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## Report of the April Meeting

The guest speaker at the April meeting was Cheryl Luck, a Garden Oaks resident and interior designer. Cheryl gave practical suggestions on how to make the typical cottage-type house appear larger and how to add space to your home without major remodeling.

Due to the continuing unsuccessful struggle to obtain ownership of the Civic Club building from the City of Houston, plus the progressive deterioration of the structure, the decision was made to hold future civic club meetings elsewhere.

A delicious assortment of refreshments was enjoyed by all, compliments of Grace Blair.

Beginning at the May 6 meeting, a special cash drawing will be held for \$20. To be eligible, you must be a current dues-paying member of the Civic Club and you must be present to win. If the individual whose name is drawn is not present, the \$20 will remain in the treasury and be added to the June drawing.

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CIVIC CLUB MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1986, 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH

Child Care will be provided.

DOOR PRIZE: Sharon Lauder of the Real Estate Professionals says an apologetic "Oops!" for forgetting the April 1 meeting. However, Sharon promises that there will be two door prizes on May 6!! So if you felt lucky in April, come on back because your chances are twice as good in May.

If "rewards" are an incentive for you, this is one Civic Club meeting you won't want to miss!

2 DOOR PRIZES!!      \$20 CASH!!      FREE BIRD HOUSES!!

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GARDEN OAKS, LITTER AND YOU by Rich Schneyer

As Houstonians planned their trips downtown for the fabulous laser show, "Rendezvous Houston" on April 5, the Garden Oaks Litter Bugs had their own rendezvous on Shepherd Drive. Because this army of volunteers takes action against litter, our neighborhood looks a little cleaner.

Did I say "little"? There were 28 bags of trash removed from just one lot at the corner of Shepherd and 43rd. This is in addition to the trimming and pruning that was done all along Shepherd and near the North Loop.

To all those who offered a few hours of service to Garden Oaks or who fed the faithful, THANK YOU. To all those who did not participate, WHY? WHERE WERE YOU? We encourage (and need) your participation in this twice-yearly effort to beautify our neighborhood and strengthen our community.

Your next opportunity to be a part of this anti-litter program will be in early November.

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**\*\*CRITTER CORNER** by David Horsley\*\*

Someone came up to me at our last Civic Club meeting and asked how much we charged for the birdhouses. The answer: not a thing. All we ask in return is that you hang them securely in a tree near your house and let us know when your "tenants" move in so we can publicize the happy occasion.

Jeff and Elizabeth Dismuke now have their owl box installed in one of the wonderful old trees in their yard. David Veselka took one home from the April 1 Civic Club meeting, and we are certain he has a family of owls living there by now--at least if the owls have any taste at all as David is a bona fide member of the Audubon Society!

Songbird boxes were snapped up by Mrs. Body, Betty Cole and Shirley Boushell. Good luck. There will be a fresh batch of birdhouses at the May meeting. First come, first take.

I received a call this week from a neighbor who wanted to know if I knew where he could buy a martinhouse locally. Unfortunately, I don't. Anybody out there know where I could send him?

Tom and Judy Ashe had a feathered guest briefly this month. Seems a baby woodpecker was found in their garage, clinging to a tire. I forgot to inquire if the tire was attached to a car. Maybe the poor thing was "tired out" from trying to peck a hole in the tire. Anyway, the young bird flew away after Tom set it up on a tree branch to prevent its discovery by Boots the Cat, also an avid birdwatcher.

Out titmice seem to have vanished. One week they were feeding their young, and the next week they were gone. I suppose titmice grow up very fast. Either that or Boots the Cat came calling. Hey, Judy, ever heard of the leash law?

Send your critter news to: David Horsley, 1550 Sue Barnett, Houston 77018.

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HEIGHTS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR, MAY 10 & 11  
Six homes, \$10. For more information, call Joan Boote at 868-0102

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NOTES FROM THE GARDEN CLUB

The annual backyard tour will be held at 6:45 p.m. on May 8, beginning at 215 West 31st Street. FREE! Don't miss it!

The April Yard of the Month belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Doherty, 1004 Sue Barnett.

If you'd like to nominate a yard, please call Lana Miller (862-5726), Kay Paul (861-0328) or Elizabeth Dismuke (864-6294) for Section 1; Dorothy Blanchette (694-1572) for Sections 2 & 3; Vee Gaines (686-5042) for Sections 4 & 5.

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HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

Congratulations to Martha, Jerry and Elizabeth Kennedy of 428 W. 31st St. on the birth of Phillip Michael, April 14, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz.  
...and to Gay, Greg and Tyler Tharp, 424 W. 31st St., on the birth of John Gregory, April 22, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz.  
...and to Barbara and Ralph Smith, 420 W. 33rd St., on the birth of Jessica Dawson, April 17, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of these May birthday kids:

Christopher Eckert	May 10	age 1
Allyson Mabry	May 11	age 6

Belatedly, Happy Birthday to:

Brigid Horgan	March 26	age 9
George Paul	April 18	age 29 (?)

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OAK FOREST FUN RUN, 8:00 a.m., MAY 31

Sponsored by: Northwest YMCA, Oak Forest Civic Club, St. Stephens Methodist Church. \$8.00 (per person) entry fee. Tee shirts to the first 250 entrants. Start: N.W. YMCA Finish: St. Stephens Church. 5 entry groups per sex. Refreshments before and after race. More information: call the Y @ 869-3378.

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MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 26

No city garbage pick up. Regular Monday collection on Tuesday. Regular Tuesday collection on Wednesday.

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DEDICATION OF THE ROSE GARDEN, SUNDAY, MAY 18 at 2:00 p.m.

An official dedication ceremony will be held on the above date. David Patronella, Garden Oaks State Representative, and Jack Beauchamp will be the guest speakers. Location: Garden Oaks Elementary School, Sue Barnett. Come out and show your support and affection for the "Duchess of Garden Oaks," Rose Fitch, on this very special occasion. Rose garden constructed by Dan Hyde and planted and maintained by Mike Johnson. Contributions welcome! Make check payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club and forward to Mr. Mills.

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

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

I would like to assist in the:

- Membership Drive
- Neighborhood Cleanup
- Refreshments for meetings
- delivery of Gazettes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 per household. \$5 for senior citizens.

Make checks payable to: Garden Oaks Civic Club  
Mail to: Willard Mills, Treasurer, 907 W. 41st Street, Houston, TX 77018

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