

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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PRESIDENT FLOWERS STATE OF THE UNION

We live in Houston, Texas. We live in close proximity to downtown in a beautiful, wooded community. We feel relatively safe in the sanctity of our comfortable neighborhood. But there is crime in any city...

In the early morning hours of Monday January 11, 1999, I was awakened by a loud noise and bright, intruding lights on my back lawn. I looked at my alarm clock to see it was 2:37 AM. My two golden retrievers, Brutus and Emma, were also awakened and began growling and barking. I was very worried and nervous as I got out of bed to see what was the matter. I looked out the window of my bedroom to see a Houston Police helicopter hovering just above the pecan tree in my back yard, shining a spotlight down to the ground. It moved to my neighbors yard and then to the next. The helicopter searched for about a half an hour. I did not go back to sleep that morning. I have not found out what occurred.

Although this can happen in any area, River Oaks or Garden Oaks, we ALL must become involved in keeping our community a beautiful and safe place to call home.

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FEBRUARY CIVIC CLUB MEETING

*Tuesday, Feb. 2nd
7:00 PM in the
Multi-purpose Room at
G.O. Elementary*

In the wake of the recent crime spree to hit our neighborhood, join us for a timely discussion on how you can protect yourself and your property

CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS: ALL THAT AND MORE

Many of the old timers will recall the days of yore when door prizes were given out at the Civic Club meeting. (At one time, the Civic Club was even giving away money. The jackpot would roll over each month until the winner was present to claim their cash!) All you had to do to win was attend. It's a great way for a business

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Mention the words "deed restrictions" and you've opened the flood gate of public opinion. Our January Civic Club meeting brought out over 50 residents to hear what Bruce Tatro, Houston City Council Member of District A and Alberta Johnson, City of Houston Legal Department, Director of Deed Restrictions, had to say on this issue, particularly with respect to Conn's.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines *restriction* as a noun which means: "1. a. The act of restricting. b. The state of being restricted. 2. Something that restricts; a regulation or limitation." In 1940, when compiling the Deed Restrictions for Garden Oaks, E. L. Crain, president of Garden Oaks Company, wrote "the term 'restrictions' is often misunderstood. In fact, the more appropriate term would be 'protections', but we use the term 'restrictions' due to the fact that it is generally used." He went on to write: "these or any other properly compiled restrictions are for the protection of the purchaser of making it [Garden Oaks] a more desirable place in which to live, and also to protect and enhance the value of the investment by the purchaser, and that in this in-

stance is our purpose and intent." Even in 1999 those words ring true as to why most of us chose to live in Garden Oaks. For some insight into what can happen without deed restrictions, read the article submitted by guest columnist John Goodman on page 8.

And now for my *mea culpa's*. To the advertisers in my premier edition, please accept my apologies for the way your ads appeared in print. Due to a time constraint, none of the ads were able to be reproduced from film. I wasn't made aware of the problem until the Wednesday of New Year's week. The printer was going to be closed for the holiday on Friday so we only had one day to print and get the *Gazette* back in order to distribute it to the volunteers over New Year's weekend. As such, many of the ads were reproduced from old issues and they have lost their quality. We are working on fixing that problem and I hope it is resolved when this issue comes out in print. And to everyone who complained about the use of the glossy paper - it will never happen again. The printer made that selection without consent. From now on we will be using stock 70# paper.

On the positive side, I would like to thank all the folks who called, e-mailed or stopped me in the street and provided feedback. I'm pleased to know that many of you actually look forward to receiving your monthly *Gazette*. I'm grateful that our Civic Club budget allows for a newsletter of this substance. I hope you are to.

A hearty welcome to our newest *Gazette* volunteer, Jerry Vuchak. Now, if I could just find someone to take on the position of Advertising Director. Anyone? Bueller?

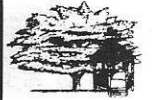
Until next month, pass the coffee, my cup is empty.

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I am pleased to announce that as of February 1, the Constable Patrol Program will be back in action for sections 1 and 1A. I am very grateful for the job that Carl Waters and his crew have done with the Citizens on Patrol Program and what Karl Engelmann and Sam Mehta have accomplished with the Constable Patrol Program.

Community *com*mu*ni*ty* (noun), an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location.

We are very fortunate to live in this neighborhood that reflects various and diverse cultures. It is extremely important that we all equally contribute our share to ensure that Garden Oaks continues to be a preferred neighborhood to live and raise our children. **This means involvement by all of us.**

Several people have expressed an interest in all sections of Garden Oaks participating in the Constable Program. Now that we have the option of direct monthly drafts from our checking accounts, it should be easier on our budgets. I would like to challenge all of you to attend the February 2nd meeting to discuss the importance of this valuable program being adopted in all sections of the community. Of course, we also need volunteers from all sections to help continue the efforts of Karl and Sam. There is no way that these two people can (or) will take on this additional responsibility.

I would like to thank Craig Lee for his outstanding service as 1998 President. Craig, thanks again for the wonderful example you have set and for the support you continue to give. Thanks also to all of the 1998 officers and volunteers for ensuring that our Civic Club continues to serve its purpose. I am looking forward to working

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with all of the 1999 officers and volunteers to continue the superb work that previous officers have started. Thanks to the members of The Board of Trustees who attended the January meeting. I would like to encourage all of the members of The Board of Trustees to attend every Civic Club meeting.

Neighbors, please consider coming to the Civic Club meetings on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss issues at hand and provide input as to what YOU would like to see in our community of Garden Oaks. We have a wonderful neighborhood and active involvement from all of us can help it to grow and prosper.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 1999. Our Guest speaker will discuss PERSONAL SAFETY. We will also discuss issues such as Conn's and the sound barrier along Loop 610.



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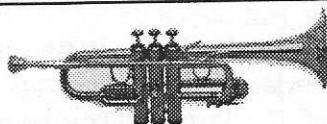
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 5TH CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Felicia Adams, Secretary

The January Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting was held at the Garden Oaks Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order by Past President Craig Lee at 7:06 P.M. Craig acknowledged those people who have helped him during his term as president last year. Craig then introduced the 1999 Civic Club President, James Flowers.

President Flowers welcomed everyone and introduced the evenings' guest speakers: Ed de Alba, Secretary, Garden Oaks Board of Trustees; Bruce Tatro, Houston City Council Member, District A and Alberta Johnson, City of Houston Legal Department, Director of Deed Restrictions. It was noted that Thomas Frank, CEO of Conn's declined to attend the meeting.

After the presentation on Deed Restrictions, President Flowers opened the floor for Committee Reports.

• **GOCOP program.** Carl Waters, Jr.

Carl reported that October had 15 crimes reported in our neighborhood. Seven of those crimes occurred in Section I and IA and all were crimes against property. The GOCOP has less than 20 volunteers and more are needed. The commitment is for a minimum of 2 hours per month. In November, patrollers logged 55 hours. Carl can be reached via e-mail at GOCop77018@aol.com or by phone at (713) 864-1992.

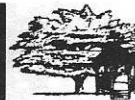
• **Constable program.** Karl Engelmann.

Thanks to all of the volunteers, the program has raised [pledges of] \$32,000. Combined with the existing funds, the program has \$36,000 and that is not including the corporate sponsors. The constable program for Section 1 and 1A will be renewed in February. For those residents who have joined the Direct Deposit program, that will begin in March. Residents of Sections 2 – 5 are encouraged to get involved in the Constable Program. If you would like to spearhead the campaign for your block or section, please contact Karl Engelmann at (713) 861-1978 or Ed de Alba at (713) 694-5934.

• **Beautification.** Brenda de Alba.

The workday in December was successful. The volunteers were able to get the whole park cleaned out. Thanks to all who helped.

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• **Treasurer's Report.** Shelly Immel, Past Treasurer.

The Garden Oaks Civic Club will end the year with a net surplus of \$6,831. When added to the Civic Club bank balance, we will have \$19,468. This is an increase of \$8,765 from the 1998 approved budget.

Business.

- Old Business. None carried over.
- New Business.

The Civic Club Officers will meet to begin planning the 1999 budget for March approval by the membership.

The winner of the door prize, a potpourri basket and Lauder Properties T-shirt, donated by Sharon Lauder of Lauder Properties, was Rita Donaldson.

Approval of December Minutes.

- It was noted the correct name of the resident who introduced himself at the December meeting is Mike Caldwell, not Haldwell as reported. After the minutes were amended to reflect the change, a motion was made to accept them. The motion was seconded and all voting members present approved the minutes as submitted.

President Flowers adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

GAZETTE DELIVERY

Brenda de Alba



Beginning this month, delivery of your monthly *Gazette* will be managed by Section 1 resident, Jerry Vuchak. He can be reached at (713) 862-6593. I appreciate Jerry coming forward to accept this responsibility.

Ed and I have enjoyed getting to know and work with all the loyal volunteers who hand-deliver your *Gazette* each month for the past four years. In my eyes, they are truly unsung heroes whose volunteer service is, too often, taken for granted. Their effort literally saves the Civic Club thousands of dollars each year in postage.

Good luck, Jerry!

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**MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN
GETS CITY APPROVAL**

Janice Walden

On January 5th, the park at 34th and Lawrence received approval from the City of Houston for a city water meter, allowing us to proceed with the park's beautification plans—namely the much-anticipated Memorial Rose Garden.

Pipes and connections for the irrigation system were installed on October 31st. On January 16th, a bunch of strong backs shoveled dirt, mulch and rose mix to build the rose bed and the bed around the neighborhood sign.

Thanks to Ed de Alba and Garden Oaks resident Dennis Clooney of Clooney Tree Experts for removing two dead trees - one of which was commemorated some years ago with a plaque. (Read the related story about this mystery magnolia tree on page 7.)

With the meter installed, we will finally plant our lovely roses the day before Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in a ceremony at the park. If you donated a rose, you will want to be on hand to put your gift in the ground. We will be taking pictures of the donors with their roses, handing out certificates and asking the donors to comment on the person in whose honor/memory the rose was given.

A complete list of donors and honorees appears on page 9 of this issue of the *Gazette*. We hope to see you at the dedication!

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Terry Jeanes, RE/MAX METRO

The following real estate transactions occurred in the last quarter of 1998. These are MLS listings and do not include private transactions. If you haven't done so, take a moment to welcome these individuals to the neighborhood and show them what makes Garden Oaks so special.



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| 819 Azalea | 1582 Sue Barnett | 931 W 43 rd St |
| 1014 Gardenia | 1352 Sue Barnett | 950 W 43 rd St |
| 1019 Gardenia | 224 W 31 st St | |
| 3003 Lawrence | 738 W 38 th St | |
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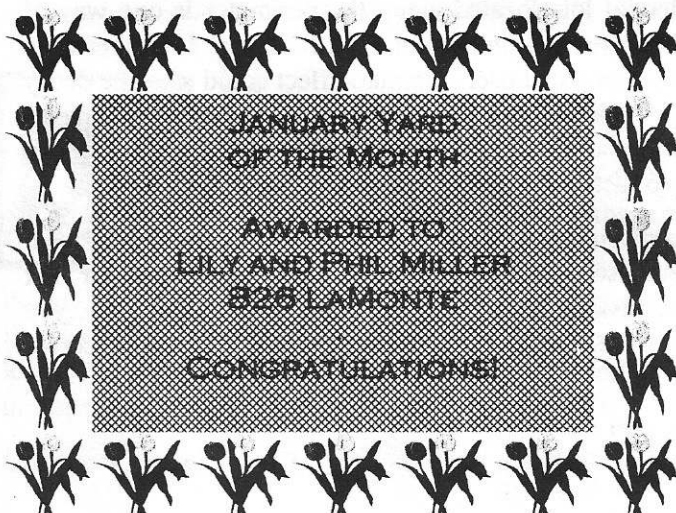


BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Brenda de Alba

Early January brought us several blasts of frigid air along with some rain. If "Jack Frost" bit some of your plants, you need to resist the urge to prune them back until early March. Pruning them now will cause new growth to form and if we get hit with another Arctic blast, you might lose the whole plant.

On the east side of what will become the Memorial Rose Garden stood a Magnolia tree, which had died and finally fell over during one of the January storms. At the base of this tree used to be a small concrete pedestal which at one time was covered with a brass plaque. I am searching for the story behind the tree and the plaque. I have asked several of our Elder Garden Oaks residents, but no one seems to know the history of the tree and the plaque. The only information I've gleaned is that the plaque and tree were a tribute to a woman who once lived here. The plaque was stolen years ago, probably for recycling value, and I'm sure the tree died due to inconsistent watering over the years. If anyone knows the story of the plaque and the Magnolia tree, please call me so I can publish it in the *Gazette*. I would like to purchase another Magnolia with Beautification funds to replace the tree that died. If you have any information, please call me at (713) 694-5934.



CITIZENS ON PATROL

Carl Waters, Jr.

As you'll note by the statistics below it did not take long for the criminal element around our neighborhood to figure out the Constable's Office was no longer patrolling in section 1 and 1A. Seven of the crimes reported were in sections 1 and 1A.

Fifteen crimes were recorded by the Houston Police Department in our neighborhood in October. They included 10 Burglaries, 3 Burglaries of Motor Vehicles, 1 Auto Theft and 1 Driving While Intoxicated. A break down follows.

Burglaries:

800 block of West 41 St. 10/8/98 at 1:35 p.m.
 900 block of West 41 St. 10/8/98 at 6:00 p.m.
 500 block of West 30 St. 10/10/98 at 3:00 p.m.
 900 block of Althea 10/16/98 at 7:15 a.m.
 800 block of West 34 St. 10/16/98 at 4:20 p.m.
 900 block of Gardenia 10/22/98 at 7:00 p.m.
 700 block of West 38 St. 10/27/98 at 9:20 p.m.
 400 block of West 31 St. 10/28/98 at 1:30 a.m.
 400 block of West 34 St. 10/29/98 at 10:30 p.m.
 1500 block of Sue Barnett 10/30/98 at 10:10 a.m.

Burglary of Motor Vehicles:

700 block of West 41 St. 10/9/98 at 1:30 p.m.
 1400 block of Sue Barnett 10/20/98 at 5:30 p.m.
 500 block of West 30 St. 10/22/98 at 4:07 p.m.

Auto Theft:

800 block of West 31 St. 10/19/98 at 7:00 p.m.

Driving While Intoxicated:

800 block of West 34 St. 10/25/98 at 11:00 p.m.

In addition to being able to call me at (713) 864-1992 with your comments, suggestions or concerns, you can reach the patrol program via e-mail at GOCOP77018@aol.com. My Personal e-mail address is cwatersjr@AOL.com.

Next month: "The year in review"



FEBRUARY PLANTING GUIDE

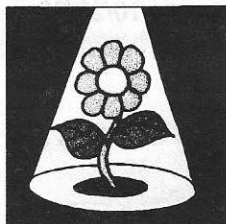
Shawn Forney & Tina Sabuco

Prepare your spring beds by tilling in 3" of well rotted manure or compost. If you don't feel like buying compost or making your own, just till in or bury the leaves you raked up in your yard! As the leaves break down, the bed will "settle" so build your bed higher than usual (at least 8" high).

Plant bare rooted rose bushes and cool-season annul flowers including pansies, snapdragons, English daisies, calendulas, larkspurs, Iceland poppies, alysum and stocks. Divide established summer and fall flowering perennials.

Prune your rose bushes mid-February (most people choose Valentine's Day!) but wait until late spring to prune climbing varieties. Prune summer flowering shrubs and vines lightly to restore good shape. Begin rose feedings as buds start to break.

February 10th is the average date of the last frost, but freezes can come later. Budding pecan trees seem to be a reliable sign that the danger of frost is past.



PROTECT THE PERIMETER MILITARY STRATEGY OR NEIGHBORHOOD SURVIVAL

John Goodman and Rosa Chong-Goodman

Back in 1990 my new bride and I bought our first home at 615 Reid near the corner of Irvington and the 610 Loop. Reid is the first street after the feeder road and would be similar in location to 30th between Yale and Shepherd. Along the feeder at the west end of the block is a Chevron Station; the other end a church parking lot. In between these two commercial lots are small brick bungalows of about 1000 sq. ft. each. Sounds like Section One doesn't it? However the big difference is Garden Oaks has Deed Restrictions.

"THE PROTECTION OF THIS NEIGHBORHOODS PERIMETER CANNOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. IN MILITARY TERMS PROTECTING THE PERIMETER IS THE BEST LINE OF DEFENSE"

We lost our first home to unbridled commercial encroachment. Since we were not protected by Deed Restrictions the new owner of the three houses across from ours could and did mow down every tree, concrete all the yards, put up an 8' corrugated metal fence and then started up a used car lot. The decay of the neighborhood's perimeter had started. The rest of the neighborhood soon followed. Drive by it some time and you will see why we moved to Garden Oaks.

We selected Garden Oaks because it has Deed Restrictions and, Section Three was not on the perimeter of the neighborhood. The protection of this great neighborhood's perimeter cannot be taken lightly. In military terms protecting the perimeter is the best line of defense. We believe that protecting our residential lots located along the perimeter is one way of preserving Garden Oaks survival into the next millennium. If one residential lot is changed to commercial use, a domino effect could start the decay that forced us out of our first home. Garden Oaks has become a very desirable residential neighborhood, because it is protected by Deed Restrictions and by a large group of active neighbors who want to protect it.

We cannot vote on any changes that the Section One residents might want to implement, however, we can tell you our story of how we lost our first home. Protecting our residential lots is very important. If you don't, you could soon live across the street or next to a used car lot with an 8' corrugated metal fence.

Sounds lovely doesn't it?



ROSE HONORARIUMS GARDEN OAKS 34TH STREET MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN *as of January 8, 1999*

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to promote itself and it gives us all one more reason to do our civic duty and get out once a month for 1 1/2 hours. To kick off the new year, Sharon Lauder of Lauder Properties (and a Garden Oaks resident) decided to revive the custom and donated the January door prize. Rita Donaldson of Section 1 found herself the lucky recipient of a potpourri gift set and a Lauder Properties T-shirt, all nestled in a wicker basket. I wonder what Sharon will provide for the February meeting?

And did you also know that Terry Jeanes of RE/MAX-METRO donates the refreshments every month for the Civic Club meeting? Not only does she donate them, but she arrives well before everyone else to set them up and stays after to clean up.

And finally, did you know that babysitting services are available at all Civic Club meetings? For the mere cost of \$1, your child will be looked after by a caring individual (who, in her younger days, was babysat at these very same meetings) while you enjoy the camaraderie of being with your neighbors.

So what are you waiting for? Plan to attend the next Civic Club meeting. You could go home with a door prize, learn something you didn't know and make a few new friends along the way. And a hearty thank you to Sharon Lauder, Terry Jeanes and Becky Jeanes for their endearing efforts at making our Civic Club meetings a fun place to be.



HOME REPAIR/REMODELING

SANDING AND REFINISHING HARDWOOD FLOORS

Part Two

When you sand a room with the floor sander, you will do it in two sections. Start the sanding with 2/3's of the room in front of you with the grain of the wood. Sand this section of the room from right to left, overlapping the previous cut path. Then turn around and sand the remaining 1/3 *overlapping* the two sections. Stagger the place where you lift the drum off the floor and avoid sand marks where the two sections of the room meet.

Sand both forward and backward in the same path. As you begin to move in either direction, slowly lower the drum to the floor, *be moving before you lower the drum*. A smooth feathering action with the drum and constant movement when the drum is in contact with the floor will eliminate gouge marks. The backwards cut will be your most aggressive and also the best for dust pickup. Never stop moving the sander once it is in contact with the floor. Pay attention to your position in relation to the wall you are sanding towards. Don't get too close to the wall in front of you before you lift the drum, you may not get the drum off the floor completely. Don't walk into the wall behind you as you make the return cut, it will cause you to stop the drum in contact with the floor.

If the cutting action of your sander seems to slow or diminish, it is probably time to change the sandpaper. In an effort to save money, don't try to extend the life of the paper, replace it as needed. If you hit a nail but the paper does not break, beware, there will be heavier wear in the paper at the point where the nail hit. If you do not replace the paper, there will be a mark in your floor because the grit on the sandpaper was worn away.

After you sand the field of the room with the floor sander, it is time to sand the edges with the floor edger. Pick the edger up and rest it on the casters only, tilted back off the disc pad. Turn on the edger and lower the pad to the floor. Moving from left to right, level the floor from the area the floor sander has already sanded

towards the wall or baseboard. Move the edger in 12 to 18 inch sections and then move over, always keep the edger moving and work in a semi-circular motion. When you sand along a wall that the wood runs perpendicular to, rotate the edger to the right on each board to avoid sanding against the grain.

Another method of edging is to sand from the wall or baseboard to the area that has already been cut by the sander. In this method, you cut a line along the baseboard, and then sand out to the drum area in 12 to 18 inch sections. In either method, move left to right. Let the edger do the work, don't put extra pressure on the machine. Work at a pace that you're comfortable with, and take frequent rests.

Sand the room with both the sander and the edger with all the required grits. Don't try to skip grits to save money and time. Remember that the process requires removal of previous scratch marks with successive cuts.



When the sanding is completed, it is time to do areas not reached by your equipment. If you have baseboard heating, radiators or toekicks, you will need to sand under these obstructions. Sand right to left and repeat with all the grits that were required with the other sanders. When you have finished with the electric floor sanding equipment, it is time to scrape

the corners and crevices of the room. The rental store may rent or sell a good scraper. Get on your hands and knees and scrape all the corners. Keep the blade sharp as you scrape, especially when you must scrape against the grain of the wood. Don't forget to look for any areas that the edger could not sand, around door casings and thresholds, etc. Hand sand the areas after you scrape them.

After you have sanded the floors and scraped the corners, look at the floor one more time and check for er-

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rors. If you see drum marks, gouges or spots with old finish, scrape those areas.

SCREENING THE FLOOR

After the sanding is completed you should screen the floor before you apply any coating or stain to achieve the best possible finish. A professional floor sander will screen all his work. Spend the time and the money to screen the floor.

Why? You identify any mistakes in the floor before you put finish on the wood. This process also blends the areas that were sanded by the sander and the edger to attain a uniform look. The floor will end with a better sheen and a finer appearance if you screen.

How do I screen? Using a polisher, either rotary or orbital, a nylon pad and a screen mesh disc you will screen the floor. A screen is an abrasive product that looks like the screen you would see on your door or window. They come in various sizes, grits and shapes. You will be using a round screen with a rotary polisher and a rectangular screen with an orbital polisher.

When you first use a rotary polisher, start the machine in the middle of the room. Get familiar with the machine you will be operating. Adjust the handle on the polisher to waist height and be comfortable. Work with the polisher 5 to 10 minutes before you give up on screening. Remember, the polisher will stop running when you let go of the trigger. A rotary polisher runs clockwise. If you push the handle down, the machine will move to the left. If you pull the handle up, the machine moves to the right. Don't try to muscle the machine, you will not win.

To screen a floor you run the polisher along the edges of the room and then screen the field of the floor with the grain of the wood. As you screen, look for edger marks, drum stop marks or other imperfections. If you see imperfections, work with the polisher and screen until the mark is out of the floor. Move side to side with the polisher by shifting your feet, not by twisting your body.

Floor sanding screens come in grits ranging from 60 to 180. Most rental stores will carry 60, 80 and 100 grit. 120, 150 and 180 grit screens are available for finer finishes. If you are using an oil modified coating, you can screen to 100 grit. When you are using a water based finish, screen with at least 120 grit, to close up the pores in the wood so you do not get a lot of grain raise. *End of Part Two.*

Next month we will conclude our three part article when we discuss Proper Finishes, Applications and Care for the Floor.

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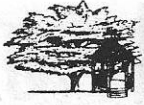
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MARCH CIVIC CLUB PREVIEW

The March Civic Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2 at the Garden Oaks Elementary School. Our program presentation will feature several renowned speakers on “Master Gardening”. The highlight of the evening will be a traditional covered dish meeting. Attendees are asked to bring a heapin’ portion of the item which corresponds to your last name.

- A - G Appetizer
- H - K Main Dish Casserole
- L - S Vegetable or Salad
- T - Z Dessert

The business portion of the meeting will include approval of the 1999 budget. So bring a friend, bring a covered dish, bring the kids (babysitting is available for \$1 per child) and bring your gardening questions. This is a night not to be missed.



HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

1st Tuesday Sections 1 & 1A
2nd Tuesday Sections 2 - 5 South of West 41st St.
3rd Tuesday Sections 2 - 5 North of West 41st St.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

1st and 3rd Tuesday South of West 43rd St.
2nd and 4th Tuesday North of West 43rd St.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 2nd: Civic Club Meeting, 7:00 PM G.O. Elementary School
11th: Garden Club, 7:00 PM 858 LaMonte (Brenda de Alba)
13th: Rose Garden Planting 9:00 AM
16th: Home Tour Cte. 7:00 PM 303 W 33rd (Susan Simpson)

1999 February

Calendar grid for February 1999 with days of the week and dates. Includes events like Civic Club Meeting, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Home Tour Committee, Ash Wednesday, Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, and Memorial Rose Garden Planting.

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