

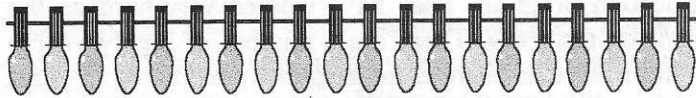
# Garden Oaks Gazette

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

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## Garden Oaks Neighborhood Holiday Party



**Civic Club Meeting & Holiday Potluck Dinner**  
Tuesday, December 1st, 1998  
Garden Oaks Elementary School  
7 pm

Please join your friends and neighbors as we ring in the holiday season with our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner. This meeting is a social event, with our only business the election of 1999 officers. We ask that you bring the following, according to your last name.

- A-F Covered vegetable
- G-L Dessert
- M-R Bread
- S-Z Appetizer

## December Events

- 1st - Civic Club Holiday Dinner 7 pm  
G.O. Elementary School
- 5th - Art Park Work Day
- 10th - Garden Club Holiday Party 7 pm  
420 West 32nd (Ann Best's)
- 15th - Home Tour Committee Mtg. 7 pm  
858 LaMonte (Brenda de Alba's)
- 21st/22nd - Santa @ Gazebo Park 7-9pm

## 1999 Slate of Civic Club Officer Candidates

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| President:      | James Flowers |
| Vice Pres:      | David Bell    |
| Gazette Editor: | Robert DeVeau |
| Secretary:      | Felicia Adams |
| Treasurer:      | Jay Slemmer   |

*Elections for these positions will take place at the Civic Club Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 1st.*



**Santa Claus plans special visit to Garden Oaks!!!**



Once again Santa Claus will make his early Garden Oaks visit in the West 42nd/Sue Barnett pocket park (Gazebo Park). On Mon., Dec. 21st and Tues., Dec. 22nd (weather permitting) he will be in the Gazebo from 7-9 pm. Cookies and wassail will be served to all visitors, so come by and bring you Christmas list & camera!



## 1999 Garden Club Officers

Janice Walden, President  
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## President's Letter

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

This is my next to last letter for the *Gazette*. How do I know? Because we have not one but in fact two very qualified candidates for President for next year's Civic Club. I am also very pleased to note that we have candidates for most of the other offices of the organization. As of this writing, the recommendations of the nominations committee have not been finalized, but hopefully they are listed somewhere in this *Gazette*. I do think that Ed and Brenda de Alba would appreciate a break from the beautification program. They have worked very hard on the program, and their results tell the story. There are a number of highly visible improvements that have taken place throughout the neighborhood during the past few years. But they tell me they'd like some rest once in awhile. If one of you would take over the program's planning and coordination, I'm sure you will still be able to count on their help and support. If interested, give me (Craig Lee) or Ed or Brenda a call.

Constable Patrol: Section I residents who read this letter last month, you might have noticed that a referenced update on the constable patrol was nowhere to be found in the *Gazette*. That's because I failed to get the article to Meredith, the *Gazette*'s editor. I apologize for that error.

Here's the scoop. A meeting of interested residents from Section I took place back on November 5th to discuss the issue. A healthy group turned out and the meeting was quite productive. By now, you probably know which direction the program is going.

One of the issues that came up and deserves additional exploration is the possibility of expanding the single constable to more of Garden Oaks than just Section I. After discussing this issue with deputy constable Chief Scott, we understand that this is not only feasible, but encouraged. Realistically, there would be no substantial difference in response time, the deputy patrolling the area is less bored, and the overall costs can be spread among many more people. If any, or all, areas of Garden Oaks are interested, including individual streets, get together and touch base with Karl Engelmann or Sam Mehta who both of whom have kindly volunteered their times to coordinate the program next year. Look for their phone numbers in the back of the *Gazette* starting in January.

December Civic Club Meeting: Our December meeting will follow a tradition of having a covered dish Christmas dinner. We will get an opportunity to vote on a new slate of officers for 1999's Civic Club. So your attendance is important. Also there will be a children's choir from Garden Oaks Elementary School to sing. I think the meeting will be enjoyable for everyone. It's Tuesday night at 7 p.m. on December 1st. Look for more information on the gathering in this *Gazette*.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Don't forget to send me Christmas gifts!

Craig

## Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

by Felicia Adams, Acting Secretary

President Craig Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### Business:

#### Committee Reports

-Nominating process- election of officers will take place at the December meeting. Committee has found volunteers to run for offices and will be presenting a slate at the December meeting if not in the December Gazette.

-Terry Jeanes- annual holiday feast will be with the 2nd and 3rd graders @ GO Elementary caroling. Bring a covered dish. Check the Gazette for dish assignments according to your last name.

-Beautification- Water system will be installed in circle park at 34th and Lawrence. Waiting on approval from the city for water. On December 5th, a workday is planned for the Spark park. Please join in to help. Beautification fall festival is November 15th. See *Gazette* insert.

-Treasurer- There is greater than \$30,000 in our combined accounts.

-Home Tour- The committee is soliciting homes for next year's tour. Call Meredith Jenkins to make suggestions or nominations.

-COP- 1600 hours between the Kelleys and Mehrkams acknowledged and appreciated. GO-COP was instrumental in minimized damage during an attempted robbery to a home on W. 38th. The organization continues to need more volunteers.

-Constable patrol- Section I paid is up through September and half of October. Program terminated (perhaps just suspended) in October. A meeting to discuss what can be done about this is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at 7 p.m. in the G. O. Elementary Multi-Purpose room.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

#### Guest Speakers-

Vicki Cave with the High School for Engineering Professions, Ray Morgan, principal of Waltrip High School and David Baxter, principal of Black Middle School spoke about their respective programs. The speakers were introduced by Jeannie Daniels, principal of G. O. Elementary School. The next meeting will be December 1st (Christmas party with meeting).

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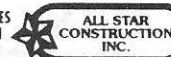
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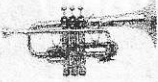


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### Baptist Temple School

#### Dates to Remember for December

December 4th - 5th The Heights Home Tour will include Baptist Temple Church. The Baptist Temple School children will be singing on Friday, beginning around 6 pm.

December 18th The Christmas Chapel program will include performances by each grade. The parents, grandparents and friends are invited.

Dec 19th - Jan 3rd Baptist Temple School will be closed for the holidays, but Baptist Temple School Day Care will be open except on December 24 & 25 and January 1.

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### Durham Elementary

Durham's Christmas program and PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15 at 7 pm. This year's slogan is "This Is Christmas". The Choir, Drama Club, Dance Club and sign language classes will be performing.

On December 16, the Durham choir will be singing holiday cheer at the new Kroger on West 43rd from 10 - 11 am and then making their way to the Lyric Center to perform from 12 - 12:45 in the lobby. All parents and visitors are welcomed to attend.

We will also be collecting Turkey Bucks and non-perishable items to make food baskets to help some of our families that are less fortunate.

*Denise Kaminski*

## Garden Oaks Elementary School

Garden Oaks Elementary wishes to give a huge thanks to ALL who voted for the HISD Bond Issue on November 3rd! We appreciate your vote of confidence in our school. We have an excellent feeder pattern that includes Garden Oaks, Durham, Holden, Oak Forest, Sinclair and Stevens elementary schools, Black Middle School, and Waltrip High School. Students who live in Section 1 of Garden Oaks are zoned to our school, Black Middle School and Booker T. Washington High School. Principals at all these schools are meeting monthly to improve instruction all the way up the line through high school. We are proud to be an exemplary and recognized school! We want all the others in our feeder pattern to become the same. Look for some positive changes!

Our school is enjoying our new computer lab. Classes attend the lab at least twice a week. All teachers have a PowerMac in their classrooms to use for teaching and student material. Our PTA funded cabling for our lab, and the Civic Club contributed last year to much of the software we have in the lab. Thank you so much! At Open House, our parents were so impressed!

Garden Oaks Elementary has two dance troops: the Garden Oaks Eagles and the Eagles Folkloric Dance Troop. Both groups will be happy to be invited to perform at any community functions, including the Civic Club meetings or other occasions. They would love to "strut their stuff" for you!

Thanks to you all, and have a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

*Jeannie Daniels, Principal*



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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

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2nd & 4th Tues of mo. - residents north of W. 43rd



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## Citizen's Patrol

by Carl Waters, Jr.

On October 16th, Deputy Constable Ana de la Fuente-Herrera and a fellow officer apprehended two armed robbers in the 400 block of West 32nd St. The duo had broken into a home on 33rd St. and jumped over the fence into the yard of another resident on 32nd. Alerted by neighbors, the constables apprehended the duo and recovered \$50,000 worth of stolen property in a nearby hotel room. If your home has been broken into recently, contact the Precinct 1 Constable's Office to see if they have your property.

A similar incident occurred the last week of October. Two males, one Hispanic and one Black, were observed parked in the driveway of a home in the 700 block of West 38th St. Alert neighbors flagged down a passing patroller who alerted the base station and in turn HPD was called. These two unfortunately got away but they were not able to do much damage before being discovered. Their get-away vehicle was a small black car with a taped up driver's side window bearing the license plate NUP 760. If you see this car in the neighborhood, please call 911.

Ana's actions may have been her last deed of service to our neighborhood. As I write this article, the Constable Program was running in arrears and scheduled to stop at the end of October unless funds were raised to finish the year. While I may not have always seen eye to eye with the way this program was administered, I am sad to see that it is going. I have always supported this program. As head of the COP and as a probation officer, I know you can never have too many officers looking out for you.

September Crime Stats - 7 totals

### Burglaries (3)

- 1300 block of Sue Barnett 9/4/98 at 10:30 am
- 800 block of Lamonte Ln. 9/9/98 at 6:00 pm
- 800 block of Lamonte Ln. 9/15/98 at 7:00 pm

### Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (4)

- 3100 block of N. Shepherd 9/9/98 at 2:30 pm
- 1000 block of W. 42nd St. 9/15/98 at 11:30 pm
- 1000 block of Gardenia 9/16/98 at 12:01 am
- 700 block of W. 42nd St. 9/18/98 at 12:00 pm

In September, patrollers and bases were active for 45 1/2 hours. Thanks for those who make this program happen!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE C.O.P TO ALL GARDEN OAKS RESIDENTS!!

'til next year

Carl

## Upcoming Garden Club Activities and Events!



December 5th  
Art Park Workday



December 10th  
Holiday Party  
420 West 32nd - Ann Best's

## Beautification Update

by Brenda de Alba

**WORK DAY PLANNED FOR THE ART PARK!!! (W. 43rd & Sue Barnett) at 9 am on Saturday, December 5th. Please come help even if it's for an hour! This is probably the most visible park in the neighborhood to outsiders . . .**

Theft on the Esplanade - Another tree (Banana Magnolia) was stolen in mid-October on the northeast end of the Esplanade...just dug up and carted away! Someone also helped themselves to 6 of the Firecracker Ferns, which are planted on the south side of the Esplanade. If you see any suspicious activity of ANY KIND in any of our parks, PLEASE call the Police!

Memorial Rose Garden at 34th & Lawrence - I can't thank Janice Walden & Sheila Briones enough for championing this project. The response from the neighborhood has been wonderful for rose donations...up to 35 at last count! Ed de Alba, Warren Walden, Karl Engelmann, Pat Buron, and Ray Housley volunteered their time on Halloween Day to install the irrigation lines for the park. Next comes creating the planting beds, installation of the water meter, and finally the plants.

Triangle Park at Alba & Azalea - Just a note of thanks to James Sommers for keeping the park mowed and to the tireless efforts of Tina Nieto.

Fall is one of the best times of the year for gardening, planting trees, shrubs, and perennials!

## November Yard of the Month

was awarded to

**Charlie and Sheila Amalfi**

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**Congratulations!**



## Neighborhood Church News

### Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church is excited to announce their participation in the Heights Victorian Holiday Home Tour. Highlighting the tour will be musical presentations by all age groups showcasing the Music Ministry of the church. Areas of the church to be open include the Sanctuary, Music Room, Library, Nurseries, Gymnasium, Chapel, some Classrooms and the Parlour, where refreshments will be served.

As a special ministry event, the church will open their beautiful childcare facilities free of charge to ticketholders during the hours of the tour on Friday December 4th from 6-9 pm and Saturday December 5th from 3-9 pm. The church office is accepting reservations at this time. Anyone interested in registering their children up to age 6, should call the church office on Mondays or Wednesdays at 713 862-6655 before December 1st. Home Tour tickets must be presented at the ticket stand to participate and may be purchased at the door. For more information on the tour, please call the Houston Heights Association at 713 861-4002.

Other Holiday programs and events at Baptist Temple are:

#### **I Have Seen the Light**     *The Search for Christmas*

Sunday, December 13th @ 6:00 pm

A musical that combines the sentiment behind the search for Christmas with the warmth and grandeur of songs familiar and new. Presented by the Sanctuary Choir with Drama by Ken Bailey.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

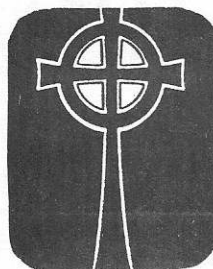
Thursday, December 24th @ 5:00 pm

### St. Matthew's United Methodist

Lydia Circle will hold its annual Christmas Meeting December 9th - this year will be a catered Barbecue Dinner. Children & spouses are invited to attend. Dinner is free, however, a donation of an unwrapped toy is requested. These toys are to be handed out through our Food Pantry during the Christmas Holidays.

Friendship Class will have their Christmas Party Saturday, December 12th.

The Explorer's Class Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 19th at 7 pm.



### 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

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 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  
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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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# December 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Civic Club Holiday Dinner 7 pm GO Elementary	2	3	4	5 Art Park Work Day
6 <i>Gazette Deadline</i>	7	8	9	10 Garden Club Holiday Party 7 pm	11	12
13 Hanukkah 	14	15 Home Tour Committee 7 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Santa visits Gazebo park 7 pm - 9 pm	22	23	24	25  Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	 <b>Happy holidays!</b>	

## Garden Oaks Civic Club

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**Nominations:** TBA

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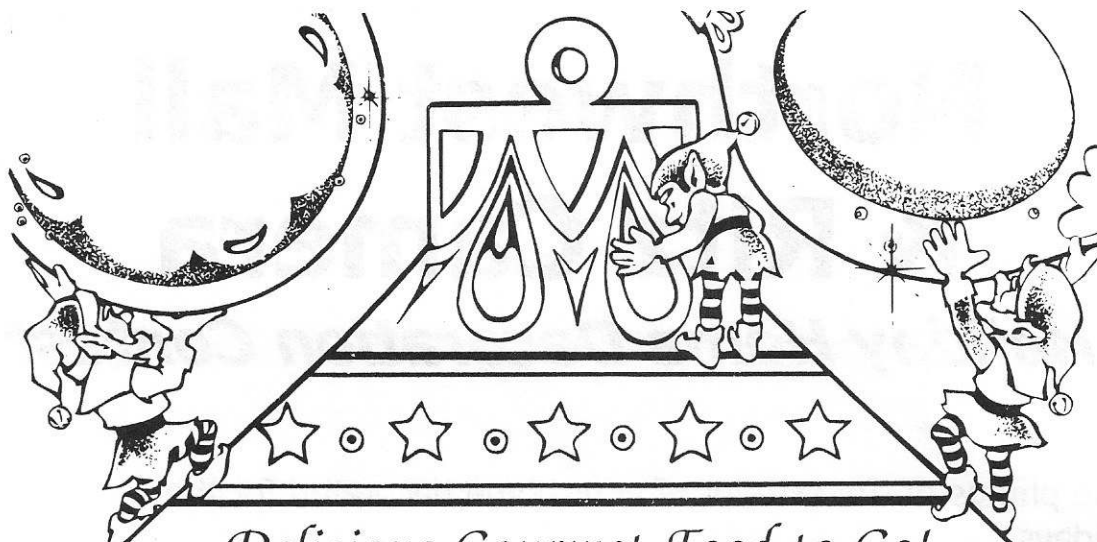
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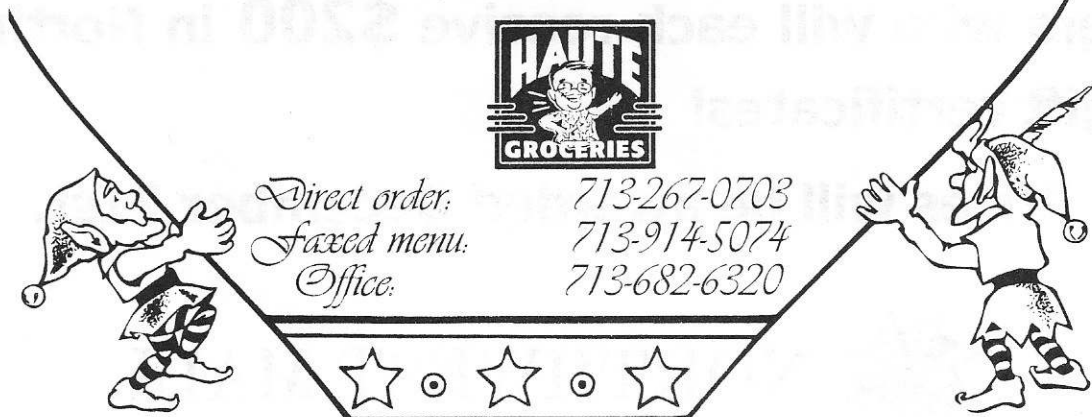
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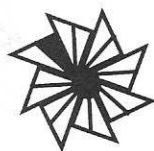
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4. Be sure to put your name, address, phone number, and neighborhood on the back of the photo.

**Northwest Mall merchants and customers will then choose one (1) Grand Prize Winner who will receive a \$1000 Mall Shopping Spree and another five (5) winners who will each receive \$200 in Northwest Mall gift certificates!**

**Prizes will be awarded December 21st.**



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