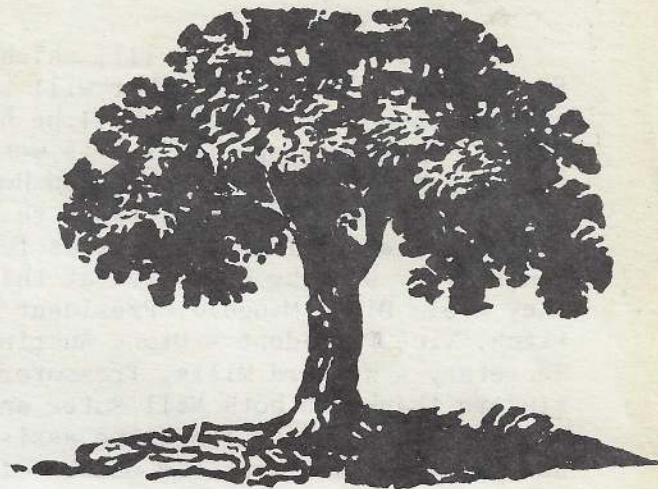


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★ YOU'RE A WINNER ★
GARDEN OAKS

* Starring: The Water Rats
The Die Hards
and The Dead-On-Their-Feet

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Dear Neighbors:

We've come a long way in just a few months. From separate homes to a community of friends/neighbors and it shows. Have you taken a good look lately at Garden Oaks Boulevard or the lot next to it or, especially Shepherd by the railroad underpass and at 38th. IT'S CLEAN!! The Water Rats (Saturdays volunteers) and the Die Hards (Sundays volunteers) worked long and hard, in both rain and hot sunshine, filling 87 big bags with trash; clearing and tying into "huge" bundles untold numbers of limbs etc. from the trees they cleaned out at Shepherd and 38th. Now when our crepe myrtles bloom we can see them.

In the process of Operation Sparkle several Die Hard - Water Rats worked both Saturday and Sunday clearing and cleaning off a "lost" and forgotten sidewalk on the west side of Shepherd. Now the children from both Sections 1 can walk more easily to school without having to walk along or over the railroad tracks. (It's even fun to coast a bicycle down and see how far up the other side you can go.) The help and hard work of all our Garden Oaks neighbors was and is greatly appreciated and we would like to name just a few: Johnny Murphy, Mark & Mary Lehmann, Bob Rial, Bert & Wilma Spinks, Sandy Altman, Diane Austin, Selma Johnson, Bill Eckert, Tommy Cole, Raymond & Mrtyle Shores, Craig Kramer,

Steve & Linda Maser, Alex Mair and his two children Allison & Kyle. There were many, many others whose hard work earned our thanks and recognition. THANKS!

On Sunday, May 17, we held our 1st Annual Founders Day May Fest and thanks to all who attended and especially to the Dead-On-Their-Feet volunteers, it was a rip-roaring sucess. If you missed it; you missed a fun-filled sunshiny day, with lots of entertainment, bargains and good food. The Garden Oaks Civic Club will clear just a little over \$2,000 and that's great. So our special thanks to Johnny & Cindy Murphy, Tommy & Betty Cole, Freddie & Maria Gibson, Madelyn Browder, Mark & Mary Lehmann, Jim Andersor Willard Mills, Diane Austin, Sandy Altman, Larry Savage, Don Zurovech, Kay Paul, Raymond & Myrtle Shores, Rose Fitch, Chuck & Bobbie Martin, G'ne Duffey, Bob Rial, Bill Eckert, and once again the many, many others, both Garden Oaks residents, outside quests arts/crafts persons and food vendors, we could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Blanchette
President



Our June meeting (JUNE 11), which will be our final meeting until September will be a back yard covered dish supper, which will be held at the home of Eldredge Langlinais (his was the home featured just recently in Houston Home & Garden) at 527 W. 32nd. We look forward to seeing everyone there. The new officers for the coming year will be installed at this time. They are: Diane Mangold, President - Rose Fitch, Vice President - Diane Austin, Secretary - Willard Mills, Treasurer. Our sincere thanks to both Nell Ruter and to Sarah Strybois whose long time assistance and patience have kept the Garden Club going and we the new officers won't let you down.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the cooks who donated baked goods to our plant and bake sale. You make the Garden Clubs part in the festival a smash. THANKS.

Sincerely,

Kay Paul
President



Heard Under The Old Oak Tree

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Stephen Jones who was 1-year old May 17. He and his mom & dad (Stan & Angie) live at 303 W. 33rd.

WELCOME to our new neighbors - Craig & Anne Ness who moved into 970 Althea from West University.

Our DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the W.W.Watts family and to the F. H. Warren family. Mr. Warren was for many years Treasurer of the civic club.

Additional HAPPY BIRTHDAYS go to Glenda McKenney and Madelyn Browder. Our spy wouldn't tell us how old they were but we hope their birthdays were happy ones.

YARD-OF-THE-MONTH for May was won by the Florians who live at 1058 W. 43rd. Color surrounds their home year-round and even in the dead of winter their grass is green. If you get a chance drive by and take a look. To the Florians - CONGRATULATIONS.

(Yard of the Month is awarded monthly by a panel of Garden Club members who constantly drive throughout our community searching for homes which merit this award. Monthly, a sign is posted to let others know of your hard work. So get to work so we can honor you.)

THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES

THE SUPPORT

OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL MERCHANTS



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NEXT CIVIC CLUB MEETING JUNE, 2

!!! BE THERE !!!

OPERATION SPARKLE

As was stated in the Presidents message our two days of Operation Sparkle and our Adopt-A-Truck day were highly successful and like our festival and proposed fall home tour we would like to make it something that we make a community happening at least every six months. We sincerely hope we, the Garden Oaks residents, never let get as bad as it was this time. We, your Civic Club, have started a strong communication network with the various state and city agencies responsible for the normal mowing and trash pick-up. However, I would like to list a number of things below which Clean Houston furnishes to various neighborhoods. I realize that many of us are already aware of a number of these items but it never hurts to refresh our own committments to keep our neighborhood cleaned up. Once again, I would like to add my own personal thanks to all my Garden Oaks neighbors who assisted us in Operation Sparkle, Adopt-A-Truck, and Festival Clean-up. We really could not have been a success without you!

Sincerely,

Robert Taylor
Vice President

TIPS ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

- * Put trash out early on day of pick up to avoid animals spreading the trash out over your neighborhood.
- * Do not pack trash in cans. The employees are not allowed to reach into cans because of possibility of broken glass. They have to bang cans on the truck to empty them.
- * Do not put trash out in paper or cardboard boxes. Moisture destroys these containers.
- * Cans should have tight fitting lids to avoid blowing trash.
- * Plastic bags should be tied to avoid blowing trash.
- * Cans should be taken in after pick up to avoid high winds blowing them into street.
- * 1 teaspoon of household ammonia in trash will discourage animals from disturbing it.
- * All glass should be wrapped in paper when placed in plastic bags to avoid injury to workers.
- * Cardboard boxes should be broken down. Compactors on trucks generally do not crush boxes thus wasting space in trucks.
- * Do not overload cans. A strained back results in lost time for the worker; additional costs to you.
- * RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. This conserves space in the trucks, conserves landfill space, conserves your tax dollars and provides an addition to your income in these times of runaway inflation.

✓ REMEMBER solid waste employees perform a very necessary job in our society. These fellows work in all kinds of weather, under all conditions and in a position with an accident rate 5 to 10 times higher than the general population. We, as citizens, should keep this in mind and make a concerted effort to control our solid waste as a favor to ourselves, our sanitation employees and our environment.

REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- * The Department of Solid Waste Management is the only City of Houston Department responsible for the collection and disposal of garbage and trash.
- * The operation is oriented strictly toward pickup at residences and smaller businesses.
- * Pickups are scheduled either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday depending on your area.
- * Garbage MUST be stored in solid, watertight cans with tight fitting lids.
- * When placed at the curb for pickup, garbage and trash must be containerized and must be placed in cans not exceeding 30 gallons in capacity nor weighing more than 100 pounds.
- * Disposable plastic bags are usable only for placing garbage and trash at the curb for pickup and must be of sufficient strength to contain a capacity of not more than 35 gallons.
- * Do not overload plastic bags with anything, including wet grass/leaves or newspapers, since they will cause the bags to break.
- * Cardboard boxes are NOT acceptable refuse containers.
- * Uncontainerized tree or shrub trimmings must be tied with strong twine wire or ladies' nylon stockings into bundles not exceeding 5 feet in length, 18" in diameter, or 75 pounds in weight.
- * Refuse may be placed on the curb on your scheduled pickup days only.
- * Containers must be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 a.m. and not later than 8 a.m. and cans must be removed not later than 8 p.m. of the same day.
- * If your pickup was missed call the dispatcher's office at 699-1113.
- * Trash bins/refuse container stands cannot be erected between the sidewalk and the curb as this is City property.
- * Dead animals will be picked up only upon request and must be placed at the curb prior to calling 222-3921.
- * Heavy trash (furniture, appliances, water heaters, rugs) will be picked up only upon request and must be placed at the curb prior to calling the dispatcher's office.
- * NO building materials (brick, sheet rock, lumber, sheet metal or automobile parts including tires) will be collected by the City of Houston.
- * Arrangements for disposal of these materials must be made by the owner of the building materials.

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 **JUNE 2** meeting.

NAME _____

Mail to:

ADDRESS _____

Garden Oaks Civic Club
c/o Mr. Wilbur Mills

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Treasurer
907 West 41st Street
Houston, Texas 77018

Hobbies/Interests _____

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