

# GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

June, 1980

Civic Club Meetings held first Tuesday of the month, 7:30, at the Fire Station

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT....

We were very fortunate last month to have as guest speaker of our Civic Club meeting, Mrs. Janet Isbell of the Education and Training Division of the City of Houston Public Health Department, Animal Control and Rabies Section. Although Summer brings out many more people jogging and bicycling, we have residents who jog, ride or walk year round for both exercise and health reasons. It was for this reason Mrs. Isbell was invited to speak before our group. Animal control has become a very important issue especially since the rabies incident last summer. The only way to insure against another such out-break of rabies is to vaccinate every dog and cat and to control loose dogs in our neighborhoods. City ordinance requires all dogs to be fenced in their yards or on leash at all times. No more than three adult dogs may be kept at one residence. If you are having problems with animals in your area, you are encourage to call the Animal and Rabies Control Section at 222-3501. Your call will be held confidential and the problem will be attended to as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Residents new to the area may be pleased to know we have three public parks in our immediate vicinity. Graham Park in Section I of Garden Oaks offers a lighted tennis court, playground equipment and open pavilion. It is located on West 34th Street, just behind the Binswanger Glass Company on North Shepherd. The American Legion Park located south of Sections IV and V, on the corner of Golf Drive and Judiway, offers a large open pavilion, playground equipment and lighted ball fields. Oak Forest Park, located on the corner of Judiway and Oak Forest Blvd., offers two lighted tennis courts, playground equipment and a swimming pool. A fourth park located at 4205 T. C. Jester Blvd., has an olympic-size pool available. It is hoped that each and every one will have a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

*Judy Scroggs*

## BURGLAR-PROOF YOUR HOME....

Officer Howard Meell of the City of Houston Police Department will be the guest speaker at the next Civic Club Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 3, at 7:30 PM, at 822 West 34th in the Civic Club Building.

Officer Meell will discuss the Houstonians on Watch program. He will also tell us how to discourage burglars when we are away from our homes.

## SCHOOL DAYS....

Garden Oaks Elementary School has officially moved into the new building. Although the move is complete, the dedication and open house will not be held until school resumes after the summer. All area residents will be invited to tour the new building. Fifth and Sixth Graders will both be graduating. Black will be renamed Black Middle School with grades six through eight. Waltrip Senior High will house grades nine through twelve.

## NOTES FROM THE GARDEN CLUB....

Thanks to all who worked so hard on our Festival. We cleared \$350.00. This money will be put to good use to beautify our area and to keep the Garden Club going.

New officers installed at the covered-dish supper at Eldrege Langlinais' lovely home on May 22 are: President - Kay Paul, Vice-President - Rose Fitch, Secretary - Sarah Strybos and Treasurer - Nel Ruter.

Our main goal for next year will be to increase our membership. We had excellent programs this year but it was embarrassing with only 12-15 members present. Be thinking about neighbors and friends that you might invite. Homes are bought every day and that new neighbor would make a good prospect. If every old member could get just one new one, we would double our membership right off.

We hope to get out a newsletter with next year's meeting dates so you can mark your calendar early, but for now, mark September 11 for our first meeting.

Remember, our Garden Club is a vital asset to our fine residential neighborhood. If we are to succeed in enforcing deed restrictions to keep our neighborhood the way we want it, our Garden Club needs to remain active and involved.

Hope to see you all September 11 at 7:30 at the Civic Club Building.

*Kay Paul*

## YARD-OF-THE-MONTH....

Although the Garden Club will discontinue their monthly meetings during the summer months, the "Yard-of-the-Month" committee will continue to present their monthly award.

The members of the committee select one home from each section every month and choose the best of these to display the sign proclaiming their's the Garden Oaks Yard-of-the-Month. Their decision is based on eye appeal, landscaping, seasonal appeal, color and the yard's overall enhancement of the home.

The yard selected in April was the Vaughn home at 757 W. 42nd Street. During May the Heidrich home at 705 W. 41st Street was honored. Each of these homes are real credits to the neighborhood, good examples of tender-loving care and hard work.

Keep your eye on the "Leader" for the names of winners each month and make it a point to see these yards. They can give us all inspiration, even during the hot summer months, to beautify our homes and neighborhood.

## ET CETERA....

Lowell and Dora Russell of 722 Sue Barnett couldn't be prouder of their first grandchild, Kimberly Michelle, born on May 19 and weighing 9lbs, 3ozs. Congratulations to both the grandparents and new parents David and Susan Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton of 1027 West 42nd have gained a daughter. Their son, Paul, married Saturday, May 10th. Paul and his bride, Jackie, will reside in Houston. Best Wishes!

And just two doors down the street, wedding bells were ringing for Wendy, daughter of Stan and Barbara Kurtin, 714 Sue Barnett. Wendy was married to Mr. David Stone in April. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Congratulations to graduating Senior Monty Emil Valka, son of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Valka of 1014 West 42nd.