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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### DO YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME?

If the answer to the above question is YES, then the least you can do is support the small group of active people in the Civic Club and on the Board of Trustees who work on your behalf. Better yet, become a part of this group! Below is a membership form. Fill it out and send in your check today! Many past members have not renewed their memberships. Check your records and see if you are one of these on whom we have counted on for support in the past.

JIM ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT

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## GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

I would like to assist in the:  Membership Drive  
 Neighborhood Cleanup  
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\$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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**\$\$CASH DRAWING GROWS TO \$60!!!\$\$**

The Civic Club meeting "pot" is now \$60.00! At each meeting, a name is drawn from among the dues-paid members. If that person is present, he or she wins the pot. If not, another \$20 is added for the next meeting. What better incentive to come to a Civic Club meeting! As if informative, entertaining speakers, great food and the opportunity to visit with your neighbors were not enough reason to get out of the house and BE THERE!

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 1 Location: Civic Club Bldg. front lawn  
(inside if it rains)

MEETING EVENT: WATERMELON PARTY!!

DOOR PRIZE donated by Sharon Lauder of the Real Estate Professionals

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There will be no trash collection on Friday, July 4. Regular collection service will resume on Monday, July 7.

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**NOTES FROM THE GARDEN CLUB**

The June Yard of the Month belongs to Brenda and Alex Martinez of 419 West 31st Street. Ride by and take a look at this rich display of cool green and white caladiums accented by brilliant red salvia.

The Garden Club will not meet in July and August.

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**HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE**

A belated welcome to AMANDA ERIN HARRINGTON born April 3 to John and Marguerite Harrington of 838 West 41st Street. Amanda is a 3rd generation Garden Oaks resident. Her proud grandparents are Joel and Mary Miles of 818 LaMonte.

Another new arrival: Jesse Thomas Cole, born June 4 to Betty and Tommy Cole of 524 West 31st Street.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of these July birthday kids:**

Julie Eckert	July 1	age 5
Jennifer Cole	July 17	age 11
Aileen Horgan	July 18	age 3
Matthew Siems	July 19	age 3
Joshua Marek	July 26	age 3
Elizabeth Kennedy	July 28	age 3

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The Glen Wilson family of 3113 Lawrence lost their two dogs and most of the contents of their home in a fire started during an electrical storm on Friday, June 20. The whole neighborhood extends its sympathy and offers assistance in this crisis.

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GUN SAFETY WITH "PISTOL DUKE"

Bring your family and let the Houston Police Department's "Pistol Duke" help teach your youngsters (from age two) about gun safety.

Too many of Houston's children have been able to find hidden firearms and use them to kill or injure one another. Let's educate our kids about proper behavior in case they do find a gun or have a playmate with one.

This free, 30-minute program will be given by an officer in costume with slides and a song. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

This program will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 North Shepherd, and is sponsored by concerned parents in Garden Oaks and your Houston Police Department. If you would like more information, please call Deborah Alexander at 956-2582.

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

Holy Toledo! We tried at the June meeting to bring more bird boxes than we could possibly give away. Buuut nooooo! You all snapped them up and still wanted more. Well, good. Come to the July meeting for another chance.

Specifically, the lucky Garden Oakers who received birdhouses were (in order): Christine Winkelman and Robert Wardell, who got songbird boxes; Rosana and Darryl Hagman and Darryl's dad Walter all got a songbird box, as did Jimmy Doyle. The owl boxes went to Breck and Leanne Kean, Kay Paul, Lisa Miller, Lucy Carter and one to the police officer who we noticed eyeing one of the boxes. He said his wife would love to have one. Right. Good luck to everyone. Follow these suggestions and you'll be sure to have birds come next spring, if not sooner:

First, when deciding where to put your new box, you have to think like a bird. You wouldn't want to broil in the afternoon sun and neither do birds, so fix your box up in a tree where it's shady most of the time. A big oak tree is perfect. Next, the higher, the better. Find the tallest ladder in your neighborhood and nail the house up as high as you can safely reach. Better still, get the teenager next door to do it for you. Orient the "front door" of the birdhouse toward your favorite rocking chair so you can see the comings and goings of your feathered tenants. Finally, you've got to clean out the old nest at least once a year, otherwise it will get all smelly and yukky and your birds will go down to the Joneses' next time. Our birdhouses are all made so the bottom swings down for easy cleaning--just remove the phillip's screw in front. No need to even take it down.

Come to the July meeting if you want to see a good picture of a baby owl that Jim Ciganero (Section 5) found in his backyard this month. Jim has had his owl box up for about a year.

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The Garden Oaks Vegetable Co-op has openings for families who enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, bought in quantity every two weeks. If you are interested, please call Sue Pagel at 686-4424. This is a great way to save money while getting the freshest produce available.

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Join us at our Open House, June 27, 3-6p.m.



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