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President's Message

The February meeting, with over 100 in attendance, was such a thrill for me. So many neighbors taking interest in a common problem is what the Civic Club is all about. Mr. Mills received dues from many of those present and has received many by mail. (Don't forget to get your dues in by March to get on our membership list.)

While walking door to door in Section 1 for the security patrol, I have met so many nice people. Many are senior citizens, some living alone, who really need to know who their neighbors are and be able to call them for help. Look around you on your block and find out if you have someone like this and please make yourself available. Some of these people are the best part of Houstonians on Watch because they are home during the day. By working together and helping our neighbors we increase our neighborhood security and develop an even greater sense of real community spirit.

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Rob and Terry Jeanes will have a happy St. Patrick's Day, since they will be celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary.

(Isn't it strange how things came in 5th's??)

GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS

TIP FOR MARCH GARDENING:
The azaleas are beautiful in March, but don't forget to prune and fertilize them immediately after blooming. Falsluio azaleas bloom twice a year and could be a real addition to your garden.

We enjoyed forcing daffodil bulbs in February, we will learn about pruning this month, and will make plans for picnicking, viewing Garden Oaks' beautiful backyards, and other surprises coming up...So join us at our next meeting, March 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Club Building.

Keep up the good yard work.....Jane Little, Candy Foster, and Cindy Murphy have their eyes open for YARD OF THE MONTH.

"Scoop" Bill Adams, author and T.V. personality, just may pay us a visit sometime during the upcoming months. Thanks to Suzanne Debien, we will be looking forward to this possibility of Bill being a "surprise" guest speaker.
Congratulations to Section 1. We had a problem. We attacked and have good results. March 1st should mark the beginning of a security patrol in Section 1. 50% of our residents said YES and are sending their contracts to try this approach for a year. We certainly hope it will decrease the crime rate in our area. We will continue to receive the reports from the North Shepherd station and will report these to you from time to time to let you know how it’s working.

It is NEVER TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS SERVICE....... Kay Paul (861-0328) has plenty of contracts. If you were never contacted or have decided you now want the service please call Kay !!!:

Special thanks to these people who held meetings and went door to door to make this all possible:

Jo Ann Stone, Jane Little, Bob Rial, Bruce Bone, Diane Austin, Sandy Altman, Jan Hirst, Lucan Neitman, Richard Lipham, Caye & Billy Siems, Marie Feltner, Mark Stubbs, Tommy Cole, and Kay Paul.... Thanks again for the good work....... 

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GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB c/o Mr. Willard Mills
Treasurer
907 West 41st Street
Houston, Texas 77018

The City Ordinance highlighted this month deals with NOISE..... (Section 29-1)

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The NOISE pollution department (222-4245) can help you with any problems of this nature.