

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

OCTOBER 1980



The Garden Oaks Civic Club is pleased to announce the formation of the neighborhood protection program sponsored by the Houston Police Department - Houstonians On Watch! We are asking YOU to help your police help you. Houstonians On Watch - "HOW" - is simply a program of neighbors watching other neighbor's property during vacation periods, the working day, evenings, or during any absence. The program works through the mutual aid of neighbors. Each neighbor can only effectively watch the homes on each side, the front and the back. For the program to be totally effective, each resident must take an active role in both security and observation. SECURE YOUR HOME! OBSERVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! Anything that seems even slightly "out of

place" for the area or during the time of day in which it occurs MAY mean criminal activity.

The organization of "HOW" is in no way a vigilante group. It leaves the responsibility of apprehending criminals where it belongs - with the police! No one is asked to be a hero. Neighbors are asked to be alert, observant and caring. When suspicious activity occurs in the neighborhood, you notify the Houston Police Department Dispatcher at 222-3131. It is not necessary to be a member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club to participate in this program. "HOW" is for the mutual benefit of everyone in Garden Oaks.

Your Block Captain will contact you and will have two booklets, "Crime Prevention for the Homeowner" and one detailing the "HOW" program. An engraver is available to help you mark and indentify your valuables. "HOW" is a proven deterrent to crime.

If you have questions or would like further information you may contact your Section Leader:

- Sec. 1 (East of Shepherd) Ruth Blanchette- 864-8810
- Sec. 1 (West of Shepherd) Maria Gibson - 864-8769
- Sec. 2 Susan McMillian - 695-8245 →
- Sec. 3 Glenda McKenney - 692-2447
- Sec. 4 Willard Mills - 686-6592 ←
- Sec. 5 Judith Scruggs- 681-4796

ATTENTION: Block Captains for needed for the following blocks -

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| 400-500 Blk. W. 32nd | 700 Blk. W. 38th |
| 700-800 Blk. W. 30th | 800 Blk. W. 42nd |
| 700 Blk. W. 43rd | 900 Blk. Sue Barnett |
| 800 Blk. Azalea | 900 Blk. W. 43rd |
| 800 Blk. Sue Barnett | 900 Blk. Gardenia |

GARDEN OAKS DEED RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE!!

On July 21, 1980 the City of Houston, representing residents of Garden Oaks, was granted a permanent injunction against Special Delivery Service operating from the owner's home at 223 W. 33rd. The operation of the business from the home did not stop as was required and contempt of court charges were then filed. On September 2, 1980 Judge Thomas J. Stovall found the defendant guilty of contempt and assessed a fine of \$500.00 or three days in jail.

We are proud of Garden Oaks. The residents along with the Civic Club and Board of Trustees, are working to keep it a beautiful residential area. With your help we can keep our property values up and our neighborhoods a lovely place to live! Thank you to all involved!!

CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS!!

Tuesday - October 7, 1980. Special guest speaker from the League of Women Voters will let us know "How to be a Better Informed Voter". This meeting only will begin with refreshments at 7PM and the meeting beginning at 7:30 PM.

The November meeting falls on election day! Therefore, it has been moved one week ahead to October 28, 1980. At this time the election of officers for 1981 will be held. This is the last business meeting of the year. Mark your calendars now!

Watch for future announcements as to when the annual Christmas Party will be held at the Civic Club Building. Everyone in Garden Oaks is invited to attend and enjoy the festivities!!

GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS!!

Newly elected President, Kay Paul, invites all members and friends to join the Garden Club at the monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held in the Civic Club Building.

The annual dues of \$3.00 per person entitles the member to 10% to 20% discounts at area florists and garden centers.

The guest speaker at the October 9th meeting will be Mr. Mc Masters of the Mc Masters Rice Hulls Company. Come early for refreshments! The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

VOTE!

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Election Day - Tuesday November 4, 1980. Please make your vote count. Go to the polls on election day! Voter Registration forms are available at the Civic Club and at Oak Forest Library. The placing of election signs in yards is in violation of deed restrictions. Thank You to all who did not place signs in your yards. And a special Thank You to those who graciously removed signs after being contacted!