



A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS

HOME TOUR

DEC. 1983

*Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse....*

More than 45 years ago, field mice and other wild creatures may have stirred through the acreage that is now Garden Oaks. But now the land accomodates a thriving inner-city community of unique and distinctive people...and their unique and distinctive homes. Join with us as we take a peek at just a few of the wonderful homes in Garden Oaks -- homes which reflect the yuletide warmth and friendliness exhibited by the residents 365 days a year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank you for the privilege of being your president this year and the vote of approval to be re-elected. It has been an enjoyable year with many accomplishments. I want to thank the many people who worked so hard to get so much done. In no special order they are - Linda Masera, Mrs. Wetzell, Mr. Mills, Terry Jeanes, Vee Gaines, Johnny and Cindy Murphy, Bill Bijak, Jerry and Judy Scruggs, Jane Little, Joann Stone, Kay Mayberry, David Easterling, Victor and Monica Kriechbaum, Lucille Carter, Dorothy Blanchette, Jim Alexander, Rich Schneyer, Anita Gentry, Lucan Neitman, Spencer Driesharf, Rose Fitch, Suzanne Debein, Eldridge Langlinois, Sue Larson, Selma Johnson, and all the others who helped with the security sign up, chili cook off, and home tour. A special thank you to all of our Gazette advertisers. I hope I did not forget anyone if I did then I apologize.

The proceeds from our Home Tour will go to the restoration of our Civic Club Building so I urge everyone to do all that they can to help make it a financial success.

I hope to see many of you at the Home tour and Christmas Party.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 6th, we will have a combined Civic Club - Garden Club Christmas Party. At this time we should know the outcome of our Home Tour and should be able to announce our profit. The Garden Club members are asked to bring sweets and they will have punch for the kids. Civic Club members are to bring sandwiches, chips, dips, and we will furnish the coffee. This a family celebration so come and bring the kids. Everyone is urged to attend. We've always had a good turn out for these parties and have lots of fun. And don't forget we will be drawing for the winners of our Home Tour Raffle. Please join us.

ELECTION

At the November meeting the officers from this years board were re-elected. The only change is that last year Terry Jeanes was appointed Gazette Editor. This next year she is elected 2nd Vice President with her special duty being the Gazette. The way our new by-laws are set up your President also serves



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as Chairman of the Board and the other officers are officially board members. This is only a formality since we are now a corporation.

CLEAN UP FOR HOME TOUR

On December 4th many visitors will be in our neighborhood for our Home Tour. Certainly the tour homes will be ready for presentation, but every other home will be on display as well. The visitors will be traveling through many of our streets as they move from one home to another and they certainly will notice the overall appearance of our neighborhood. If each and everyone of us will clean our own yard and then see if there are any other areas that need cleaning and do it, we can be proud of our whole community. Since North Shepherd goes through Garden Oaks and is so heavily traveled, this is what will be seen by all our visitors. It would really be appreciated if not only for the Home Tour but all the time, if the home owners who live along Shepherd, would be aware of the image people get of Garden Oaks by what they see as they travel down North Shepherd Dr. Thank you and let's shine on December 4th and beyond.

HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

Welcome to Steve and Diane Person 830 West 42nd.

Happy Birthday to Little Roy Flores of the 900 Block of West 41st.

A special thank you to the mysterious Garden Oaks sign stainer. The gentleman was seen giving a face lift to our neighborhood sign at the corner of the Garden Oaks Blvd. and North Shepherd.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Our fabulous Garden Oaks is Great t-shirts will be back by popular demand. The shirts will be available beginning December 4th at the Garden Oaks Home Tour. There will be a variety of colors and sizes for the whole family, so be on the look out for our neighborhood t-shirt.

GARDEN CLUB BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

In conjunction with our Home Tour the Garden Club is sponsoring a bake and craft sale. We would like for everyone to contribute to the bake sale. Items should be wrapped, in a non-returnable dish and labeled as to the contents. Cookies should be bagged two or three to a bag. Baked goods should be taken to Rose Fitches home at 725 Garden Oaks Blvd. between 10 -11:30 on December 4.

The craft sale is mainly to give some of our local residents a chance to display their talents. We are not charging for space and the seller keeps the profit. The seller must set up and take care of his own sale. If you plan to sell crafts please call Lucan Neitman, 8625656, and make arrangements.

Any questions about the bake or craft sale can be directed to either to Lucan or Terry Jeanes, 6808550.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

There will be no meeting in January. It would have been on Jan. 3rd after a holiday on Monday and it's always cold in our building so we decided to cancel. We are planning a questionnaire to get your ideas and opinions for the year that will come out before the February meeting. Also dues are due

for next year and a membership form will be included.

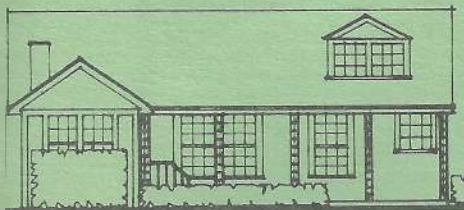
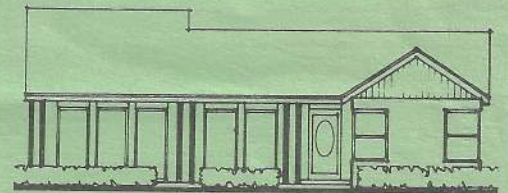
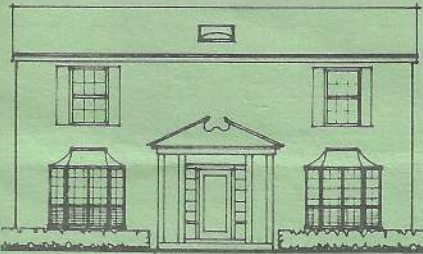
Plans are being made to have a covered dish supper in February if we can get the church hall. More about this in the February Gazette.

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The all important December 4th is just around the corner. Our neighborhood will be on display for all of Houston to see. Don't forget it's not too late to become involved. Whether it be individual neighborhood clean up, craft or bake goods, or tour and raffle tickets. Just contact you tour chairman Terry Jeanes, 6808550.

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In addition, a great thanks to all the voluteers.&committee chairpersons.

HERE"S TO OUR SUCCESS ON DECEMBER 4TH.

GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS

The meeting will be a combined Christmas party December 6th. Only officers will meet in January. President - Lucan Neitman Vice. Pres. - Barbara Smith Secretary - Sarah Strylean Treasurer - Nell Ruter Yard of the Month...Kenneth Hamfelt 758 West 42nd. Congratulations. December Garden Tip - Take tulips out of the cold storage and plant late this month.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!



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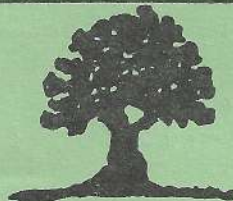
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