

# GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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## **CIVIC CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 1987 GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The September Civic Club Meeting will be a covered dish dinner. Please come and join us for a delicious meal, 7PM at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 1, 1987.

The August Meeting was another one of those special ones. Everyone had something to say. Some great ideas were voiced. We will be working on our civic club format, seeking improvements and more productive, informative meetings. Our new schedule of events:

- 7:00 - 7:15 Greetings and Refreshments
- 7:20 - 8:00 Speaker and Question and Answer
- 8:00 - 9:00 Business Meeting

The business meetings will continue to include reports from active committees, new and old business, and it was suggested that we include a five minute "TIP" each month from our Garden Club Members to offer timely reminders on yard maintenance. We had quite an assortment of speaker suggestions and plan on having a speaker each month except for our dinner/party meetings. We'd love to see you at our meetings - come and try it - you'll like it!

LISA MILLER, co-chair of the Beautification Committee reported great happenings at the pocket park and progress on the new signs. The next planning meeting of this committee will be the second Tuesday, September 8, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. The location will be announced at Civic Club. If you'd like to join this successful group, new members are welcome.

An exciting bit of new business at the August meeting was the formation of the civic club's newest committee: THE WORKER'S CO-OP & GARDEN OAKS PURCHASING POWER GROUP. Co-chaired by RIC LUCK and ROBERT BLAIR, this will be a group of neighbors who trade out hours of labor and/or expert advice to help with those remodeling or landscaping projects that would go so fast with extra helping hands. We'll also be working on marketing deals. Contractors, retailers, leasing companies and professionals all might offer discounts to our group. Through the civic club, we can communicate neighborhood wide to take advantage of opportunities that we can create. Get in on the ground floor of this committee through RIC at 697-0308 or ROBERT, 862-9623. They will have a short organizational meeting after our adjournment at September's Civic Club meeting.

Be there or be square, and bring something good!

GRACE BLAIR  
CIVIC CLUB PRESIDENT

### BIRTHDAYS

Ricelle Luck, September 23rd  
Trey Englert, September 24th  
Daniel Blair, September 27th  
Kathryn Newlin, September 29th

### 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 to JIM ALEXANDER who took care of August and to SAMMY BROADRICK for volunteering for September.

### THANKS

The delightful goodies at the August meeting were donated by DAVID & DEBRA VESELKA, ROSE FITCH, HOPE BROWN, MELANIE WHITMAN, BILL MONTGOMERY and MARGARET HALL.

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

### ~GOOD NEIGHBORS~

Our New advertising sales professional is MELODY BLACK and our new Gazette Assistant Editor for ad and art layout is MARTHA KENNEDY. Thank you for responding to a call for help.


BILL MONTGOMERY is chairing our FALL CLEAN-UP. He's planning a cool work day, probably early November. TERRY JEANES volunteered to oversee the hiring of mowers for the tall weeds on N.Shepherd at the Loop and the railroad tracks. The Civic Club voted to fund this effort.



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## Critter Corner *by David Horsley*

It was tight race, but here are the judges' decisions on the First Annual Garden Oaks Tree Judging. Congratulations to:

*Best Live Oak Tree - 834 W. 43rd, home of BRYAN & MARIA SMOTHERS. This magnificent tree was featured a few years back in Houston Home and Garden Magazine. Check it out.*

*Best Sycamore Tree - 806 W. 41st, home of RICHARD BLAIN. This tree beat out the one that reminds me of my grandmother!*

*Most Elegant Tree - 725 Garden Oaks Blvd., home of ROSE FITCH. Rose tells us that she planted this tree from a one-gallon bucket, 25 years ago. She must surely have the greenest thumb in all of G.O.*

You might be wondering about all our pine trees, our red and white oaks, not to mention ashes, maples, gums, etc., etc. Well, nobody nominated any of these trees, so it was hard for our judges to pick a winner from these species. If you have a tree which you feel might possibly be an award-winner, why not give me a call now and nominate your lovely for next year's contest? 680-9598. And our hats are off to the three winners this year.

The hummers are here! Day before yesterday we saw the first hummingbirds of the season in Garden Oaks, sipping nectar from a Canis Flower. Neighbor KATE SCOTT and I put our feeders out, so the little darlings won't go to Mexico this winter without a nice supply of fat. Seems that the hummers always arrive during the second week of August, just in time for the yucca blossoms.

We also saw the first kite of the season last week, soaring high above the pine tops. Another sure sign of fall. This particular kite isn't the type you fly with a string -- it's the Mississippi Kite, a medium size raptor which migrates through Southeast Texas this time of year. Haven't seen another one yet, but more are sure to come. If you have binoculars, get a look at this bird. It's quite a looker.

### *Heard Under the Old Oak Tree*

A belated Happy Birthday to JAMES MABRY who hit the big 30 on August 4th.

Farewell to TOM, HOPE, ERIN and ERIC who will be moving to Florida. Garden Oaks will MISS YOU. Thanks again to Tom Brown, who designed the lettering and artwork on the new Garden Oaks signs.

Mark your calendars - Just for FUN! FALL PICNIC, 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 11, 1987. Rain date October 18th. (Not a fundraiser)

VOLLEYBALL ANYONE? For those that dare - Volleyball game at Graham Park, Sundays at 5:00 PM

Here is some hot news - Wild Bill Bachelor (William Bijack) is engaged to the lovely and beautiful Miss Bonnie Brotherton. Wedding date to be announced. All kidding aside, your 42nd Street and Apollo neighbors are very happy for you and wish you the best!!

## SCHOOL NEWS

It is that time again. School begins on September 1, 1987. If your child is going to attend Garden Oaks Elementary School you may register him or her between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday during the remainder of August. School hours will remain the same, 7:55 till 3:00 for Kindergarten through 5th grade. The first PTA meeting will be GET ACQUAINTED COFFEE for Teachers and Parents on September 8, 1987 in the old cafeteria. A Halloween Carnival will take place on a day to be announced in October.



**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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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to assist in the:

\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Cleanup      \_\_\_\_ Beautification Project  
\_\_\_\_ Delivery of Gazettes      \_\_\_\_ Refreshments for Meetings

\$10.00 per household. \$5.00 for Senior Citizens

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