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Gazette

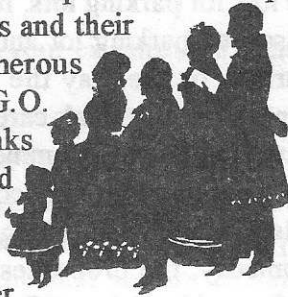
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Tina Sabuco and Michelle Franke, Co-Chairs of G.O. (Garden Oaks) Caroling '98, are sorry to report that Garden Oaks will not sponsor G.O. Caroling this year. They cited a lack of volunteer committee membership as the reason for this year's cancellation.

Tina and Michelle wish to thank Garden Oaks residents for their generous participation in the previous "G.O. Caroling" events and their contributions to the numerous children's charities which G.O. Caroling has supported. Thanks also to the many neighborhood organizations who have helped sponsor the holiday G.O. Caroling festivities over the past four years.



Tina and Michelle look forward to trying again next year. If you would like to sign up as an early volunteer for the 1999 event, please call Tina at 692-6778. Tina and Michelle say not to be surprised if a group shows up outside of your door sometime this December to carol just for fun, and hope that you will join them in holiday singing and celebration.

November Events

- 3rd - Civic Club Mtg. 7 pm
G.O. Elementary
- 12th - Garden Club Mtg. 7 pm
859 Azalea (Tina Sabuco's)
- 15th - Beautification Fall Festival 2 pm
On the Esplanade
- 17th - Home Tour Committee Mtg. 7 pm
1543 Sue Barnett (Amy McInnis')

Garden Oaks Community Garden

by Bob Gabrych and Beth Galiano

The Garden Oaks Community Vegetable Garden on Alba, just north of Sue Barnett, is in need of some interested gardeners.

The hot, dry summer was not productive to the crops, but this fall looks like it might be a good growing season. Ill health and a broken arm have kept the two older people, who have been gardening there, out of commission.

Saturday, October 17th will be a Work Day at the garden starting at 8:30 am. There are nine large irrigated beds available for any interested parties. You can grow anything you want, however, half of the harvest should be donated to one of our local Food Pantries. We have been using the pantries at St. Matthews Methodist Church on North Shepherd at Crosstimbers and St. Rose of Lima



Catholic Church on Brinkman at Wakefield. No experience is necessary - expert advice is available. You may need a few simple tools. Fall, winter and spring are good gardening times in Houston. And you'll find that this

pastime is very rewarding - you'll get a chance to get outside and get that little bit of exercise we all need. For more information call Bob Gabrych at 713-686-5493 or Beth Galiano at 713-682-0920.

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President's Letter

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

Hello neighbors. Time is winding down for me and I still have more to talk about than available space. Again, I've underlined the topic to make it easier to follow.

Deed Restrictions: At the Civic Club meeting *Board of Trustees* president Megan Barlow told us that a number of lawsuits have been filed in recent months to enforce deed restrictions. Some residents "like" Garden Oaks but then violate the deed restrictions. The deed restrictions are the very substance of what make the neighborhood likable! Ms. Barlow reminded that group that it is mandatory to get the approval of the Board of Trustees whenever building on your Garden Oaks property.

The Conn's store on N. Shepherd is expected to attempt to petition the Section 1 residents for permission to convert two *residential* lots behind their store into *commercial* lots for parking lots. It's reasonable to assure they will soft-sell a pretty, landscaped parking lot and make it sound very appealing, particularly in comparison to the way the lots look now. And it may be tempting to sign their petition. But think carefully before you give them your nod. Once those lots are converted to commercial, you can no longer control their use. A nice looking parking lot today could be a used car lot tomorrow. Also, if the state builds a 'sound wall' along that stretch of 610, which they are expected to do someday, the properties in question would certainly be much more attractive for residential use. Section 1 residents are encouraged to keep in mind that longer-term potential for the area.

Citizens on Patrol (COP): Garden Oaks' *COP program* received a small boost in membership last month but desperately needs more volunteers. Get involved. If you have just a little bit of time each week, call Carl Waters at 713-864-1992. Carl will give you the information you want about the program and help you get involved.

Constable patrol: See the separate insert.

Final 2 Meetings: Our November 3rd meeting is also election day. The meeting WILL go on. Since the school's multi-purpose room is used for the election, we will be meeting in the school's cafeteria on the south end of the campus.

The December meeting will include a big Christmas buffet. The meeting itself will be brief and will include the election of 1999 officers and whatever other issues must be covered. Then the food and, I expect, singing and visiting. It's always a casual and relaxed gathering. Mark your calendar for December 1st.

Craig

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

Meeting called to order by President, Craig Lee at 7:35 PM. There being no Secretary in office for the Civic Club, Craig recorded the minutes as the meeting progressed.

Pres. Lee noted that minutes for the September Civic Club meeting were never provided by the volunteer recorder and therefore could not be published or approved per the bylaws.

In committee reports, Carl Waters (COP) noted that two former members have been reactivated and that there was a new volunteer. Our sincere thanks to those individuals. Other volunteers are still wanted. Carl can be reached at 713-864-1992. He congratulated Megan and Doug Barlow for their 85 hour contribution to the program.

In other reports, Megan Barlow, president of the Board of Trustees spoke briefly about deed restriction enforcement, noting that the board has filed a number of lawsuits recently to enforce the deed restrictions against residents that are not in compliance with the restrictions. Megan reminded that it is mandatory to get the approval of the Board of Trustees whenever building on your Garden Oaks property.

Megan also commented that the Conn's store on North Shepherd was expected to circulate a petition to Section one residents seeking permission to convert a residential property behind their store into commercial. The petition is expected to be real upbeat sounding (salesmanship-like). Members were reminded that once properties are converted to commercial, residents can no longer control its use. Members were also told by Pres. Lee that if the state builds a sound wall along that stretch of 610 the properties in question would probably be much more attractive as residential lots and could be expected to again have a home on them someday. Section one residents were encouraged to keep in mind the long-term vision of the area despite the fact that the lots are currently something of an eyesore.

In new business, Pres. Lee noted that the nominating committee will be seeking individuals to serve as Civic Club officers for the 1999 term. Elections take place at the December meeting—along with a tasty Christmas dinner. Also in new business, all proposed amendments to the bylaws were approved unanimously on a motion by Carl Waters.

The first guests for this meeting was Jeannie Daniels, principal for Garden Oaks Elementary School and our host for the Civic Club meetings. Ms. Daniels presented a video taped presentation by school superintendent, Dr. Rod Paige which addressed the upcoming bond election for HISD.

The second guests were the two candidates for state representative district 138—incumbent Ken Yarbrough and challenger Dwayne Bohac. Each man gave a brief presentation and then fielded questions from the group. [Reminder: November 3rd is election day and the day of the next Civic Club meeting. The Civic Club meeting has been moved to the cafeteria at the school to accommodate the elections.]

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Education Corner

Baptist Temple School

Baptist Temple School, a non-profit accredited Christian school from kindergarten through 5th grade, is located in the heart of the Houston Heights near downtown Houston. The school has been in existence since 1968, when it started as a day care center adding grades as needed. It was accredited by the Texas Education Agency in 1984 and became one of the charter members of ACTABS, the Accreditation Commission of Texas Association of Baptist Schools, when TEA changed its system for accrediting private schools to special agencies.

The curriculum is composed of a phonics based Christian education with emphasis on the basics. The classroom size is limited thus allowing for more specialized instruction. Student standardized test scores rank in the upper third nationally. In addition to the standard curriculum, the school offers classes in music and computer. Extracurricular activities include gymnastics, art classes, private piano and various curriculum based field trips, including a required attendance at a three day outdoor environmental camp.

Baptist Temple School also offers day care facilities starting with three year olds. The preschool and prekindergarten classes help to prepare the children for school. The center is open from 6:45 am -6:00 pm for all students. We emphasize creating the same loving, caring environment in our extended child care program as we do for our school.

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Oak Forest Elementary

Exciting things are happening outside the classrooms at Oak Forest Elementary. Volunteers, parents, children, and school personnel have teamed together to create new ways to enhance learning. Two new areas have been developed to stimulate learning in an outside atmosphere. One area supports an outside stage/amphitheater surrounded by a reading garden using recycled tree stumps for relaxed reading. The other area allows children to walk through the arch of knowledge down the red brick road to a tranquil garden and experience learning in an outdoor classroom setting. Last spring other garden areas were added to Oak Forest to enhance the beauty of the campus, among which were a community garden, two butterfly gardens and landscaping in the front of the school. Oak Forest wants to thank all who helped support these efforts. Look for more exciting developments at Oak Forest Elementary soon.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

I hope you were able to bring your children or grandchildren to our Halloween Festival on October 30th. Fun was had by all as kids trooped through our classrooms which doubled as "game booths" for the evening. The spooky, scary haunted house did its work on plenty of people! Candy, books, toys, gift certificates, Beanie Babies, you name it! All kinds of prizes were given out-no one left a booth without a prize. Winners of awesome raffle ticket prizes and silent auction bids left this event with big smiles on their faces. Everyone enjoyed the savory and delectable spaghetti dinner prepared and donated by Joseph and Phyllis Quartaro. We are very grateful to the Quartaro family for their generous donation of time, effort and superb food! The highlight of the evening, however, was watching all the children have a blast and showing off their creative Halloween costumes. I can't wait until next year! A gigantic, Texas-sized thank you goes to the St. Rose Home & School Association. These eight ladies simplymindedly planned the entire event. Hats off to you!

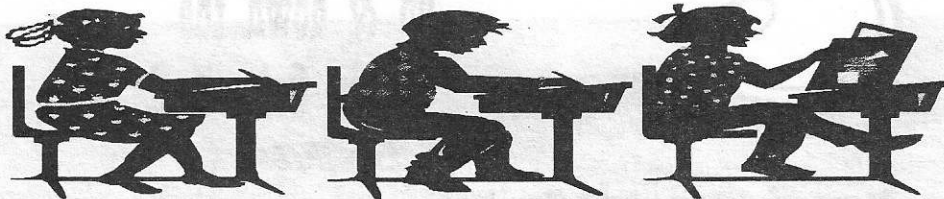
Welcome to our new kindergarten teacher, Miss Diem Dinh, who joined our faculty on September 14th. Plans are in progress to add a second preschool class, as our first class is filled to overflowing. By the time this newsletter is published, the teacher will have been hired and our second class will be rocking and rolling (okay - coloring and swinging!)

Good luck to St. Rose students participating in November's Science Fair! We look forward to seeing your projects.

November 25th is an extra special day at St. Rose. This is Grandparent's Day! All our grandparents are invited up to the school to visit classrooms and share in a special luncheon prepared by each class for its grandparents. We love our grandparents! This day will also be the day our students participate in "Cans Across St. Rose." Each student will bring canned or dry goods to donate to the St. Rose Food Pantry. Students will gather in the field behind the school to spell out the words "St. Rose of Lima" with all the donated items.

Keep your eyes on this page for the next couple of months - look for information on the St. Rose of Lima Catholic School Annual Golf Tournament and Barbecue Cookoff coming in the Spring of 1999. Wow - gold AND barbecue! I love Texas!

You can help St. Rose of Lima Catholic School by ordering Domino's Pizza on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month. The next dates to buy pizza for St. Rose are November 12th & 13th. Our school gets a percentage of every customers order called in who mentions St. Rose of Lima. We appreciate your help!



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2nd Tues of mo. - Sect. 2 -
5 south of West 41st

3rd Tues of mo. - Sect. 2 -
5 north of West 41st

Recycling Schedule

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November Birthdays



Benjamin Setterquist - Nov 4
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 Galen Andrews - Nov 16
 Jacob Seferian - Nov 20

Beautification Celebrates with Fall Festival - Come Join the Fun!

As a way of expressing our thanks for all the help we've received with the Beautification efforts over the past 2 years, we'd like to extend a blanket invitation to ALL Garden Oaks residents. Come join us, SUNDAY, NOV. 15th, on the Garden Oaks Boulevard Esplanade for an afternoon which will have something for everyone...we're calling it the Beautification Fall Festival.

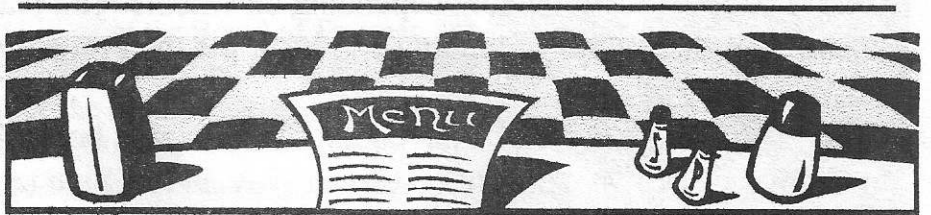
The Fall Festival will be from 2 PM to dark. From 2-4PM we'll have a children's petting zoo along with pony rides. From 2:30 - 3:30PM Tina Sabuco, of Art's Alive!, will present one of her locally renowned children's shows. For the adults, a band will play from 2-4PM so bring your lawn chairs & blankets. There will also be a plant sale from 2-4PM. Last, but not least, food catered by Garden Oaks's very own Rick Englert of Haute Groceries, will be served from 4 PM 'till it is dark or gone, whichever comes first.

We've tried to plan the Fall Festival as a family event, so please come join us and show your support for the neighborhood. This could be the beginning of an annual event!

Neighborhood Tidbits

Scheduled Program for the November Civic Club Meeting

Guests Ray Morgan, Principal of Waltrip High School and David Baxter, Principal of Black Middle School will talk about these two schools, which are both in the Garden Oaks feeder pattern.



Garden Oaks Galloping Gourmet

After a short hiatus (to attend a fat farm to lose some of these pounds gained while reviewing the great area restaurants this year) the GOGG is back on track, and recently visited Miller's Cafe located at 3830 N. Shepherd (in the Garden Oaks Shopping Center).

This family-owned establishment serves wonderful hamburgers, cheeseburgers, along with great onion rings and chili fries. They have many types of burgers and sandwiches, but also offer salads for those of us who want convenient fast food, but are trying to watch the scales. Their prices range from \$3.25 for a regular burger to \$4.95 for the Miller Killer Burgers: Bacon Cheese Burger with BBQ sauce & grilled onions or the Double Bacon Cheese Burger.

Miller's is a great place to take the kids on nights when you don't want to venture too far, but want to relax and enjoy a tasty, cooked-to-order burger. And on those nights you want to eat at home, just pick up the phone and call in an order to go.

Miller's hours are Monday - Friday: 11:00 am-9:00 pm, Saturday: 11:00 am-5:00 pm and closed Sunday. Their phone number is 699-2947.



Neighborhood Church News

Baptist Temple

A new pictorial directory is being made for Baptist Temple. Pictures will be taken Wednesday - Saturday, November 4-7 and photos will be back in time for Christmas gift giving.

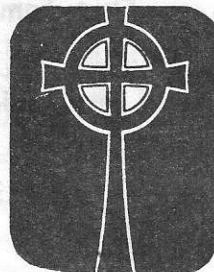
Ski Trip 98-99 has limited availability, so sign up now! The trip to the Purgatory Ski Basin will be Dec. 29 - Jan. 2nd. Cost is \$220 - \$320 a person, depending on whether you plan to ski. Our four nights of lodging will be at the the Purgatory Townhouse.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas will be held at George R. Brown Convention Center Nov. 9-10. Sign up if you would like to attend as one of Baptist Temple's Messengers.

The Heights Christmas Holiday Home Tour will be Dec 4 & 5 and this year Baptist Temple has been added to the list of homes to be open!

St. Matthew's United Methodist

The Sr. High Sunday School Class will have a campout at Double Lakes Recreation Area in Coldspring, Texas (about 1 hour north of Houston on HWY 59). The campout is scheduled for Friday - Sunday, November 6-8th. Each participant is asked to donate \$15 to help defray the costs.



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

Senior Adult Exercise
 Mon, Tues, Thurs - 4:15 - 5:00

4300 N. Shepherd @
 Crosstimbers
 697-0671
 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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Citizen's Patrol

by Carl Waters, Jr.

Now that Halloween has passed (hopefully without too many tricks or treats), the holiday season has returned in earnest with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's right around the corner. Here are a few tips as you prepare to keep your holidays safe.

1. Take care in consumption of your favorite adult beverages so the red and blue lights you see are just decorations and not an HPD cruiser.
2. When shopping, park your car in well lit areas and if possible don't shop alone.
3. Use ATM's in stores or other high traffic, well lit places.
4. Have your furnace checked by a licensed professional.
5. Don't overload your circuits with holiday lighting.

In August patrollers and bases were active for 60 hours. I have received several responses to my article last month on the need for additional patrollers. A pair of "old" patrollers have returned and we are currently arranging to take on a new member. Thanks to Mitch and Nancy Weigand who have resumed the task of patrolling. And as always a thanks to those who have contributed to patrol throughout the year.

Finally I would like to thank Craig Lee for his kind words in the October President's Letter. I would like to correct one thing: Please contact me at my home 713 864-1992 with COP calls. My employer thanks you.

August Crime Stats - 5 totals


Burglaries (3)


- 3100 block N. Shepherd (restaurant) 8/22/98 at 5:08 am
- 3100 block N. Shepherd (restaurant) 8/27/98 at 11 pm
- 800 block of Lamonte Ln 8/15/98 at 8:30 pm

Auto Theft (2)

- 900 block of W. 43rd St. 8/17/98 at 11:15 pm
- 900 block of Lamonte Ln. 8/26/98 at 8:50 pm

Upcoming Garden Club Activities and Events!

 November 12th
Officer Elections
859 Azalea

 December 10th
Holiday Party
Place TBA

Officer Elections
for the
Civic Club
are coming soon!

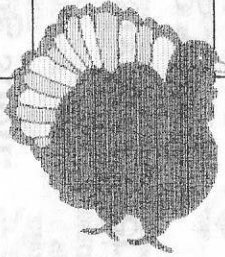
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 Election Day Civic Club Meeting 7 pm GO Elementary	4	5	6 Gazette Deadline	7	
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Garden Club 7 pm	13	14 Garden Oaks Elementary Fall Festival 11 am-4 pm	
15 Beautification Fall Festival 2 pm	16	17 Home Tour Committee 7 pm	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28	
29	30	Happy Thanksgiving					

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1998 Garden Oaks Elementary

Fall Festival and Auction

Saturday, November 14th 11:00 AM to 4:00PM

Festival



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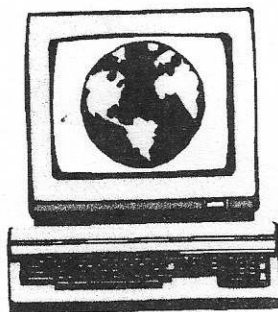


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-Gift Certificates from many area restaurants, cleaners, frame shops, car washes, retail stores, Astroworld and many more.

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