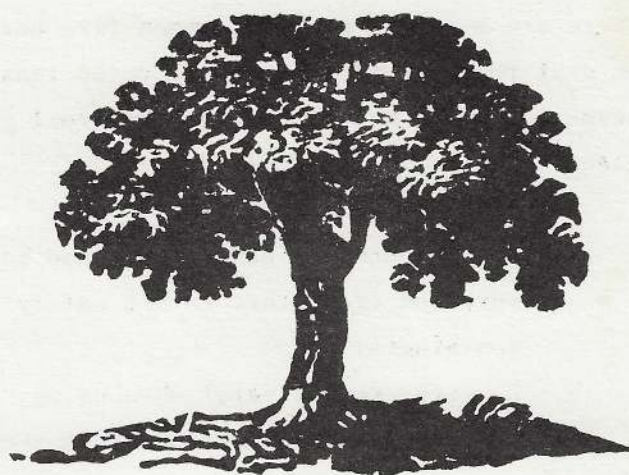


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President's message

Dear Neighbor:

Because of the critical nature and importance of our last meeting, I want to reiterate the major points as they were brought out by George Cones, Jr. the City of Houston Fire Department Inspector who spoke to us regarding smoke alarms and general fire safety.

F I R E

1. Did you know that every year 7,000 people lose their lives to fire.
2. That these fires cause over 2 billion dollars in property damage.
3. That most fires occur in the middle of the night.
4. That it's not the flames that kill but the smoke and poisonous gases created by the flames.
5. And, do you realize that 2/3's of those 7,000 people could have survived had they installed some type of home smoke alarm equipment.

Smoke alarms are inexpensive and there are two basic types of smoke alarms either (1) photo electric or (2) ionization. No matter which unit you purchase, the best location is between the living and sleeping

quarters, preferably in a hall but not in the kitchen. If you own a two-story home, there should be at least a detector on each floor. Smoke detectors once installed require very little maintenance and should only need to be periodically checked. All smoke detectors (verify they are U/L listed) will make a chirping sound for seven days before the battery runs down. Remember, if you need help in the placement of your smoke alarm, the Fire Department will be glad to assist. They do care about your safety.

After a fire starts, it is too late to learn an escape plan. This weekend or this coming week, sit down and devise a fire escape plan for your family. Draw-up a plan which allows two ways out of each room.

Rehearse. It may seem silly right now, but if you lose one of your children or an elderly parent, it would have been worth looking a little silly. Set up one location for everyone to meet at on the outside and remember ONCE OUT/STAY OUT. Too many people have lost their own life by going back into get someone who was already out.

Caution each and every member of your family that if they suspect a fire, don't stand up; rather slide to the floor and crawl to the

escape area. Smoke and poison gases fill a room from the ceiling down. There are a number of very common fire hazards we want to bring to your attention so that you never hopefully have to act out for real your escape plan.

1. Flamable items
 - a. Watch where you place these and be sure and store them in U/L safety containers.
 - b. Be very, very careful when using solvents and make very certain there is plenty of air flow.
2. Electrical connections
 - a. Watch the number of items on each plug too often a fire of this nature can start in the walls and smolder for hours before it breaks out - too late to be put out easily.
 - b. Have an electrician check your wiring if your switches are warm or if a breaker keeps going off.
 - c. Don't run extension cords under a rug. The insulation breaks down as people walk on it and this can cause a rug to catch on fire.
3. Central A/C and heating - yearly have a specialist check your system out as these may cause many fires each year. Many A/C and heating companies do this free or only charge a very small nominal fee.
4. Smoking - if you do smoke, be very careful, and don't smoke in bed.
5. Always keep the phone number of the Fire Department handy and when reporting a fire be calm, give your name, your telephone number, and the address with cross streets. How often at night have you tried to find a house? Have someone out in the street to meet the firemen, they have no time to lose. Those seconds can mean the difference between saving or not saving a home or life.

Please Realize -

Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers only cost \$10 to \$15. Isn't your family's life worth more than that?



Garden Club Clippings



The June meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mr. Eldredge Langlinais and was a covered dish supper. If you weren't there, you missed some excellent food and the best old-fashioned banana pudding alot of us had had in a long time. New officers were installed for the coming year and the new President, Diane Mangold, has asked that we remind everyone that membership dues are only \$3 per year per family. An expense well worth it considering the discounts which are available at various area merchants; the informative meetings with their door prizes and the fellowship enjoyed at the 34th Street clubhouse. Meetings are held monthly, the second Thursday of each month at 8 PM. The next meeting will be the 10th of September.



YARD OF THE MONTH

The award for July was presented to Lucy and Frank Stautberg, who live at 228 W34th. Lucy's yard evidences her hard work and organized spirit with all of it's crisp green edges and riot of colors. Congratulations Lucy and Frank - you deserve it.





Heard Under The Old Oak Tree

- * Happy Birthday to Ross Foster of W 33rd, who celebrated his 79th birthday June 6. The Fosters are one of our original residents.
- * Congratulations are also in order to two additional original residents, A. C. and Lucille Carter, who celebrated their wedding anniversary June 29. "Tex" Lucille will also celebrate a birthday on July 19th but she won't tell us which one.
- * Congratulations to Steve and Diane Mangold who have a new son, Alan.

TO PLACE AN AD IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER
 CALL: Ruth Blanchette 523-0803 - Days
 Mary Lehmann 658-9032 - Days



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 July 7th meeting.

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

MEETING TOPIC SUGGESTIONS _____

Mail to:
 Garden Oaks Civic Club
 C/O Mr. Willard Mills
 Treasure
 907 W 47th Street
 Houston, Texas 77018

THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

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Christmas Home Tour

EXPERIENCE THE FINE HOMES OF GARDEN OAKS

Garden Oaks has an abundance of interesting, beautiful homes. We are proud of our friendly neighborhood; The Garden Oaks Civic Club would like to show off Garden Oaks with a Christmas Home Tour. Home tours have been excellent fund raisers for many prominent Houston neighborhoods, and they always add prestige and favorable publicity to the area. This benefits the residents with increased community pride, increased property values, and better city services.

MY NOMINATION(S) FOR THE GARDEN OAKS HOME TOUR:

HOME ADDRESS _____

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SIGNED _____

PHONE NO. _____

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or would like to help with the production of the Gazette in any way- typing, writing, reporting, advertizing- PLEASE CALL:
MARY LEHMAN 864-1010

NEXT CIVIC CLUB MEETING JULY 7TH

Tuesday 7:00 PM 822 West 34th St.

Fire Station Bldg.

Free Ride for Elderly - Call Robert Taylor at 686 - 2752

7:00 PM (refreshments) with the meeting starting at 7:20 PM. Topics of discussion will be Houston Metro. Also present will be our area representative, who is very interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas. Come see our new chairs! Willard Mills, our Treasurer, ran across a true bargain of 24 steel folding chairs. Have some fun at the Civic Club!