

# GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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### CIVIC CLUB MEETING

August 4, 1987

### GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please attend our next Civic Club meeting on August 4, at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to plan our giant January MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, our Spring HOME TOUR, and open discussion to topics of interest you want covered at our meetings. DAVID VESELKA and RIC LUCK both suggested that we have regular speakers on home improvements and landscaping. Bring your ideas that first Tuesday.

If you are concerned about the speed and quantity of the traffic cutting through our neighborhoods, NOW is a good time to voice your opinion. To reinstate funding for the "cut through traffic study committee", write City Council members Jim Greenwood, Eleanor Tinsley, Anthony Hall, Christin Hartung, George Grenias and Directors Richard Conley, Traffic and Transportation and Efraim Garcia, Planning and Development, at P. O. Box 1562, Houston, Texas 77251.

Congratulations to our Beautification Committee's new Co-chairs: Joan Harmon and Lisa Miller. They began their term with energetic plans. The next WORKDAY is set for Saturday, August 16, from 8:00 a.m. till noon at the Pocket Park at Sue Barnett, Lamonte and 42nd Streets. We hope to see Section II and III neighbors out en masse to HELP! This group, responsible for the improvements you are seeing at various locations in Garden Oaks, is an open committee of the Civic Club. Thanks to new members SAMMY BROADERICK, RICK ENGLERT, MARGARET HALL, JOAN HARMON, MARTHA AND JERRY KENNEDY and PHIL MILLER for joining this effort. JOAN and LISA decided that the planning sessions will be held on a regular basis on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is August 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the MABRYS. JOAN'S number is 695-0102, and LISA'S is 694-6269.

THANKS, too, to MARIAN MABRY for July maintenance on the 43rd and Apollo esplanade. JIM ALEXANDER has signed up for August. It's nice that MARCELLE and JIM KINSER, PAUL and KATHY MAREK and PHIL RICHEY aren't keeping all that fun to themselves FOREVER.

A special thanks to HENRY ROBERTSON for his generous offer of water to the Garden Club Pocket Park in Section 1.

See you at Civic Club!

GRACE BLAIR  
Civic Club President



Heard Under the Old Oak Tree

Hear tell Pat and Richard Larson are celebrating their 14th Wedding Anniversary on August 11th...Congratulations!!!


Congratulations to the Weatherley's on their bouncing baby boy, born on July 19th!

ATTENTION NEIGHBORS

Kay Weatherly has been handling the advertising for the Gazette, that is obtaining new ads, and servicing the advertisers we have at this time. With the birth of her new son (her second) her hands are full at the moment. The ads pay for the printing of the gazette and without them this paper would be too costly to print every month. This is a volunteer service and we desperately need someone to fill Kay's place. If you have the time and think you would be interested, please call KAY WEATHERLY at 686-1560.

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POCKET PARK - SUE BARNETT AT LAMONTE & 42ND

Plans are underway to begin working on this park. Park benches will be put in and the park will be landscaped. We would appreciate our neighbors who live near the park to refrain from parking on the grass around the park in the future. A sprinkler system has been installed and as a precaution to prevent vehicular damage to the grounds, sprinkler system, landscaping and fixtures you need to be aware of the damage that could be caused by our own vehicles. PLEASE HELP. The park is going to be lovely when it is completed and we need the residents to help it stay that way. August 16th is the next date scheduled to begin work on the park. SEE YOU THERE!



REAL ESTATE There were 20 houses sold thru MLS in 1986.  
 UPDATE From 1/87 to 6/87, 28 houses sold thru MLS.  
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JAMES MABRY IV, August 29th  
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LAURA RHEA, August 17th  
DAVID COLE, August 25th  
ROBERT WEATHERLY, Aug. 15th  
TARA PALMER, August 17th  
BEN ACKERLY, August 4th  
BILL BIJAK, July 3rd

**HELP WANTED**

Looking for GOOD NEIGHBORS to help maintain the 43rd and Apollo Esplanade. Please volunteer to care for the esplanade for one month out of the year. Call Kathy Marek at 688-6811 to schedule a month in the future. Thank you, we really do appreciate your help.

**THANKS**

The delightful goodies at the July meeting were donated by KAY PAUL, MARGARET HALL and KATHY MAREK.

Please come to the next meeting, you might just enjoy yourself!

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**CRITTER CORNER**  
by DAVID HORSLEY

Do you have a favorite tree? I'd have to say mine is the Sycamore, which some consider a nuisance ("too many leaves and those funny little balls dropping everywhere") but which I always associate with the summer of my boyhood in St. Louis, where my Grandmother had several huge Sycamores growing in her yard. They gave off a smell which I still associate with St. Louis and my Grandmother. And sunlight filtering through those big yellow-green leaves. Anyway, what was I talking about? Oh, yes, the tree contest. Next month this column will host the **FIRST ANNUAL GARDEN OAKS TREE CONTEST**. If you have a favorite tree in your yard which is unusually fine, nominate it for our judges to come examine. The categories are:

- BEST TREE IN GARDEN OAKS
- BEST SPECIES (OAK, PINE, ETC.)
- BEST CLIMBING TREE
- MOST ELEGANT TREE
- TREE WHICH BEST REMINDS COLUMNIST OF GRANDMOTHER.

Call me at 680-9598 to enter your tree. Please don't wait until the last minute!

GRACE BLAIR is so excited. She was roused from a funk recently by the appearance of a little owl face in her owl box. She and her family had been waiting two years for owls. Way to go Grace! Other owl boxes have gone out to ROBBIE & LEON & GARY KENECKNY, JUNE STAMPS, HENRY & FRANCES SUPKA, ROBERT MULKEY of Abilene, Texas and DOUG WILSON & ANITA GENTRY took one to a friend in Louisville, Kentucky. We ought to get some owl reports out of you folks.

Have you heard about MARTHA KENNEDY'S latest venture? She noticed that the tadpoles out in her ditch were in imminent danger of being stranded as their water dried up. The little darlings had not yet grown legs, so they would have been fodder for the jays, sure enough, if Martha hadn't intervened by filling up her ditch with a hose every day. If they minded the chlorinated city water, they didn't indicate it. Just to be safe, she also brought a few inside and kept them in an aquarium until her toddler son learned how to reach in and fish them out. Suffice it to say that Martha has a publisher interested in her new book, "The Amazing New Tadpole Diet!" Well, why not -- people eat oysters raw.

Ace birdwatcher DAVID VESELKA is wondering if anyone else has noticed an increase in the number of red-headed woodpeckers recently. He wants to do a survey of Garden Oaks to find out how many of the redheads we have with us. I'm pretty sure that five or six years ago, there was nary a one. We wonder if the tornado and hurricane of 1983 gave them some dead pine tops to nest in, whereas before the storms they had no place to build nests? Anyway, if you see the redhead going in a hole in a tree, call David at 692-1384 and he will record the sighting, then report his findings to us. (The red-head, by the way, looks like it has been dipped in a can of red paint -- the whole head and neck is red. Not to be confused with other woodpeckers we have which have just a splotch of red on their head.)



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