a cat owns you, you know they can get crazy on catnip, so toys without catnip would be best. If your pet likes it, chances are, a dog or cat at BARC will love it too. So if you would, as you are shopping for your furry best friend think about picking up an extra toy or two for a homeless animal and dropping it off, March 10, 2007 at the Spark Park next to the Garden Oaks Elementary School. The staff at BARC is also in need of old towels. This is such a wonderful and generous neighborhood and I know whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you March 10, 2007.

Beautification Update

Brenda de Alba

Upcoming Workdays to put on your calendar:

Gazebo Park – March 10th, 9:00 AM, Sue Barnett and W. 42nd St., Section 2

Garden Oaks Blvd. – April 7th, 9:00 AM, 700 Block of GO Blvd., Section 2

The roses in the Memorial Rose Garden (Section 1) received their annual pre-Valentine trimming on February 10th along with a dose of Rose Glo Organic Fertilizer. After indulging on pancakes at the annual Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast, Park Captain, Sheila Briones, was joined by Wayne Forster, Shelley Rogers, Brenda and Ed de Alba.

Free Gardening Information

We have a wonderful service paid for by our tax dollars available to home gardeners through the Extension Horticulture program in Harris County. This program, promoting home yard care practices that protect the quality of life for area residents, is dedicated to helping residents choose adapted plants for their Gulf Coast Texas landscapes and gardens.

The program teaches techniques to recycle grass clippings, leaves and other landscape wastes at home, less toxic pest control options for the garden and landscape, and Earthkind techniques to reduce water use in the landscape. Practical advice on managing pests and diseases and fertilizing, without contaminating our surface and groundwater supplies, is also available.

Contact "Ask a Master Gardener Hotline" (details below) to have all of your home gardening questions answered by Master Gardener volunteers trained to provide the latest research-based information. What you won't get is untested, unproven or potentially dangerous solutions.

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GO Winers and Diners

Sue Schmidt

An early Valentine's dinner was the main event for the winers and diners in February. What better place to celebrate than Rainbow Lodge, newly located to the historic log cabin on the banks of White Oak Bayou at 2011 Ella at TC Jester. The group was certainly not alone in wanting to celebrate in fine style in the area's latest hot spot. Reservations were made a week early and tables were filling up fast. Owner (and past Garden Oaks resident) Donnette Hansen personally called to reconfirm and make sure our table was secured. The attention to detail did not go unnoticed.

The diners started arriving a little before 7:00 p.m. on a Saturday evening and there was already a line for the valet parking. There were plenty of attendants on site, and the line moved very quickly. Our table was ready as promised and the wine list waiting our arrival! This being the first Saturday night dining adventure for the group, we knew we may not receive the service and attention we have experienced during week night gatherings. Our concerns were quickly dashed with prompt greetings by our waiter to each new arrival. The specials of the evening were explained and a wonderful Chilean cabernet was served.

As we were once again deciding on an assortment of entrees, it came as quite a pleasant surprise when complimentary appetizers of Pesto Grilled Shrimp were served. But then, what to follow such a great start? The selections of seafood and game sounded delectable...and oh, so hard to choose which one. I had been advised by one of our regular diners that was missing in action for this occasion that I just had to try the buffalo. He assured me I would have the same reaction to this entrée that I had experienced (and from what I can tell, will never live down) over the beef medallions at T'afia. He remembered they had to pry the plate from my hands in order to share it was so delicious. Even with that recommendation, I was drawn to the duo of lamb. Luckily for the table, one of the other diners selected the special of the evening, buffalo. The selections were balanced with the Almond Crusted Rainbow Trout, Snapper with Pecan Lemon Parsley butter, Sauteed Breast of Chicken with Artichoke,

Filet of Beef, and Peppercorn Dusted Venison with Roasted Figs & Shallots.

Quite surprisingly, New Year's diet resolutions were still being honored! Only two in the group ordered salads. As we waited for our entrees, it was wonderful to be able to enjoy a conversation with the entire group. In the past, that has been one of the biggest disappointments. The acoustics have been so poor in some of the restaurants visited that a chat with the one closest to you was the best that you could hope for. What a pleasure to share conversations without having to read lips or shout! Rainbow Lodge proved to be a relaxed and cozy venue to enjoy the company of friends.

By this point we all must have been hungry. There was not nearly as much sharing going on, and the plates were certainly cleaned. No need for doggie bags this time! The hands down favorites were the rainbow trout, the buffalo, filet of beef, the venison, and the chicken. Only the snapper rated a "not memorable" comment.

After dinner, our wonderful waiter once again appeared on cue to go over the dessert menu. I am still surprised that we all showed such great restraint in passing up dessert. I give this another month! The spiced pumpkin cheese-cake had come highly recommended, but was a seasonal dessert. In honor of Valentine's Day it was a cherry cheesecake. Still no one gave in as hard as I tried to convince them!

To end the evening, the group headed for the bar to see the Tied Fly Bar. This alone is worth the trip to Rainbow Lodge, not to mention the view of the fabulous grounds with decks and terraces along the bayou. What better way to celebrate a special occasion?

And speaking of special occasions, owner Donnette Hansen has graciously offered to host a Garden Oaks Meet and Greet on Thursday, March 22 from 6 to 8pm. Mark your calendars and come to The Rainbow Lodge to mix and mingle with neighbors, learn what's happening in the neighborhood, and check out one of Houston's best known romantic and cozy restaurants with incredible ambience and views. See you there!

Bon Appetit!

Pancake Breakfast









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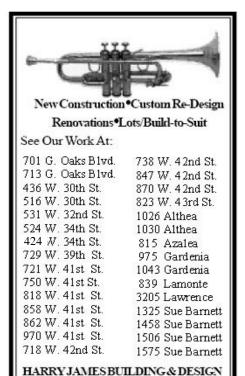
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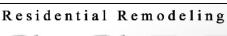
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Citizens Patrol Program Carl Waters Jr.

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December Crime Statistics (9)

Burglary (5)

700 block of W. 42nd St on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 p.m. (Parking Lot). 700 block of W. 41st St on Thursday,

December 7th at 6:35 a.m. (Residence).

800 block of W. 42nd St on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

(Residence).

400 block of W. 34th St on Wednesday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m. (Residence).

3100 block of N. Shepherd Dr on Saturday, December 30th at 11:45 p.m. (Restaurant).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1) 2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr on Saturday, December 23rd at 12:35 p.m. (Unknown location).

Auto Theft (3)

2900 block of N. Shepherd Dr on Friday, December 1st at 12 midnight. (Unknown location).

200 block of W. 33rd St on Thursday, December 14th at 11:30 p.m.

(Driveway).

700 block of W. 41st St on Sunday, December 24th at 3:00 a.m. (Driveway). The total of 9 crimes reported in December is one more than reported in 2005. It also means an increase of 9 crimes reported on the Houston Police Department website in 2006 than in 2005. This would reflect a crime increase of approximately 11% during the past year.

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 GOCOP77018@AOL.com. or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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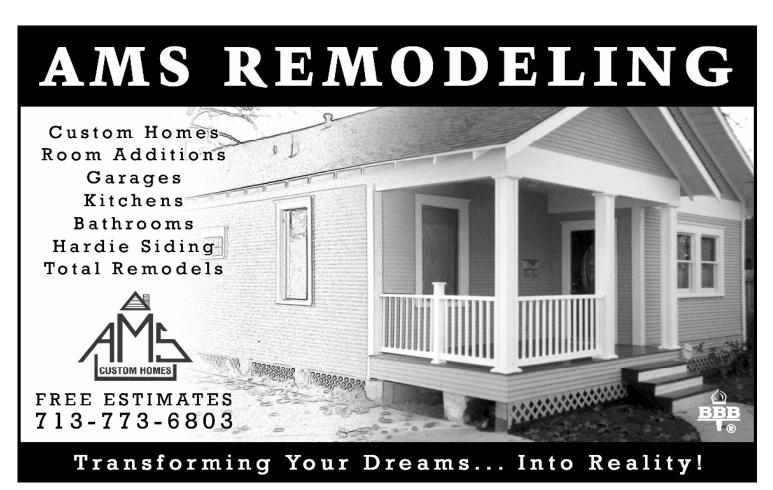
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Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Cindy Bartos, Secretary

Welcome

President Sheila Briones called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Officers present were President Sheila Briones, Secretary Cindy Bartos and Treasurer Jerry Butler. Also in attendance was Chris Fruge, available as a baby sitter for members' children attending the meeting at a cost of \$1.00 per child. A correction was made to the January minutes: The names of the two of the Garden Club officers were transposed. Kathy Wahren and Mary Lynn Polest the office of Secretary and Robert Deveau is the Treasurer. A motion was made and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Butler presented the current income and expense report and had detailed copies available at the meet-

President Briones presented checks to various programs with the funds from the 2006 Garden Oaks Home Tour:

<u>Cat Catchers:</u> Casey Farris accepted a \$500 check. Casey explained the purpose of the organization and that the money will be spent toward trapping, neutering, and rabies tags for feral cats.

Constable Program: The program was presented a check in the amount of \$1500 although Terry Jeannes was not in attendance to accept the check.

Spark Park: Emily Thomas, Principal of Garden Oaks Elementary and Susan Stroud, PTA President accepted a check for \$3000. Plans for the park will be revealed in the future with work expected to begin in late June or early July. Also present and representing Spark Park were Michael Dreiss and Joan and Gary Harmond.

Also, as members paid their membership dues for the Civic Club several chose to designate an extra donation to the Garden Oaks Garden Club. A check in the amount of \$700 was presented to Vice President Janet Cones that reflects the amount donated. Janet also announced the next meeting to be held February 8th at the GŎMO office.

Sheila Briones reminded the members of the Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, February 10^{th.} The event is free and there will be a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the Montes-sori Program.

Standing Committee Reports

Beautification: Ed DeAlba announced the workday Saturday, February 10th at the Memorial Rose Garden (34th and Lawrence in Section I) at 9:00.

- Constable Program: Officer David Vest introduced Captain Beverly Smith and Sergeant J. Wooten. Sergeant Wooten fielded questions from the members. Deputy Vest reminded homeowners with on-going construction to be sure to have the workers put away their tools. There has been an increase of the theft of tools from construction sites. He also encouraged all garages and storage sheds to have a secure lock as thieves are also targeting these.
- Gazette: no report
- GO Citizen's Patrol: Carl Waters described the program and the requirements to become a volunteer. He presented the December crime statistics and pointed out an increase of almost 10% over December 2005.
- Website: no report
- Membership: Dian Austin announced that as of tonight's meeting we have 279 paid memberships with some members contributing additional funds to the Garden Club and to the SPARK Park. Dian also announced that Donnette Hansen, owner of the Rainbow Lodge has offered to have a "Garden Oaks Meet and Greet" on March 22. Details will be announced in The Gazette and also on the Garden Oaks list serve. N. Jade Gillan was the winner of the Home Depot gift card raffle draw-

GOMO: Ed DeAlba announced that Garden Oaks homeowners will be asked to vote at the May 1 Civic Club meeting on the dispersal of GOMO's excess funds. There will not be a program that night to allow time for the presentation and vote. He also announced there is now an opening for a GOMO director from Section I. To become a director one must be at least 18 years old, be a Garden Oaks homeowner not having created any violations on that or other property owned in Garden Oaks, and in this case live in Section 1. Contact Ed if you are interested. Old Business: none

New Business: Carl Waters announced that his wife, Leslie is holding a "Chew Toy Drive" to collect donations for the city's Bureau of Animal Control (BARC) on March 10th, probably at the Spark Park from 8:30 to about 2:30. Final details will be presented in an article in The Gazette.

Program: Ruth E. Shapiro, Assistant General Counsel at the University of Houston presented a program on the importance of serving on jury duty. Attendance: 31

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

March is here which means Spring, glorious Spring! Our pet of the month, Nikki, and her mother, Leslie Waters are conducting a chew toy drive for the dogs and cats at the City Pound. Please stop by our Spark Park and donate safe chew toys and towels on Saturday, March 10 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Pet of the Month: "Miss March" is Nikki Waters, a German Shepherd mix. She lives in Section 1A with her parents Leslie and Carl. Nikki will be twelve years old on March 1st. Nikki has a very big bark and checks all visitors at the front door. Once she lets you in the door then she is a big teddy bear and loves company. Nikki also loves Milk Bone dog biscuits and short walks. She also likes raw hide bones but prefers to hide them rather than chew them. The Waters home is affectionately called Nikki's B&B by their friends because guests are treated as well as Nikki. I think most of us would like the life our pets lead. As soon as you meet Nikki, you are hooked by her sweet, happy nature. Happy Birthday Nikki and Happy Spring!

Critters 101: Houston Northwest Mall - Pet Adoption Center and Wellness Clinic Saving Animals AcrosBorders has partnered with the City of Houston's Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) to launch what has become the first permanent off-site dog and cat adoption center for adoptable animals from BARC at Northwest Mall. Homeless animals that end up at the City of Houston animal shelter do not have many adoption opportunities. By creating a permanent Adoption Center, our goal is to dramatically increase adoptions for BARC and help many hundreds of animals find permanent and loving homes. To volunteer for the Adoption Center, call (713) 680-0282.

The Northwest Mall Pet Adoption Center also offers low-cost wellness services to dogs and cats every Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sundays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Low cost vaccinations, flea prevention, heartworm testing and prevention, microchipping, and testing for Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS are now being offered.

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 Farris is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@GoDogUSA.com or call 713-688-6363.



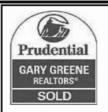
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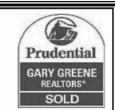
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4	5	Civic Club Meeting	7	8 Garden Club Meeting at GOMO Offices 7pm	9	10 Workday @ Gazebo Park
Daylight Savings	12	7pm GOES Cafeteria & GOMO Plan Review Meeting	14	Deadline for Gazette Submissions	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21 GOMO Mtg. 7 PM GOMO Office	22 Meet & Greet @ Rainbow lodge 6pm-8pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2006-2007 Bi-weekly Recycling Schedule - Week B Instructions: On Green Shaded Weeks - Your Garbage Day is also your Recycling Day **JULY 2006** AUGUST 2006 SEPTEMBER 2006 Exceptions: Pineloch Residents; Your recycling day is on the shaded Fridays) (4) 5 8 6 6 8 9 10 11 12 3 (4) 5 6 7 9 On Non-Shaded Weeks: No Recycling Collection; 10 11 12 13 14 15 13 14 15 17 10 11 12 13 14 16 18 19 15 16 Garbage & Yardwaste Collection Only 17 18 19 20 21 22 22 16 20 21 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 23 24 25 26 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 28 29 30 31 25 26 27 28 29 Circled Days = City Holidays: Solid Waste services 30 31 provided the following day Check your local newspaper or our website for possible changes OCTOBER 2006 **NOVEMBER 2006 DECEMBER 2006** to the holiday collection schedule Placement Time: Out by 7am, in by 10pm (on your collection day) 10 11 12 13 14 5 8 9 10 11 6 9 17 19 14 15 16 17 18 20 18 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Recyclable Materials Accepted 22 23 24 25 26 27 19 21 22 23 24 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 in the Curbside Program 30 31 27 28 29 30 24 (25) (26) 27 28 29 31 Mail, Envelopes Flattened Corrugated Home Office Paper Cardboard JANUARY 2007 FEBRUARY 2007 **MARCH 2007** · No dark colored Flatten to a max. of 3 feet on each side or decorative papers (1) No foil packaging · No food, pizza or 9 10 11 12 13 cereal boxes 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Plastic Bottles** No beverage cartons, (15) 16 17 18 20 19 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 #1 and #2 only gift boxes, styrofoam, 21 22 23 24 25 27 19 20 21 22 23 24 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Bottles must have peanuts or packing 30 31 26 27 28 25 26 27 28 29 30 smaller necks than base Less than 3 gallons **Used Motor Oil** No lids!! Drain into original container Aluminum, Tin, Steel **APRIL 2007 MAY 2007** JUNE 2007 Clean, non-chemical/ & Empty Aerosol Cans non-detergent screwtop container okay No empty used oil containers Rinse & drain

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