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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the August meeting, the Club unanimously approved funds for two new Garden Oaks signs, park benches and landscaping on one of our public "triangles." The committee's plans and drawings looked terrific! Led by a pledge of \$250 from Joanne Stone, individual Club members enthusiastically pledged more than \$800 on the spot.

Signs should be delivered soon. To keep costs at a minimum, Garden Oaks residents will be installing the signs and doing some of the landscaping. Volunteers are needed--especially people with experience in sign installation and plumbing skills. (More about how you can volunteer inside.) A very special thanks to the members of the Beautification Committee who produced this great plan. Those of you who did not attend the meeting will be proud and impressed as you see these plans materialize.

JIM ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT

SPEAKER: County Judge Jon Lindsay. County Judges are the governing agents of the county. Judge Lindsay has been a very active high agents of the county. county. Judge Lindsay has been a very active, high profile administrator. He should have some interesting comments.

BIG PLANS UNDERWAY TO BEAUTIFY GARDEN OAKS

Garden Oaks is one of Houston's loveliest residential neighborhoods. The credit must go to the residents, wh've added to the beauty of the existing pine forests with imaginative individual landscaping of their own.

Now, it's time for a little collective help. And help is on the way!

During the summer, the Beautification Committee, appointed by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and chaired by Grace Blair, developed plans for improving the area's pocket parks and primary entrances. The results of the committee's considerable work were presented to an enthusiastic Club last month.

The initial recommendations included the following:

- Create a major visual attraction and pocket park at the juncture of LaMonte,
 42nd Street and Sue Barnett (joining Sections II and III) by introducing park benches, pathways, new landscaping and an irrigation system;
- Replace the entrance sign and redesign the landscaping at the 34th and Lawrence Streets entry to Section I;
- Replace the entrance sign and redesign the landscaping at the 43rd and Apollo Streets entry to Section V.

These recommendations were overwhelmingly approved by the Civic Club. And now the hard work begins.

Partial funding has been provided by the Civic Club. To complete the first three recommendations of Phase I, however, more money is needed. Please contribute whatever you can, as soon as you can. Every dime is important. Make checks payable to the Civic Club (specify "Beautification Committee") and mail to Willard Mills, Garden Oaks Civic Club Treasurer, 907 W. 41st Street, Houston, TX 77018.

What else can you do?

*Donate plants. Call Michael Johnson, 692-3328, for details on what's needed.

*Donate labor for landscaping, plumbing and sign installation. Call David Veselka, 692-1384, for information on when and where.

*Buy a shrub or tree and/or adopt a location and become a part of a maintenance team. Call Kay Paul, 861-0328.

*Become part of a liaison team to work with local businesses to improve their street fronts. Call Terry Jeanes, 680-8550.

Our first community fund raiser for this project will be a Fall picnic and Pool Part, Sunday, September 28, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Ace Swim Club, 933 Fisher. Admission is \$1.00 per person. All net proceeds will go to the Beautification Committee. The party will include a pot luck lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m., a pie tasting contest, a white elephant auction and lots of fun and games for the kids. Call Pat Eckert (864-5020) or Grace Blair (862-9623) for details on what to bring.

Above all, take this opportunity to get involved and make Garden Oaks' community spaces as attractive and appealing as its private ones. You'll be taking a big step toward ensuring a bright future for our neighborhood.

\$\$CASH DRAWING GROWS TO \$100!!\$\$

The Civic Club meeting "pot" is now \$100.00! 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 September meeting of the GARDEN CLUB will be at 7 p.m. on September 11 at the home of Elizabeth and Jeff Dismuke, 817 W. 32nd.

The August YARD OF THE MONTH belongs to Judy and Matt Roesler of 817 W. 32nd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of these September birthday kids:

Daniel Blair	September	27	age	1
Trey Englert	September	24	age	2
Ricelle Luck	September	23	age	3
Timmy Pagel	September	28	age	10

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve and Karen Parkhill of 971 West 41st on the birth of Leah Michelle, April 28, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz.

CONGRATULATIONS to Abby Pagel who gave birth to 5 boys and 4 girls on Tuesday, August 19. The proud father is Elliott. (Abby and Elliott are AKC registered sheep dogs owned by Sue and Tim Pagel of 934 LaMonte)

42nd STREET BLOCK PARTY On July 20, the 1000 block of W. 42nd held a pot luck dinner block party. Besides a good time of fellowship with old and new neighbors, residents raised \$450 in pledges for the Beautification Committee. What a great example set by this block!

PTA MEETING at GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 7 p.m., September 9.

SCOUT NIGHT at Garden Oaks Elementary School, 7 p.m. September 16. Parents of boys and girls interested in scouting are encouraged to come.

GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE is the Real Estate industry's chili cook off to benefit the Houston Food Bank to be held Sunday, September 7 in the River Oaks Center (Shepherd & W. Gray), noon to 5 p.m. Contact Roberta Chinsley at 868-6361.

WARNING! If you have been approached by Wayne and/or Cecelia Perry for yard and/or house work, please call 486-8697. This couple is suspected of theft and breaking and entering a Garden Oaks residence.

PARENTS of Murdered Children Support Group is having an auction September 13, 1 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus (607 E. Whitney). Call 469-0678.

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