

# Garden Oaks Gazette

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## OPEN LETTER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF GARDEN OAKS:

When Garden Oaks was developed, beginning in 1938, E. L. Crain, the developer, collected 40¢ per frontage foot on each lot for maintenance fees. This fee was held by the Garden Oaks Company to be used for maintaining streets, utilities, etc. The Company reserved the right to transfer this fund to a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustee members were to be named to represent all the owners of property in Garden Oaks.

In 1952, after Garden Oaks was annexed into the City of Houston, Garden Oaks Company did appoint three Trustees from each Section of Garden Oaks. This Board was to assume responsibility for enforcing deed restrictions and administration of the maintenance fund. The original Trustee members are listed on the back page of your Deed Restriction booklet. Most of these are gone, but have been replaced by equally dedicated members, who are now facing the same problems of those early years, plus avaricious developers eyeing all close-in residential property. Garden Oaks has to be prepared to resist encroachment that could happen at any time.

Garden Oaks enjoys a reputation for its vigilant enforcement of deed restrictions, and in the last few years several court cases have been fought and won to preserve your neighborhood. The Board has never lost any law suit that it pursued. It has even gone as far as the Texas Supreme Court to protect our residential status. Win or lose, however, legal fees are costly. The Garden Oaks Company set up a good system to finance the future and through wise management and diligent actions, the Board has been operating out of the same 40¢ per foot collected in 1938.

The Board still has assets in certificates of deposit which will not mature until mid 1982, but cannot afford to forfeit interest by early withdrawal of these moneys. The Board has been caught short of liquid funds and therefore, we are making the first request for donations since 1938.

The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees would greatly appreciate any size donation by check or money order made payable to:

GARDEN OAKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
c/o Glenda McKenney, President  
823 Lamonte  
Houston, Texas 77018

A neighborhood in a city with no zoning is a fragile entity that must be carefully protected. If you would like to aid in the preservation of Garden Oaks as we know it, send a donation of even \$5.00 or \$10.00 today.

The fund that is managed by the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees is used solely for the purpose of maintaining deed restrictions and has no other expenses. Although the Board of Trustees and the Garden Oaks Civic Club work closely and have common goals in preserving the neighborhood - the Board is an entirely separate entity and does not have access to the funds of the Civic Club.

All you can get in return is thanks -- and the knowledge that you have helped do your share in preservation of our neighborhood. Without deed restrictions your investment in your home in Garden Oaks would be in grave danger. Show your support and help keep Garden Oaks a beautiful place to live. The Board of Trustees needs your help and support.

Sincerely,

*Glenda McKenney*

C R I M E S T O P P E R

Our Houstonians on Watch Program depends upon you. Because Houston has become the "Mecca" of the South, we are attracting a large number of "undesirable" types. We are very interested in forming a strong WATCH program which will enhance our ability to protect our homes. Be sure and attend the September 1 meeting when we will have a security specialist speak.

GARDEN OAKS HISTORY/COOKBOOK

To be printed in time for sale at the Christmas Home Tour. Plans to include a complete history of Garden Oaks, highlighting some of the original residents of Garden Oaks and featuring a complete recipe selection from residents of Garden Oaks.

All residents are invited to submit their favorite recipes for printing. What a super gift idea for family and friends - a unique book about your neighborhood including some of your family favorite recipes.

Just write them out and mail to:

GARDEN OAKS HISTORY/COOKBOOK  
c/o Glenda McKenney  
823 Lamonte  
Houston, TX 77018

DON'T DELAY - MAIL YOUR RECIPES TODAY!  
(or bring to the next meeting August 4)

NEXT CIVIC CLUB MEETING  
August 4, 1981

**\*\*TIME CHANGE\*\*TIME CHANGE\*\***

8:00 p.m.

Because of the heat we have changed the August meeting time to 8:00 p.m. Our speakers will talk to us about Home Tours and how to have a successful one. See you then---

Don't forget in September our meeting will be at Garden Oaks Baptist Church and will be a pot-luck dinner starting at 7 with our speaker starting at 8:00 p.m.

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**Heard Under The Old Oak Tree**

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER.....

- . Pat and Bill Eckert whose baby girl, Julie Hayden was born of July 1st.
- . Danese and Jerry McWhorter whose baby boy, Logen was born on July 15th . . . 10 lbs ! ! !
- . Robin and Joe Haney whose baby boy, Vincent Joseph Haney III was born of July 20th. Now don't ask but they are going to call him "Trey". An additional congratulations is in order for "Dad" whose completion of his Masters was overshadowed by his son's birth.

A BIG WELCOME TO.....

- . Erika Smith and Bill Eckert who just bought their first home at 428 W. 32nd.
- . Kris Knoble who just bought her new home at 4211 Alba. Kris grew up in this area and rented in Section I, but now she's "Offical"!
- . How was Hawaii, Eldredge?

Just a short note -

We extend our sympathy to the Oak Forest family who just recently lost their daughter. She was not from Garden Oaks as was reported by the Leader. However, your assistance with either a donation of blood or financial aid would be greatly appreciated by them. During her 16 day hospital stay she used 307 pints of blood and the bill was in excess of \$150,000. For more information call 688-1248 or make checks payable to the KELLY PYE MEMORIAL FUND c/o Oak Forest Bank, Drawer C, Houston, TX 77018..

THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

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