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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A group of energetic, concerned Garden Oaks residents has been working on a beautification plan for some of the public areas of our neighborhood. They have put a lot of work into this project and the results are impressive. They will present the plan--with sketches and illustrations--at the August Civic Club meeting. In the meantime, the committee needs people with the following skills to volunteer a couple of hours of time: sign making/painting, plumbing, and landscape design. If you have experience in any of these areas and are willing to help, please call Grace Blair (862-9623) or Kathy Marek (688-6811).

The Mayor's Community Conference, a sort of neighborhood town meeting, with Mayor Whitmire and other City officials--possibly including Polic Chief Lee Brown--is scheduled for August 28, 7:30 p.m., at Garden Oaks Baptist Church. This is your opportunity to share your views with the City administration. Call Katie Castillo (222-4005) to give input on which officials you think should be there. Our Civic Club has been asked to provide coffee and cookies. Can you help? If so, call me or see me at the August 5 meeting.

JIM ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 5 Location: Garden Oaks Baptist Church
ATTENTION PARENTS! Mrs. Jean Dodd, Principal of Garden Oaks Elementary School will speak on the advantages of sending your child to the traditional, neighborhood elementary school.

DOOR PRIZE donated by Sharon Lauder of the Real Estate Professionals

July Meeting: What You Missed

Garden Oaks residents enjoyed a slurping good time celebrating July 1 with watermelon on the front lawn of the Civic Club Building. The door prize was won by Sue McFarland. Our new Civic Club Secretary is Susie McMillan. The July Jackpot of \$60 would have been won--could have been won--by Arthur and Susan Smith of 227 West 32nd. If only they had been there!!

\$\$\$CASH DRAWING GROWS TO \$80!!!\$\$

The Civic Club meeting "pot" is now \$80.00! 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!

The JULY YARD OF THE MONTH belongs to Glen and Tami Klonek of 4310 Apollo.

HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

Rose Fitch is now home following a heart attack and hospitalization. Welcome home, Rose! We worried about you!

Mike Johnson, Rose's next door neighbor, is at home healing after breaking both arms in a fall.

I'm sure these neighbors would appreciate a friendly note or card from you. Or maybe a pot of soup to let them know you care.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of these August birthday kids:

Erin Brown	August 8	age 6
Amy Marek	August 16	age 1
Laura Rhea	August 17	age 2
Tara Palmer	August 17	age 2
David Cole	August 25	age 2

A belated Happy Birthday to Bert Spinks who returned from London from visiting his daughter Suzanne just in time to celebrate his birthday on July 18.

ATTENTION PET OWNERS: Remember there is a leash law in Houston. A Section I family recently lost their cat to a couple of burly dogs who were not leashed. Do your pet a favor. You wouldn't let your kids run wild, would you?

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

Congratulations to Carol and Sam and Stacy Broadrick and to Dian Austin who all recieved free nesting boxes at the July Civic Club meeting. Those boxes were built with love right here in Garden Oaks by Elmer Slafter, whose generosity has helped make our bird project possible. The larger boxes Elmer makes are beautiful six-sided affairs, with tightly beveled joints and gently sloping roofs. The formula for figuring the angle of a plane as it intersects a six-sided object is known only to Elmer. (But I did notice him consulting with a 300-year-old German gnome who lives in a culvert out front.)

Well, now that the year is half over, here is a progress report on our bird habitat project: in six months we have distributed at least 34 bird boxes to Garden Oaks residents. Most of these are properly attached to trees for the shopping pleasure of next spring's bird population. We've reported sightings of all manner of wildlife--from warblers to woodpeckers, flickers to flying squirrels, snakes, turtles, and assorted bugs. And, most of all, we have raised your awareness just a tiny bit about the beauty and diversity of our forest home.

Thirty-four birdhouses does not sound like many in a neighborhood as large as ours. Although the nesting season is over for 1986, we will continue to provide free nesting boxes at each Civic Club meeting to anyone who wants one. Come to the August meeting and get yours!

Send your critter comments and sightings to David Horsley, 1550 Sue Barnett.

The editor would love to have more news of Garden Oaks residents for the Gazette. Surely there is something or someone newsworthy on your block...maybe even in your family! If so, we'd like to know. Please call me or drop by your information, articles, birthdays, etc. any time before the 16th of the month.

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