PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After editing the Gazette the past 2 years, it seems strange to begin with writing this message; however, I anxiously await the year ahead. My enthusiasm for Garden Oaks began six years ago. I, like most new residents moving in today, discovered the hidden treasure of a caring neighborhood with a strong sense of civic pride. Although "Garden Oaks-ism" has thrived for many years, it's vitally important to stand behind the ideals on which our neighborhood was founded.

This year I have three main objectives. First, to increase membership. Last year, membership increased over past years, however 113 families who paid in 1983, failed to pay in 1984. Our dues are minimal compared to many other neighborhood organizations. Please take a few moments and return the membership form. You won't regret it.

My second objective is to increase the involvement of members to establish new leaders for the future. Involvement in neighborhood affairs will enhance any member's understanding of Garden Oaks. Since your home is most likely the single most important investment you will make, doesn't it make sense to take an active role in protecting its value?

My third objective is to proceed with our plans to renovate the Civic Club Building. The building serves to remind us all and other Houstonians of the fine small town atmosphere that can be found nestled in the inner city. The building, as well as our ideals, should be preserved.

This year will be exciting, with activities of interest to all garden oaks residents. So, get involved with your friends and neighbors to preserve the pride of Garden Oaks. We are all different and each of us has something special to offer. Our shared appreciation and efforts will serve and help keep Garden Oaks Great, not only today but into tomorrow.

Jerry

FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 1985, 7:00 PM

The first meeting of 1985 will be a covered dish dinner on Tuesday, February 5, 1985, at 7:00 pm, at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, North Shepherd at 34th Street. Residents are asked to bring a dish (and serving spoon) to serve 6-8 people. Beverages, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. We urge you all to come and bring the entire family.
Following the dinner, there will be a brief business meeting to discuss the year's objectives and activities. The program for the evening will be a panel discussion by the Board of Trustees which is the governing body in charge of enforcing our Deed Restrictions. The panel will present a general explanation of the Board, its policies, and the Deed Restrictions. A question and answer period will follow. (FYI: Board of Trustees President is Dennis Alexander, 682-5592.) Also, George Swilley & Assoc. Realtors continues to provide a door prize at each meeting. The winner must be a current dues paying member before the drawing.

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YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

In order to keep an active Civic Club, many committees and odd jobs need to be filled. We now need your help in the following areas: Telephone Committee, Welcome Committee, Building Renovation, Spring Clean-Up, and the Christmas Home Tour. If you are interested in helping with the above, or have any ideas, please call Terry Jeanes, 680-8550; Cindy Weed, 864-1844; or Caye Siems, 869-0038.

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QUICK MENTION

REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETINGS - Anyone who would like to provide cookies, cake, or a snack for a Civic Club meeting, please call Sue McFarland at 691-4594.

GAZETTE ADS - The Gazette is partially underwritten by the ads that appear each month. If you know of a company interested in advertising and helping the Civic Club, please call Kathy Marek at 688-6811.

GARDEN OAKS CLEAN-UP - Garden Oaks will again have a Spring and Fall Clean-Up. The participation in the Clean-Up has been increasing each year but we can use everyone's help this year. Please call Rich Schneyer at 682-2116 for details.

POCKET PARKS - Garden Oaks has several landscaped sections or pocket parks in each section. If you would be interested in assisting in the upkeep of a pocket park near your home, please adopt one by calling Terry Jeanes at 680-8550 or 697-5220.

CITY LIASON COMMITTEE - If anyone is interested in helping form a committee to act as a representative group from Garden Oaks in matters dealing with the City, such as traffic concerns, please contact Cindy Weed at 864-1844.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send your $5.00 membership dues to: GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB, c/o Willard Mills, 907 W. 41st Street, Houston, Texas 77018.

NAME: ____________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________

PHONE: ____________________________

☐ I would like to assist in a Civic Club activity(s).
BUILDING RESTORATION MEETING

A special meeting, open to all Garden Oaks residents, will be held Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 pm at the Civic Club Building, to discuss renovation of the Civic Club Building.

The agenda will include discussion of national historic designation of the building, specific plans for the repair of the building, and a meeting with necessary City officials to achieve our goal.

Anyone who is interested in working to save our building is encouraged to attend this meeting.

HEARD UNDER THE OAK TREE

Welcome to the following new residents of Garden Oaks:

Dennis, Melody and Devin Black of 967 Althea.

David Sebastian of 958 Gardenia.

Henry and Cynthia Hunt of 4219 Apollo.

Joe and Carolyn Gorski who live on Althea.

The Youngbloods, who recently moved in on Lawrence St.

And to new resident, Garin Raymond, who was born October 22, 1984. His parents, and Great Grandmother, Norma Swoboda, are proud of him.

A special welcome home to David Cole who came home from the hospital on December 29th. Parents, Tommy and Betty Cole, and big sister, Jennifer are happy to have him home.

And well wishes to Matthew Siems who was recently in the hospital.

THANK YOU, AREA MERCHANTS

The Civic Club would like to thank the following who donated so many wonderful prizes to our Christmas Raffle: Suzanne DeBieen Realtors, Garden Oaks Properties, George Swilley & Assoc. Realtors, Walker & Son Bicycles, Brookhollow Hilton, Los Arcos Restaurant, Brinks Hardware, Sherwin-Williams, Hobby House North, Mi Sombrero Restaurant, Garden Oaks Office Supply, Gloria's Hair Salon, Millie's, Gabby's, Flower Girl Florist, North Shepherd Bowling Lanes, Merle Norman, Heights Veterinary Clinic, Fuller-O'Brien, Hometown Foods, La Juan's Flower Shop, Garden Oaks Video, Garden Oaks Cleaning, Flowertime, Knox, Meek & Assoc. and The Rustic's House Antiques.

In addition, a special thanks to Lana Miller and Cindy Weed, and all those who sold tickets.

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