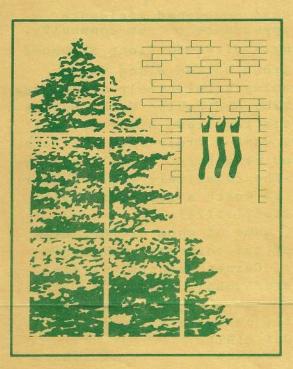
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HOME TOUR



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President's Message

My first inclination is to be ugly and sarcastic, but that wouldn't really be good. Let's suffice to say I was just flat disappointed in the turn out for clean up day. To the twelve (the dirty dozen), who did show and worked so hard --THANK YOU...To those who made delicious food for lunch --THANK YOU..To Rich Schneyer who organized it all and did an excellent job --THANK YOU..Rich said he was not so disappointed that he wouldn't try it again and maybe try to remind people a little more.

I certainly am pleased about the way the Home Tour is taking shape. If everyone will just help in some small way it will be a big success. You can sell tickets and raffle tickets even if you can't help any other way. Also we need lots of baked goodies. We do need to make as much money as possible toward our building restoration.

Take a moment and ask yourself why haven't you gotten involved in your Civic Club. If you don't have at least a reasonable excuse (& few do), then it's time for you to come to our November meeting and see what is happening. We really need the support for our activities. This group exists for the sole purpose of improving Garden Oaks and that is certainly to your advantage. Too many people want the benefits without any effort on their part A lot of new people have moved into our community, and we certainly want to urge them to become involved as soon as possible, and you can. Then it becomes habit and a necessary part of your obligation. I hope to see you at the November meeting.

Kay Paul

ELECTION

Elections will be held at the November meeting. The nominating committee has re-nominated all of this year's officers for next year. Nominations will be taken from the floor if you wish someone else to do the job. However please be sure that they themselves will be willing to serve.

GARDEN OAKS FIGHTS DIRTY

On Saturday, October 15, a group of Garden Oaks' concerned residents donated their time and energy to maintaining the appearance of our community. Our voluteers picked up litter and trimmed the jungle of weeds along Shepherd between the RR trestle and 38th. In addition the group worked along Garden Oaks Blvd. After spending the entire Saturday cleaning a relatively small area one gains a new respect for the job done by the Parks and Public Works Departments. The constrainst of the city's budget and work required, allow for a minimal amount of maintainence to such areas. If we want a truly well maintainence has a lot of neighbors makes the task much easier. The relatively small number of volunteers diminished our effectiveness. Isn't it worth a few hours twice a year to work for the cleanliness of your community?????????

A very large THANK YOU to all the volunteers, some of whom did not even live in Garden Oaks. Additionally the generosity of our corporate neighbors, Browning-Ferris, Aztec Rental, Houston Parks Dept., Carpet Country, Garden Oaks Properties, Gabby's, the Garden Oaks Elementary School, and the N. Shepherd Exxon * W.34th, contributed toward the success of this worthwhile event. But don't wait until next clean up in April; be aware of your community image every day and help GARDEN OAKS FIGHT DIRTY.

GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS

Yard of the Month:

The Standards 3]05 Lawrence

COme join us and make a stenciled shaker box for Christmas at our next meeting Thursday November]0th at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Club Building 822 W. 34th.

November Garden Tip

Plant your Christmas Cactus in a white clay pot to give it extra lime so it will continue to bloom until Christmas.

SECURITY

Section I will have paid by now for Sept.,Oct., and Nov. and Section II should be paying for Oct., Nov., and Dec. We didn't get on the same three month pay periods so we hope this will not cause too much confusion..

The report from the Security Patrol for September did not show any bad theft. We did loose one car in Section I and some tools and a lawnmower from a garage, but the number of break ins are way down.

If you do have a problem, such as a theft, and you belong to the Security Service, please notify them as well as the police. They need to know what kinds of trouble, time of day, and other important information so they can watch even more carefully. They are driving our streets 7 times every 24 hours so they have more chances to observe our area.

HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

Welcome to Phil Burns 4]] W.3]st.Right now he lives alone, but he is soon to marry.

Welcome to Martha and Jerry Kennedy of West 3]st. They have a baby girl 3 months old named Elizabeth.

Happy Belated Birthday to Shawn Saunders of 923 W. 4]st, who celebrated with his neighborhood playmates at a party given by mom, Patty. Shawn is 2..

Happy second Birthday to Becky Jeanes, also of W. 4]st, on November]]th.

HOME TOUR

The month of November is very important for PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION... Advanced tickets sells are definitely needed as well. But above all Houstonians have to know that THE HOME TOUR IS ON!!!! Tickets and posters will be available at the November meeting. In additon there are posters available at Garden Oaks Properties 4001 N. Shepherd #113. Remember tickets donot have to paid for at the time of check out. Only money or unused tickets, tour or raffle, will be taken within the next months. So there really isn't any reason not to check out a few tickets.

The advanced planning of the tour has proved quite sucessful. The posters were completely underwritten by InForm Printing. In addtion, Suzanne Debien Realtors donated the ticket printing. Garden Oaks Properties donated the Color TV for the raffle. Additional donations have enabled us to keep costs to a minimum. As you will well see in next month's Gazette listing of sponsors advanced planning is really necessary. Now that that has been taken care of it's time for you to help with tickets sales and poster put up. Or even the baking of goodies for our bake sale.

REMEMBER it's not too late to volunteer in any way. A small or even large effort will be greatly appreciated by all. All residents will truly benefit. Have you driven by our Civic Club Building lately ???? You can well see that is in terrible need of attention..but before that there has to be \$\$\$MONEY.

REMEMBER WE WILL ALL BE WORKING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL _-TO INCREASE OUR BUILDING RESTORATION FUNDS.....

SEVERE WEATHER CAN BE TAXING

With the tornado, hurricane and heavy rains that have plagued our area this year, many Garden Oaks residents have suffered damage to their homes, property, and even trees. Do not overlook the tax deductions entitled you as a result of casualty losses. While this is only a brief discussion of the deduction entitled to you it will highlights some of the means available.

The IRS describes casualty as the damage, destruction, or loss of property resulting from an identifiable event that is sudden, unexpected, and unusual. To take a deduction you must be able to prove that a casualty exised and be able to support the amount which you deduct. Note 1). type & when casualty occurred 2). loss was a direct result of casualty ,& 3). and that you were the owner of the said property. Forms 4684 and Schedule A are necessary. Added copies of 4684 are required for each loss.

Treatment of casualty losses have changed siginificantly, (not to the taxpayers benefit) for 1983. The amount of loss required is substantially higher than those amounts of the past. Before your non-business casualty losses are deductible they must exceed 10% of your adjusted gross income.

Due to the lackof available Gazette spacing additional information on this matter will be continued in the following months so that we all may use the tax laws to some how compensate for the loss of our many beautiful trees.

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