



Garden Oaks

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Home and Garden Tour Plans Heat Up with Carrier Corporation

Carrier Corporation heads up the list of twenty sponsors that have donated a total of \$7,750. Next time you see our fundraising chair Susan Kostelecky and our *Gazette* Editor Meredith Jenkins, give them a double "high fives" for an outstanding job in landing the following sponsors. And don't forget to thank these sponsors for contributing to the success of this year's tour.

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What if it rains on May 17th, will the tour go on? You bet, rain or shine the tour goes on! The committee is planning well in advance for this possibility. Tarp covering will be provided at homes without natural shelter, and tour attendees may be asked to step out of their shoes and leave dripping umbrellas outside. These items will be delivered to them as they exit homes.

Last year there was quite a wait for shuttle buses during peak times, what can I expect this year? The number of buses will increase to 7 from only 2 last year. Most of the buses will be larger, accommodating 28 passengers versus the 12-passenger vans last year. The shuttle bus station will again be at the Garden Oaks Shopping Center. We're encouraging all attendees to take advantage of the free shuttle buses. Please be a good neighbor, don't park in the streets as this delays the buses and destroys lawns!

Are volunteers still needed? Absolutely, we never have enough volunteers. Just call Brenda de Alba at 694-5934 or sign up at the April or May Civic Club meeting.

Where will I be able to get tickets? Tickets will be available at two Garden Oaks locations: The Frame Shop at 3444 Ella and Jim's Corner at Wakefield and Alba. In the Heights tickets are available at Kaplans, 2125 Yale; in the Memorial area at Coldwell Banker United Realtors, 9313 Katy Freeway at Echo Lane; in the River Oaks area at Smith & Hawken, 3935 San Felipe.

The committee is now meeting every two weeks. The next meeting will be March 23 at Susan Kostelecky's house, 1318 Sue Barnett and the first April meeting will be April 6 at Meredith Jenkins, 855 West 43rd.



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President's Letter

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

In last month's *Gazette*, I asked for historical documents relating to Garden Oaks—specifically *Gazettes*, minutes, legal documents, and other interesting artifacts and photos. I want to form a committee to collect them (or make copies if you prefer) and organize the history of this subdivision. To my pleasure, I received numerous responses—all with materials that will be fun and interesting to look at. Please, continue making those calls. I want to hear from more of you. We will get back with you as we get more organized. My phone number is 802-0079 (home) and 227-5818 ext.31 (work).

The "Welcoming Package" committee had its first official meeting in February. I'm very enthusiastic about this project. Hopefully, soon, we can give new residents of Garden Oaks a package of information that will be useful and help them learn about the neighborhood. Tom Stell Civic Club Vice-President and committee chair organized the meeting and is coordinating volunteers. Thanks also, Tom, for your presentation at the Civic Club meeting. The information on the Educational and Roth IRAs was informative and timely. Tom can be reached at 966-5946 if you want more info on these two new IRAs.

The budget was approved unanimously at the March meeting of the Civic Club. The budget calls for total revenues of approximately \$28,000 and total expenses of around \$30,000. The two largest expenses would be 1) to add more pages to the *Gazette* and, 2) for beautification projects. We can't tell Ed and Brenda deAlba enough how much we appreciate their generous contribution of time in organizing the many successful beautification projects.

Lighting up your life: After nearly six months!, the City appears to be finally repairing the lights in the Graham Park (section 1). We hope that by the time you receive this issue of the *Gazette*, the park will be lit.

Residents along 41st and 42nd street in section 5 whose ditches are being retrenched by the city: If you want to know more about the city's plan to improve your new concrete driveways-call Judy Scruggs at 681-2552. She has been coordinating discussions between a fairly large number of disgruntled neighbors on 42nd and the city's Department of Public Works.

I was handed a double whammy in February. The section 1 constable patrol's security director indicated that new job requirements made it necessary for him to resign as security director. Then, I was saddened to learn that long-time friend and Civic Club secretary, Ann Spiering and her family plan to move out of Garden Oaks this spring. She had to resign her position as secretary. So, my fellow neighbors, I need two volunteers, one for section 1 security director and the other for Civic Club secretary. Give me a call if you are interested. The constable program is on track with 1998 contributions already coming in at a good pace. On a personal note, I will miss not having Ann and her family down the street. I will also miss the fine job she did during her tenure as secretary.

Finally, my condolences to the family of Chris J. I know you will miss your son.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

by Andrea Spiering, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Officers in attendance: Craig Lee, Shelly Immel, Tom Stell, Ann Spiering and Meredith Jenkins. Minutes from the February meeting were approved by acclamation as they were printed in the March *Gazette*. Approximately 25 residents were in attendance.

Committee Reports.

Home Tour. Judi Morawski. Currently the Committee has \$5,500 in sponsorships and collection of items for the auction is progressing. If the progress continues, the Home Tour will be very successful. Volunteers to help with the shuttlebus route and as docents are needed. Anyone interested is invited to call Judi.

Garden Club. Janice Walden. The Garden Club has potted pentas for sale for \$8/pot. They will be delivered by Mother's Day. A nice addition to spruce up homes before the Home Tour. The Garden Club is working on improvements for the pocket park at West 34th and Lawrence near Graham park. A sprinkler system (with City approval), azaleas and antique roses will be added. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Janice. A field trip to the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham is planned for Sat., March 14th. The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs., March 12th at 6:30 pm at the home of Meredith Jenkins, 855 West 43rd.

Beautification. Brenda de Alba. See the flyer in the March *Gazette* for upcoming work days for the Boulevard. March 21st for flower bed preparation (anyone with a tiller we can use?) and April 4th for planting flowers. Any volunteers are welcome, even for an hour.

Constable Program. Craig Lee. Paul Brinley has resigned as head of the Constable Program due to job-related commitments. A new Chairman is needed; contact Craig Lee if interested. Section 1 is paid up through March. There was discussion on the Program costs and possible ways to increase participation in this voluntary program.

Graham Park. Ann Spiering. Park & Rec. has been contacted again about the absence of lighting in the Park since late October, 1997. No repairs have been made due to wet conditions from the lack of drainage in the Park.

Welcoming Committee. Tom Stell. The first committee meeting was held recently. Members are collecting samples of the information to go into the Welcoming Packets. Hopefully this will be available at the next Civic Club meeting.

Announcements.

HL&P. Maury Walker, from the HL&P office on the Hardy Toll Road, came to introduce himself and to offer any assistance residents may need with HL&P. He may be reached at 713 696-5377.

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Welcome to the Garden Oaks Education Corner! Garden Oaks

children attend a variety of different schools — some are near by, others require a drive in traffic. Some are public, others are private. This space is for you to learn about different schools and the opportunities available for children from Elementary through High School. We would like to hear from any school attended by Garden Oaks residents. If your child's school is not represented here, please contact your school

Principal or Administrative Assistant. Give them a copy of the *Gazette* and ask them to submit an article for next month's issue. You can bring their article with you to the next Civic Club meeting (April 7th at Garden Oaks Elementary) or call the *Gazette* Editor at the number listed on the back of the *Gazette*. Deadlines for submission are the 6th of every month for the next months' issue. If you would like your school represented here, please call Ann Spiering, 862-6138, with a contact person's name and phone number and we will try to include them in future editions. We look forward to hearing from the different schools!

Oak Forest Elementary

Wonderful and exciting things are happening at Oak Forest Elementary. Students in the Vanguard Program have been involved in the Eyes On The Earth Mini Academies. Children are free to choose the area of study they wish to pursue. Activities focus on fun-filled enrichment activities that invite creativity, problem solving and critical thinking. Imagine building a bat house in Chiroptera, launching model rockets built by your own hands, making door hangers while learning the techniques of needlepoint, learning about business and free enterprise through Junior Achievement and mummifying a chicken in Pharaoh Mania. Other exciting sessions the children have been involved in are Cooking, Nutrition and Fitness, Tennis, Mind Games, Art, Red Cross Crafts and Basic Training, Spanish Cultures, Jazzercise, Percussion Ensemble, Mathical World of Origami, Ceramics, Wee Deliver, Toy Physics, Journalism, Project Learning Tree, and Inside Computer Works. Karate will be coming this spring. It is no wonder why the students at Oak Forest are so excited about learning. Any interests can be directed to the Vanguard Office at 613-2538.

Durham Elementary School

Exciting things are happening at Durham. Rebids were taken on February 4, 1998 to install new swing sets for our playgrounds. A pebble foundation will be placed around them. The hope is to get two for the price of one. Also, there is a desire to beautify the patio area. If anyone in the Durham community is a contractor, please call Mr. Fisher or Denise Kaminski, Magnet Coordinator, at 613-2527 or 613-2529.

Durham was represented in the HISD Project Reconnect partnered with the non-profit organization called Parents for Public Schools of Houston to provide four "Get Connected" events this school year. The first event took place from 6-8 on February 12 at Booker T. Washington High School.

On February 17, 1998 was an Open Forum for Durham parents. Parents were urged to bring positive comments as well as concerns. The principal, Virgil Fisher, was available to listen.

Lastly, Durham held its annual PTA carnival on March 28.

Garden Oaks Elementary

Here are some proud facts about your local HISD Public School. Garden Oaks Elementary represents all of the following:

- HISD Exemplary School in 1996-97 and 1997-98
- Best TAAS Scores in NW HISD!
- Average of all TAAS scores in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades is over 90% passing!
- Active Volunteer Program with over 100 parent volunteers
- Active PTA that supports all classes through fund-raisers, Fall Festival, and Annual Talent Show
- Numerous business partners, including Memorial Hospital Northwest, McCoy, Inc., Chassy's Ice Cream, and the Northwest YMCA

- Families Count Program, a grant-funded program for families in need of community services with a full-time Family Resource Coordinator, a full-time Home-Based Therapist, and part-time Parent Support Workers

- MONTESSORI PROGRAM for 3-11 year olds

- Students must be zoned to Garden Oaks Elementary. Acceptance on a first-come, first-serve basis

- SIGHTS PROGRAM for Gifted/Talented students

- TALENT POOL (Advanced) Kindergarten Class

- Contest and Fairs include Odyssey of the Mind, Spelling Bee, Name that Book Club, 600 Minute Reading Club, History and Science Fairs,

- Music Memory Contest, PTA Reflections Contest, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest

- Jump Rope for Heart and Kid's Way

- Visiting Authors and Artists

- Family Reading and Math Nights

- Bilingual Family Reading and Math Mornings

- Science Exploratorium

- Computer Lab

- Multi-purpose Room for PE, Music and community meetings

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- Arts Alive!

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- Keep vehicle doors locked and windows up
- Keep purses, wallets, cameras and other valuables under the seat or in the trunk if they must stay in your vehicle
- Keep your vehicle registration form with you, not in the car
- Drive in the center lane when possible, to make it harder for car-jackers
- Never lower your window to talk to anyone who approaches your car
- Keep your vehicle in good repair
- When shopping, park as close to the store entrance and in a well-lit area
- Have your keys ready when returning to your vehicle and check the back seat and look inside
- Lock your doors as soon as you are in your vehicle
- When leaving your vehicle at a parking garage or repair shop, only leave your vehicle key

Home Security

- Don't leave ladders, yard tools or other equipment outside to be used for climbing or prying windows open
- Fenced yards should have **locked gates!**
- Economical, high-pressure sodium lights can be an effective deterrent to a burglar. Motion lights are also great
- Vary your schedule and routes to and from your home
- While on vacation, have someone pick up mail and newspaper-**DO NOT** have these things stopped!
- Keep garage doors closed and locked. Automatic garage doors: Remove the rope from the disconnect bar while away on vacation
- Install door-reinforcers in the lock area of doors, which is the weakest part of the door
- Get to know your neighbors and arrange to watch each other's house
- Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed and thinned so no one can hide behind them
- Windows should be closed and locked
- Mark all the major items in your home and garage with your driver's license number. Keep photos and serial numbers of major items.

- User timer switches in different rooms when gone
- Make sure you have large numbers on your home and mailbox so police and other emergency vehicles can locate your home
- Never hide keys outside the house. Arrange to leave them with neighbors or friends
- If it appears that someone has broken into your home, do not enter the home. Leave and call police
- While working in the yard or even relaxing in your home, keep all doors and windows locked

Citizen's Patrol

by Carl Waters, Jr.

In reviewing last year's crime information, I noticed the majority of the incidents in the neighborhood were property crimes (Auto Theft, Burglary, Burglary of a Motor Vehicle). Here are safety tips to help protect you and your property.

1. Away from home be aware of persons who are hanging around doorways and parking lots.
2. Walk with a purposeful stride. Criminals watch for people with a "victim's posture" (head lowered) or not paying attention to their surroundings.
3. At home be aware of strange persons or vehicles near your residence.
4. Keep shrubs and bushes around your windows low to reduce hiding places for criminals.
5. Place lights around the exterior of your home to reduce shadows and hiding places for criminals.
6. Spend time getting to know your neighbors. People are more likely to get involved when they know you.

The January crime stats listed seven crimes in the neighborhood. There were five burglaries, one robbery and one auto theft. The burglaries occurred in the 600 block of West 30th on 1/16/98 at 8:47 pm, 700 block of West 43rd on 1/19/98 at 7:15 am, 800 block of West 30th on 12/31/97 at 7:00 pm, 900 block of Lamonte on 1/22/98 at 12:30 am, and 3000 block of Randall on 1/3/98 at 5:00 pm. The robbery occurred on 1/2/98 in the 900 block of Gardenia and the auto theft occurred 1/4/98 in the 700 block of West 42nd.

Patrollers and bases were in action for 79.5 hours during the month.

Garden Club Grapevine

The next meeting of the Garden Oaks Garden Club will be on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Kelli Stevens' home, at 307 West 33rd. We will have a Members' Show and Tell, so be sure to bring a plant from your garden to discuss. You can either bring something that you would like to introduce to the other members or something in your garden that you would like help identifying. This is also a great opportunity to bring in those problem plants and get some advice from others about how to help your plant grow better. At the April meeting, we will also discuss plans for our involvement in the Home Tour on May 17th.

At our March meeting, we had a lively presentation from Margaret Sharpe about Antique Roses. Margaret is co-founder of the Texas Rose Rustlers, a group that traversed the Texas countryside searching for old roses along the highways, on old homesteads, and in cemeteries. They saved and classified hundreds of antique roses throughout Texas, varieties that have been here since 1867. Members learned a lot of information from this famous Rosarian. To round off our learning experience about Antique Roses, members headed up to Independence (near Brenham) on Saturday for a field trip at the Antique Rose Emporium. Then, we stopped off in Tomball at Ema Farms, and visited with owner and fellow Garden Club member, Evelyn Anderson.

Gardening Tip of the Month:

To have beautiful roses in arrangements, put a cut rose in a bucket of hot water and cut off (while under water) around 1/2". Place bucket in refrigerator and chill overnight. Pull the rose straight out of the water, careful not to shake off the water droplet at the end. This will result in cut roses that last much longer!

March Yard of the Month
was awarded to
Clay Lançon and Jonathan Huckaby
311 West 34th Street

Congratulations!

Upcoming Garden Club Activities and Events!

-  April 9th
Members' Show and Tell
307 West 33rd Street
-  April 25th
Friendship Garden Work Day
-  May 14th
Gingers - Beth Galliono from Mercer
Arboretum
532 West 31st Street
-  May 17th
Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour

Beautification Report

by Brenda de Alba

The Esplanade has been ablaze with color for the past month with the Bridal Wreath Spirea blooming, along with the azaleas and the Texas Redbuds. The new irrigation system has greatly contributed to the plants being healthier and producing more color than in previous years. Our last major planting day for the Esplanade is Saturday, April 4th beginning at 9 AM. We hope to see you there!

Section 1 resident Alex Martinez trimmed the Crape Myrtle trees in Friendship Garden. Alex, thank you for unselfishly giving your time for this necessary chore!

Janice Walden and Sheila Briones have begun the paperwork required to obtain City of Houston approval to implement the beautification plan for the entrance park on 34th Street.

The Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour is rapidly approaching and I'd like to urge everyone to spruce up their "yardens". What never fails to impress visitors is our wealth of beautiful trees and our neighborhood landscapes.

April Birthdays



Aileen Morey, April 2
 Caitlin Bartlett, April 9
 Keith Kostelecky, April 9
 Craig Lee, April 9

Babysitting Co-op

The Garden Oaks Babysitting Co-op is expanding!! Co-op members are GO families with children ranging in age from 9 years to under 1 year, from one child per family to four per family. We have families with one parent at home; where both parents work outside the home; and single parent families. This group gives parents the opportunity to develop friendships with other parents in the neighborhood, to go out without your children on occasion and to give your children neighborhood playmates. We are a source for childcare exchange as well as certain scheduled activities. The Co-op sponsors Kid's Night Out twice monthly on Saturday evenings, and separate Mom's and Dad's Nights Out monthly.

If you are interested, come to one of our Nights Out to get to know what fun this group can be for you and your children! For further information or the dates of the next Night Out function, call Chandra Bartlett at 861-2155.



Peanut Brittle

2 c. raw peanuts	1 tsp. soda
2/3 c. water	1/2 tsp. salt
2/3 c. Karo	1 Tsp. butter
1 1/2 c. sugar	

Mix first 3 ingredients. Cover; let boil 3 min. Uncover; add nuts & butter. Let boil (stir often) until when tested in cold water it is brittle. Remove. Add soda & salt; stir until puffiness is gone. Pour out on buttered pan. As it cools, pull apart & break.

Neighborhood Tidbits

SPARK Sundays

Garden Oaks Elementary Family Counts program is holding two fun events this spring at the SPARK park next to the school. They are appropriately named SPARK Sundays and promise to be a lot of fun. Mark your calendar for these two upcoming events.

Sunday, March 29th Ice Cream Social & Games Day. 2pm - 4pm.

Kids: bring baseball gloves, baseballs and soccer balls. There will be balloon races, egg-on-a-spoon races, bean bag throw and other fun games—also door prizes.

Sunday, May 3rd Cinco de Mayo Celebration. 2pm - 4pm. Again with lots of fun and games.

They are looking for volunteers to help with the events, sign people in and give out tickets for door prizes. This is the third year of this fun and successful event. The goal of the program is to create "old time" socials to bring the community together. It promises to be lots of fun.

If you want more information, contact Angie Grindon, Wellness Coordinator with the Garden Oaks Family Counts program. Mon & Tues: (281) 376-8006 and Thurs and Fri: (713) 743-5435.



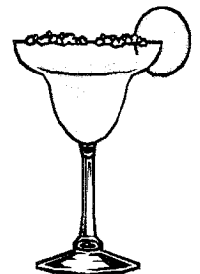
Garden Oaks Galloping Gourmet

Each month the *Gazette* will highlight a different Garden Oaks area restaurant to make everyone aware of what our area has to offer. This month we've chosen Tony's Mexican Restaurant at 2222 Ella Boulevard, just inside the loop.

The secret is already out about this eating establishment - any night of the week, you will be likely to run into other Garden Oaks residents who have discovered great Tex-Mex with friendly and conscientious waitstaff at very reasonable prices - really close to home!

The menu offers all the usuals, plus some off-the-menu items, including a tortilla soup which is a great choice as a lighter meal. Families will be happy to note that they offer a children's menu. And we found their margaritas to be among the best in Houston.

Tony's is open Monday - Saturday for lunch and dinner. Be prepared for a wait some evenings (especially weekends) as it seems Houstonians all love to go out and eat!



Civic Club Minutes

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Garden Oaks SPARK Sundays. GO Elementary will host two parties in the SPARK Park by the school: Mar. 29th, 2-4 pm, ice cream social and May 3rd, 2-4 pm Cinco de Mayo Festival. Volunteers needed. If interested, contact the school or Angie Grindon (281 376-8006 on M,T or 743-5435 on Th, F).

Old Business.

Drainage Improvements on W. 41st. Craig met recently with Bruce Tatro, our City Council Rep and Public Works to try to solve the drainage problem. Ditch problems and driveway repair problems have been issues with the current work on W. 41st. The City plans no further "improvements" to drainage beyond that already started. Residents with problems related to the City's work should contact Bruce's office.

Budget. Craig presented the 1998 Civic Club budget for discussion and approval. The budget was approved as presented.

Civic Club Documents. Craig has had a good response to requests for old documents. Copies of *Gazettes* from years past have been donated. He has even obtained the flags that used to fly in front of the original Garden Oaks Civic Club Building on West 34th (now the empty lot for sale by the City). Call Craig with any old Civic Club minutes, *Gazettes*, photos, or other records.

New Business.

Resignation of Secretary. Craig announced that Ann Spiering would be unable to continue as Secretary of the Civic Club. Anyone interested in the position should contact Craig. The Secretary is required to attend the monthly Civic Club meetings and any Board

meetings and to document the proceedings of each month.

Babysitting Co-op. Ann Spiering described the Garden Oaks Baby-sitting Co-op. Though not a Civic Club committee, the Co-op is open to any interested families in Garden Oaks. Look in the *Gazettes* for upcoming activities, contact names and numbers.

Garbage Pickup. There was discussion on the City's assistance with garbage for those unable to get their own large garbage containers to the curb on pick-up days. Several residents expressed concern that this might single out these homes. It was suggested that neighbors help those that need it rather than relying on the City.

Commercial vs. Residential Property. Craig began a discussion on properties in Section 1 which are deeded residential/commercial. There are 12 lots with dual possibilities. The owner of the vacant lot on W. 34th has expressed an interest in selling it to a commercial venture, following the success of Exxon on 30th & the sale of a vacant (residential) on W. 34th at Ashland. There was discussion on the impact a commercial venture at Yale and W. 34th would have on the neighborhood and possible ways to avoid this, including purchase of the property to protect it from commercial development. Craig will keep the Civic Club informed.

Presentation.

IRAs. Tom Stell, account executive at Dean Witter Reynolds an Civic Club vice-president, gave a short presentation on different types of IRAs: Roth IRA, Education IRA, and the regular IRA. Anyone with questions should contact Tom at 688-4681.

Refreshments were supplied by Judi Morawski. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

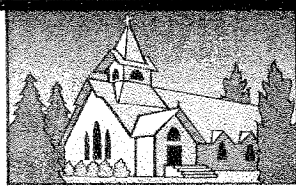


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Neighborhood Church News

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Holy Week Service Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 1998
 Communion with Stripping of the Altar
 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 10, 1998
 Ministerial Alliance Service
 12:00 Noon • 1:00 pm
 Stations of the Cross immediately following

Easter Sunday, April 12, 1998
 Holy Eucharist
 8:00 am and 10:30 am

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Constable Patrol Update

Needed: Security Director for very important, well organized program to purchase security patrol service. Someone must come forward to help. Call Craig Lee at 802-0079 if you are interested or have any questions. Also needed are volunteers to contact neighbors on their block to collect 1998 payments (\$230).

Speaking of, the contract payment this year is \$230. (Sorry about the inflation but it is still a good value). This payment should allow us to pay for the service through the year-end renewal of the contract and pay for shortfalls from the last two contract years. Please send your check today. If you feel this amount is too high, send what you feel is reasonable for your circumstances. But send something. For now, mail your payments directly to the Craig Lee, 212 West 34th Street, Houston, TX 77018. Paying the full amount up front works best for the program, but I realize it is not financially feasible for many of us. Options 1: pay \$120 April 15th and \$115 June 15th. Option 2: pay \$90 April 15th, \$75 June 15th and \$75 August 15th. Option 3: contribute whatever you can.

Collections have been good so far this year, but we need assistants to contact their neighbors directly. Reminder: Our patroller is Deputy Anna. She's a genuine pleasure to know but she's a little shy too. Be sure to speak or wave to her.

**St. Matthew's
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 SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15

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 Sunday:
 7:30 am, 9 am*, 10:45 am*, 6 pm
 Monday - Friday:
 6:15 and 8:15 am
 1st Saturday of ea. mon: 8:15 am

*Babysitting available

New Construction

by Megan Berry Barlow, 1998 Board of Trustees President

As you stroll around our lovely neighborhood, take a look at all the new construction here in Garden Oaks. It is great to see people improving and adding on to their homes. Unfortunately, we continue to have people building structures on their property with out submitting their plans with the Board of Trustees Architectural Review Committee. This Committee will verify when new construction is in compliance with our Deed Restrictions. All residents need to do is call one of the phone numbers listed on the back page of EVERY *Gazette*; we have someone to review building plans. By not having your plans reviewed prior to beginning construction you are violating the current Deed Restrictions.

Once a structure is in place, a resident can expect a visit from a member of the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees to help determine if the new construction is a violation. This can only occur if a Board of Trustees Member or other Garden Oaks resident notice a violation.

Save yourself some trouble and keep your stress level down- let the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees review your building plans BEFORE it is too late!

DO YOU KNOW...

Do you know why the big white street numbers are on some of our neighbors garbage bins? Did you know that it means they need special help getting their bins to the street on trash day? The city says that if you need help, they will bring your bin to the street and dump it - but you must leave your garbage bin in front of your house with your street number painted on it in big, highly visible stenciling. At the last Civic Club meeting several residents were wondering if this unnecessarily *marks* these neighbors! We came up with a solution.

If you have a neighbor in this situation, please Adopt-a-Neighbor and ask them if you could take their trash to the street when you do yours. Then have the city replace their marked container with a standard one just like the rest of us use.

Civic Club Position Open!!!

A Secretary is needed for the Civic Club! This person attends all Civic Club meetings (first Tuesday of each month), documents the proceedings and gives the Minutes to the *Gazette* Editor for publication in the *Gazette*. This does not require any special writing skills - a computer format exists, so you don't even have to be a computer whiz! Basic typing skill and attendance at meetings is all that is required. Plus you get to be more involved in *your* neighborhood by your presence on the Civic Club Board of Direcotrs! Total time committment is: 1-2 hrs for the Civic Club meetings, maybe .5-1 hr. to type up and deliver the Minutes and then 1-2 hours every other month for Board meetings. Please think about what you could contribute to Garden Oaks. Be the next Secretary of the Civic Club.

April Civic Club Speaker

Allison Edwards Smith, the Community Liaison at Memorial NorthWest Hospital, will give a presentation at our next meeting

She will talk about work currently being done in the area and about services at the hospital.

Join us on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room at Garden Oaks Elementary School









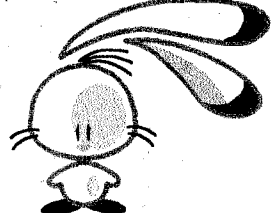
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April 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Curbside Recycling 	3	4 Esplanade Work Day
5	6 Gazette Deadline Home & Garden Tour Meeting 7 p.m. 855 West 43rd	7 Civic Club Mtg. 7 p.m. GO Elementary	8	9 Garden Club 6:30 p.m. 307 West 33rd	10 Good Friday ←	11 St. Rose of Lima Easter Break
12 Easter 	13 →	14	15	16 Curbside Recycling 	17	18
19	20	21 Heavy Trash Pick-up	22	23	24	25 Friendship Garden Workday
26	27	28	29	30 Curbside Recycling 		

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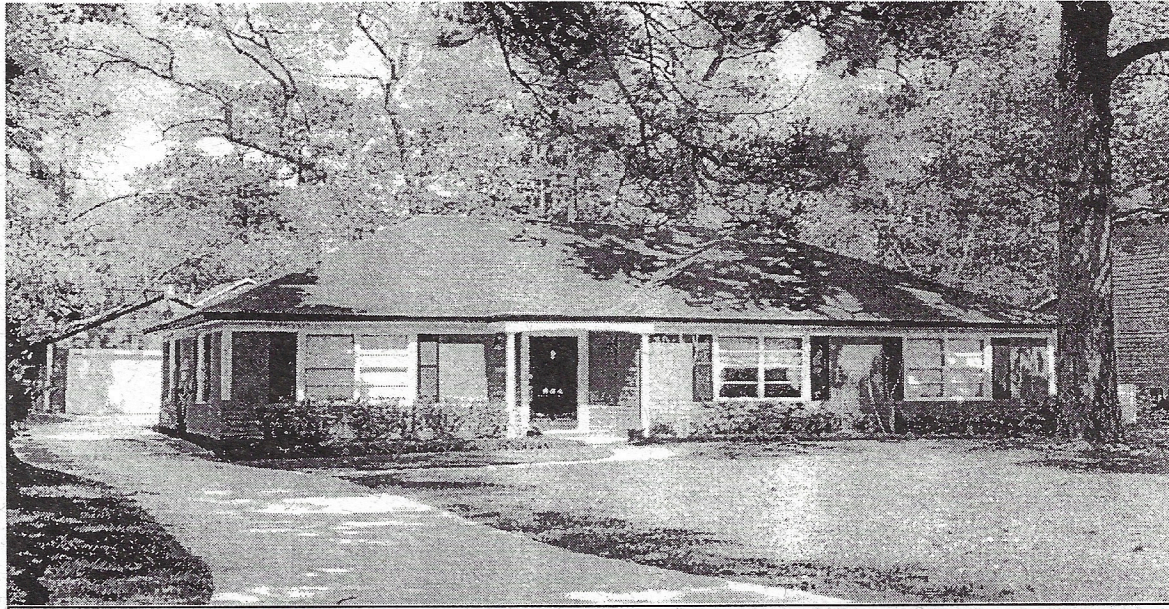
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