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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year is always an excellent opportunity to rethink goals and commitments. At the first Civic Club Board meeting of 1986, we discussed goals for the upcoming year. At the top of the list is increasing Civic Club membership. Currently, only about 15% of the households in Garden Oaks are members of the Civic Club, and a much smaller number of people are active participants.

You might be surprised at the number of decisions made by the Civic Club that are important to the neighborhood. In concert with the Board of Trustees, the most important function of the Civic Club is to preserve and improve the quality and value of our neighborhood. You have only to look at some of the other older neighborhoods in Houston to see how important this effort is, and how successful we have been to date. However, when the Civic Club or the Board of Trustees addresses these issues, it is essential to have neighborhood support. The best way to show your support--or your concern--is to join the Civic Club. So please, if you have not yet renewed your 1986 membership, clip the enclosed membership form, enclose your dues (\$10/year--what a bargain!) and tangibly indicate your desire to protect and enhance your community.

JIM ALEXANDER  
PRESIDENT

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CIVIC CLUB MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 1986

Topic: Protecting your home and family from fire.



### 1986 CIVIC CLUB MEETING DATES

February 4	Civic Club Building	August 5	
March 4	Covered Dish Supper	September 2	
April 1		October 7	Covered Dish Supper
May 6		November 4	Elect '87 Officers
June 3		December -	date to be announced -
July 1	Watermelon Party		Christmas party

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Look forward to an exciting line-up of speakers and activities! Other possible meeting topics: Citizens Assistance, Halley's Comet, comments from the Board of Trustees, Houston's Parks Department. DOOR PRIZES AT EVERY MEETING! If you have an idea or want to suggest a speaker, please call NANCY ROGERS at 682-0855.

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### GAZETTE DELIVERY

In 1985, our Garden Oaks Gazette was mailed compliments of Paulette Partin and Century 21 Real Estate. Unfortunately, they have declined to continue this service and Gazettes will be hand-delivered until some other merchant volunteers to sponsor mailing. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to deliver the Gazettes. If you can do one street--even one block--please contact Richard Lipham (869-1282) who will be distributing the Gazettes.

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### COOKBOOK UPDATE

Cookbook sales have been very good. About 250 were sold through pre-sale orders. Another 35 were sold on the day of the homes tour and several others were sold at the December party. Cookbooks will be available at the February 4 Civic Club meeting, or you may contact Kay Paul (861-0328, 403 West 31st Street) or Willard Mills (686-6592) to pick one up at other times.

Just reading these recipes will make your mouth water! Get yours soon--and find out what great cooks your neighbors are!

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### HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

Congratulations to Carol, Richard and Elissa Lipham on the arrival of Thomas Morgan--a whopping 9 lbs., 12 oz!--at 11:25 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Yes, Richard had Carol out huffing and puffing all over Section I for days to make that 1985 tax deduction...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of the following with recent or upcoming birthdays:

Michael Kriechbaum	January 3	age 8
Natalie Taylor	January 16	age 5
Ben Rogers	January 21	age 2
Holly Veselka	January 31	age 5
Ryan Kriechbaum	February 6	age 6
Lauren Hall	February 14	age 7
Georgann Paul	February 21	age 8
Katie McFarland	February 23	age 2



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### RESULTS OF THE 1985 HOMES TOUR

1985 ended with a successful Christmas Homes Tour on December 8. The morning began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Kean home. To acknowledge the growing strength of Garden Oaks Civic Club, Ginia Wray Wright, neighborhood liaison from Councilman Larry McKaskle's office, presented 1985 President Terry Jeanes with a City of Houston Proclamation declaring December 8, 1985 "A Traditional Christmas Homes Tour Day." The proclamation, signed by Mayor Whitmire, noted activities of the past year, including neighborhood clean ups, picnics, distribution of deed restrictions and the homes tour.

The tour benefitted the Civic Club's fund with profits in excess of \$2,100 and still growing with continued cookbook sales. Residents who participated in the day's events felt a renewed pride in our neighborhood and increased community morale and spirit.

To all those committee chairpersons, homeowners, tour goers, tour workers and sponsors whose dedication made the day a success, we express our sincere and wholehearted thanks.

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### GARDEN OAKS VEGETABLE CO-OP

Do you like fresh vegetables but don't have time to go to the Farmer's Market? The Garden Oaks Vegetable Co-op is looking for additional members. Vegetables pick-ups are made every two weeks. \$10 will get you two overflowing sacks of fruits and vegetables. For further information, contact Sue Page1 at 686-4424.

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### MEMBERSHIP TO INCREASE!

As stated by our President, Jim Alexander, the primary goal for the Civic Club this year is to increase membership--by 100%! To do so will require the assistance of all our neighbors. First, take a moment and send in your dues NOW. Second, remind your neighbors (both sides and up & down the street!) to send in their dues, too. Third, join us for our Membership Block Walk in March.

The key to the success of the Garden Oaks Civic Club is the support of Garden Oaks residents. There is no better value for your money: \$10 per year per household, with a special \$5.00 discount for Senior Citizens.

For further details, call our NEW Membership Vice President, Terry Jeanes at 680-8550 (home) or 697-5220 (office).

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### GARDER OAKS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to assist in the:

Membership Drive  
Neighborhood Cleanup  
Refreshments for meetings  
delivery of Gazettes  
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