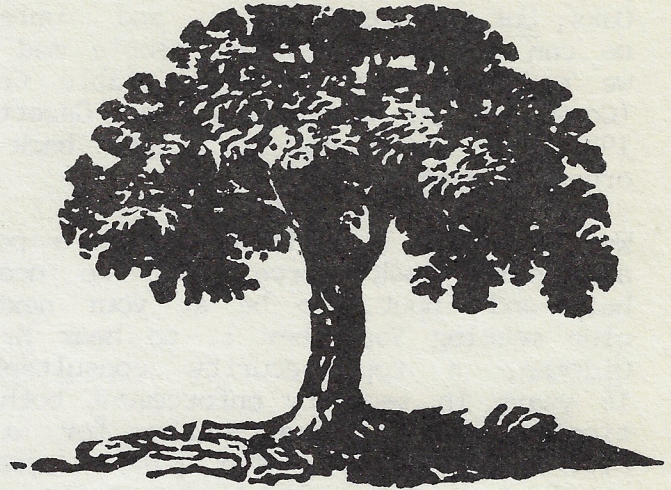


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President's message

"There is something new about the way that Americans are killing, robbing, raping and assaulting one another. The curse of violent crime is rampant not just in the ghettos of depressed cities, but everywhere. More significantly, crimes are becoming more brutal, more irrational, more random, and therefore all the more frightening."

Time - March 23, 1981

Dear Neighbors:

This letter is not meant to be a doom and gloom letter, but I'm mad, and so should you be. Because crime is on the increase, we are losing one of our original residents, and maybe we've already lost others. Just because we put up signs which say "This Neighborhood Protected by Houstonians On Watch" sponsored by the Houston Police Department doesn't mean that crime and those who are responsible for them are going to stop. Those signs are simply meant to be an indication of your assertiveness and your strong, responsible, responsive attitude to anything unusual going on in your neighborhood, more explicitly on your street. How many times have you noted strange cars going slowly down your street, or simply watched strangers meandering down our streets with no apparent aim or purpose? Well, let me assure you that in a good number of those instances, there was an aim and a purpose, and one of your neighbors may have paid the price for our desire "NOT TO GET INVOLVED".

Mr. Eddie Childs, President of the Western Companies, based a very effective ad and consequently involvement campaign on the phrase, "I'm Mad". Well, maybe that's going to have to be our slogan, too, to constantly remind ourselves that we are our neighbors' keeper, and he ours, until we all know one another - not to invade each others' privacy, but to protect our families, homes, possessions, and self respect.

Our Houstonians On Watch program must do more than teach people people about rudimentary burglary stopping methods such as one-inch dead bolt locks, solid core doors and crime watch stickers on front windows or doors.

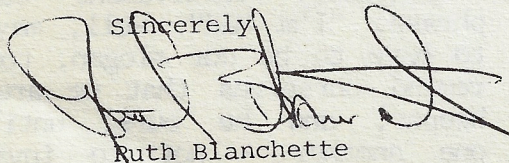
We must learn to overcome attitudes born of distrust of police, and an attitude of "they can't do anything anyway"; fear of retribution from criminals released on bond once we seek to prosecute them, and a sense that crime is a constant, inevitable part of life in the big city now. Balance to all of those attitudes - the police are capable of assisting; however, we must all face and accept the reality of the problems facing the understaffed Houston Police Department. Instead of allowing burglary victims to hope that they will get their stolen property back - and they probably won't - we must concentrate on cutting the chances of it happening again.

More so than ever, there is a growing attitude both locally and federally that you've got to have citizen participation to combat crime.

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Crime does not have to be a part of our lives, and it is possible that we and the police can get a grip on crime in Garden Oaks, but you are the key, and unless we can succeed in making people mad because we want to survive as a viable Community (Communication + Unity - see Gazette May, 1981), we have got to fight back in an organized manner.

We want very much to establish a permanent anti-crime task force, but we need your help and input, so be at your next civic club meeting September 1, to hear Mr. Frank Oidtman, a top security consultant with 16 years in security enforcement both domestically and internationally for a major city and who, for the past 8 years has acted as a consultant to major industry on security problems, speak about crime prevention and home security. There will also be a question and answer session at the end of his talk.

Sincerely,

Ruth Blanchette
President

Garden Oaks Board Needs Funds

THANKS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees thanks all who donated to the maintenance fund. The response was very good and we are sure there are still a lot of good intentions out there who just haven't mailed their check yet.

Deed restrictions are your only protection in a city without zoning. Keep Garden Oaks Great! Don't delay - make your donation today. Mail to:

Garden Oaks Board of Trustees
c/o Glenda McKenney, President
823 Lamonte
Houston, Texas 77018



Garden Club Clippings

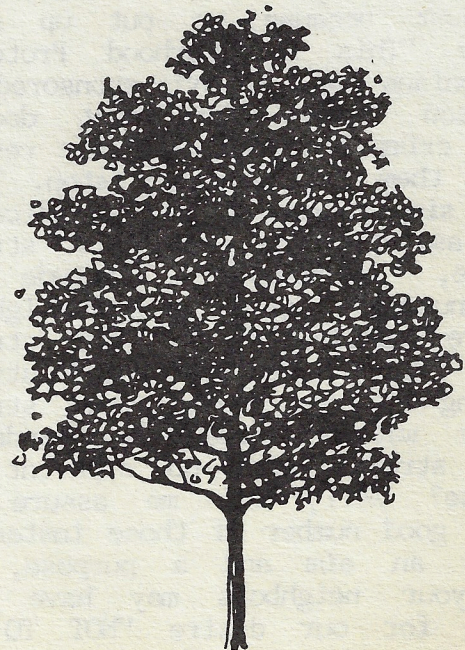


Garden Oaks Garden Club is alive and growing after a long, hot summer. Come to the first meeting, which will be Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Club Building, 822 West 34th, and BRING A FRIEND.

Our meetings will be informal, interesting, and informative, and will feature Yard of the Month, Speakers, landscaping tips, growing secrets, CPR, workshops, and more.

Membership is #1 on our list, so show up and let's get growing. We want a beautiful neighborhood.

Diane Mangold
President



Christmas Home Tour

On Tuesday, August 11, the Home Tour Planning Committee met at the home of Ruth Blanchette, who will be this years Chairman. Those in attendance were Vee Gaines, Willard Mills, Rose Fitch, Kay Paul, Jimmie & Zalie Dyer, Dorothy Blanchette, Tom and Pat Roberts, Steve and Linda Masera, Bret Hansen, Terry Jeanes and Jeanne Cabrera. The response and enthusiasm of everyone including our special guest, Carolyn Elsea, who has been involved with home tours for a number of years was exciting. Our home tour is scheduled for December 6, from 1 - 5 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 for 6 homes or \$2 per individual home. In addition to the homes the Tour, "A Traditional Christmas", will feature the Garden Oaks History/Cookbook and lots of baked goods for holiday giving.

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

If you know of an outstanding home which you feel we should honor, it is not too late to contact the home selection committee and let them know if not the owners name but at least the address. We do not want to overlook anyone. If you would have an interest in being a part of the home tour, the names of the Chairpersons and the various committees are listed below:

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| Home Selection | - Ruth Blanchette 864-8810 |
| Baked Goods | - Diane Austin or Sandy Altman 864-7962 |
| Printing/Art Work - Graphics | - Terry Jeanes 680-8550 |
| Advertising | - Bret Hansen 868-7510 |
| Home Decorations | - Kay Paul 861-0328 |
| Home Owner Assistance | - Tom Roberts 697-2009 |
| Tickets | - Willard Mills 686-6592 |
| History/Cookbook | - Glenda McKenney 692-2447 |

Next Civic Club Meeting:

Sept. 1, 7:00

Our September 1st meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, with a POT LUCK DINNER with our speaker starting at 8:00 p.m.

Bring a dish, salad or dessert and get to know your neighbors. We'll furnish the plates, napkins, all utensils, tea and coffee. Children are welcome.

See you there!

DOOR PRIZE - DOOR PRIZE

The door prize, for the September 1 meeting is being donated by "The Rustics House" (Antique Co-op) located at 325 West 19th. SO, in addition to food, a top-notch program, we will have a very special door prize. SEE YOU THERE - September 1 at 7:00p.m.

THANKS! ! !

THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB
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* IMPORTANT NOTICE * * * * *
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If you have an interest in finally seeing justice served and our civic club building being preserved for our use then BE SURE and SIGN UP at our September 1 meeting - OR call Kris Knobles at 686-7744 (home) or 651-3364 (work). We will have a scheduled meeting one Tuesday morning in September to go before City Council to finally, once and for all, resolve who our Civic Club building belongs to and what is going to happen to it once the fire station moves. Many, many years ago, when Garden Oaks was first established the developers built the building for our use. However, when we became a part of the city in 1952 we gave the building to the city. Well, you guessed it, they now say it is theirs and we must show at the council meeting strong support that we want our building back.

* Century 21/Bice Merriel
5812 Antoine 688-6600
Barbara Wingate, Renee Baker
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* Aloha Flowers
3422 Ella Blvd. 688-4585
A complete neighborhood florist
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* A Touch of Green
3102 Ella Blvd 861-6918
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* Options
201½ W. 15th 868-3830
For landscape or horticultural design or counsel.
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* John Gulley & Co. Real Estate
527 West 32nd 861-7883
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DON'T FORGET - If you can attend the council meeting and simply be a part of a show of strength and interest be sure and SIGN UP or CALL. We don't want to overlook anyone. We will furnish rides to all who do not have a way. (If you can furnish a car, please let us know - Thanks)



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. _____ Mail to: _____

ADDRESS _____ Garden Oaks Civic Club

MEETING TOPIC SUGGESTIONS _____ C/O Mr. Willard Mills

_____ Treasurer

_____ 907 W 47th Street

_____ Houston, Texas 77018