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1998 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour - Buy Your Tour Tickets Now!

Pre-sale tickets for the 1998 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour are available at 5 locations this year, making it easier for area residents to purchase tickets. The two Garden Oaks locations are: The Frame Shop at 3444 Ella and Jim's Corner at Wakefield and Alba. Kaplan's in the Heights at 2125 Yale is again selling tickets for us. Two new locations are also selling tickets this year: in the Memorial area at Coldwell Baker United, 9313 Katy Freeway at Echo Lane and in River Oaks at Smith & Hawken at 3935 San Felipe. Committee members will be selling tickets in front of Kroger's on 43rd on weekends, too. Pre-sale tickets purchased by May 16th are \$8.00. Tickets purchased at the shuttle base station at the Garden Oaks Shopping Center will be \$10.00 for the full tour and \$3.00 for an individual home or garden.

The raffle is generating a lot of excitement this year, with Southwest Airlines providing two round trip tickets. Several weekend getaway packages will be included along with a golf package, "pamper yourself" packages, home repair packages and restaurant gift certificates. Raffle tickets are only \$1.00 and are available at the retail ticket locations and from Home Tour Committee members.

A last reminder to all tour attendees, please take advantage of the free parking and shuttle buses and don't park in the streets. We will have seven buses during peak hours for your convenience.

We'd like to thank all our sponsors of the 1998 tour: Corporate Sponsor Carrier Corporation; Platinum Sponsors: A J's Landscaping and Design, Campos Roofing, Harry James Builder, Houston Structural Inc., Persona Fitness, SK Designs, Swilley-Hudson & Associates and Tony's Mexican Restaurant; Gold Sponsors: Central Bank, Clouse Wood Floors, Gulf Coast Windows, Houston Lighting & Power, Terry Jeanes-ReMax Metro, Judi Morawski-Coldwell Banker United, Rean Bowden-Morgan Personnette Properties, Poncik Construction, Pat Walker and Judy Camp-Prudential Premier Properties, San Jacinto Stone and Andrew Smith, CPA. We are grateful for their contributions to the success of this event.

Enclosed in this month's *Gazette* is a post card featuring information about the Home Tour. The committee members ask that you please help us in getting the word out about this year's tour. Please help us reach more people by sending it to someone you know that lives outside the Garden Oaks area and that you feel might be interested in our neighborhood and our Home and Garden Tour.

The Home and Garden Tour helps to benefit our entire community. Proceeds are used for donations to neighborhood schools and beautification projects, increased revenue for the Civic Club helps fund programs such as GO COP and the *Gazette*, and much publicity about Garden Oaks is gained throughout Houston. We anticipate another successful tour this year and appreciate the overwhelming community support from all volunteers and tour attendees.



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President's Letter

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

The controversy continues with the ditch and driveway work in the 1000 blocks of W. 41st and 42nd. But the city is performing pretty much the follow up work they said they would do. Now, a resident in the 800 block of W. 41st wants to get their block into the action (actually I'm not sure you really do!). If you live on that block and want more information, contact Mary Jean Carter at 692-6969.

Graham Park in Section one has night lighting once again, thanks sincerely to the dogged pursuit of the issue by Andrea Spiering. Andrea knows as well as anyone how frustrating getting the city to move on a problem can be. But in the end the city took care of it and the park feels to be much safer at night.

This spring's first "SPARK Sunday" was a lot of fun for me. There was ice cream and games and some people brought picnic lunches. And the weather was outstanding. Just in case you missed it, though, there's going to be another one—this time a "Cinco de Mayo" celebration on May 3rd from 2-4 p.m. at the Garden Oaks Elementary SPARK park. Hey, I plan to be there; it should be fun. Piñatas and other fun events are planned. Bring the kids and let them run around the park or just plain come out and relax.

As of this moment, I still have not had anyone come forward volunteering to fill the remainder of the term (year-end) as Civic Club secretary. This is a position we really need someone to volunteer for. Please call me if you are willing to participate. The time demand is not too much at all.

This is always a beautiful time of year in our area. Tree are filling out, azaleas still blooming, other spring flowers are starting to bloom. And the weather is pleasant. Don't forget the upcoming Home and Garden Tour. Some volunteers are still needed for the day of the event.

A few weeks ago I received a call for help from a neighbor in Section 1A whose home backs up to the businesses along North Shepherd (for example, Gabby's and the hardware store). This lady, who has lived there since the beginning, told me (through my answering machine) that the ditch between the back of her property and the businesses has not been attended to or cleared out in over 40 years! She was desperate for some kind of assistance and was wondering if I could help.

I contacted the city on her behalf. They did survey the easement. The city representative called and left a message on my answering machine that said that it was "not our responsibility". He further stated that the property belongs to HL&P and that when he contacted them they said, yes it is theirs but the homeowner is required to maintain it! Sort of hard for me to figure out why that is the case, but oh well. As usual (sarcasm intended).

Why add this to my letter, you ask? Because the resident that called did not leave me her name, phone number or address. I truly hope you are reading this. I plan to touch base with and HL&P representative when I can.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

by Megan Berry Barlow, Board of Trustees President

Meeting was called to order by President Craig Lee at 7:10 p.m. Minutes from the March meeting were approved on a motion from Carl Waters.

Committee Reports

Membership and Welcoming - Tom Stell revealed that our Civic Club currently has 400 member households (28.5%) with a \$21.56 average contribution.

Home and Garden Tour - Judi Morawski discussed ticket sales for the 1998 Tour. Volunteers are needed to act as docents, transportation assistants, and ticket takers. Volunteers will receive a \$5 discount off of the regular \$10 ticket price and also receive a free event T-shirt. Raffle ticket will soon go on sale soon for \$1 each and will include a chance at two Southwest Airlines tickets.

Beautification- Brenda de Alba detailed the recent work days on the Esplanade project. A sign and benches will be installed in the coming months. The meeting attendees gave Brenda a loud round of applause for her hard work on this project.

Garden Club- Brenda de Alba announced the upcoming meeting and mentioned that potted Pentas are available for sale.

Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol- Carl Waters, Jr. reported that five crimes had occurred including various reports of potted plants being stolen from resident's front yards or porches. "National Night Out" will be the 1st Tuesday in August.

Finance- Report was distributed.

Announcements

Construction. Ed de Alba appealed to and reminded the Civic Club members in attendance that all exterior construction plans must be passed by the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees Architectural Review Committee. According to de Alba, starting a project that violates deed restrictions can cause the property owner to have to tear down at the owner's cost. Ed also indicated that the Board of Trustees is very serious about deed restriction enforcement.

Houston Homeowners Association. Victoria Frazier from Houston Homeowners Association spoke regarding a vote before the city council regarding the location of cell towers. We were urged to contact Council Member Bruce Tatro to support Council Member Martha Wong's 425 foot residential distance proposal. The phone number for Council Member Tatro was given as 713-247-2010.

Old Business

Secretary Needed. The Civic Club still needs a Secretary. Please contact Craig Lee if willing to assist.

Constable Program. The Constable Program has a new Security
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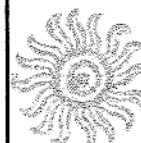
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Welcome to the Garden Oaks Education Corner! Garden Oaks

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 (May 5th 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 Missy Coward, 956-6492, 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!

Garden Oaks Elementary

Garden Oaks Elementary invites the whole community to our Sunday in the SPARK Park on May 3rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with traditional festivities, including music, dance and food. Please bring your strollers, children and any rattle, maracas, castañuelas, or noise makers that you have for Shake, Rattle, and Roll Stroll around the park. Our thanks to the sponsors: Families Count at Garden Oaks, Friends of Montessori, and the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Our school needs volunteers for our Science Exploratorium program. We need professionals in the medical or science professions as speakers or presenters. If you can share some "neat" information about your profession that would ignite a child's interest in the sciences, please come share with us!

Our Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) recently completed a School Improvement Plan for 1998-1999. The SDMC will meet on Tuesday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 19 at 3:15 in the school office. We invite anyone who is interested to attend our meetings!

Garden Oaks Montessori Program

Garden Oaks Montessori held their Spaghetti Dinner on April 24th from 5 pm to 6:45 pm in the school cafeteria. Following the Italian feast was the Garden Oaks Elementary School Talent Show. All donations from the Spaghetti Dinner went to benefit the Montessori Program at Garden Oaks Elementary.

St. Rose of Lima

Our students have been preparing for Easter in a variety of ways. Our Second Graders hosted a Seder Meal; Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders visited residents at Lexington Place Nursing Home and our Pre-K children had an Easter Egg Hunt.

Our Fourth Graders will visit Sinclair Elementary School April 22-24 to experience "Sinclair Career World". Students will participate in curriculum activities with an eye towards future employment opportunities.

Our newly formed Science Committee toured Bethune Academy (Aldine ISD) to learn firsthand about Science Lab lessons, curriculum and teaching strategies. The 1998-1999 school year at St. Rose will boast a first time Science Lab on our campus. Parents have been instrumental in these early stage of planning.

The Principal hosted the April meeting for "Families Count", a group based at Garden Oaks Elementary School offering parenting and skill sessions. A counselor now offers weekly sessions at St. Rose of Lima for students in Pre-K through Fifth Grade.

St. Rose fun doesn't end once school is out! St. Rose Summer Safari will be held in weekly sessions from June 1 through July 31. The camp is designed to create an atmosphere of fun while providing the camper with self-esteem, self-discovery, goal setting, conflict resolution and communication skills. Children, ages five through eleven, are grouped by age. They will have the opportunity to explore the arts, sciences, cooking, organized games, field trips, and much more.

St. Rose of Lima will continue registering new families for the 1998-1999 school year. Please call us for further information.

St. Rose of Lima
3600 Brinkman

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for our neighborhoods. An analysis of these changes will be review in 180 days. At that time we will have sufficient data to make additional changes as needed. As you can see, this ordinance truly represents a VICTORY for Houston neighborhoods and the residents of District A.

Sincerely,
Bruce Tatro, Council Member, District A



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Citizen's Patrol

by Carl Waters, Jr.

Occasionally, I am asked for the source of the crime statistics that appear in my monthly articles. They come from the HPD Crime Bulletin for our patrol district which is District 3. They can be obtained by visiting the North Division Command Center or by participating in a monthly program called Positive Interaction Program, or PIP for short, which is held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's Methodist Church located at 43rd and Shepherd. These meetings are supervised by Captain Jerry Defoor of the North Division Command and chaired by citizens from our area. In addition to getting the scoop on district happenings, there is a monthly speaker from different units with HPD or other public service agencies like the fire department, HL&P, and the Better Business Bureau. The meetings are open to all and Captain Defoor encourages his officers to attend the meetings so you can meet them in a positive light.

In February COP patrollers recorded 71 1/4 hours. One member interrupted his patrol to aid a possum which was giving birth in the middle of 42nd Street.

HPD reported five crimes in our neighborhood for February. They were: an assault in the 700 block of West 42nd on 2/5/98 at 7:30 am; two burglaries: one in the 300 block of West 34 on 2/13/98 at 3:30 pm and the other in the 900 block of West 41st on 2/24/98 at 12:15 pm. An auto theft occurred in the 600 block of West 34th Street on 2/21/98 at 7:00 pm and a DWI arrest occurred in the 700 block of West 43rd Street on 2/3/98 at 11:20 pm.

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 4, 1998. Start making plans for your block party now!

An Important Message to Parents - Learn Gun Safety

by Deputy Ana DeLa Fuente-Herrera, Section 1 Constable

A lot of children are home alone during the summer months, and statistics show that gun accidents occur mostly during the summer. Please

take the time to educate yourself and your children about gun safety.

- **"Stop" and "Don't Touch"** are the most important messages for children to learn if they see a gun.
- **"Leave the Area"** should be taught to mean leave the room or immediate area in which the gun is found. Do not stress to children to leave their home without adult supervision.
- **"Tell an Adult"** emphasizes that children should seek out a trust-worthy adult, such as a neighbor, police officer, or teacher, if a parent or guardian is not immediately available.

If your home is like half of those in our nation, your home has a gun. I encourage parents to reinforce these ideas by repeating the message:

**STOP
DON'T TOUCH
LEAVE THE AREA
TELL AN ADULT**

Make sure all guns you may have cannot be reached by anyone who should not use them, especially children.

Keep your ammunition securely stored where a child or other unauthorized person cannot reach it.

Talk to your children about guns, their uses and history. Answer any questions honestly. by removing the mystery about guns, your child will be less curious and more likely to follow gun safety rules.

Explain the difference between a toy gun and a real gun. Explain that the guns that children see on television are not real.

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Beautification Update

by Brenda de Alba

The blooms just keep coming with each month bringing something new to enjoy on the Esplanade! Four more tree varieties have put forth their spring flowers: the Halesia Diptera (Silverbell), the Chinese Fringe, the Native Fringe, and the Sinojackia. One of our more unusual shrubs, the Florida Anise, has also been blooming with its showy, cranberry colored star-shaped flowers and its wonderfully aromatic leaves.

Our last two workdays (March 21 and April 4) were once again very successful! Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who showed up to help each day...your sore muscles will be all but forgotten when you drive down the Esplanade feeling proud that you contributed to its new found beauty! On March 21, we built flowerbeds by incorporating 20 cubic yards of leaf mold compost into the existing Esplanade soil. On April 4, we planted over 640 purchased plants along with a large number of plants donated from Garden Oaks residents. We also spread another 20 cubic yards of hardwood mulch. The total product of our work is simply AMAZING!! Below is an abbreviated list of some of the plants you'll find as you take a stroll down the path:

Ferns (Southern River, Holly, Autumn, East Indian Holly), Salvias (Indigo Spires, Miniata), Daylilies (Rosie Meyer, Cream Curls, Scaramouche), Lantana (New Gold & Silver Mound)

Coneflowers (Purple & White Swan), Russelia (Fountain Plant or Firecracker Fern), Stokesia Clerodendron Bungii (Cashmere Bouquet), Iris (Clyde Redmond, Marie Delores, Walking),

Plumbago, White Mexican Heather, Society Garlic, Hinckley's Columbine, Strawberry Begonia

April Yard of the Month
was awarded to
James and Ola Mae Synnott
748 West 43rd Street
Congratulations!

The Synnott's Fringe tree & red geraniums
have been traffic stoppers!

Upcoming Garden Club Activities and Events!

- ✿ April 25th
Friendship Garden Work Day
- ✿ May 14th
Gingers - Beth Galiano from Mercer
Arboretum
532 West 31st Street
- ✿ May 17th
Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour
- ✿ June
Gardening Workshop For Kids
- ✿ July 9th
Ferns - Mike Lowery; Owner, Another
Place in Time
421 West 11th Street

More thanks - Thanks to whomever pruned the Crape Myrtles in the Art Park! Thanks to Carol Hazel for planting the marigolds and for weeding the beds in the Gazebo Park. Thanks to Robert DeVeau for making a Living Memorial contribution to the Esplanade project in honor of Audrey Vallance, Lindsey Vallance, and Rhonda Cain, G.O. residents temporarily living in Malaysia. Thanks to Oak Forest Lawnmower Service, 901 West 34th Street, for rebuilding the carburetor and tuning up a donated tiller. Thanks also to the Sievers' and the Kostelecky's for the use of their garden tillers.

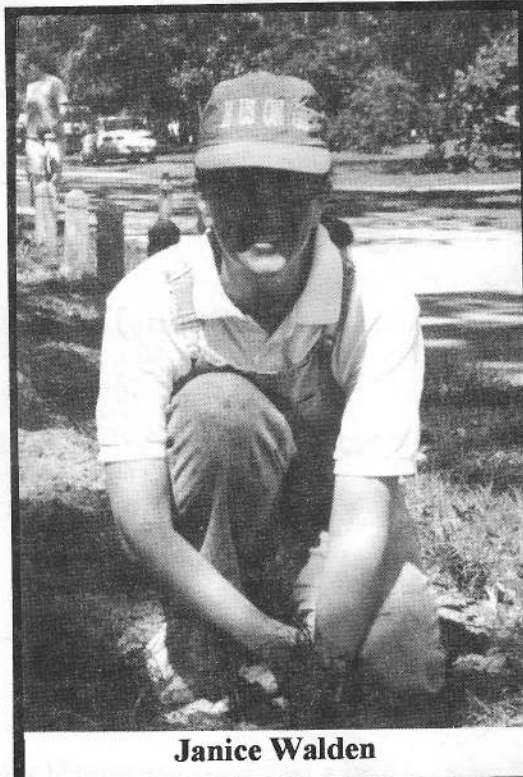
PLEASE don't forget the Home & Garden Tour on May 17th. We're planning on making the Esplanade a "free" stop during the tour. Keiji Asakura and myself will be on hand throughout the day to talk about the project, identify plants, and answer questions. Please stop by!

May Birthdays

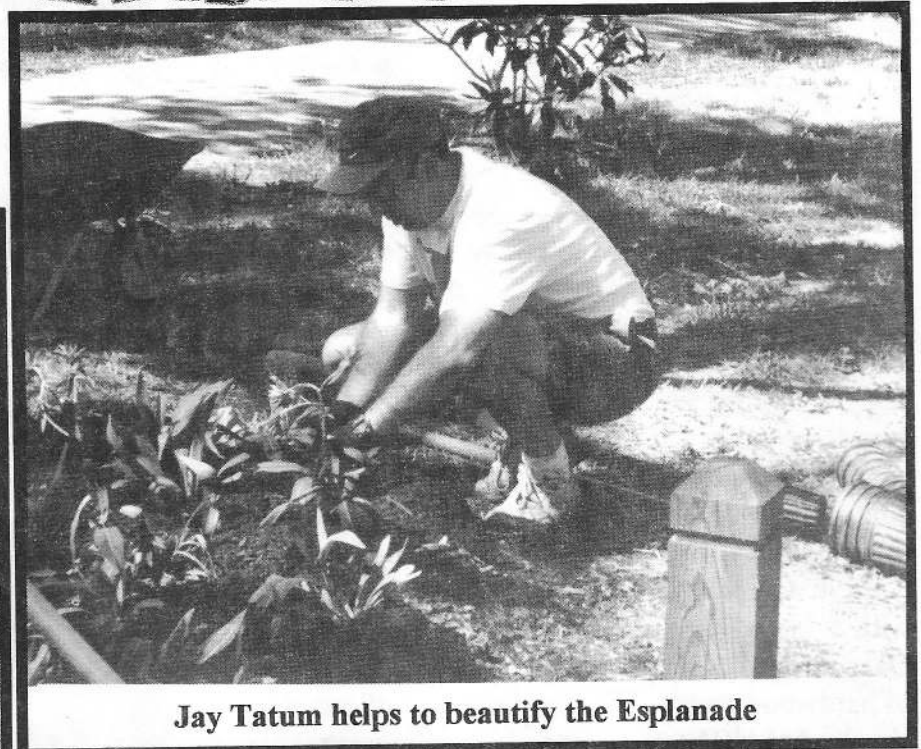


Meredith Jenkins, May 10
 Brian Dice, May 12
 Sophie King, May 20
 Lisa Smith, May 20
 Reese Yale, May 25
 Margaret Yale, May 30
 Cody Latson, May 31

Neighborhood Tidbits



Janice Walden



Jay Tatum helps to beautify the Esplanade



Garden Oaks Galloping Gourmet

This month the Garden Oaks Galloping Gourmet ventured over to Cavatore Restaurant at 2120 Ella Boulevard (located just inside the loop). And, what a fun place to enjoy Italian food!

The restaurant is an authentic 90 year old barn that was moved to Houston in 1984 and creates an intimate atmosphere for couples and small groups. A pianist entertains nightly and enjoys playing popular standards - but also encourages requests from patrons.

Menu items consist of seafood, veal, beef, a great selection of pastas and standard Italian fare. Complimentary garlic bread is served with meals and prices for entrees range from \$9.00 - \$26.00. Half-orders are available for children.

Cavatore Restaurant offers friendly service and gladly accepts reservations, which can make life a whole lot easier. Their hours are Monday-Friday: 11:00 am-2:30 pm for lunch, Sunday-Thursday: 5:30-10:00 pm and Friday-Saturday: 5:30-11:00 pm for dinner.



Southwest Salsa Verde

- 1 lb. tomatillos, shucked & boiled until slightly tender
- 1 red onion, diced
- 1/2 c. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- salt, white pepper, and sugar
- 3 serrano peppers, chopped fine

Lightly chop boiled tomatillos. Combine all ingredients. Season to taste with salt, white pepper, and sugar. Serve with grilled chicken or with nachos and chips.

Civic Club Minutes

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Director, Donna Archer. Deputy Constable Ana Herrera was in attendance at the meeting.

Historical Garden Oaks Documents. Craig reminded the Civic Club that he is looking for historical neighborhood documents.

Driveway Replacement. The issue of "inferior" driveway replacement by the city on West 41st and West 42nd Streets was discussed. Several members discussed concerns over the city's "lack of" responsiveness to this issue.

Graham Park. It was reported that the lights at Graham Park appear to be working properly once again.

New Business.

Sewer Line. The problem of a leaking sewer line on West 38th Street was discussed. The city has stopped paying the contractor who in turn has stopped working. Residents there had their street torn up for a year. David Polansky in Bruce Tatro's office was cited as a person to contact regarding this matter.

Garden Oaks Boulevard Traffic Light. Craig asked Ms. Daniels from Garden Oaks Elementary School if she had contacted the city regarding changing the timing of the traffic light at Garden Oaks Blvd. and Shepherd to facilitate morning drop-off of children. She had contacted the city but they have not responded (after several months). Craig indicated that he would attempt to help put pressure on them to make the changes.

Home and Garden Tour Volunteers. Brenda de Alba asked Ms. Daniels if she could assist in getting school parents to volunteer for the Home and Garden Tour. Ms. Daniels agreed to help.

Guest Speakers/Presentation.

Allison Smith, Community Liaison from Northwest Memorial Hospital, and George Gaston, Director of Spiritual Development and Community Outreach for Memorial Hermann Hospital System, discussed their community centered programs covering the "Greater Heights Area".

Following their informative presentation, the meeting was adjourned by Craig.

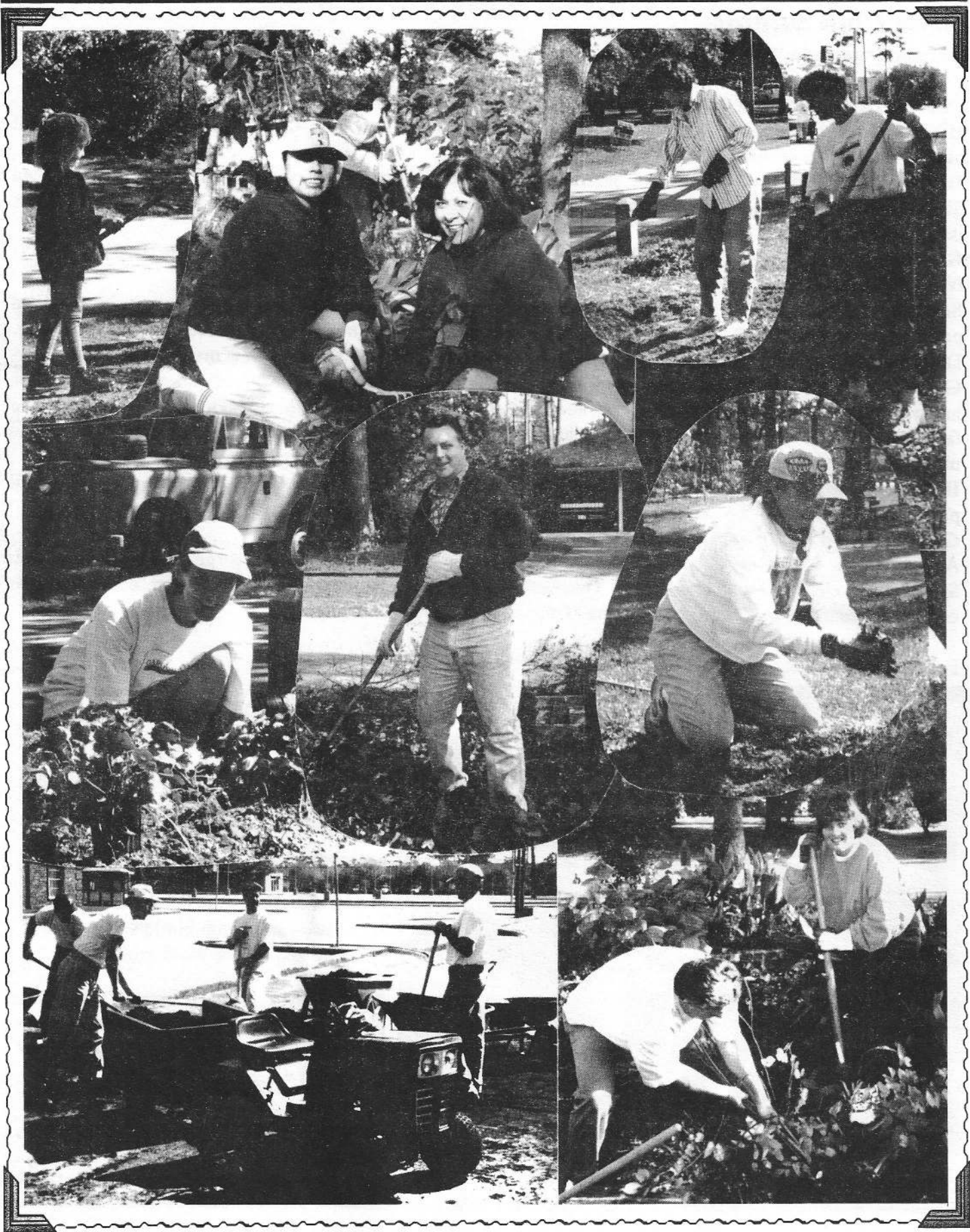


Jonathan Morgan and Sheila Briones

Garden Tips for May

by Brenda de Alba

- * Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing because it enables them to store up enough energy to bloom next year.
- * Replace or replenish mulch materials in flowerbeds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.
- * Pinch back terminal growth on newly planted annuals and perennial plants to encourage more compact, better-branched plants and more flowers.
- * Brighten a shaded area of the garden with pentas, begonias, caladiums, and impatiens.



Cell Tower Ordinance

City Council acts to protect Houston neighborhoods!

Dear Craig:

I would like to thank you for your correspondence regarding the new cellular tower ordinance. Your opinion is important to me and I have given it every consideration in making the best decision for District A and the City of Houston.

I am pleased to say that City Council approved a new cellular tower ordinance that will provide stronger protection for Houston neighborhoods, as well as allow the cellular communication industry to meet the growing consumer demand it faces here in Houston. Included below are some of the added benefits of this ordinance, over the previous ordinance:

- The surrounding area that is required to receive advance written notification of "request for permit" has been increased to 1000 feet.

- Residential Test areas have been established at 375 feet for any tower between 60 and 100 feet tall, 600 feet for any tower between 100 and 150 feet, and 800 feet for any tower over 150 feet tall. This represents an increase in distance of, on average, 250% from the previous ordinance.

- The amount of signage required near a proposed tower sight has been increased.

- Affected residents and property owners will have the right and the advance warning to request a public hearing on the issue.

- Areas classified as Historic Districts will receive additional protection from encroachment by cell towers. This includes additional regulations pertaining to the location and camouflage of said tower.

- Any tower permit granted in an Historic District will have to receive approval from the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission (HAHC).

- No tower permit will be approved for a tower structure within the boundaries of a scenic district (unless so waived by the HAHC).

- For future site evaluations, apartments will be included as residential tracts and given proper weight in determining the classification of an area as "residential" or "commercial".

- The method for determining a proposed site area's classification as either "residential" or "commercial" will be based solely on the number of tracts and their usage, not by square footage of usage as the industry requested (3 residential tracts, 2 commercial tracts = residential area).

- Any abandoned cell tower site must now be removed from the area (formerly not required).

- Additional restrictions have been included regarding sign placement and lighting on cell tower sites.

- Tower Permit Commission will be created with provisions to employ a telecommunications expert as the neighborhoods have requested.

These are the first steps taken by the Mayor, City Council and the Cell Tower Committee to increase protection

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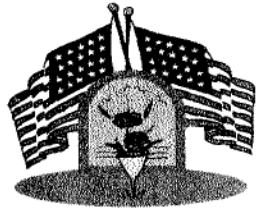
May Civic Club Presentation



Megan Barlow and Herb Kellner, of the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees and Harry James, area builder, will speak at our May meeting, regarding construction guidelines as they relate to deed restrictions.

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

May 1998

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