

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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CIVIC CLUB MEETING
MARCH 3, 1987
GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here! Our first Azalea blossoms appeared a few weeks ago. Garden Oaks is so beautiful this time of year. Spring is also when thoughts turn to those projects that have been on hold during the winter months. John Thomas of John Thomas Construction will be our featured speaker at the March Civic Club Meeting. He will discuss remodeling and renovations, with a question and answer period to follow.

Please join us and bring a neighbor. The meeting will be held at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church on Shepherd Drive at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 1987.



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HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

The 1987 models are in, have you heard? Betty and Eileen Hartman, are the proud parents of MARSHALL OWEN, and Rusty and Linda Reichly are proud parents of HALIE NICOLE. Welcome to Garden Oaks!

And while we are on the subject of new neighbors, a hardy welcome to RICHARD STARK and REBECCA HEBENSTREIT of 1038 W. 41st. Enjoy your new home and best wishes from the neighborhood on your approaching wedding date. A sincere welcome to SANDY and BECKY at 970 W. 43rd street.

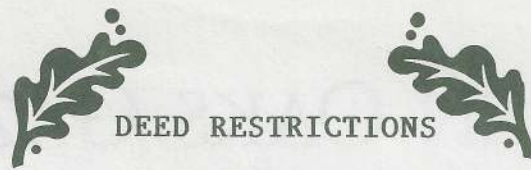
Happy St. Pat's Day to all with a wee bit of Irish in your veins this month, but especially to ROB and TERRY JEANES as they celebrate their 9th Wedding Anniversary!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

A Special Happy Birthday To:

Lauren Rogers	March 19
Ryan Hall	March 28



DEED RESTRICTIONS

One of the reasons that Garden Oaks is a very desirable place to live is that we have Deed Restrictions in effect and enforced. The developer, Garden Oaks Co., established these for each section and also established a fund from the original sale of each lot and gave it to the property owners to use as they saw fit. The then property owners decided to use this fund to enforce the Deed Restrictions recognizing that to do so would protect and enhance their investment in their homes. They also organized the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees for the purpose of enforcing the Deed Restrictions and administering the fund. This they continue to do. The Deed Restrictions have been tested in court including the Supreme Court of Texas and have always been upheld.

In 1985 with the assistance of the Civic Club a copy of the Deed Restrictions for the pertinent section was delivered to each resident. Additional copies are available from the Board of Trustees. The Deed Restrictions are quite detailed and include the types and locations of structures permitted on each lot and the building lines to be observed. Of primary importance is the land use restriction that except, as noted, no lots shall be used for anything other than residential purposes. This precludes their use for business purposes. Further the Restrictions specify that no improvement or changes in existing structures can be made until plans and specifications have been submitted to and approved by the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees.

The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees consists of fifteen members, three from each Section.

We need your assistance in maintaining these very important restrictions. If you have any questions concerning them, if you need assistance, or if you have improvement plans that need approval please contact one of the following Section chairpersons:

- Section I - Diane Austin - 864-7962
- Section II - Billy Hartman - 692-4250
- Section III - David Veselka - 692-1384
- Section IV - Craig Moss - 680-2377
- Section V - Vee Gaines - 686-5042

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CRITTER CORNER by David Hersley

Ever wonder how many different kinds of birds we have in Garden Oaks? Of course you have. Well, so did I, so last year the wife and I kept a list of all the birds we saw through our front window. Every time we saw a new one, we'd grab the bird books and identify it, then enter it on the list. A few didn't get on the list because we weren't sure about what they were, but most of the birds stood still long enough for us to get a good ID. Mind you, we didn't go looking for these birds. We just sat in the rocker and waited for them to come to us, the Lazy Person's Method of birdwatching. If there is an easier way to enjoy birds, I can't think of it. Here is the list:

SMALL BIRDS: English Sparrow, Titmouse, Brown Creeper, Black-capped Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker, Sapsucker, Parakeet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, House Wren, Swift, Rubythroat hummingbird, Pine Warbler and Black-chinned Hummingbird. **MEDIUM BIRDS:** Robin, Bluejay, Inca Dove, Cardinal, Grackle, Starling, Red-Wing Blackbird, Mockingbird, Flicker, Redheaded Woodpecker, Redbellied Woodpecker, Parrot (Scout's honor, anybody lose one?), Kestrel, Cedar Waxwing, Screech Owl, Purple Martin, Cowbird. **LARGE BIRDS:** Snow Goose, Canadian Goose, Sandhill Crane, Mississippi Kite, Rock Dove (Pigeon), Crow, Louisiana Heron, Herring Gull, Red-tail Hawk, Chuck-Will's Widow, Nighthawk.

We got lucky on some of these, like the Chuck-will's Widow, which is a member of the Nightjar Family and is so named because that is exactly what its call sounds like (if you've ever been unfortunate enough to try and sleep in the woods when a Chuck-will's Widow is in a singing mood, you will never forget the name.) We saw one fly into the top of a pine tree out front and identified him or her by the way he sat on the branch: parallel to the branch instead of across it. Some of the others never actually came into the yard, such as the geese or cranes, but were observed high in the sky. On the other hand, we have twice seen Louisiana Herons stalking up and down the ditch out front, waiting for a crawdad to get brave. Why not keep a list yourself this year? Get the kids to help identify the birds, it's a great source of entertainment and pleasure, doesn't cost a thing, and there are no commercials. The library has a good supply of excellent bird books.

Finally, we will be handing out nesting boxes again at the March meeting for anyone who wants to attract owls to their yard. If you already have an owl box, make sure it is cleaned out by the end of this month because the owls will start arriving as soon as the cockroaches wake up.

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ATTENTION PARENTS:

Garden Oaks Elementary's March PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. in the old cafeteria. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Farinelli, Principal of Black Jr. High School. Parents of children approaching Junior High School age will find this meeting very informative.

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NOTES FROM THE GARDEN CLUB

You are invited to attend the March meeting for the Garden Oaks Garden Club. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 1987 at the home of Vee Gaines, 1543 Suebarnett. The agenda will include planning our SPRING PLANT SALE. Hope to see you there.

Elizabeth Dismuke
Secretary/Treasurer



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