



# GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

April, 1980

## Letter from the President:

The Tuesday, April 1st, meeting of the Garden Oaks Civic Club will feature as speakers the candidates for State Representative - District 82. John Whitmire, Leonard "Len" Ball, and Alvin Pruitt have all accepted invitations to attend this meeting. Each candidate will be given time to speak with a question-and-answer period to follow.

With the approach of election time, we will again ask the co-operation of all candidates as well as Garden Oaks residents to please not post election yard signs. Signs in yards are in violation of Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions. The majority of residents do abide by this restriction and it is not fair to those of us who do, while our neighbor does not. Please help uphold the restrictions and the dignity of our neighborhood by not having political signs in our lovely yards.

Update on relocation of Fire Station #32. A letter from Houston Fire Chief V. E. Rogers has been received, stating station #32 will definitely not move or close until the new 'Super Station' to be constructed on Crosstimbers is operational. There has not been a projected date for completion of the new station, although it is not expected to be until mid-1981.

*Judy Scroggs*

## After twenty-seven years...

After twenty-seven years of service, T. E. May has stepped down from the office of Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Garden Oaks. Mr. May came to Garden Oaks in 1949 when it was considered the "twilight zone" because of its distance from downtown Houston. He was elected chairman of the board, which consisted of three members from each section, in 1953. Mr. May has been among those who gave this subdivision a reputation at City Hall for being interested in maintaining deed restrictions as they were originally established.

At the March meeting of the Civic Club, Mr. May was presented with a plaque by Glenda McKenney, newly appointed chairperson, on behalf of the other trustees, in appreciation of his years of service and hard work. As Mr. May accepted his plaque he expressed his gratitude to the board and stated, "You might say Garden Oaks has been the mother and the father of the restrictions for many new neighborhoods...and when I have to leave here, I hope heaven is just as nice."

## Flowers food fleas and fun...

On May 17th from 10 AM to 5 PM the Garden Oaks Garden Club will hold its annual Flowers, Food and Flea Festival. As always the Festival will be held in Fire Station #32, 822 W. 34th.

The Festival will feature both indoor and outdoor plants, homebaked pies, cakes, hot coffee and lemonade. Also there will be an interesting collection of flea market finds.

All items for the sale will be donated by Garden Oaks residents and merchants from the area. If you can donate any of the items listed above, please call Mr. Willard Mills, 686-6592, for plant donations, Mrs. Randy Longino, 862-6993, for baked goods, and either Mrs. Kay Paul, 861-0328, or Mr. Dennis Alexander, 682-5592, for flea market items.

Come to the Festival and browse through the plants and flea market while enjoying a delicious piece of cake. You will find good prices, good friends and good fun at the Festival---May 17th, 10-5.

### HOME ENERGY

We have already re-insulated several homes in Garden Oaks. We will be giving estimates and working in your neighborhood during the next several weeks.

Re-insulating will make your home more COMFORTABLE, ENERGY EFFICIENT, AND DRAFT FREE.

By doing a number of homes at once we will be able to pass on SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS to you.

To arrange a NO-OBLIGATION ESTIMATE, please call our office at 520-1301.

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## home tour cancelled...

This year's home tour has been cancelled. Many of the homes under consideration are still undergoing remodeling and other homeowners felt they couldn't have their homes in tip-top shape for viewing by show time. So rather than offer the public an abbreviated tour, the committee regretfully decided to cancel the tour. However, next year attempts will be made to once again offer you a really special tour of some of the outstanding homes in Garden Oaks.

### In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Margaret Bledsoe, 1534 Sue Barnett, who passed away in February.

## garden oaks' goings on...

Now is the time to really spruce up your yard. The yard-of-the-month selection committee will soon be making recommendations for its' first honorary "Yard-of the Month." The first winner will be chosen soon and announced in the "Leader". So with Spring upon us, prune those trees, green that grass, and get those flower beds in shape! Someone may be watching!

In response to the millions of requests we've received, once again T-shirts with the Garden Oaks logo will be offered at the low price of \$4.00. Coming in various sizes in either blue or brown, the T-shirts can be ordered by calling Maria Gibson, 864-8769.

Thanks to the generous donation of all the necessary lumber by Mr. James Keller of Marine Lumber Company, 2232 Daugherty, Garden Oaks will soon have signs marking all major entrances to the subdivision. Mr. J. Johnson of Waltrip Sr. High School has kindly volunteered his skills in making these signs which were designed by our own Glenda McKenney. With a little luck the signs should be completed by May.

A new ordinance concerning residence identification has recently been passed by the city. The law requires homes and apartments to have address numbers at least three inches tall and no more than eighteen inches from the main entrance to the building. The numbers should be a color contrasting to that of their background and visible from the street. The primary reason for these specifications is to make your home easily identified by the fire department, ambulance service, or police in case of an emergency.

## et cetera...

We need your news! Call Kay Alexander, 682-5592, or Cindy Murphy, 688-7337, with news of births, new neighbors, or coming events. Let everyone in Garden Oaks know what you know.

It's not too late to send in your dues for your 1980 membership in the Garden Oaks Civic Club. If you were a member last year continue your support this year. Send your check for \$5.00, payable to the "Garden Oaks Civic Club," to Mr. Willard Mills, 907 W. 41st, Houston, Texas, 77018.

Welcome to our New Neighbors!

Michelle & Kim Raymond  
1574 Sue Barnett

Dean & Sue Sau Berli & Stacie  
1034 Gardenia

Bill Burton & Ken Henry  
427 West 30th

Congratulations to Fred Gibson,  
newly elected member of the  
Garden Oaks Board of Trustees.