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Garden Oaks Civic Club

*Cordially Invites Your Family to Celebrate the Holidays
at our*

COVERED DISH DINNER PARTY

*7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 1987
Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
3206 North Shepherd*

*THE CHILDRENS' DINNER PARTY
and Special Activities will be held in the Game Room,
Co-ordinated by Sheila Johnson and the Babysitting Staff,
Veronica Maya and Christina Smith.*

*Please come and bring your favorite recipe of salad, vegetables, bread,
appetizer or meat. Neighbors whose last names start with K, L, & M please
bring desserts. Everyone please bring a non-perishable food item for our
contribution to the END HUNGER NETWORK. NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE
DATE!!*

Peace and Happy Holidays,

GRACE BLAIR,
PRESIDENT

HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

A special welcome to the following NEW NEIGHBORS who have made Garden Oaks their new home:

JOE & CYNTHIA LeDONNE
327 West 41st

RIC & RIA McILVANEY
1059 West 41st

REBECCA WOOD
729 West 38th

ROBERT & NANCY ROGERS were the lucky winners at the November Meeting, winning the CASH DRAWING!

SCHOOL NEWS

GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY had a very successful Halloween Carnival, thanks to increased parent participation this year and a wonderful turnout of students and our Garden Oaks Neighbors.

1st, 2nd & 3rd graders at G.O.E. and St. Rose of Lima enjoyed a CLASSICAL HALLOWEEN at the Music Hall being entertained by the HOUSTON SYMPHONY. The grand finale was the music from "GHOSTBUSTERS" and the children participated by yelling, you guessed it...GHOSTBUSTERS! November field trips at G.O.E. included the Children's Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Did you know that ROSE FITCH was named Garden Oaks Elementary Schools' Honorary Grandmother on Grandparents day! Congratulations Rose!

ROSE is a pretty wily competitor in the LIGHT UP GARDEN OAKS CONTEST (see insert). She has enlisted the aid of ALL of the school children in decorating the Civic Clubs' Christmas Trees along the boulevard. WHAT A LOVELY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GARDEN OAKS!!

PTA will sponsor a Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 8, 1987, so mark your calendar. First Grade and Special Ed classes will furnish refreshments. The program will take place in the old cafeteria at Garden Oaks Elementary.

GOOD NEIGHBOR COLUMN

Clean-up Crew for the Neighborhood Work Day:

BILL MONTGOMERY
SAMMY BROADERICK
STACY BROADERICK
RIC LUCK
JIM ALEXANDER
LISA MILLER

We also appreciate all of the Good Cooks who contributed food items for the luncheon at ROSE FITCH'S house following the cleanup. An extra big thank you to MRS. MANESS for her famous deviled eggs. She's never ever missed a clean-up and we appreciate it.

Thanks to FRANCES SUPKA for answering our help wanted ad. She'll type the 1988 gazettes.

CINDY WEED has volunteered to collect and tabulate SAFEWAY and MOORE'S grocery store receipts to obtain the 1% Rebate for the Civic Club. Save those receipts and bring them to Civic Club every month! \$\$\$

GARDEN CLUB YARD OF THE MONTH

The October Yard of the month award goes to DAN & JOYCE EVANS of 823 W. 41st Street. Congratulations!

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CRITTER CORNER

by David Horsley

Last night I happened to be strolling through the neighborhood at about 2:30 a.m. when something caught my eye, flying fast and silhouetted against the orange night sky we sometimes have. It landed hard against the trunk of a pine tree and noisily clambered up, flakes of bark floating down. Those pesky flying squirrels were at it again.

Question: why don't we see more flying squirrels in Garden Oaks? Answer: because that's the way they like it. The flying squirrel is nocturnal and very shy. You are normally crawling under the covers just about the time when flying squirrels are waking up and getting ready for a hard night's work. This year has been good for acorn and pecan production, so there's plenty to do between dusk and dawn.

I saw my first flight of geese on October 20, way later than usual. I've only seen one other since then, and here it is the middle of November (as I write). Guess this warm fall has delayed their arrival at the wintering rice fields. Seeing the first flight of the season will make you stop what you're doing and gaze skyward for a moment, or it ought to. Those birds have come a long, long way, having left the flat Canadian tundra a few weeks ago. Pushed along by cold fronts, they pass over plains, rivers and cities en route to their wintering grounds on the Texas coast. Wouldn't you love to be a goose, just for a while? What a magnificent view they must have of this land!

Lots of seasonal birds are in town this month. Recently I saw a brown thrasher out front, a bird I'd never seen in Houston before now. They were as common as jays in Kansas when I was growing up, but don't seem to like the piney woods of the Gulf. Wrens are moving through now, too. One was in my garage last week while I worked on something. It seemed downright interested in my project, and not the least bit afraid of me. After a few minutes of watching me work, it flew back out the open door. Several neighbors have reported seeing wrens lately, too.

What was that thing in Tom and Judy Ash's owlbox? I hear conflicting reports. Maybe whatever it was also dug those mysterious holes in Richard and Carol Lipham's back yard?

Our owls are still around -- how about yours? They coo to us outside the bedroom window at night. Quite a few

folks have reported seeing or hearing owls this month. Could it be that the nesting boxes are truly affecting the population? Or maybe folks are just paying closer attention?

CLASSIFIED ADS

Custom Gift Wrapping, free pick-up and delivery within Garden Oaks for Senior Citizens. Contact Marian 956-9469.

WHAT'S COOKING?

A big thank you to UNCLE MIKE'S ITALIAN BAKERY for the delicious brownies and cookies. They were donated to the Civic Club for our November Meeting, they were wonderful! Our thank you also extends to the WHEATS for the delicious sweets they donated!!



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LAUREN MABRY, 4 YRS. 12-28-87
WAYNE CARLSON, 9 YRS. 12-4-87
KAY PAUL, 12-87
TERRY JEANES, 12-11-87

SHE DID WHAT???

TERRY JEANES had an unusual event occur on her trip to Century 21's Convention in New Orleans. She was hypnotized, suspended between two chairs and the hypnotist stood on her. Shades of Twilight Zone!!!

HELP WANTED

*JERRY KENNEDY - 864-0038 is seeking Section I Volunteers for monthly maintenance on 34th Street Location for the newly replaced sign and landscaping.

*BILL & DANA MONTGOMERY - 43RD & Suebarnett - seeking volunteers to help maintain landscaping and mowing.

*KATHY MAREK - 43RD & Apollo - please help us maintain landscaping and mow esplanades. 688-6811

DAVID VESELKA - Pocket Park at Sue Barnett and Lamonte - Please help when you can with mowing, weeding, etc.

Our main entrances are our front door to Garden Oaks, won't you please help. In 1986 Garden Oak's property values dropped less than any other neighborhood in the city of Houston. Let's keep up what we have paid for in the way of improvements and maintain our track record!

We need a delivery person to take our non-perishable contributions to one or more of the End Hunger Network's local distribution centers from our holiday party:

1. St. Rose of Lima Cath. Church
2. Oaks Christian Church
3. St. Matthew's Methodist

Gazette Transportation Volunteer needed to pick up the extra copies from the mailer to bring extras back to an

officer each month or an occasional urgent helping hand in moving it through its process. Call Melody Black at 686-0577.

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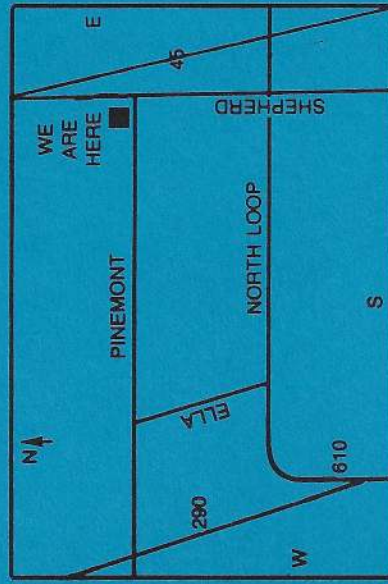
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