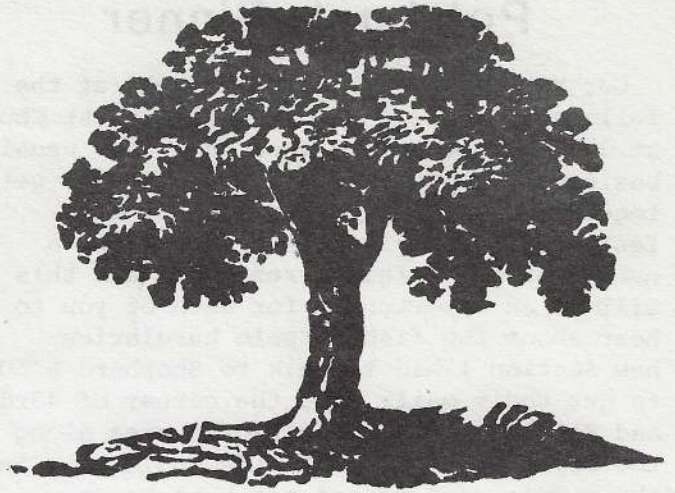


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President's message

Dear Neighbors:

I read once that any company or organization was only as dynamic as it's ability to move/motivate itself. This statement pertains to Garden Oaks a great deal. Over the past few months I have seen a very nice neighborhood become a very special community. To me, community means COMMUNICATION + UNITY which equals FELLOWSHIP. A place where neighbors are friends. Garden Oaks is becoming more than just a neighborhood!

Because of a very special response by some very, very special people/friends this newsletter is being hand delivered to you on a regular monthly basis. This is vital since it is the Civic Clubs primary communication link to the whole community. On Saturday, May 9, and yes, even Sunday, May 10, Mothers Day, many of your neighbors are going to be involved in a neighborhood Clean-Up. You'll see us and hopefully join us as we mow and pick-up trash along our streets. Action has also been undertaken, in a joint effort, against some major blights in our community. We have not corrected them yet but, the wheels have been set in progress.

For several months now you've been hearing and reading about your 1ST ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY MAY FEST and on SUNDAY, MAY 17, because of the dedication of a small core group and the help of many of you it will be held at the SEARS PARKING LOT (4000 N. Shepherd) from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. What has been additionally exciting has been the response of the business community to our needs. Our expenses for the festival (insurance, off-duty police officers, sanitary facilities and printing) have been totally underwritten by Northwest Bank, Oak Forest Bank, Republic National Bank and Reagan Commerce Bank. Also the many merchants who have donated items for our raffle.

But, you are the ones who are making all of this possible because had you not raised your heads up "out of the sand" none of this would have been possible.

We must all realize that we are working together on common concerns and are working toward a common goal. We must realize/discover that we have infinitely more in common than we have differences. Although many have volunteered their time and energy for various projects for a multitude/variety of reasons, they are beginning to realize that they are "casting bread upon the waters". We are all being rewarded many times over by the friendships that are being established.

On May 17, we are having a community celebration - THE 1ST ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY MAY FEST. If you have not volunteered yet to do your small part, it is not too late to do so. If you feel you live in a neighborhood this may be the beginning for you of the realization that you also live in a community.

See you May 17.

Sincerely,

Ruth Blanchette
President

Pot Luck Dinner

Our May 5th meeting will be held at the fellowship hall of Garden Oaks Baptist Church at 3206 N. Shepherd. Instead of our usual business meeting this will be a social get-together to unofficially kick-off our festival. On April 11, we videotaped a number of our original residents and this will be an opportunity for each of you to hear about the fishing pole burglaries; how Section 1 had to walk to Shepherd & 30th to get their mail; that the corner of 43rd and Ella was a favorite picnic area along the bayou(?); and, that kids could play in the middle of 43rd and not have to worry about cars. (Yes, cars were "invented" back then. We're not that old!) Also, did you know that where the shopping center is today was the biggest blackberry patch you ever saw; that Golf Drive got its name because it lead to the Heights Golf Course; and, that we once had an airplane crash in our neighborhood. Come and hear more as we honor our remaining original residents with special presentations.

REMEMBER, Bring a covered dish and we'll see you at 7:00 p.m., May 5, at the Fellowship Hall of Garden Oaks Baptist Church.

P.S. - Garden Oaks Elementary was even once featured in Life magazine.

√ May Fest

● RAFFLE TICKETS

AVAILABLE

Be sure and be at our May 5th meeting to get your raffle tickets. Come and get plenty to take back to the office to sell to your friends and co-workers. (They will not have to be present to win.)

Cost - \$1/ticket or a book of 20 for \$20 (remember, it's all tax deductible)

As a prize to the person who sells the most tickets, the Civic Club is offering one of the raffle items which will be drawn as the 1st item at the festival by that individual or a member of his/her family.

Just a few of the items include a straw hat from Gary's Hats, a crystal wine set, glass & sterling silver hurricane lamps, numerous free dinners, autographed footballs, etc.

● Garage Sale Space

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● Arts & Crafts Space

Have you been cleaning out your closets, drawers, bookshelves and garages so you can have a garage sale with plenty of guaranteed customers and so you can finally get rid of all that "stuff" you've been wondering why you're keeping. Do you keep saying some day I'm going to have a garage sale and get rid of all this stuff well now is your chance. Cost - extremely reasonable - JUST 10% of the total merchandise sold (i.e. - \$25 = \$2.50; \$60 = \$6.00; \$145.00 = \$14.50 etc.)

HOWEVER, Craft Space is being sold for \$25 for a single individual or \$35 for two.

If you have items you want to get rid of but don't necessarily want to hold a garage sale yourself, the Civic Club will have a community table which you can donate to (only major items such as furniture will be accepted on consignment)

For more information or to get signed up for your space May 17, please call Johnny or Cindy Murphy at 688-7337

● CRAFTS/ARTISTS please call Ruth Blanchette at 523-0803 (days) Also, would any individuals who have already called Ruth please give her another call as somehow work papers and festival craft sign-up sheet has been misplaced. She extends her sincerest apologies and asks that you give her another call.

ALL SPACES WILL BE 20' x 20'

NOTICE: All items must be at your space by noon, as all cars must be off the parking lot by 12:20 p.m. This is to insure the safety of all guests, young and old, who will be attending our festival. Parking is available at the office complex on Shepherd or in the Garden Oaks Shopping Center.



Garden Club Clippings



The Garden Oaks Garden Club is getting into high gear for their part in the Founders Day May Fest. At our last meeting, April 9, and at our next meeting, which will be held the Thursday before the festival (May 14) discussions and assignments are being coordinated. We are sponsoring a PLANT & BAKE SALE and the Garden Club members will also have a member garage sale table.

REMEMBER, we don't want anyone to leave our festival empty-handed so, if you can bake a cake, cookies, make homemade jellies etc., please give Sandy Altman at 864-7962 a call. (P.S. - I know we have lots of good cooks out there so, please give us a call.)

ALSO, do you have plants (not just monkey grass) that can be donated. If so, please call Willard Mills at 686-6592. We'll come pick them up.

Kay Paul
President



Heard Under The Old Oak Tree

IT'S OFFICIAL - Garden Oaks Shopping Center is being updated. We'll have an architectural drawing available at our May 5 meeting.

The Garden Oaks Civic Club wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to John & Glenda McKinney in the loss of his mother

and to

the Joseph R. Wilganowski family in the loss of their small son

To the following folks - THANKS - we couldn't have come the long way that we have without you, our faithful deliverers: Diane Austin, Sandy Altman, Cory Byrd, T.C. & Robert Lazano, Larry & Pat Green, Billy Calhoun (who we accidentally forgot to thank last month), Eldredge Langlinais, Sandra Schisser, Betty & Tommy Cole, Alex Mair, Sue McMillian's family, Glenda McKinney, Vee Gaines, Johnny & Cindy Murphy, Willard Mills, Robert & Amy Voorhees, Robert Taylor, Judy Scruggs, Pat Lindsay, Donny Zurovec and his delightful 70-year old mom, Bennie, who was of all things and out of town guest. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

We still need additional helpers. 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 June newsletter call Mary Lehmann, at 864-1010.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Leta Gilbert (an original resident) who won last months door prize of a free dinner at Ducho's.

THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPPORT OF

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL MERCHANTS:

CENTURY 21/BICE MERRIEL - 688-6600

ALOHA FLOWERS - - 688-4585

(Your complete neighborhood florists)

JOHN GULLEY & CO. REAL ESTATE

Eldredge Langlinais - 861-7883

OPTIONS - - - 868-3830

(Fresh cut flowers & Arrangements)

★ Operation Sparkle ★

Our ADOPT-A-TRUCK is confirmed for Saturday, May 23. Be at our May 5 meeting as Mr. Jim Towns, of Clean Houston, gives a very brief talk about "Operation Sparkle"

On May 9 - we will be meeting at 8:00 at the Civic Club Building, 822 W.34th. (we will work from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - so put on your oldest clothes and bring your gloves as we start cleaning up our community.)

On May 10 - we will meet at 11:00 and work no later than 3:00 p.m. - This was the only day we felt would be safe in cleaning up along Shepherd and 43rd.

We will furnish refreshments both days.

P.S. - We have ferreted out some city hall #'s for you to keep handy - Have an icebox, etc CALL 699-1113

Dead Animals CALL 222-3921

During the next couple of months the city will be enclosing with your water bill additional information regarding trash pick-up. SEE YOU MAY 9 AND MAY 10 -

LET'S SHINE/SPARKLE

GARDEN OAKS
FIRST ANNUAL FOUNDER'S
DAY MAY FEST

Arts & Crafts

Sears Parking Lot
1pm till 6pm
May 17

Popcorn
Barbecue
Soft Drinks

ANTIQUÉ CARS

GARAGE SALE

BAKED GOODS

PLANTS

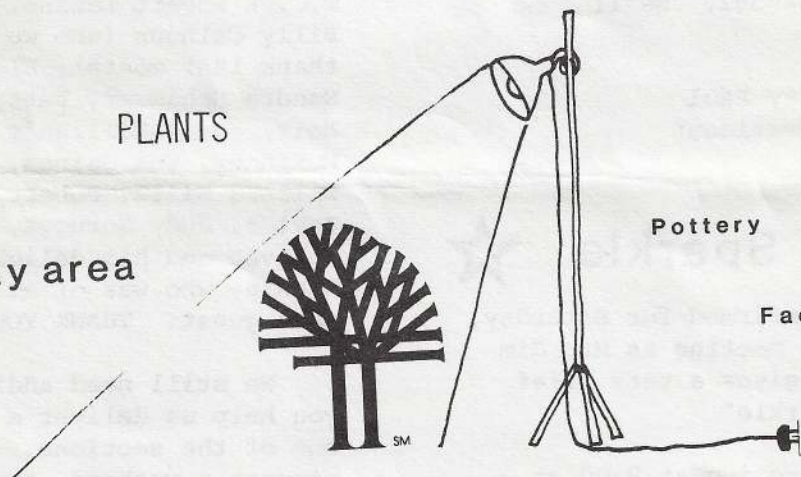
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Pottery

PET SHOW

Face Painting

Stain Glass



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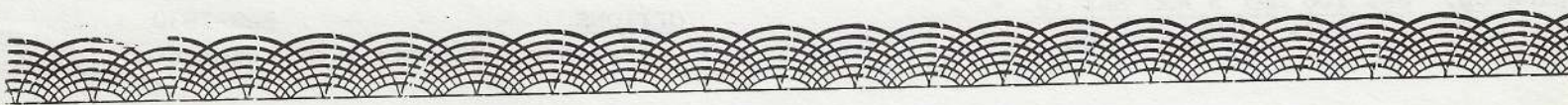


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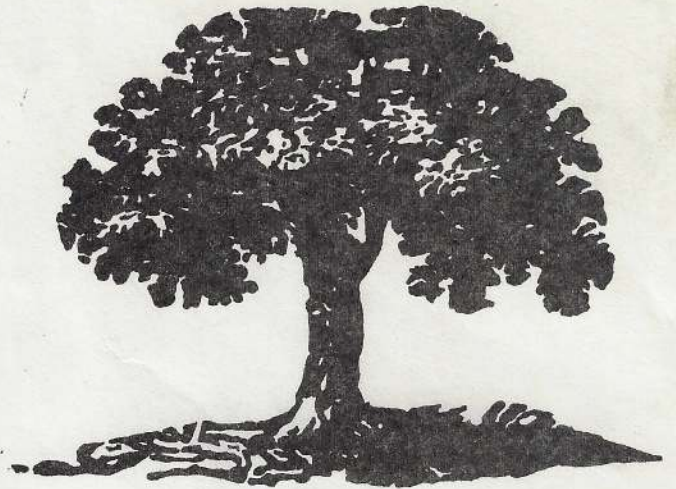
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Garden Oaks is gggggreat

!!! BE THERE !!!



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Saturday 23 May 1981

Garden Oaks Civic Club with Clean Houston & City Solid Waste

Call Robert Taylor after 6pm 686-2752

for a pickup by appointment only!

We will haul anything packaged for pickup

(EXCEPT building materials: The City landfill is not allowed to accept building materials. See your June Garden Oaks Gazette for more information)

We need volunteers to help

- ride with truck to load discarded items
- provide refreshments for volunteers
- survey and organize collection of waste
- transport relief truck workers from truck to Garden Oaks Club house and back

Help Garden Oaks Sparkle! call Robert!