

Garden Oaks

Gazette

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1999 Home & Garden Tour Committee Seeks New Committee Members

The Home Tour Committee welcomes any interested persons to attend our monthly meetings and become part of this wonderful community event!! The date for the 1999 tour has been set for May 2nd and plans are already underway! We are still in need of people for the following positions: **TREASURER; GRAPHICS; and STAFFING/VOLUNTEERS.** Both men and women are welcome! If you are interested, please come to our next meeting: **Oct. 20th @ 7pm, 1031 Althea.** Or call **Meredith Jenkins at 697-5654** for more information.

October

Mark your calendar

Oct. 6th - Civic Club
7:00 pm
GO Elementary

Speakers: Political Debate between State Representative Candidates Ken Yarbrough and Dwayne Bohac

Oct. 8th - Garden Club
7:00 pm
220 West 34th
Janice Walden's

Oct. 20th - 1999 Home Tour Committee
7:00 pm
1031 Althea
Clare Bell's

Upcoming Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Calendar

All Garden Oaks Civic Club meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. Unless notified otherwise, all meetings are held at the Garden Oaks Elementary School Multi-Purpose room. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and last until about 8:30.

- Tuesday October 6, 1998
- Tuesday November 3, 1998
- Tuesday December 1, 1998
Christmas Party meeting
- Tuesday January 5, 1999
- Tuesday February 2, 1999
- Tuesday March 2, 1999
- Tuesday April 6, 1999
- Tuesday May 4, 1999
- Tuesday June 1, 1999
- Tuesday July 6, 1999
- Tuesday August 3, 1999
No Meeting (National Night Out)
- Tuesday July 6, 1999
- Tuesday October 5, 1999
- Tuesday November 2, 1999
- Tuesday December 7, 1999
Christmas Party meeting

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President's Letter

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

Hello neighbors. Hopefully you're enjoying a pleasant autumn. Aren't you glad to see the weather cool down finally? There are several things that I want to talk about this month. So please indulge me as I trudge through them.

DRT Storefront: At the last Civic Club meeting, Ralph Smith, an Oak Forest resident who currently serves as one of three members on the Houston Police Differential Response Team's (DRT storefront) citizen's advisory board, along with Sgt. Atkins from the storefront, asked for greater participation from Garden Oaks in the operations of the storefront. Of the several local neighborhoods in the storefront's patrol area, apparently Garden Oaks is one of the least active participants. The DRT would like for one or more individuals from each section of Garden Oaks to routinely make a list of issues that the DRT police officers could potentially act upon—be it a suspicion of drug activity, illegal dumping, inoperable vehicles, or placing heavy trash out too early and so forth. While the officers need to prioritize their calls to address serious and violent crimes foremost, they also intend to address each neighborhood's highest non-violent issues. On a monthly basis, according to Sgt. Atkins, the DRT should be able to respond to the 3-5 highest priority issues each neighborhood assigns. As president, I recommend the formation of section coordinators as a committee of the Civic Club to help get DRT officers more involved with Garden Oaks.

Citizens on Patrol (COP): Garden Oaks has a *COP program* (aka *GOCOP* for "Garden Oaks *COP*") and a *constable patrol* (section 1 only). Both of these programs serve Garden Oaks very well and, realistically, both will probably always need more support than they receive. In the *COP* program, residents "patrol" (i.e.-drive around Garden Oaks) in shifts—scheduled at their convenience—looking for suspicious activities, individuals or vehicles. They don't actually get involved except to contact by radio a base station which is also operated by a *COP* volunteer. An active security program like *COP* is a solid asset to a neighborhood. Potential residents see the active involvement and like that. Current residents benefit from the added security—certainly the program promotes a safer neighborhood. But our program has had difficulty attracting new volunteers. The current group of 15 members is down from around 45 members as little as four years ago. Let's build this program back up. If you have just a little bit of time each week and most importantly, you care about safety and security and like looking at our many pretty homes, please call Carl Waters at 755-2059. Carl will give you all the information about the program to help you get involved. No matter how much or how little time you might be able to give, I know he'll appreciate your participation.

Constable patrol: This program continues to move along smoothly but we still have to virtually beg for donations to pay for it. The program has made a real visible difference in the incidents of crime in Section 1. Even at the

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current rate of \$230 for the year, it provides an incredibly good investment. If a security program like this ends, property values will drop overnight. If Section 1 reestablishes its reputation for being high crime prone, property values could really drop. We still need funding for the remaining months this year (approximately \$18,000 more). If you haven't already done so, and a lot of you haven't, make your payment today. Mail them to me at 212 W. 34th Street or to *constable patrol* coordinator Donna Archer at 503 W. 32nd Street. For more information, Donna's phone number is 869-3388. Or stop our wonderful deputy Ana Herrera when you see her.

Babysitting Coop: Do you have younger children and are looking for a good idea for babysitting. Join Garden Oaks' "babysitting coop." The idea is that you trade babysitting time with other members—all residents of Garden Oaks—by using tokens. If you want more information, contact the current president, Jane Ann Roberts at 861-8512. I'm in the program and I can assure you, it works really well.

1999 Officers: The Civic Club's Nominating Committee is looking for Civic Club officers to for 1999. The Civic Club wants you. If interested, please call me at 802-0079, Ed de Alba at 694-5934, or Terry Jeanes at 680-8550.

Political Debate: A reminder, our October 6th Civic Club meeting will include State Representative Ken Yarbrough who is seeking reelection in November and Dwayne Bohac who is seeking to unseat Representative Yarbrough. It should be interesting. We will also have an opportunity to discuss and vote on the proposed amendments to the Civic Club bylaws (printed in this *Gazette*). Make plans now to be there starting at 7 p.m.

Craig

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting of the Civic Club were taken by a volunteer at the meeting, because the membership still has not elected a secretary. As of the Gazette printing deadline, the minutes had not been made available to the Civic Club from the volunteer and therefore cannot be printed per the bylaws of the Civic Club.

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Education Corner

Durham Elementary

Durham Elementary was recently awarded a Technology 2000 Grant. Computers were purchased and distributed to classrooms.

Durham's Magnet program, Leadership development, is off to a great start. Mrs. Kaminski, the Magnet Coordinator, is very excited about the new classes in the Extended day this year. They include: Poetry, Sign Language, Math Games, Creative Writing, Study Skills, and Public Speaking.

This year we will also be hosting an after school pay program. The children will be able to take Dance, Karate, Gymnastics, Comedy Writing, and Piano directly after school on campus.

The Magnet Open House will be the week of November 2-6. Daily tours will be given from 9-11. For more information call 613-2529.

Baptist Temple School

Baptist Temple School is off to a good start. We have 71 students enrolled at this time. Open House gave the parents an opportunity to meet their children's teachers and find out the expectations for the year. We appreciate all the prayers and good wishes of our church family as we begin.

Some have asked about our fundraisers that they can help with. We still have our Kroger Share cards, the paper dumpsters and our Randall's number (6167). If you have driven by the school during this week, you may have noticed our new American and Texas flag flying from our flag post. These were purchased with the Randall's refund money from this past quarter.

Please check out Baptist Temple's Official Web Site for current information. Or, email the school at the following address:

btschool@baptisttemple.org

TO SUBMIT SCHOOL INFORMATION TO THE GAZETTE, CALL MISSY COWARD, GARDEN OAKS' EDUCATION LIAISON FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU CAN REACH MISSY AT 956-6492. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS THE 6TH OF EACH MONTH FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDED TO THE MONTHLY CALENDAR.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

St. Rose of Lima would like to extend a warm hello to all of its friends in the neighborhood and a big thank you to all who have helped start the school year off with a bang! The Study Garden, completed in August, contains six attractive, sturdy benches, a large pergola, and an entry arch designed and built by parishioner and grandfather of two students, Ed Fisher. Several lovely bronze statues, Texas native plants and flowers, an herb garden, and 12 trees complete the garden. The entire project was financed and constructed by parent and grandparent volunteers. It's perfect for an entire class to enjoy the outdoors together while getting in a little education at the same time!

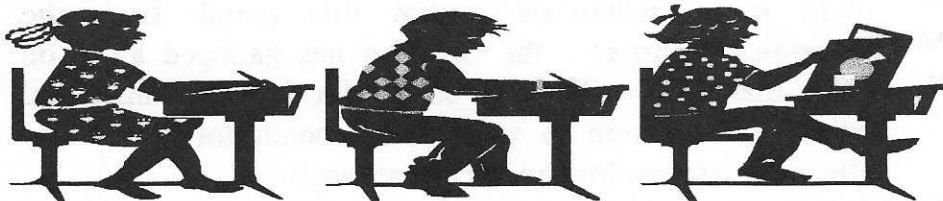
We have a new principal to introduce this year: Paul Boer. St. Rose is thrilled to welcome Mr. Boer's children to our school. We also have a new associate pastor this year: Fr. Clint Ressler. We have been very, very blessed by the addition of these two gentlemen to our parish.

The doors of our new Science Lab will open September 15th. Grades Kindergarten through 5th will utilize microscopes, Ken-a-Vision (a special microscope projected onto a big screen for group instruction), cutting-edge instructional material specific to our new science curriculum, as well as enjoying hands-on-learning with a saltwater aquarium, fossils and many other scientific projects and objects. We are very proud of our new Science program and parents are standing in line to volunteer in the Lab. Thank you to Shepherd Park Plaza resident Diane Kattchee who did the lion's share of work in getting the Science Lab off the ground-we appreciate what you've done for our children!

You can help St. Rose by ordering Domino's Pizza on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month. The next dates to buy pizza for St. Rose are October 14th & 15th. Our school gets a percentage of every customer's order called in who mentions St. Rose of Lima.

Be sure to drop by and check out our Halloween Festival on October 30th from 4-9 pm. We'll have safe trick-or-treating for kids, lots of snacks, plenty of goofy fun, and a spaghetti dinner for everyone. Dinner tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for kids-and as the Quartaro family (remember Quartaro's Italian Restaurant???) is cooking, you know it'll be delicious! Be sure to buy a raffle ticket from any St. Rose student as there are loads of great prizes. See you there!

And last, but certainly not least, we are very thankful for the many parents and grandparents which make up our Volunteer Program. We couldn't do it without you.



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- 1st Tues of mo. - Sect. 1 & 1A
- 2nd Tues of mo. - Sect. 2 - 5 south of West 41st
- 3rd Tues of mo. - Sect. 2 - 5 north of West 41st

Recycling Schedule

- 1st & 3rd Tues of mo. - residents south of W. 43rd
- 2nd & 4th Tues of mo. - residents north of W. 43rd

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Sealy McMurrey - Oct 9
Tina Sabuco - Oct 9
Christopher Roberts - Oct 18
Rebecca Sayre - Oct 21

To submit birthdays & anniversaries to the *Gazette*, please mail the information to Meredith Jenkins, *Gazette* Editor, 855 West 43rd St.

Fun Fall Activities in the Garden Oaks Area

- * **Plan a visit to Canino's Farmer's Market, at 2520 Airline. It's a great place to pick out pumpkins for carving!**
- * **Help with the Fall Harvest of the Community Garden.**
- * **Take a stroll down our lovely streets and get to know the many varieties of oak trees in our neighborhood.**
- * **Attend one of the many Fall Festivals at our area schools and churches.**
- * **Join your neighbors and friends at the Beautification Celebration in November. Don't miss this fun gathering!**

Neighborhood Tidbits

Garden Oaks' Resident Authors Information-Age Fable for Children

Steve Geissen, a writer and Garden Oaks resident, has authored *Willie & the World Wide Web*, the first nationally published children's picture book with a World Wide Web theme.

Willie & the World Wide Web (Three Leaves Publishing) tells the story of an adventurous boy who magically enters his computer, flies through the Internet and explores children's sites *inside* the Web. Media stories have called the book a "magical and meaningful information-age fable".

Three Leaves Publishing is offering signed and personalized books to residents of Garden Oaks. This richly illustrated four-color hardback book retails for \$15.95 plus tax for a total of \$17.27. If you would like to order a copy, contact Three Leaves Publishing by phone (713 694-6565), fax (713 697-3570) or email: books@threeleaves.com. This special offer applies only to Garden Oaks residents. For each book purchased, Steve will sign the book to your child, friend or a relative, and Three Leaves will deliver the book to your mailing address free of charge.

Willie & the World Wide Web has been a Barnes & Noble featured children's selection. The book is available nationwide in major bookstores. It also can be ordered toll-free by calling 1 800-481-4823. It can be previewed via its Web site at www.threeleaves.com.

Gazette Deliverers Needed!!!

Gazette deliverers are needed for the 900 block of Gardenia and for the 400-500 block of West 31st. Please call Brenda de Alba, 694-5934, if you can volunteer.



There is no restaurant review this month from the Galloping Gourmet - the Gourmet has galloped away on a tiny hiatus but will return soon with the usual insightful review. Make sure to watch next month for more tasty tidbits of information on local eateries!!

Beautification Update

by Brenda de Alba

One shrub which we planted on the Esplanade was the American Beautyberry. From early fall into winter this shrub bursts into color from the beautiful deep purple berries covering its branches. Birds love eating these berries so our choice for adding this shrub to the Esplanade was twofold: 1) for its beautiful fall & winter color and 2) as a winter food source for birds.

The shrubs began producing berries mid-summer and by August the color was rapidly developing. Imagine my dismay when, on Labor Day weekend, I discovered that someone had removed every branch containing berries on all of the American Beautyberry shrubs. Why would someone do this? I'm left to simply wonder why...

On a positive note, I'd like to thank Esplanade residents Elaine & Mike Maniha for adding three more trees to the Esplanade: 2 crabapples & 1 flowering pear.

Don't forget the November 14th Neighborhood Party to celebrate the beautification efforts of the last year! Check your November *Gazette* for details and come join the fun!

Wildlife Rescue Organization

by Brenda de Alba


On Labor Day weekend I learned about a wonderful nonprofit educational organization call Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition (TWRC). I discovered a dying squirrel in my flowerbed, which had eaten rat poison. The squirrel died enroute to TWRC's shelter, but I'm thankful I learned of their services. TWRC is a group of state and federally permitted volunteers who rehabilitate birds and mammals who have been orphaned, are ill, or injured for the purpose of release back into the creature's native habitat. TWRC is only a phone call away...please see the information on how they can be reached at the end of this article.


What to do if you find an injured or orphaned wild animal:


- Never pick up a wild creature with your bare hands. Wear gloves or throw a towel over the animal. Use a stick, broom, or rolled up newspaper to gently push the animal into a box or pet carrier.

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Upcoming Garden Club Activities and Events!

 October 1-3
Houston Bulb Mart
5801 San Felipe @ Bering

 October 8th
Beth Galiano - Gingers
Officer Nominations
220 West 34th St.

 October 10th
Friendship Garden Work Day

Pine Bark Beetles Attack Graham Park

by Wayne Forster

Within two weeks 10 mature pine trees have died in Graham Park. These trees were attacked by the notorious pine bark beetle. This pest infests trees under stress, in this case, caused by the summer's drought.

Homeowners in Sect. 1 should be alert to this problem-some homes along W. 34th have already lost trees as old as 70 years. Once a tree has been killed, the beetles will move to the next one. This can happen very quickly. To help protect your pine trees, keep them healthy by watering and fertilizing. Dead and dying trees should be removed immediately.

Some tree services will recommend spraying the trees in threatened areas. However, this can also kill beneficial insects. Symptoms of infestation include: brown pine needles, multiple holes in trees (some with sap around opening), and sawdust at the base of tree. The city has been contacted regarding removal of the affected trees in Graham Park.

September Yard of the Month

was awarded to

James Jannise & Mark Hazelwood

1047 West 43rd

Congratulations!

Board of Trustees

by Megan Berry Barlow, President

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees would like to thank the following neighbors / residents for voluntarily coming into compliance with our Neighborhood's Deed Restrictions:

- 709 West 41st Street (Section II)
- 4319 Alba (Section IV)
- 911 West 41st Street (Section IV)
- 846 West 41st Street (Section IV)

Remember that the Board of Trustees is here to serve all residents of Garden Oaks in maintaining our Deed Restrictions. Our Deed Restrictions help maintain our property value and keep Garden Oaks an attractive and desirable place to live. If you have any questions regarding construction, please contact a Board member. All Board Member's phone numbers are listed on the back of this Gazette. Again, THANK YOU!!!

Wildlife Rescue Organization

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- Baby Birds - If you can find the nest, put the baby bird back in it. Birds have a poorly developed sense of smell, so they won't notice that you handled it. If no nest, keep the baby warm & contained until you can call TWRC.
- Put tissues or towels in a dark box or container and place half on & half off a heating pad set on "Low".
- Do not feed the animal food or water! This can cause more damage than good.
- Call TWRC (713-468-8972)!

Wildlife Animal Shelter

Location: 595 Wycliff, Houston 77079
Hours: Monday-Friday: 10AM-1PM & 4:30-7PM
Saturday, Sunday: 10AM-1PM
Phone: (713-468-8972)
Directions: West on I-10, exit Wilcrest
South on Wilcrest to Memorial
Left on Memorial, go 1 block to Wycliff
Left on Wycliff & shelter will be on left

Citizen's Patrol

by Carl Waters, Jr.

At the August PIP meeting, Captain Yates was talking about how crime was down throughout the city and the nation. Looking at the numbers for our neighborhood, the opposite is true. Some may ask why, and I feel that several reasons are the answer. Some of our neighboring communities are less affluent than ours which could lead some of them to come looking for things we have that they do not. A second reason is our location along several major traffic arteries which allows a quick exit from the neighborhood after the crime has been committed. The third and maybe the most distressing is neighborhood apathy. When I joined the patrol in 1994 we had 43 other patrollers. Today we have 16. Some patrollers have moved away, others have died, some had conflicts with changes in their personal lives and some just lost interest. I don't fault anyone who has patrolled in the past and would love to have any of them back who have the time. The bottom line is we need more involvement from the community. If you do not want to patrol, perhaps you can volunteer as a base station operator. We will supply the equipment - all you have to supply is the time.

Any one over 21 can volunteer. All we ask is a commitment to patrol or operate a base station two hours a month. Please call me at 713 864-1992 for details.

Crime stats for July - Total 8

Burglary - 3

- 500 block W. 34 7/8/98 @ 1:30 pm
- 700 block Garden Oaks Blvd 7/21/98 @ 8: am
- 1000 block W. 41 7/28/98 @ 2: pm

Burglary of Motor Vehicle - 4

- 500 block W. 32 7/13/98 @ 12: am
- 500 block W. 32 7/13/98 @ 7: pm
- 400 block W. 34 7/25/98 @ 5:30 pm
- 300 block W. 34 7/25/98 @ 11: pm

Auto Theft - 1

- 300 block W. 34 7/8/98 @ 1:30 am



Neighborhood Church News

Baptist Temple

First Place, a Christ centered health program, began with an orientation meeting on Sept 2. Regular meetings are Wednesdays after prayer meeting and the entire health program ends by Thanksgiving. If interested, call Lilas Outlaw at 713 861-1289.

The Widow's Banquet will be Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call 862-6655 to RSVP.

Handbell choir begins practice on September 27th.

St. Michael's Episcopal

The renowned Jubilee Banjo Band will be performing at the church, at the corner of West 43rd and Chantilly, on Friday, Oct. 9th, at 7:30 pm. The performance will benefit the church's Renaissance Fund, aimed at making long-needed repairs to the church building. Complimentary refreshments and a drawing for a door prize will follow the concert.

Tickets are available for a \$10 donation each and may be obtained by calling 713 686-1885 or the church office at 713 681-6422 (weekdays between 8:30 & noon).

St. Matthew's United Methodist

Fall Festival '98 will be held Fri. Oct. 23 & Sat. Oct. 24. This year, the Festival will have a Western Theme, so get out your denim attire! Hours are:

Friday, Oct. 23	Roundup Dinner and trimmings	6:00 pm
	Live Auction with Marty Ambrose	7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct 24	Festival Day	9am-3pm

Features silent auction, plant sale, home baked cakes, pies and pastries, children's games and activities ... also, festival food including hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, frito pies, drinks and more.

Also, a retreat to Lakeview is planned for Oct 16-18. All members, visitors and friends of St. Matthew's are welcome to attend. Call Susan or Larry Porterfield, 688-4642, if interested.

St. Stephen's United Methodist

Several exciting things are beginning at St. Stephen's. Praise the Lord Aerobics are held Mondays 6:15-7 pm & Thursdays 6-7 pm. It is low-impact aerobics to Christian contemporary music. Call 686-8241 for more information. The Weigh Down Workshop helps you take your focus away from food and be free of "yo-yo" dieting. Classes are held Mondays at 7pm. Two different versions of the Disciple Bible Study series are being offered. Classes are Sundays 4-6:30 and Mondays 6:30-9 pm. St. Stephen's hopes to become your church home!

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church

Worship Services	8:15 & 10:50 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
Newcomers Class	9:30 am
Joyful Beginnings	10:30 am
Youth Choir	10:30 am

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:30 & 10:30
SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15
Preschool - Mon-Fri.	9-2
Mother's Day Out-Wed-Fri	9-2
(ages 3 mos. - 5 years)	
Parent's Night Out - Fri	6:30-11:00

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Mon, Tues, Thurs - 4:15 - 5:00

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Pastor: Tom Crowe

Baptist Temple

Bible Studies - all Ages	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:50 am
Singles Luncheon	12:10 pm
Sanctuary Choir	4:30 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
SNAC	7:00 pm

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Home Tour Meeting 7pm 1031 Althea	21	22	23 St. Matthew's Fall Festival	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 St. Rose Halloween Festival 4-9	31 Halloween

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB, INC.

Note from Craig Lee: These proposed amendments were presented to the Civic Club body at the September meeting. The proposal is being published in the Gazette in order to comply with the terms of the by-laws governing amending the by-laws. The reasons for various changes along with the exact change being proposed is described in this column. I have read the by-laws thoroughly and these are issues that I perceived needing to be addressed. Please read them if you are interested and be at the Civic Club to voice your opinion and make your vote.

Section 2.03 (MEMBERS) - Change "Corporate Membership" to "Business Membership."

2.03 ~~Corporate~~ **Business Membership.** ~~Corporate~~ **Business** memberships are available to businesses that have an interest in the welfare of the Garden Oaks subdivision. Membership is accomplished by the business paying an annual membership fee to be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.02 (MEETINGS OF MEMBERS) - Change the date of the annual meeting to December. 1) It coincides with the traditional dinner in December. 2) It allows more time to locate and vote on officers—sometimes that is needed. 3) By delaying the vote for new officers until December, the current officers should remain more active into December.

3.02 **Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of the members shall be held on the first Tuesday of ~~November~~ **December** in each year, ~~beginning with the year 1983~~ at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing officers/directors and for the transaction of other business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be on a legal holiday in the State of Texas, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as possible or at the next regular meeting of members.

Section 3.05 (MEETINGS OF MEMBERS) - Change as indicated to allow for publication of a meeting notice in the Gazette as sufficient means of communicating an upcoming meeting. Posting notices in public locations is feasible and often used, but it is typically not feasible to mail or call each member individually given the usual volunteer and low budget operations of the Civic Club.

3.05 **Notice of Meetings.** No notice of the regular or annual meetings shall be required. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any special meeting of members shall be ~~delivered~~ **presented**, either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, ~~or published in the Gazette not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting, or by placement of signs randomly but visibly around the neighborhood, by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting.~~ In case of a special meeting, or when required by statute or these bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 4.05 (BOARD OF DIRECTORS) - Change to allow e-mail and telephone notification for board meetings. Clarify the distinction between "Postal" mail and "electronic mail."

4.05 **Notice.** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by ~~postal or electronic mail, or telegram or telephone~~ to each director at his address as shown by the records of the corporation. ~~If postal mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is given by electronic mail, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when a response is received by the intended recipient.~~ If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these bylaws.

Section 5.02 (OFFICERS) - Change to be consistent with changed section 3.02.

5.02 **Election and Term of Office.** The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the members at the annual meeting of the members in ~~November~~ **December**. They shall take office effective the next succeeding January 1st. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. New offices may be created by the Board of Directors and filled at any meeting of members. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. The Board of Directors shall determine the order of election.

Section 11.03 (DUES) - Delete this paragraph. It does not realistically represent the membership renewal process.

~~11.03 **Default and Termination of Membership.** When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of --- months from the beginning of the fiscal year or period for which such dues become payable, his membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article III of these bylaws.~~



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