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CIVIC CLUB MEETING May 5, 1987 GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope you will join us for our next Civic Club Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 1987 at Garden Oaks Baptist Church. We had a great meeting in April and have some big events planned. It was my favorite kind of Civic Club night - everyone contributed in the discussion of many issues and ideas.

Judy Camp's HOME FAIR sounds wonderful! It will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 985 Wakefield at the corner of Golf. Area merchants, H.I.S.D.'s magnet school program, utility company representatives, remodeling and repair experts, your very own Civic Club, and many more booths will have displays and information for Garden Oaks Residents. The sale of refreshments will benefit our BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

Kudos to the Garden Club. First, a very productive "clean up" for their adopted BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT NO. 4, the pocket park at 30th and Lawrence, then a successful rummage sale to raise funds for that park...and the Backyard Tour is scheduled in May!

The 43rd and Apollo PILOT PROJECT NO. 1 is completed! Thanks to the maintenance provided by Dennis Clooney and Kathy Marek it looks great. Residents living near this project are asked to call Marcelle Kinser at 688-2883 to schedule a month when they can maintain the esplanade.

Eric Hanson and Jo Ann Stone's work on PILOT PROJECT NO. 2 at 34th and Lawrence is looking very nice. Thank you.

Lisa Miller is working hard finalizing the irrigation system plans for PILOT PROJECT NO.3. The members of the BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE appreciate your help on these projects.

Mr. Koebelen in Section I is researching the water quality situation in our area with hopes of improving our tap water problems. If you have information or are experiencing problems with your city water please call Mr. Koebelen at 864-9008.

Our speaker in April, Ms. Glenna Ratcliffe, of the Texas Department of Agriculture suggested we plant "Texas Grown" materials in our pocket parks...a great idea!

We decided to celebrate Garden Oaks' 50th Year Birthday with a big 50th BIRTHDAY PICNIC, Sunday, June 7, 1987 in Graham Park. Ideas overheard in the planning stages: Honor all 50 year residents, our V.I.P.'s wear a hat!; pie contest and auction, a fundraising auction with donations solicited from area merchants benefiting the BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE; Hat contest; auction off special family sized picnic baskets created by neighborhood gourmets?; a pot luck picnic with area bakers donating Garden Oaks BIRTHDAY CAKES, maybe ice-cream too? Games and activities for all ages; a band; invite former Garden Oakians to join us; invite our elected officials and representatives. Your suggestions would be appreciated...mark your calendars for the May 5th Civic Club Meeting where final decisions will be made. JOIN US!!!

Grace Blair, President



HEAR UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

*** Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Koebelen of 512 W. 31st on their 48th wedding anniversary!

*** Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Voorhees, Van and Meredith and a warm welcome to Haley Elizabeth, weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 oz. on March 4th, 1987.

Birthdays

Christopher Eckert	May 10	2 years old
Allyson Mabry	May 11	7 years old
Kathy Marek	April 22	Young Enough
Carrie Alexander	May 24	4 years old
Matthew Murphy	May 29	3 years old

Personal Ads:


*** Garden Oaks provides our family with a little bit of the ole country while trying to make it in the city.

Thank you for our 1st year in Garden Oaks!!!!

Trey, Darla, & Rick Englert

*** We want to thank our neighbors and friends for your concern and support at the time of our fathers' death and the subsequent fire of his home on January 24th, 1987. Since our parents, Bert and Wilma Spinks were original residents, Garden Oaks has always been a very special place to our family.

Lynda Spinks, Suzanne and Frank Sobol



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CRITTER CORNER by David Horsley

Cassie and Don Sly have a novel approach to owl-watching in their yard on Sue Barnett. Several weeks ago they began to notice owls in their trees at dusk. They patiently observed the owls for a while until they discovered the owls' favorite tree, then installed their new owl box in that tree. Presto! Instant owls! Cassie reports that the owls "seem very pleased with their new home." With landlords like Don and Cassie, how could an owl go wrong?

Congratulations also are in order to Marian Mabry and who each received an owl box at the April meeting of the Civic Club. Someone asks how in the world a person could see or hear something as secretive and unobtrusive as a screech owl. Granted, these small owls don't exactly advertise their presence. Here is my method: stand up, walk across the living room at about seven in the evening and grab the "off/on" button of your TV. Turn it to the "off" position, put on a jacket and go outside. Walk for 30 minutes in any direction, maybe 45 minutes. If you are with a walking companion, keep talk to a minimum and stay alert, listening for the tremulous, low whistle which the screech owl uses to establish territory and attract mates. You are bound to hear or even see an owl. Keep you eyes peeled to the trees as you walk, especially large trees with a full crown. You might not actually see the owl as much as you see his silhouette. One thing is for sure, you won't hear him flapping around. Nature has blessed all owls with unusually quiet flight, the better to sneak up on you, my dear!

I've heard from several other Garden Oaks residents who have seen flying squirrels in their yards. Of course I've heard also from skeptics out there who wonder if maybe my "flying squirrels" weren't just ordinary squirrels, and the only flight involved was that of my imagination. Oh ye of little faith! Will a color photo convince you? I'll have my assistant look into it.

Owl boxes were offered for sale at the recent rummage sale of the Garden Club at \$20.00 a throw. Several were sold in this manner. But a better way to get yours is to come to the next meeting of the Civic Club (May 5th) and pick one up for free.

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The next meeting of the Garden Oaks Garden Club will be our annual Backyard Tour on May 14th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone should meet at our adopted pocket park at W. 30th and Lawrence and we will begin the tour from there. Four backyards will be toured and refreshments will be at the last home. Haven't you ever wondered what your neighbors backyard looks like? Now's your chance to find out what beauty lies behind our wonderful homes.

The cleanup of our adopted pocket park at W. 30th and Lawrence was a great success. Next time you drive by, notice how neat and well maintained it is. You can thank your Garden Club as well as several neighbors who pitched in and helped. Soon there will be benches and a Garden Oaks sign.

Elisabeth
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