OPEN LETTER TO
SECTION ONE RESIDENTS
DEED RESTRICTIONS THREATENED

One of our very own neighbors has taken action that seriously threatens the beauty and appearance of our neighborhood and could significantly reduce the property values in Section One.

Section One resident, Victor C. Moore, 532 W. 32nd, is suing the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees, seeking a judicial declaration that the Section One deed restrictions are unenforceable. The case is set for trial in Harris County civil district court in late June.

Moore purports to sue on his own behalf and "on behalf of the property owners in Garden Oaks Subdivision, Section One." Neither my husband nor I have given Moore permission to sue on our behalf. Moreover, we disagree with his suit and with what he is trying to accomplish.

In his court papers, Moore states that in February, 1998, he began construction of a detached garage behind his home and was told by members of the Board of Trustees that the garage violated the side setback requirements in the deed restrictions for Section One.

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PROPOSED
BIKE PATH
CHOSE
WRONG ROUTE
Shelley Rogers

At the suggestion of our council member, Bruce Tatro, and the city's bicycle/pedestrian coordinator, Mignette Dorsey, we surveyed the residents and property owners along W. 33rd between Lawrence and Yale. Out of a possible 72 respondents, we heard back from 66 people in time to report the results to Tatro. Since then, two more households have responded.

Of the 68 who have responded, no one supports widening the street. All indicated that they would request that the city remove our street from the bike network if widening of the street would be required. About two-thirds of the respondents said that they don't want to be part of the bike network even if no widening is required.

The results of the survey have been sent to Tatro, Dorsey and the public works director. Dorsey recently suggested sharing the survey results di-

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EDITOR'S CORNER

In real estate terms, our home has no curb appeal. Driving by, you would never turn your head and look twice. There’s nothing to see. We had four overgrown cherry laurels planted on one end and near the front door was some Mexican heather and six ixoria. We had a sloping 16' long cement walkway leading from the drive up to the house and 3 pecan trees off to the side. Let’s face it, we didn’t buy based on curb appeal. Of course, to make matters worse, the day we closed, we noticed a new addition to our neighbors landscaping: the “Yard of the Month” sign was firmly planted in their front bed.

The other half and I had a simple plan, at least it started simple. The cherry laurels? Friends offered to rip them out and transplant them into their yard. (An aside note: they didn’t survive the transplant). The small front bed was dug up and transplanted into growing pots to hold over during the construction process. The other half sketched out a landscape plan, to scale no less, that included a curved planting bed and a brick walkway. My first order of business was to dig out the bed. I started by removing the St. Augustine sod with a pick axe. Way to long and difficult. Then I switched to a tiny little garden roto-tiller. Not enough horsepower and it wasn’t breaking up the clumps of sod. So out came the pitchfork. I removed all the sod, clump by clump, by hand. Along the way, I encountered many a tree root which I swear were growing from trees somewhere over in the Heights. During the process, I managed to break both a pitchfork and a shovel tangling with those wild roots. Out came the axe to attack those underground monsters and, of course, yet another unplanned trip to the home warehouse to replace the broken tools. How convenient they should be open 24-7.

At the start of the project, a friend suggested we go to a stone yard and consider other types of stone instead of brick for the walkway. What harm is there in looking, right? Wrong. It was like visiting a candy store. All of these different stones to look at, laid out in row after row. And so inexpensive...5¢ per pound, 11½¢ per pound. But for a project of this size, you don’t buy by the pound, you buy by the ton. And just how much does a ton cover anyway? Answer: depends upon what you select. We selected a rose colored patio stone, one ton, to be delivered on Friday and went home to redo the landscape plans to incorporate a stepped walkway using the patio stone. So now I have a deadline: by Friday, the cement walkway has to be gone. “You’ll want to rent a jack hammer to take this out.” “Drive down Shepherd and pick up some day laborers.” Thanks, but no thanks. Fueled by determination, I attacked the walkway with my trusty sledge hammer. After five hours, and many breaks, I reduced the cement to rubble. We were ready to start the walkway. But where was the patio stone? A call to the stone yard revealed the delivery had already been made earlier that day. I know I can’t miss a ton of stone and it wasn’t in my driveway. The stone yard rectified the situation by sending another driver, after hours, to deliver the patio stone. I received a phone call at 6:30 PM from a surprised neighbor one block down who couldn’t get her car into her garage. It seems my first delivery was blocking the way!

Well, the plan was modified several times along the way, the walkway has been installed by the other half and the bed isn’t big enough. We still haven’t finished, but stop by for a cup of coffee. You just may turn your head and look twice.
Sound Wall Appears to be on Sound Footing
Craig Lee

Representative Yarbrough inserted an amendment into the House general appropriations bill as follows:

Floor Packet No. 44
Texas Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider and Funding Sound Barrier Retro-Fit Walls

Amend CSHB 1 as follows in Article VII, add the following amendment to be appropriately numbered and inserted into the appropriate section Article VII.

“Appropriate $2.5 million dollars from the special Fund Balances from General Revenue Account 029, Traffic Safety, and General Revenue Account 451, Public Transportation, during the 2000-01 biennium to create sound barrier retro-fit walls along the north side of Interstate 610 in Houston, from a point on the east side of Yale at its intersection with Interstate 610 extending approximately 2-1/2 miles to the west to a point located on the eastside of East T. C. Jester at its intersection with Interstate 610, from funds remaining as of August 31, 1999 and prior to being transferred to the State Highway Fund No. 006.”

The House Committee on Appropriations passed the amendment on April 14th with 25 ayes, 0 nays and 2 members absent. The bill was then received in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee. It is scheduled for public hearing on April 19th. Ultimately, a joint committee will hammer out a compromise appropriations bill. If Yarbrough’s amendment remains in the compromise bill, which is then approved by both the House and the Senate and signed by the governor, we will have a sound wall if there are sufficient funds remaining.

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Mail Pouch

Dear editor,

I was most pleased with the “Spring Fling” outing organized by the Civic Club and its beautification committee members. We were blessed with good weather, children were having loads of fun everywhere in the park, and most of the rest of us enjoyed meeting and re-meeting our many good neighbors. Thanks to all of you for your good work on this activity.

The turnout was great—as was the food. I think one of the things that truly impressed me is how well Graham Park served the needs of the activities. Plenty of trees, plenty of space. Swings for the kids. A baseball diamond. Good parking. And even the tennis court was put to use by at least one party-going couple. I hope we can do this again.

Craig Lee
1998 Civic Club President
MINUTES OF APRIL 6TH CIVIC CLUB MEETING
Robert De Veau, Acting Secretary

President James Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. A motion was made and seconded to accept the March minutes as published.

Officer Reports

VP Membership: David Bell reported that we currently have 270 families (18%) signed up as members of the civic club. Last year, total participation was 34%. Welcome Packages for new residents will be finalized over the next few weeks.

VP/Gazette Editor: Robert De Veau reported that advertising revenue is already at budget and monthly printing expenses are below budget. With continued ad sales for the remaining seven issues, the Gazette should end the year with an income surplus instead of the budgeted loss.

Treasurer: Jay Slemmer reported that all Civic Club bills are current and there is approximately $31,500 in all the accounts. A formal report will be available at the next Civic Club meeting.

Committee Reports

Beautification: Brenda de Alba reported the required city permits for the Spring Fling on April 11th have been received. A Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10th in the Rose Garden. The magnolia tree was transplanted on April 1st in the Rose Garden.

GOCOP: Carl Waters urged residents to become the “curious” neighbor and call HPD whenever you see suspicious activity occurring in the neighborhood. There were eight crimes reported for February but two of them are questionable as to whether or not they took place in Garden Oaks. Carl acknowledged the two newest volunteers to complete training - Bill and Amy Shaughnessy. All residents of Garden Oaks are invited to attend the South Community PIP meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Constable Program: Brenda de Alba reported on behalf of Terry Jeanes that block captains are still needed for all sections of Garden Oaks in order to expand the program from 40 hours per week for one patrol in Sections 1 and 1A to 80 hours per week for two patrols in all five sections. If you are interested, please contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154.

Home and Garden Tour: Meredith Jenkins announced that pre-sale tickets are now on sale for $8 each ($10 the day of the tour) as well as Raffle Tickets for $1 each. Raffle prizes will include a 25" color television, a men’s and ladies watch set and $250 worth of gasoline from Exxon in addition to many other prizes. T-shirts are also available for $10 each in sizes S-XXL but must be ordered in advance. Volunteers are still needed to fill many positions, please call 713-681-

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1185. Meredith also reminded those residents who live near a tour home or garden to place a parking barricade across their front lawn to deter visitors from parking in front of your home.

Old Business

Sound Wall update: Craig Lee stated there was nothing to report at this time.

New Business

Shelley Rogers reported on her meetings with City officials about the widening of 33rd Street to accommodate the proposed bike trail. Residents thanked Shelley for her determined efforts on this grass roots campaign.

Announcements

None.

Program Guest Speaker

Board of Trustees’ member, Ed de Alba provided an informal question and answer forum to discuss Deed Restrictions.

There being no further business, President James Flowers adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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maining at year-end, which, according to Yarbrough, should not be a concern at all.

House Bill 567 (relating to the sound wall) would no longer be needed.

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MAY CIVIC CLUB PREVIEW

The Civic Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th, will feature the timely topic of “Summer Safety Tips”. The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room at the Garden Oaks Elementary School. Child care will be available for $1 per child.

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APRIL YARD OF THE MONTH

AWARDED TO

Kim & Eddie Battenfield
408 W. 32nd

CONGRATULATIONS!

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“SPRING FLING” CAPTURES
THE SPIRIT OF GARDEN OAKS
Sheila Briones

Enjoying the petting zoo

FUN, FUN and more FUN was had by all at the First Annual Garden Oaks Spring Fling! Approximately 200 residents turned up on Sunday, April 11th at Graham Park for a day of activities, food and camaraderie.

Beautification Committee chairs, Ed & Brenda de Alba, were elated with the number of Garden Oaks residents who came out to support the neighborhood.

The petting zoo with a pony ride proved to be a hit with the children and their parents. Petting zoo animals included a baby wallaby, a pygmy pig, a llama, a baby cow, several baby ducks and chicks, three puppies, baby rabbits, a donkey, several baby goats, etc. Once the petting zoo had closed up, the focus was on Tina Sabuco of ARTS Alive! and her lively children’s program entitled “I’ve Got Dance in My Pants”.

Thanks to Evelyn Anderson of Ema Farms who provided the beautiful Mexican flame vines that were quickly snapped up faster than she could bring them.

Residents also enjoyed the Salsa/Picante Contest and the Dessert Contest. Congratulations to the following winners:

Salsa/Picante Contest
First Place: Sheila Brieño, Avocado/Feta Salsa
Second Place: Terah Atkinson, Terah’s Homemade Hot Sauce
Third Place: Rick Englert, Salsa de Pomodoro

Salsa winners, from left to right, Sheila Brieño, Terah Atkinson and Rick Englert
Dessert Contest
First Place: Rick Englert, Triple Option Hail Mary Chocolate
Second Place: Rebecca Stark, Strawberry Cake
Third Place: Jean Walke, Italian Fudge Cake

Many thanks for the numerous volunteers who helped make Spring Fling such a success. Volunteers included: David & Allison Bell, Sheila Briones, Robert Carlin, Robert DeVeau, Kelsey Epstein, Meredith Jenkins, Susan Kostecky, Bill Lehnert, Stacey Park, Don Sievers, Carol Smith, Jennifer & Randy Taylor, and Jean Walke.

Special thanks go to Rick Englert and his Haute Groceries for the fabulous food and to the judges of the contests—Ralph Hayes and Mike Nobles for having to endure all those delectable desserts and James Flowers, Adrian Guerra, Gaye Koenning and Dr. Aaron Joseph for dipping and tasting the varied Salsas.

Residents can certainly look forward to “Spring Fling” becoming an annual Garden Oaks event.
MAY
GARDENING GUIDE
Tina Sabuco

It's the merry, merry month of May and time to plant those hot-weather annuals, including lantana, purslane, moss rose, celosia, purple fountain grass and copper plants. Have a shady spot in the yard? Caladiums, coleus and begonias are made for the shade and will provide the best summer color. Since we live in Houston, what garden would be complete without those alluring tropical annuals such as hibiscus, bougainvillea, penta, mandevilla, Mexican heather, African bush daisies and esperanza. You'll want to place them either in beds or patio pots. Early in the month, set out herbs into pots or beds. Many are attractive as well as useful. Plant them along walks to enjoy their fragrance. And finally, plant your summer and fall flowering perennials from started nursery transplants.

Spring-blooming shrubs and vines should have finished flowering by now, so prune as needed to shape them. Climbing roses and once-blooming shrub-form antique roses should also be pruned to restore good shape. Climbing roses can be pruned by as much as 50%, removing all weak internal growth as well as reducing the overall height of the plants. Strong growing annuals and perennials should be "pinched" to maintain compact habit, including mums, copper plants, coleus and fall asters. Mow the lawn on five day intervals as grass begins growing actively. This will allow you to return clippings to the lawn.

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rectly with the Houston district office of the Texas Dept. of Transportation, (Texas DOT) and I will have done so by the time you read this.

The city has said that it will not begin any widening project until it hears from the state on whether the state is going to require widening to 28 feet. Of course, we do not want our street widened at all and Ms. Dorsey told me that the city hopes that the state will grant exceptions for all of the streets less that 28 feet wide so that no widening will be required.

It was suggested by Paul Bick at the April civic club meeting that efforts should be made to get our state representative and senator to put pressure on the Texas DOT to grant the city's request for exceptions to the 28 feet wide requirement, which is a state requirement, not the city's. (The city told us in a meeting on March 17th that it does not want to widen the street and is being forced into it by the state. The city also told us at the meeting that the public works director has said that he would not force this upon residents who do not want it, although that commitment has not been put in writing).

If Paul or anyone else wants to spearhead an effort to put pressure on the Texas DOT at the state level, please do so. My husband and I cannot take on that project at this time. If the city comes back and says the state still insists on the street being widened and that the city is going ahead with the widening even though more than 90 percent of the residents oppose it, then I will take the project to the state level. But, if someone wants to get involved at the state level right now, please do so. I am happy to provide whatever info you need.

I must say that I was surprised at the high number who did not want the bike route designation, even if no widening is required. Frankly, I think our chances of avoiding the bike route designation, even if no widening is required, are almost nil. I do not plan to push hard for that. If someone feels strongly about that, then please take up that case. My primary objective is to avoid the street widening.

Thanks to all of you who responded to the survey. The response rate really let the city know that our interest level is high.

Editor's note: Ms. Rogers can be reached at (713) 880-0503 or via e-mail at Norubtap@airmail.net.

32ND STREET GARAGE SALE
CREATES TRAFFIC JAMS

Residents of 32nd Street in Section I were pleased with the results of a neighborhood Garage Sale held Saturday, March 27. Eleven households participated in the streetwide sale.

Residents busily prepared the night before in anticipation of a throng of "early birds" searching for bargains. Serious shoppers began showing up at 7 a.m. Traffic jams were evident throughout the day as cars lined up and down 32nd Street. Some shoppers found it easier to park at one end of the street and walk to each garage sale.

Residents brought in sales ranging from $3000 to $40. The next 32nd Street Garage Sale will be held the weekend after Thanksgiving.
MAGNOLIA TREE MYSTERY SOLVED
Brenda de Alba

April Fool’s Day brought several pleasant surprises. First we received a call from Tree Experts saying they were ready to transplant Shelley Rogers’s and Pat Buron’s donated magnolia tree. Secondly, while the tree was being replanted in the Memorial Rose Garden park, Louis Michka, a former Garden Oaks resident, happened along and told the story of the magnolia tree which had died and recently been removed. Voila! The mystery was solved.

Louis and his family moved to 532 W. 33rd in 1940 ($5400 to buy the house and $25/month FHA payments). The magnolia and plaque were already here in 1940. Written on the plaque was “In Memory of Ella T. Davis, Beloved Member of Garden Oaks Garden Club”. Since Section I began being developed in 1937, I can only imagine that Ella Davis was an original homeowner who distinguished herself to the neighborhood with her gardening skills.

Parks all over the neighborhood have been spruced up in anticipation of the Home and Garden Tour.

Gazebo Park. One of my Garden Club friends, Ann Hollis, met me on a recent Sunday morning to clean out one of the Crepe Myrtle beds and put in some plantings. Before we knew it, Armando, Rick and Mary Ann who all live across from the park joined us and our work was finished in a flash.

Rose Garden. The drip irrigation lines were covered with mulch and additional soil and the front bed by the entrance sign was also mulched. Thanks to Janice Walden and Sheila Briones for organizing this activity.

Triangle Park. All of the beds were weeded and mulched. Thanks to Tina, Jim and the rest of the Triangle bunch for their continued support.

And special thanks to Jeff Benjamin and Willie and Janice Stollenwerk for cleaning the city property parallel to N. Shepherd between the railroad tracks and W. 38th Street.

THINK POSITIVE

If you want to get somewhere, you have to know where you want to go. Then never, never, never give up.

The secret of life isn’t what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you.

Self-trust is the first secret of success. So believe and trust yourself.

Stand up to your obstacles and do something about them. You will find that they haven’t half the strength you think they have.

Joy increases as you give it, and diminishes as you try to keep it for yourself. In giving it, you will accumulate a deposit of joy greater than you believed possible.

How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself—so always think positively.
Hot Dog! K-9 Fun Run Helps the Humane Society
Sheila Briones

Several Garden Oaks residents and their dogs participated in the 1999 18th Annual Houston Humane Society IAMS K-9 Fun Run held Sunday, March 14th at Sam Houston Park in Downtown Houston. Approximately 1,500 pooch/person pairs participated in the K-9 Fun Run which has become a Houston institution.

There were several events to choose from: a competitive 1-mile run for the serious runner; a non-competitive 1-mile jog for the weekend warrior; and a 1-mile walk for those who enjoy leisurely strolls.

The real fun began after the race with a Post-Race Party, a Doggy Costume Contest, and the crowning of the 1999 SpokesDog and SpokesCat. There was food, music, prizes and a smorgasbord of pet-related booths. Dogs and humans had a "furr-tastic" time!

Garden Oaks residents are encouraged to support the Houston Humane Society (HHS), located at 14700 Almeda Rd. Through annual fundraisers such as the K-9 Fun Run, the staff is able to care for over 20,000 unwanted and abused animals each year.

For more information on HHS or to inquire about their Volunteer Program, call (713) 433-6421.

GOCOP February Report
Carl Waters, Jr.

Did you feel safer last month? If you did, it was thanks to our patrollers and base station operators who logged 77 1/2 hours for the month. THANKS ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

For those of you still wanting to join the fun of patrolling, HPD has training classes twice a month for new patrollers. The first session is held on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and the second session is held on the fourth Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. All training is held at the North Division Command Center located at 9455 W. Montgomery Rd. This is in the Acres Home Subdivision. The simplest way to get there is to take Shepherd north to W. Montgomery and go left on W. Montgomery until you get to the station house. Before going to training, please call me for a program application and further instructions. My number is 713-864-1992. In May, the training dates are May 13th for the day training and May 27th for the night training.

There were 9 crimes reported for February in our neighborhood by HPD, 2 have codes which don't match up for the area, so they will not be figured into my annual count.

The break down is as follows (the number is the block in which the crime was listed to have occurred):

Burglaries - 3
4300 Apollo on February 6th at 12:00 p.m.
500 W. 30th on February 2nd at 10:00 a.m.
300 W. 31st on February 25th at 1:30 p.m.

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle - 2 (1)
1000 Lamonte on February 6th at 12:00 a.m.
800 W. 34th on February 12th at 6:00 p.m. (This was listed as occurring on commercial property which led me to believe it was an electrical shop just east of the neighborhood boundaries)

Auto Theft - 2
900 W. 41st on February 9th at 10:30 p.m.
200 W. 34th on February 3rd at 11:00 p.m.

Robbery -1 (0)
This was listed as occurring in an apartment in the 3000 block of North Shepherd and I cannot figure out where it occurred.

Driving While Intoxicated
4200 Apollo on February 9th at 6:00 p.m.
When, according to Moore, those individuals indicated that the Board would seek a restraining order to prevent Moore from building his garage in violation of the restrictions, Moore sued the Board and asks the court to declare the deed restrictions for Section One unenforceable. However, Moore does not ask that the court declare only certain sections of the Section One deed restrictions invalid. Instead, he asks that all the Section One deed restrictions be declared invalid. These would include the restrictions for residential purposes only and the prohibition against the selling of alcoholic beverages as well as the front, side and rear setback requirements. If Moore wins his suit, all of the Section One restrictions could be declared unenforceable.

This is not Moore’s first experience with the Section One deed restrictions. In his current suit, he outlines the details of a previous dispute he had with the Board of Trustees regarding the placement of his detached garage, which, according to Moore, ended in an agreed settlement.

Moore’s building of his detached garage in violation of the setback requirements applicable to his lot was not the result of mistake or benign ignorance. He knew about the deed restrictions and the setback requirements the Board of Trustees had set for his irregularly-shaped lot years before he began the construction of his second, detached garage. After reading Moore’s own account of events in his lawsuit papers, one can only conclude that Moore deliberately violated the setback requirements applicable to his lot.

While most of us don’t like one aspect or another of the deed restrictions, our neighborhood would not be the same without them. If the deed restrictions are not enforceable, there will be nothing to stop commercial uses of the lots currently restricted to residential use only. How would you like to have an auto repair shop next door? Do you want to see the side of W. 30th that backs up to the freeway look like the other side of the freeway?

There would be no more setback requirements. How would you like to see your streetscape become one of double and triple garage doors set back only a few feet from the street? Or, how would you like for your neighbor to build a new two- or three-car garage just a few feet from your property line or right on the property line?

There would no restriction against the selling of alcoholic beverages. The Exxon station would be free to sell beer, wine or whatever it can get the permit to sell.

There would be no two-family dwelling restriction. Developers would be free to build higher density townhomes or even apartments.

While there is something to be said for the idea that people ought to be able to do what they want with their own property, people can do that in places where there are no deed restrictions. When buying property in Section One, we are automatically placed on notice of the deed restrictions applicable to our property, if those restrictions have been properly filed in the county’s property records, as have the Section One restrictions.

Buying property subject to deed restrictions is like entering into a contract with all your neighbors to abide by those restrictions. Not only does Moore want to ignore our contract, he wants to have the entire contract declared unenforceable for all times.

If Moore is successful and the deed restrictions are declared unenforceable, they will never again be enforceable. They are gone forever. It may be possible to get residents to agree to a new set of restrictions, but who has the time, money or patience to take on that task? Even then, the new restrictions would be enforceable only as to those who agree to them.

If Moore’s actions concern you, frighten you, or stir some other emotion, please contact him and let him know how you, his neighbor in Section One, feels about his suit and what he is trying to do just so he can build a garage closer to his neighbor’s house than our deed restrictions allow. Instead of, or in addition to contacting Moore directly, write a letter to the editor of the Gazette. The deadline for the next issue is May 12th.

Shelley Rogers
507 W. 33rd

Editor’s note. The Gazette will print all responses received provided the author’s name and address are provided. You can send your comments via snail mail to: Gazette Editor, Robert De Vea, 934 W. 42nd St or e-mail to: GOGazette@aol.com
### Heavy Trash
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.

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North of West 43rd St.

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### May Events
- **2nd**: Home & Garden Tour 12 – 6  
  Call 713-267-7800 for information  
- **4th**: Civic Club Meeting, 7:00 PM  
  G.O. Elementary School  
- **13th**: Garden Club, 7:00 PM  
  Call for location: 713-869-6534

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