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2008 Home & Garden Tour Takes You

“Beyond the Garden Gate” *Sheila Briones, 2008 Chairman*

Garden Oaks’ annual showcase of homes and gardens is just around the corner and for the first time, tickets to the Tour and the Preview Party can be purchased online! The bi-annual Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour will be held Sunday, April 20 highlighting a collection of six unique homes and four stunning gardens from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.

Selection chair Sue Schmidt and members of her committee worked tirelessly over the summer of '07 to choose homes and gardens that reflect the creative diversity of the Garden Oaks community. From a small, adorable family home reflecting the owners outgoing and free-spirited personality to a remodeled home taken to the studs located across from Garden Oaks Elementary SPARK Park, visitors won't be disappointed with this year's selections.

Among the featured gardens is one designed by an area resident and executed by current owners containing a wonderful back deck and plenty of yard art. In addition visitors will be able to tour the water habitat garden at Garden Oaks Elementary. The garden contains a large pond complete with observation deck and is surrounded by native East Texas plants. From a beautiful butterfly garden, an orchard of citrus trees to an animal habitat, the school's children study science with a "hands on" approach.

Advance tickets are \$13 and are on sale at these locations: Bell's MyOwn

Cleaners at 1362 W. 43rd, Buchanan's Native Plants at 611 E. 11th, Olive Anne/The Pink Pokka Dot at 237 W. 19th, Another Place in Time at 1102 Tulane St., Computer Wiz, 4001 N. Shepherd Dr. #100 and The Petrol Station at 985 Wakefield. In addition, for the very first time, advance tickets can be bought online at www.gardenoaks.org through PayPal which accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

On the day of the tour, all pre-sale tickets must be redeemed at the Home & Garden Tour Command Center located in the Garden Oaks Shopping Center, 3800 block of North Shepherd between W. 38th and Garden Oaks Blvd. Tickets purchased online will be available for pick-up at the Command Center as well. At this location, day of tour tickets can be purchased for \$15. From the Command Center, catch a free mini-bus to all nine tour stops. Parking at the Command Center is recommended because this will help relieve traffic congestion along the tour route.

Volunteers are still needed to fill in as docents, ticket takers, greeters and bus guides. As an incentive, volunteers will receive a free t-shirt, a tour ticket and will be honored at a "Volunteer Thank-You Party" immediately following the tour. To volunteer go to www.gardenoaks.org and click on "Showcased Locations." Once there, click on "Fill out this form" and it will walk you through the steps.

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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, April 1st

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of GO Elementary, 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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Beyond the Garden Gate *Continued*

If you don't have access to the internet, please call Nelda Prince at (713) 694-5415 to volunteer.

Tickets to the Preview Party held Saturday evening, April 19 can also be purchased online at www.gardenoaks.org. The party honors the home & garden owners, sponsors, underwriters, and volunteers and is planned at The Tuscany of Garden Oaks, 835 W 34th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Eric Korb Trio featuring Garden Oaks resident Georgia Lister. The public is invited and tickets are \$75 per person which includes dinner, music, dancing, auction, and a Saturday evening preview of Tour homes and gardens.

To add to the excitement of the Preview Party, you'll be able to bid on the following auction items: restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, jewelry, photography gift certificates and a St. Arnold's Beer Party for 100. If you're unable to attend the Preview Party, other auction items are available for bid at www.gardenoaks.org/auction. This "online auction" will be available through Friday, April 18 and if you're the winner, you'll be able to pick up your purchase from 12 noon -6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 20 at the Command Center.



"Thank you" Home Tour Underwriters

Corporate (\$2500)

Harry James Building & Design Co.
Deanna Zugheri with The Metropolitan,
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Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization

Platinum (\$1000)

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"Thank you" to the following florists:

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All proceeds from the tour directly benefit Garden Oaks and the surrounding community, including Garden Oaks Elementary, the Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol program, the Gazette (neighborhood newsletter) and neighborhood beautification.

For up-to-date information call the Tour Hotline at (713) 268-5900 or visit the web site at www.gardenoaks.org

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes *Cindy Bartos, Secretary*

Welcome: President James Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A motion was made and seconded to accept the February minutes as they appeared in the Gazette.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Butler reported the current balances.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Beautification:** Brenda DeAlba reported on the work that was done to the Randall Berm.
- **Constable Program:** Constable Hillman gave his report. One of the topics discussed was the robbery near the corner of Sue Barnett and Azalea of a Garden Oaks couple taking an evening walk.
- **Gazette:** No report.
- **Website:** No report.
- **Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol:** Carl Waters reported that more volunteers are needed.
- **Membership:** No report.
- **2008 Home Tour:** Committee Chair Sheila Briones reported that the home tour is progressing. The website is up and presale tickets and preview party tickets can be purchased as well as signing up to volunteer.

Garden Club: Tina Nieto announced that the next meeting would be held March 13th at the Kroger's Community room – 7pm. Speaker will be talking about trees.

Garden Oaks Elementary and SPARK Park: No report.

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO): Ed DeAlba that there would not be a meeting after the Civic Club meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20pm

Attendance: 10

2008 Garden Oaks Homes & Gardens

1. **Flowers/Beard home** and garden located at 223 W. 31st. This is a great new home with stunning décor. Garden will also be featured.

2. **Murphy home** located at 236 W. 34th is an adorable family home with great décor with a great floor plan.

3. **Peña home** located at 713 W. 41st. This is a nice remodel of a typical Garden Oaks cottage with great front and back views. Beautiful views of the pool.

4. **Ayers home** located at 750 W. 41st. Harry James did the remodel on this home with is right across from the SPARK Park.

5. **Flanagan home** located at 815 Azalea. Home is contemporary with tranquil and stunning views of the gardens. Home owner is an artist and her art is featured throughout.

6. **Bowman/Lister home** located at 927 Gardenia is a small remodeled family home which displays owner's outgoing and free spirited personalities.

7. **Suhler garden** located at 4206 Alba is seen as a therapy and inspiration to the home owner who has done all the work himself as a labor of love.

8. **Earl/Shaver garden** located at 966 Gardenia is full of color with a deck and plenty of yard art.

9. **Garden Oaks Elementary School garden** located at 901 Sue Barnett has added much more to their water habitat area including an orchard of citrus trees.

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Heard Under the Oak Tree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

906 West 43rd 959 Gardenia

1574 Sue Barnett 3101 Lawrence

3202 Randall 1035 West 42nd

Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meet-ing soon.

April Birthdays and Celebrations...

Keith Kostelecky – 9th,
Melissa Neiser – 10th, Lily Claire Bowman- 18th, and also celebrating in April...Craig Lee and Robert De-veau.. Belated birthday wishes to Kenneth Santos March 14th.

Anniversaries...

Tina Sabuco—Shelly Arnold 6th

Added celebrations...

The Garden Oaks "Stars" were out celebrating George Appling and Brian O'Leary's future arrival and also honoring Claudia Kolbinger and Gale Roanoake. The Oscar themed party was hosted by a fabulous cast of producers including Tina Sabuco, Shelly Arnold, Jennifer Langdon, and Joe Crownover.

Happy Travels...

Susan and Bill McMillian, Dian Austin, and Sandy Altman just returned from a trip out west. They saw Bette Midler in concert in Las Vegas, toured the Hoover Dam in Boulder City, walked out over the Grand Canyon at the West Rim Skywalk, and basked in the energy vortexes of Sedona.

Happy Trails...Garden Oaks resi-dents and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo volunteers include Tina Parks Rowe, Terry Jeanes, Scott Mat-ney, and Daniel Horowitz all who serve on Breeders Greeters Commit-tee working and assisting stock ex-hibitors during the show.

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

Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters Jr.

Things are starting off well in terms of reported crime this year. The January report from HPD indicated there were three crimes for the neighborhood; in January of 2007 we had nine crimes reported.

Things to remember to help avoid becoming a crime victim:

Lock the doors of both your home and your vehicles.

Never leave items of value visible in your car or home. You'd be surprised how little it takes to encourage a bur-glar.

Be aware of your surroundings when out in public. Criminals prey on people not paying attention.

Crime Statistics (3)

Burglary (1)

700 block of W. 43rd St. on Wednes-day, January 16th at 2:00 p.m. (residence).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

3200 block of N. Shepherd Dr. Satur-day, January 19th at 5:00 p.m. (parking lot).

Narcotics (1)

200 block of W. 33rd St. on Friday, January 11th at 9:40 p.m. (street).

Inquiries regarding joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other commu-nity safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website Garde-nOaks.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

Garden Oaks Elementary "Sponsor a Tree Program"

It is with pleasure and pride that we are announcing a Sponsor-a-Tree program for Garden Oaks Elementary School.

Enthusiastic teachers and parents started creating a wildlife habitat for the school in 2003. The first stage included building a pond with an observation deck and a small butterfly garden with pathways. The plan called for much more, for but there is only so much that limited funds and busy volunteers can accomplish. Since then – with support from the school, parents, local Boy Scouts, community volunteers and donors – we have built a tool shed, an orchard with two wooden arbors and an extension of the butterfly garden. This year students will get to enjoy a new bird habitat thicket that volunteers are creating.

Sponsor-A-Tree

The Sponsor-A-Tree Program provides the opportunity for teachers, students and the neighborhood to fund a variety of trees that have been purchased and planted along the classroom buildings and on the pathway near the habitat shed. So far, we've bought and planted nearly three dozen trees, including four elms.

Tree plantings started in January, with the help of several families, though we still have a few more in pots waiting to be planted. Our planting team includes: The Daly Family, Dr. Randy Holms, Mark Klein, Cece Krumholtz, Steve Pittman, Steven & Mark Roberts, Gig Runge, Jeremy Schwab, Ed and Brenda de Alba, and the Sosa Family.

A Special Thanks to GO

The Garden Oaks locale, with neighbors who love gardening, has helped us bring these projects to life. We want to express gratitude to all the neighbors, families and groups helping us extend native habitat.

A special "thank you" goes out to the children for collecting enough money from Ms. Hall's GOES classroom to purchase a Lemon tree, and to Mrs. Carson's classroom for Earth-kind roses for our memorial garden. And we greatly appreciate the GOES Montes-

sori teachers for stepping forward as a group and buying an Anacacho Orchid tree. Also, we could not do this without the continuing support from Urban Harvest members, who purchased several native fruit trees.

Garden Oaks neighbors include:

Ed & Brenda de Alba, John & Cindy Bartos, Sheila Briones & Garden Oaks Civic Club, Newton Nursery.

The following families contributed a tree or two, and we would like to acknowledge them:

Robert & Gisele Andrews, Steffan & Vena Golt, Robert & Helle Johnson, Mark & Elizabeth Klein, Rick & Tonya Knauth, Albert & Heidi Lozano, Malek & Victoria Muraywed, Phil & Gina Ramirez, Jane Ann & Mark Roberts, Jaime Waller.

The roots of knowledge reside in the nature, something we all draw from. By creating a bountiful outdoor classroom we help our children observe and understand nature. They then use that experience to understand other concepts learned in the classroom. Many schools that began using similar approaches have found their students' knowledge and understanding increased measurably. School is a place where children grow into responsible citizens; teach them to love nature and they will care for it in the future.

Thank you all for taking part in this bird thicket habitat expansion and we hope that our children will enjoy and learn from it as much as we enjoyed creating it. To contribute to our Sponsor-A-Tree Program please contact me, or you can mail a donation directly to the school. Tax-deductible checks can be made payable to Garden Oaks PTA.

Together all things are possible. Please visit our GOES habitat, memorial garden and habitat during the Garden Oaks Home Tour.

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Garden Oaks Sisterhood Dea Larson

April's GO Sisterhood meeting will have a Latin beat. Our hostess, Olga Marruffo is from South America so our gathering will focus on South American food, wine and music. Join us on Thursday, April 17th at 7:30PM. Olga's address is 1566 Sue Barnett. Bring wine from the vineyards of South America or a light dessert. Please RSVP as she ordering a surprise entrée and a headcount is essential. Reply by email to dealarson@aol.com or phone at 281-920-0325. And bring your dancing shoes!!

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Those who may not yet have made a contribution please see the link with the form

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

Constable Precinct 1 Dispatch 713-755-7628

Spring has Sprung at GOES

Many exciting things are happening at GOES this Spring. Check out our calendar and join the fun!

March 29th – Urban Harvest Market Days – students harvest vegetables and herbs from the school gardens and sell their produce at the Urban Harvest Farmer’s Market on Richmond.

April 12th – Beautification Workday – all are welcome to come weed and plant

April 17th - Montessori Hands on Night, Parents get a lesson from the students

April - Teacher Talent Show, yes that’s right your favorite teacher has a special talent!

April 20th – Featured stop on the GO Home and Garden Tour, come see our new vegetable and herb beds created by students, parents, friends of GOES and Urban Harvest.

There is some great news to announce. Due to an overwhelming number of applications for the GOES Montessori program the school will be opening a new Children’s House, 3-6yr. olds, classroom this Fall. Having support from area businesses and friends in the neighborhood contributing to the Pancake Breakfast, help make this classroom a reality. A partnership between Friends of Montessori and HISD brings more neighborhood families to GOES. There is much to prepare for August, so if you are handy with carpentry or can cut laminate, let us know. We need your help.

To raise more funds in support of the estimated \$15,000 cost of the new classroom, Friends of Montessori will be selling reusable grocery tote bags. Consider purchasing yours at the GO Home Tour or at the school. Cost for four regular totes and one insulated tote is \$20.00.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, feel free to call the school for more information at 713-696-2930. Happy Spring!

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Keep our neighborhood green and help our school at the same time!

The parents of the Garden Oaks Elementary Montessori Program (Friends of Montessori) present our community with a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle. These sturdy, reusable grocery tote bags are made from non-woven polypropylene fabric. All material is recyclable and can be used multiple times lasting several years helping to reduce your reliance on plastic bags. Measuring 12.5 x 13.5 inches with an 8.5 inch gusset and card insert bottom, totes are deep brown with green artwork. Set includes 1 insulated and 4 standard tote bags.



Look for them on the Garden Oaks Home Tour Sunday, April 20 from 12–6 or contact Diane Pittman at diane.pittman@earthlink.net or 713.206.1140.



Fulfilling the vision of Montessori public schools in the Houston Independent School District, Friends of Montessori is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization. Proceeds will go to help funding of teacher's aides, teacher enrichment and classroom materials within the Montessori Program. To find out more about Friends of Montessori, go to fomhouston.org.





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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

January - December 2008

DUE DATE:
January 1, 2008

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:
\$ _____

Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. Please choose the level you feel most comfortable supporting. While all memberships are voluntary, you must contribute a minimum of \$25 (or \$5 for Seniors 65 years+) in order to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Membership dues are for the calendar year.

Fill in Amount

\$ _____ CREPE MYRTLE: \$25.00 (\$5.00 for Seniors)
• Basic Household Membership

\$ _____ 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 support all Garden Oaks Civic Club Activities: Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, The Gazette, Home Tour, Membership Committee, and Website.

Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:
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Name(s) _____

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Critter Corner

Casey and Mau Mau Farris

Happy April! More and more sunny days are headed our way. Mau Mau and I love the sun; in fact Mau spends all of his time chasing the sun beams around the house and yard. He is at his best when the sun is on his face and he is squinting. The sun is a great source of Vitamin D so soak it up. We found a new social activity for dogs so this month we share that information. Thanks to all the neighbors who take the time and effort to help the animals. Our pet of the month is one of those joint effort neighborhood success stories.

Pet of the Month:

"Mr. April" is Tux Irvin. Many of you may remember the little black dog that showed up in the neighborhood and would sit in various driveways and bark. Neighbors would try to get him but he was so scared and skittish. He took a liking to Holly Veech and would follow her whenever she was outside. She was able to get near him but not catch him and this went on for three weeks. One day Al Irvin mentioned on the list serve that he would take the dog if someone could catch him. Holly called Al and asked him to sit in his driveway which he did. Holly came driving down the street at 2 mph with Tux following her car. Holly sat in the driveway next to Al and slowly, slowly Tux came closer and closer. Lo and behold Tux went up to Al, gave him a kiss, and went inside the house. Tux did great but freaked out whenever he was left alone. Al enrolled him in training. Tux was a difficult student but with patience and persistence he caught on and now he is a perfect gentleman. The vet told Al that Tux is about seven different breeds but Lab/Bull Terrier mix is a good start. The trainer said Tux acts like a German Shepherd. Now Tux is developing white spots like a Blue Heeler. Tux likes to chase squirrels and his best friend is Jeter (Weimaraner) who lives across the street. Tux was one years old when he came to Garden Oaks so now he is about 1 ½ years old. Al says, "We will never know what put Tux on the streets or what all hap-

pened to him that first year of life. We are not going to worry about the past instead we are going to focus on today forward." Great words, great guy, great dog! Please see photos on our website <http://www.godogusa.com/PetOfMonth.html>.

Critters 101: Party Animals @ Houston Arboretum

The Houston Arboretum and Nature Center is now hosting dog-friendly social mixers. Take your dog on a leash to 4501 Woodway Drive and enjoy refreshments and music in the meadow. Admission is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted. RSVP by email to partyanimals@houstonarboretum.org.

Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 3-5pm - Spring Doggie Fashion Show
 Prizes will be awarded for best dressed dog.

Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 3-5pm - Hounds and Hula

Imagine never leaving the house or the backyard – is that your dog? Dogs are social creatures and need to see people and other animals, especially their own species. It is also a great opportunity for them to get practice at being in public. The more they do it the better they get at it. Dog socials are fun for everyone and what better setting than the Houston Arboretum.

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.

Olive

1996 – December 4, 2007 Tina Sabuco and Shellye Arnold

For those of you who knew Olive, you knew that she really wasn't "our" kitty. She was everyone's kitty and - - no one's kitty. She was her own kitty. She was the neighborhood kitty. She regularly adopted new families to live with, and she regularly moved out when the mood hit her no matter how much her host family loved her and longed for her to stay. We lovingly thought of her as a heartbreaker and warned those whom she adopted that her life with them would likely be fleeting.

We adopted Olive in 1996 from our vet, where we found her in a cage awaiting adoption. She charmed us with her sweetness, tiny mew, tongue sticking out, and licks on the face. After firmly declaring no more pets - - we took her home. We were hers from that moment on.

Her name came about as we drove her home. We would see signs along the road and say things to each other like "Let's name her Shipley. Let's name her Donut! How about Charlie Thomas? How about Ford?" (You get the picture.) We were stopped at a red light on the corner of Shepherd and 11th street and I said "How about Popeye." We laughed at such a ridiculous name. Then I said or "Olive Oil?" And we both said "Or OLIVE!" We agree it was perfect! She was black like a black olive and her tongue stuck out like the pimento from a green olive! And so, Olive became our dear sweet Olive!

After living happily with us for about a year, Olive decided that it was time to pack her bags and moved in with our neighbor behind us, Mrs. Majors. We had no idea that she was even living there at first until one day Mrs. Majors told us that Olive slept with her every night! Olive and Mrs. Majors became fast friends and great companions until, very sadly, Mrs. Majors passed away. The house wasn't empty for long and Bill Kelly moved in. We told him that Olive might decide to continue "living there" and, just as we thought - - she did! It wasn't long until she packed her bags again though. This time, we received warnings that Olive had camped out across 43rd street, which was much too dangerous for her to be traipsing back and forth to our house. So we asked the people there not to feed her for her own safety. Please note that almost on a regular basis, Olive was still coming home to our house every morning about 5 a.m. to hang on the outside sill of our bedroom window until we stumbled over to let her in for her breakfast and morning nap!

Olive's next stop on her journey was back on our street. She took up house with our then-new neighbors Kraig and Michelle, who also fell in love with her. Olive especially loved that there was a lot of construction happening at their house for many years - - which in Olive's world meant LOTS of workers to pay attention to her, but, even better, LOTS of dust and sand to roll in for her frequent "dust baths!" Olive's 1st round with Kraig and Michelle lasted a few years, and then Olive moved on to a series of short-term host homes (including back in with us for a few months - she knew she was always welcome - - and, oddly enough, into a house on our side of 43rd street with a woman called OLIVE!!!) Ultimately Olive returned to be with Kraig and Michelle, who provided a loving and wonderful home for Olive for the rest of her life.

People fell in love with Olive right away. Her playful and friendly spirit drew everyone to her. She was a greeter cat - running eagerly to greet everyone upon arrival. She was a tease and thoroughly enjoyed being pursued, meowing for a game of chase and for a pet at the end of the game. She was a truck kitty - whenever a friend or worker would arrive in a truck, it seemed that no matter where she was in the neighborhood, she'd know a truck was in our driveway and she'd jump on it, in the bed, or, her favorite, in the cab! She was a dust kitty, regularly rolling on her back in the dust until her black fur was sufficiently coated and until she received a pet or two on her stomach. If Olive received too many pets at once, however, she protested with a stern meow (and secretly wished for more pets to be bestowed upon her). These were the games she played.

Olive had fans, and Olive had visitors ... from the many people who come from down the Azalea Street and from blocks away to visit Olive in Triangle Park (Olive's favorite place to entertain guests)... to Tina Nieto, Charlie and Sandra who have also been in Olive's inner circle for many years...to our neighbors Gail, Jill, Steve, Erin, Randy and Tony who regularly gave us Olive reports through the years... to her Grandparents who love very much...to Casey and Bone Voyage who have helped care for and loved Olive for her lifetime... to our Nana who specifically asks to see Olive each time she visits and feels of all of our pets that Olive is "hers"... to our neighbor Josiah, who as a young boy drew a picture of Olive that we treasure to this day...to the many, *many* people who have said to us, "You're Olive's parents? She visits us all of the time. We love her."... and to the many people we don't know about who shared Olive's companionship. *Everyone* knew Olive, and *everyone* loved Olive.



Triangle Park neighbors gathered together to celebrate the life of Olive. In her honor, a Sweet Olive tree was planted in the triangle.

From L to R - Jim Sommers, Elvis and Seymour behind Jim, Shellye Arnold, Charlie George, Sophia Hamilton being held by daddy Josh, Tina Sabuco and Tina Nieto

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Civic Club Meeting 7PM GO Elm.	2	3	4	Volunteer Workday Garden Oaks Boulevard 9 A.M.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	Deadline for Gazette Submissions No exceptions.	GOMO Meeting	Garden Oaks Sisterhood Meeting 7 :30 P.M.	18	Home Tour Preview Party 7-11 P.M.
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