



Garden Oaks Gazette



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OCTOBER

MEETING

Mark your calendars for a very important Civic Club Meeting on October 4th, 1983, at 7:00 pm-832 W. 34th, at the Civic Club Building. Council candidates Larry McKasckle, Mike Boylan, and Scott Haley will present their platforms for election. A short time will be provided for questions and answers. In addition the all important HOME TOUR publicity posters and tickets will be available for distribution. So please join us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tornadoes, hurricanes, and now rain. We have survived; we will survive. It was really great during all our adversity to see neighbors helping neighbors. There was also a lot of visiting going on since everyone spent more time outside. Maybe you even met a new neighbor and that's good.

Two big events are coming and I urge every resident to try and participate. The CLEANUP CAMPAIGN and the HOME TOUR are very important to our neighborhood. We really need to clean up, even more so now, before inviting others to view our homes. Please help if you can. The home tour is to raise money for our building restoration and we need a lot of help, especially on advanced ticket sales.

I want to request a large attendance at our October meeting. Our councilman is being challenged by two other candidates. The three of them are scheduled to appear to present their ideas. It is imperative for us to have a good representation at city council. Please come hear them and make your choice based on first hand information. We want whoever is elected to know Garden Oaks and its problems.

We also will present the slate of candidates for Civic Club officers for next year, to be voted on in November.

DON'T MISS THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

At the September meeting, representatives from Clean Houston presented ideas on how to improve our neighborhood. We heard from Robin Blut, Renee Wright, and Katherine Howe regarding the Adopt-A-Truck program, and the Clean Houston Recycling Center at Cullen and Griggs. Browning-Ferris will make a " Litter Box " available for trash collection on street corners, and HISD will match funds for the revitalization of parks and play equipment. Commercial programs are also available for businesses. Clean Houston has won several awards from Keep America Beautiful and has been very successful in working with civic and business leaders in greater Houston. We all got some good ideas about dealing with our litter problem in Garden Oaks.

GARDEN OAKS FIGHTS DIRTY

While many residents of Garden Oaks have been busy restoring, painting, and landscaping their individual homes, our overall neighborhood has suffered from some neglect this summer. Budget reductions to the Parks Department and Public Works Department have curtailed the maintenance schedule for our circles, Garden Oaks Blvd., and Shepherd Drive. The expense involved in cleaning up after the tornado and hurricane has neatly eliminated the remaining city funds available for the maintenance to our community. Therefore, it is up to us, the citizens of Garden Oaks, to be responsible for our environment.

Despite our proximity to downtown, Garden Oaks has the small town community spirit which makes it such an inviting neighborhood in which to live. It is within this hometown spirit that the Garden Oaks Civic Club and the Garden Oaks Garden Club invite you to our community clean up scheduled for Saturday October 15th. Nearly all the storm debris has been collected and we can devote our efforts to picking up the cans, bottles, and papers that litter North Shepherd. At this writing, the Public Works Dept. has been requested to cut the grass between the 3400 and 3800 blocks of N. Shepherd in anticipation of our event. Browning-Ferris donating plastic trash bags and our newest commercial neighbors Gabby's, has provided \$1 off coupons to feed the first 40 volunteers.

Our starting time is 9:30 am in the Garden Oaks shopping center at 38th street. Our efforts will be concentrated on Shepherd Dr. and Garden Blvd., however we will include your favorite circle as well, if the number of volunteers is as great as we anticipate.

Please bring your gardening tools with you, clearly marked to insure their proper return at the end of the day. We shall need rakes, brooms, pruning sheers, and particularly gas powered edgers and trimmers. Don't forget your work gloves either. If anyone has a can of wood stain, remaining around their garage, the Garden Oaks signs on 38th, the boulevard, and 43rd. need a fresh coat.

If gardening and cleaning are not your cup of tea, would you help supply the volunteers with some cold tea, sodas, or even cold water? We will be organizing a refreshments team at the October meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or if you have any questions or suggestions about our event, please call Richard Schneyer (6822166) at home either during the day or evening Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, October 12, 13, or 14. I would welcome any suggestions and support.

One final note, in the event of rain on the 15th, any heavier than a fine or periodic mist, stay home and save your ambition for the following Saturday October, 22. Our plan is to not only make this thorough cleaning a semi annual event, but to keep Garden Oaks trim and litter free on a continuing basis. Remember the responsibility is ours, so come join us October 15th, and HELP GARDEN OAKS FIGHT DIRTY

GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS

Thanks to Suzanne DeBien for inviting Bill Adams to come and speak to us at our September meeting. At our upcoming meeting, October 13th, 7:30, at the Civic Club Bldg. we will have a speaker on orchids. In looking ahead to November we will have a Christmas Craft Project . No yard of the Month due to the storm damage. Garden Tip for the month : Plan ahead for your spring garden by planting pansies during the month of October.

A REMINDER

Our deed restrictions do not allow the posting of political signs on your property.

HOME TOUR

The Home Tour planning is going like gang busters. Tickets and posters will be available at the October 4th meeting. The key to the success of this fund raiser is the advanced ticket sales and extensive publicity. That's where you as a Garden Oaks resident can help. If every resident could sell at least two tickets we will be well over our \$5000 profit goal. If there is anything which you might assist in please contact one of the committee chairpersons below. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Home Tour Chairperson	Terry Jeanes	680-8550
Ticket Distribution and Sales	Willard Mills	686-6592
	Linda Masera	692-1307
T-shirts	Linda Masera	692-1307
Set up / Clean up	Johnny Murphy	688-7337
Docents/Troubleshooters	Jeanne Cabrera	680-1882
Bake & Craft Sale	Lucann Neitman	862-5656

Additional posters and tickets will be available at Garden Oaks Properties as 4001 N. Shepherd Suite 113.

There will be a meeting of all committee workers and chairman and anyone else who is interested in becoming involved with our neighborhood fund raiser on TUESDAY OCTOBER 18TH - 7:30 - at the Civic Club Building. The tour home home owners are also urged to attend. So let's all ban together and have the most successful Home Tour ever. REMEMBER it's the beginning of the many efforts toward restoration of our Civic Building.

SECURITY

Just a reminder to be watchful. Be aware of any suspicious activity and contact either the security service or the police. Our area has experienced several breakins recently and we don't want this to get started again. Any other sections interested in the security patrol contact Kay Paul 8610328. Remember keep a watchful eye, especially during this time of cleanup when there are a lot of strangers in our neighborhood.

HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

Garden Oaks now has their own Family Feud Family, Bob and Nora Ackerley, 511 W.33rd, were seen on Family Feud on Friday September 23rd.

Helen Shermen of Section 2 went with the First Baptist Church Choir to San Antonio over Labor Day and played the flute with an ensemble group in the Trinity Baptist and First Baptist Churches.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO :

- Ron and Mary Kahanek 415 W. 34th
- Tom and Nancy Holly 1024 W. 42nd
- and the Century 21 agent responsible for the mailing of our Gazette - Pat Lawson and her Husband, Richard, daughter Jenny and son Brian at 1066 W. 42nd.

We have a new baby boy, Joshua Paul born July 26th to Paul and Kathy Marek 1050 W. 42nd.

It looks as if West 42nd. Street has really been busy.

Past President Ruth Blanchette has moved to a larger and soon to be remodeled home at 319 W. 32nd. This is her third Garden Oaks home in as many years. We can't figure out if she's getting rich or just likes to move.

IN LOOKING FORWARD to next month's Gazette- we will have an article on the loss of neighborhood trees and how their can be noted on your 1983 Income Tax Return.

Also there will be an exciting report on the Home Tour as well as the information on the success of our neighborhood clean up campaign.

I hope everyone one will keep up the good work on the gathering of informational news like we have in this month's Gazette. It makes it so much more interesting to put together and to read. Also I'd like to put forth a personal request to all residents. Since I am notonly putting together this Gazette in the months of November and December, in addition to my extensive involvement with the Home Tour, I'dlike to ask that each resident capable of getting involved in any way with the upcoming events PLEASE do so. Not everyone has to put in the amount of time that myself, Kay, Richard, or other members put forth. JUST THE SLIGHTEST AMOUNT CAN DO WONDERS. Garder Oaks Civic Club needs the help of fresh new blood within the veins which are so vital to the life of our great neighborhood.....so please get involved in the great goings on in GARDEN OAKS.

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