

Garden Oaks Gazette

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§ President's message §

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Dear Neighbor:

Our festival is now only 45 days away and we need your assistance to make this, our 1st Annual Founders Day May Fest successful. The "die has been cast" and your advertising committee has been working closely with Houston Home & Garden, Houston City, Texas Monthly, the Houston Post, Chronicle and our own neighborhood Leader. No longer when you tell people where you live will our area be confused with Oak Forest or the Heights. They are great neighborhoods, but we have something going for us they don't - winding streets, larger lots, a sense of permanance and Deed Restrictions. Your festival and your enforceable Deed Restrictions are doing two things: 1st - it will attract qualified, professional, caring new potential home owners which will secure the desireability of our community and more strongly preserve the quality of life which we all enjoy. Secondly - I want to paraphrase for all of you an article which appeared in the March 23 issue of Houston Business Journal - "North Loop: Forgotten freeway becomes development playland." In the January/February Gazette I told of our escalating property values and stated that if we did not protect our investment we faced a real danger which was faced and lost by residents in the Greenway Plaza area and even Tanglewood area along San Felipe and North Post Oak. Sure, supposedly they got "a lot of money" for their home. Did they? And even if they did or you willing to move further out and pay higher interest rates? Will you get more or actually less for your money? But as stated then, this does not have to happen if you take an active part and interest in your civic association.

The March 23 article tells of the development of Brookhollow, North Loop Business Park, the Mischer and IEW development; the new Pre Corp office/Condominium site and now a major development from Ella to Durham. This shift in development has been one of perception by major commerical real estate and foreign investors. The more crowded downtown and the Galleria become, the better for the developers "Building should be relatively accessible to the residence of the decision maker, and to those people he hires and recruits." The important differences of our area is the proximity of residential, the freeway accessibility, the many alternate routes and "lighter" traffic flow.

The area between Ella and Durham along 28th street has already been earmarked for at least one 11-story, 180,000 sq.ft building; and another 225,000 sq.ft. building. The office park at Yale and 610 has been sold but our area is not interesting the developers Why? Because, to quote the article "As the Loop was developed, it cut through existing residential properties, some of them deed restricted, like Garden Oaks, which developers are unwilling to tackle."

Many of you are saying, but I don't want to attract people to our community; I don't want our peace and quiet disturbed. Unfortunately, we the "little people" have no control over situations larger than ourselves unless we band together and the only way we can band together is by attracting qualified, concernec caring new home owners driving out the investment individual in our midst and once again making this a solid, secure neighborhood of home.

Your President,

Ruth Blanchette



SPRING FESTIVAL



Update:

Working hand-in-hand, the various committees have set goals, faced frustrations, conquered them, had new ideas - all with one ultimate goal - Your 1st Annual Founders Day May Fest.

Advertising: Ruth Blanchette - days 523-0803

Food: Barbeque, soft drinks, Lemonade, Popcorn Contact: Marie Gibson 864-8769.

Entertainment:

- ★ A. Antique Car Display
- ★ B. Flea Market/Garage Sale - Come on, clean out those cabinets, the garage, your bookshelves, the kids toys, and turn those unwanted, unneeded "junk" items into cash, we guarantee buyers. If you are interested only in donating items to the Civic Club but, not selling them yourself call us, we will have a community table. Contact: Johnny & Cindy Murphy 688-7337.
- ★ C. Crafts - In addition to area/local artists and hobbyists, there will be space available for any "crafts/artists" who wish to sell their art to interested buyers. Contact: Pat 686-2111, days.
- ★ D. Childrens Play Area -
 1. A Pet Show - open to all, ages 1-80 Contact: G'ne Duffey 862-5716.
 2. Games - here is an area we really need help with, do you have an idea for a game and/or would you be willing to man a booth for an hour or so? If interested, please call Tommy or Betty Cole 869-6620.
 3. Face Painters
 4. Picture takers
 5. Balloon man
- ★ E. Plant and Bake Sale - Does you lirope, monkey grass, daylilies, fern impatient, airplane plants, golden rain trees, etc. need thinning - well call the Garden Club and donate them. We'll furnish a member or members if you can't dig them up. Contact: Mr. Mills 686-6592.



Even if you are not a member of the Garden Club can you bake a cake, cookies, a pie or make homemade jellies and relishes, etc. - we need you - we don't want anyone to leave our festival empty handed. Contact: Diane Austin 682-5592.

- ★ F. Music will be provided by Juanice and the Country Fever Band
- ★ G. Raffle - Would your company be willing to donate an item or do you know someone who might. The more we have, the more successful it will be. Contact: Ruth Blanchette 523-0803, Eldredge Langlais 861-7883.
- ★ H. Set-up/Clean-Up - Probably the most important committee of all because it's the hardest to staff but, can you give us your help? Sears has donated the space let's not let them regret it. Contact: Robert Taylor 686-2752.



All individuals assisting with club booths or committees will have their food and beverage furnished FREE.



Original Residents - This is really your festival. Contact your families and old neighbors who have moved away and have them meet you at the festival.

At the March 3, 1981 meeting, the Civic Club voted to make all original residents still residing in Garden Oaks life-time members. Come to our meeting Tuesday, April 7 and let us get to know you. Need a ride - Don't forget about Operation Car Share - Call Robert Taylor at 686-2752 & we'll see that you have a way.



☆ **Operation Sparkle**



What is OPERATION SPARKLE? Did you know that Houston will furnish us with all the trash bags we need? That the City of Houston will put garbage trucks at our disposal? Now we can finally get rid of all that junk (ice boxes, mattresses, large piles of lumber and limbs (tied, please). tires, auto parts, etc.) All the things that you thought the garbage man would not pick up.

On Saturday, May 9th, we will be initiating a community clean-up drive. We'll have coffee and doughnuts for all the "volunteers". So, join us Tuesday night, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. as Robert Taylor, your Vice President explains OPERATION SPARKLE: how you can help and, why we need your support. Let's make our Community "SPARKLE".

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Garden Club Clippings



You missed a super meeting last month, March 12th. The owners of Aloha Flowers talked about and demonstrated flower arranging. The door prizes, both arrangements, were won by Lee Gaines and Diane Mangold. Our program, April 9th, will be presented by Charley Lapetina, a leading horticulturist. REMEMBER - mark your calendar - April 9th - at the Civic Club bldg. 822 W. 34th. (next to the fire station) at 7:30 for refreshments with the meeting starting at 8:00 p.m. SEE YOU THEN.



☆ **HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE**

§ Sorry we missed Georgann Paul's 3rd birthday, Feb. 21. Happy Birthday.

§ We've got a brand new little neighbor on 33rd, welcome Christopher Allen Werner, son of David & Diane Werner. Congratulations

§ Happy Birthday to Jeanette Scruggs who will be "6" April 12.

§ City Council has approved the widening of W 34th from T.C. Jester to Shepherd from 2 to 4 lanes.

§ Congratulations to Martin DeLeon, a Jr. at Waltrip Sr. Hi whose report on the 60's won 1st place at the HISD area competition. His mom is justifiably proud.

§ Rose Fitch won last month's door prize. Congratulations.

§ The Civic Club's appreciation is warmly extended to Dr. Jerry Lemon and the members of Garden Oaks Baptist Church for their much needed loan of folding chairs at our last meeting.

§ Paul & Jackie Morton's, Kristin Pauline, born Feb 18, has a big Garden Oaks family including grandparents, Mr/Mrs Howard Morton, Greatgrandparents, Mr/Mrs Carlson and Aunt & Uncle, Mr/Mrs. Jimmy Morton.

The newsletter staff thanks its' unsung helpers for their assistance in delivering March's newsletter: Diane Austin, Sandy Altman, Cory Byrd, Dina, Missy & Travis Ortega, T.C. & Robert Lazano, Larry & Pat Green, Sandra & Chris Schisser, Betty & Tommy Cole, Alex Mair, Sue McMillian's family, Glenda McKinney, Vee Gaines, Johnny & Cindy Murphy, Wilbur Mills, Robert & Amy Voorhees, Robert Taylor, Judy Scruggs and Pat Lindsay. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. Some of these people are doing several streets. Will you help us deliver a street or two in just one of the sections. Can you spare 30 minutes a weekend, once a month? To help with the May newsletter call Ruth Blanchette, 523-0803 or Mary Lehmann, 864-1010.



THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES

THE
SUPPORT

OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL MERCHANTS

Century 21/Bice Merriel

5812 Antoine 688-6600
Barbara Wingate, Renee Baker

Aloha Flowers

3422 Ella Blvd. 688-4585
A complete neighborhood florist

Brinks/Ace Hardware

N. Shepherd at Loop 610 862-6609
Your friendly, helpful Ace hardware
folks, Brinks is the place.

Options

201½ W. 15th 868-3830
For landscape or horticultural design
or counsel.

John Gulley & Co. Real Estate

527 West 32nd. 861-7883
Eldredge Langlinais

TO PLACE AN AD IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER
CALL: Ruth Blanchette
523-0803, days



LOCAL EASTER CHURCH SERVICES:

- Garden Oaks Baptist Church
 - Easter Services Sunday, April 12
11:00 a.m.
 - 40th Anniversary celebration Revival
Dinner on the grounds. (noon), April 5
 - Easter Cantata Sunday, April 5
7:00 p.m.
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church
 - Easter Music Offering Sunday, April 5
"Faure's Requiem" 7:00 p.m.
- St. Matthews United Methodist Church
 - Easter Cantata Sunday, April 5
11:00 a.m.
 - Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 12
6:30 a.m.
 - Easter Services Sunday, April 12
8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
- St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
 - Good Friday Friday, April 10
2:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 - Easter Vigil and Mass Saturday, April 18
7:30 p.m.
- Baptist Temple
 - Easter Services Sunday, April 12
10:50 a.m.

Garden Oaks is Great !

NEXT CIVIC CLUB MEETING
TUES., APRIL 7, 1981 7:00 P.M.

A family Civic Club membership is \$5.00/year. Has your family joined? Now is your opportunity. Please complete this form and mail it in, or better yet bring it with you to the April 7 meeting.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

Mail to:

Garden Oaks Civic Club
c/o Mr. Wilbur Mills
Treasurer
907 West 41st Street
Houston, Texas 77018

Topics you would like to hear discussed at our meetings: _____