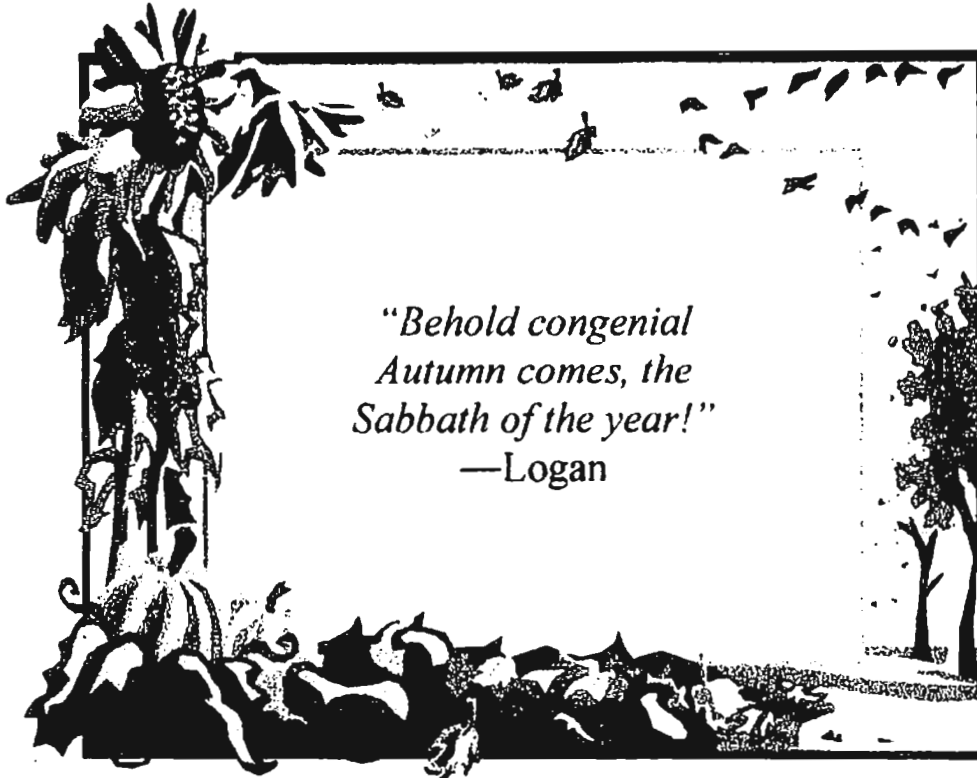




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*"Behold congenial
Autumn comes, the
Sabbath of the year!"*
—Logan

PROPOSAL FOR NEW COMMITTEE

Sharon Lauder

I have worked with Senior Citizens in Garden Oaks since 1983 and feel there is a need for a new committee called the Garden Oaks Senior Assistance League. The League would help our resident Seniors perform daily tasks which they be unable to do for themselves. Examples of volunteer efforts include providing rides for medical appointments or to the store, performing small household repairs, assisting with pet care or just checking in on them after a storm or during a power outage. Helping our Seniors would be a positive asset for both our community and our Civic Club.

To kick start the committee, I would like to request a budget of \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2000 to help defray the cost of materials which may be needed for repairs or to cover
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Want to know how you can help keep your community strong and get a chance to win \$50 cash? Just fill out and return the Deed Restriction Survey in this month's Gazette by October 20th!

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Those of you who are regular visitors to this corner of the newsletter know that I am a Yankee transplant. While the Other Half and I have embraced all things Southern and the genteel way of life (sipping ice tea on the veranda while mopping the dew off our brows) which comes with the territory, we occasionally still pine away for New England. Fall is one of those times. Switching out the summer annuals for the cool weather annuals in the garden just doesn't provide the same color explosion as driving down a country road lined with trees ablaze in all their glory and hearing the crunching of leaves under the tires. Oh, there's definitely something to be said about heading over to the farmer's market, dressed in shorts and a short sleeve shirt, to select just the right pumpkin to carve but it isn't the same as bundling up in a pair of corduroys, plaid shirt and a sweater and stopping along the way at an orchard to pick some apples and purchase some fresh brewed cider.

Halloween was always one of those times, however, when every kid wished they did live in the South. We would spend weeks agonizing over just the right costume. The day would finally arrive and we couldn't wait until dusk fell and the streets would grow dark. Of course, Mom always insisted we had to eat dinner before going out. It would only prolong the anticipation and was suppose to prevent us from eating the candy (that never worked). Once we were excused, we would jump up from the dinner table and eagerly don our costumes.

As we grabbed our pillow cases and bolted for the door, Mom would be standing there... with coats! Mind you, it's New England, it's practically November and the temperature has a strange habit of dipping to a crisp 38 degrees. No parent in their right mind was going to let their child roam the streets dressed in a costume without first insisting they put on a winter coat. Oh, the horror and the misery. Who would be able to see my really cool Captain Marvel costume under a down parka? And, of course, it had to be zipped up, "to keep you warm and prevent you from catching your death from a cold." So, to please Mom, we would put it on over our costumes and as soon as we were away from the house, off came the coats. The parka became just one more thing to have carry around along with our treat bag which got heavier with each passing house but I was Captain Marvel, impervious to the elements! As we neared the house, after completing our rounds and dragging that pillow case behind us, we would put our coats back on. But Mom always knew better and would have hot chocolate waiting for us and threatened that I and my siblings would still have to go to school the next day, sick or not, because she warned us.

The Other Half still gets off on Halloween. If you plan on trick or treating at our house, you better have your lines rehearsed or there will be no candy. It isn't enough to just show up in a costume and hold open your treat bag. The Other Half makes every child say the words "Trick or Treat" before dispensing a single snickers bar. Fail to say the words and the child is admonished to go back down the drive and start over. Usually, the Other Half happens to be dressed in a costume (the more ghoulish the better), the house is awash in candles and eerie organ music is emanating from the speakers. So stop by, if you dare. I'll have a pot of mulled cider simmering on the stove.

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PRESIDENT FLOWERS

October is here and there are so many things that we need to see finished. That's why I, and all of the 1999 Garden Oaks Civic Club officers, have decided that we would like to remain in office for another term. The first three months of this year were very quiet, and I thought this was a piece of cake. Well, April hit, and it has been none stop ever since. Many of the issues that came up are still pending, and we would like to see them to completion. I hope that all of you will support our interest in holding office next year. However, there is a Nominating Committee chaired by the great Sheila Briones, (713) 861-8091. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in holding an office, please contact her. The committee will turn their nominations in to the Civic Club for presentation in November and an election will be held at the regular meeting in December. There is one exception to our committee. I met our Civic Club secretary, Felicia Adams and her husband Michael, in graduate school several years ago. Felicia and Michael have decided to move home to Austin this fall. I will certainly miss their presence in Houston, and our Civic Club will miss them also. If you know someone that is willing to be secretary, please call Sheila.

Our constable program is in need of more residents to pay their share to protect our neighborhood. The statistics are incredible. I am sorry I don't have them to publish this month, but they will be in the November *Gazette*. Please call Jay Slemmer at (713) 695-7953 to get set up on automatic debit to help out. I know when the statistics are printed, you will be impressed and all sections will start calling to participate. There was a problem with the system getting started for automatic withdrawal and that has now been resolved. If you volunteered to allow us to do so, we will be starting in November.

I have received many phone calls concerning the large stakes on 30th, and have no idea what they are for. We are looking into it. I have no updates on the Conn's property but hopefully we will hear something from them shortly. However, I was recently approached by a resident who lives on 42nd Street and is very interested in the property on the corner of

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43rd and Shepherd. His company would like to open an up-scale shopping center with a coffee shop, bagel shop or similar store. He would like to give a presentation to the Civic Club and will be in attendance on Tuesday, October 5th. I believe that we are in the same position as we are in with Conn's. The property is deeded residential and he would like a variance of some type. Please come to hear his presentation and to ask questions.

August brought a big storm to our neighborhood and thousands of branches, limbs and trees were put out immediately for heavy trash, which wasn't until a couple of weeks later. The very day after heavy trash and two weeks after the storm, residents started putting more items out for heavy trash. People, *please put your heavy trash out the Sunday before (except in the case of a severe storm)*. Pull your trashcans in the evening of your pickup. Put your can on one side of the drive and your leaf bags on the other. If you put leaf bags out and it is heavy trash time, put your leaf bags next to the trash can, not under or on top of heavy trash.

A personal note to Craig Lee: please accept my apologies for my presentation of disagreement with you in public at the September Civic Club meeting. Hope to see you and the rest of our neighbors at the October 5th meeting. Enjoy the weather!

MOTION TO REDISTRIBUTE HOME TOUR PROCEEDS

Jay Slemmer, Treasurer

After the 1999 Home Tour, the Civic Club approved the following proposal for distribution of net proceeds culminating from the Home Tour:

- 10% Garden Oaks Elementary School
- 10% Neighborhood Security
- 5% Garden Oaks Garden Club
- 15% Home Tour Operation Fund Carryover
- 20% Garden Oaks Civic Club General Fund
- 40% Garden Oaks Board of Trustees

At the September Meeting of the Civic Club, I made a motion to rescind this original vote related to the current status of the Board Of Trustees, as per the ruling by Judge Bland. This motion was passed by a vote.

At the upcoming October Civic Club Meeting, I will make a new motion to redistribute the funds from the 1999 Home Tour as follows:

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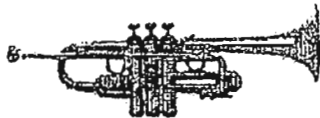
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7TH CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Brenda de Alba, Acting Secretary

President James Flowers, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. After welcoming any first-time meeting attendees, a call for corrections to July's meeting minutes was made. There being no corrections, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the July meeting.

Officer Reports

VP President/Membership: David Bell reported 30 new members have paid dues since June bringing the total of neighborhood participation to 25%. David explained the use of Civic Club membership dues for the benefit of new meeting attendees. The "New Resident" package is ready for distribution

VP/Gazette Editor: Robert De Veau reminded everyone that articles from neighbors are welcomed for submission.

Treasurer: Jay Slemmer reviewed the accounting balance sheet and answered questions. Total Surplus as of August 31 is \$15,380.36. Expenditures total \$23,437.19 and Income is \$38,817.55.

President Flowers introduced Constables Sgt. Henry Elkin and Deputy Jason Green. Deputy Green reviewed some impressive crime statistics for the last 2 1/2 months, which is the period of time he has been patrolling Section 1. The Information telephone number for the Constables is (713) 697-3600.

Deputy Green has notified authorities of 2 Constable signs that need to be replaced. He also reported that Constables are also patrolling and issuing traffic citations on W. 43rd St. He closed by encouraging volunteers to contact Terry Jeanes in her effort to get the security program expanded to the other Sections.

President Flowers read a letter from Megan Barlow, President of the G.O. Board of Trustees, updating neighbors on lawsuit with Victor Moore.

Bruce Tatro, Houston District A City Council Member reported on a meeting with Conns, also attended by James Flowers and Section I resident, Shelley Rogers. Conns wants to expand their current facility and has approached the neighborhood about amending the use of the current residential lots which they own directly to the east of their current building. Mr. Tatro also commended Shelley Rogers for her efforts in stopping the widening of W. 33rd for a new bike path.

Committee Reports

Beautification Committee: Brenda de Alba announced more plans for the Rose Garden Park at W. 34th & Lawrence: a brick paver area and a pergola directly behind the rose bed. Terry Jeanes will donate \$500, with the balance of needed funds coming from the Beautification budget. Brenda also announced that she and Ed will be stepping down as Beautification Chairs beginning in 2000 so a new volunteer will be needed to chair this committee.

GOCOP: Carl Waters made a plea for more volunteers and reviewed August crime stats.

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Home Tour: Sheila Briones announced that volunteers are still needed and that the next meeting is scheduled for September 27th. The Selection committee is still searching for potential homes and gardens. Contact Meredith Jenkins for information.

New Business

Gazette Delivery: Coordinator Jerry Vuchak thanked and acknowledged volunteer deliverers. He also thanked Christine Stevens for working out an advertising snafu in September's *Gazette* and delivering an insert to all the delivery volunteers after the *Gazette* had already been delivered to them. Jerry announced that a new delivery volunteer is needed for the 200-300 blocks of W. 33rd.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: President Flowers announced that the following committee had been formed to determine the slate for 2000 Officer elections. The slate will be published in the November *Gazette* and voted on at the December meeting. Committee Members: Sheila Briones (Chair), Cathey Land and Jerry Vuchak

Section 1 Constable Program: Carl Engelmann and Sam Mattea have resigned as Chair & Co-chair. Jay Slemmer has stepped forward to manage the account. Currently bank accounts for Constable Program are not accessible by the Civic Club Treasurer. This will be rectified by next month along with an audit report at October's meeting.

A motion was made to require that all future financial transactions have to go through the Civic Club Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed on a vote.

AD HOC Committee for Revising Current Deed Restrictions: Shelly Imnel and Christine Stevens discussed their efforts for revising current deed restrictions. They are soliciting input from the neighborhood on what changes people would like to see. A survey, printed FREE by O.D.'s Printing, will be included in October's *Gazette*. A hotline has been created: (713) 341-3737 and Email: godced@evl.net. Volunteers will be needed for door-to-door follow-up on surveys.

A motion from the floor was made to form a Civic Club committee to work towards establishing a new deed restriction enforcing entity. The motion was seconded and failed on a vote.

A motion was made to form a Civic Club committee to explore options for forming a new deed restriction enforcing group and review possible changes to the existing deed restrictions. Motion was seconded and passed on a vote.

A motion was made to rescind funds that were earmarked for the Board of Trustees from the proceeds of the 1999 Home Tour. Motion was seconded and passed on a vote.

A motion to take 1999 Home Tour proceeds and have 40% go to funding the effort for establishing a new enforcement entity was tabled until the October meeting. The new committee formed to explore options is to submit a budget at the October meeting.

There being no further business, President James Flowers adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

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LIVING WELL NATURALLY

Michael Swartztrauber, D.C., C.C.S.P.

Any regular column about natural ways to maximize one's health should start with the basics. This month, I'm going to talk about water. The reason is that if you're like most Americans, you've been walking around in various states of dehydration for years and your health is suffering for it. I'll cover what water does for us and what signs to look for that signal dehydration. Last, I'll give you a formula for calculating-down to the ounce-how much water you need per day to maintain good health.

You'll vaguely recall from high school biology that we are made up of about 60-70% water by weight. You'll also remember the instructor losing you to distraction for the rest of the hour as you tried to figure out why a) you weren't transparent like a jellyfish and b) you didn't slosh around when you walked. Only about 11% of this water is in the bloodstream. The rest lies within the cells and the small tissue spaces around them. We need this much water because the body relies heavily on it for some very important functions.

Adequate water ensures that the essence of who you are functions well by carrying nutrients to the cells and by carrying away waste products to the kidneys. With enough water, your kidneys can dilute the wastes and any excess minerals (salts) for safe transport out through the urinary system. Without enough incoming water, the kidneys must draw some out of the cells and into the bloodstream to do the necessary dilution. Low hydration not only desiccates your cells, but also sets you up for urinary tract infections and kidney stone formation.

Staying with the elimination of waste, enough water, in conjunction with enough dietary fiber, also helps prevent constipation. It's now more widely agreed that prolonged contact of waste with the colon can lead to polyp formation and the subsequent development of colon cancer.

Water regulates your body temperature. A body low on water is very much like a car radiator low on water. The inability to cool the body to the proper temperature through sweating and breathing is a dangerous situation and even well hydrated, savvy athletes can easily get in trouble. What water does for the muscles and athletic endurance is a subject of its own. Let it suffice to say that adequate water intake will greatly increase your performance, endurance and resilience in any sport you play.

Enough water keeps the skin cells plump, resilient and better able to handle the environmental assaults that tend to age it. You'll look younger if you drink enough water. Water also comprises most of the fluid that lubricates and bathes joint cartilage in nutrients. Healthy, moist cartilage more ably resists the breakdown known as osteoarthritis. Water makes up saliva and tears. Saliva is naturally antibacterial and partially digestive. Not enough of it leads to dry mouth, altered tastes, poor initial digestion and bad breath. Sufficient tear production keeps the covering of the eyes from drying too much and flushes out any foreign particles before they have a chance to scratch the cornea.

So, how do you know someone is dehydrated? Thirst, you may have heard, is not a very reliable indicator and actually becomes even less reliable as we age. One of the best ways to determine hydration is by noting the quantity and color of the

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urine. An adequately hydrated person produces lots of pale yellow urine without an overpowering odor. Other indicators are confusion, headache, irritability, muscle cramps, overheating, insufficient sweat and tear production, lower backache, loss of skin elasticity, dry mouth and a sunken look to the eyes.

When drinking to maintain adequate hydration, I recommend pure water. Sports drinks are okay, but are expensive and burdened by unnecessary calories. Colas, tea, coffee and alcohol act as diuretics and compound the problem by making the kidneys dump too much of the precious water the dehydrated person had to start with. We have our patients buy a sports bottle and calculate for them how many times they need to fill it up per day. There is no guesswork, nothing vague about 6-8 glasses (what is a glass?) per day, and the amount taken in is tracked easily.

Here is the formula for determining how much water to drink per day:

⇒ Sedentary person (desk worker): ½ oz. water/pound of body weight/day

⇒ Active person (everyone else): 2/3 oz. water/pound of body weight/day

To be perfectly clear, there is no other single measure you can take that is as cheap, as easy, and that holds as much potential for enhancing your health as ensuring that you get enough water. Make it a life-long habit to drink enough and you'll feel better, perform better and save lots of money on medical bills.

About the author: Michael Swartztrauber is a chiropractic doctor who has lived with his wife and four children in Garden Oaks for 16 years. He answers individual questions about health, injury and performance through the website www.allexperts.com.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Brenda de Alba

Well we made it through another Houston summer and thank goodness, fall is finally here! The last two summers have really taken a toll on our trees...stress is evident throughout the neighborhood. If you lost trees from the late August storm, fall is a perfect time of year to replant.

Neighbors have done an excellent job these past months caring for our parks. These volunteers are my unsung heroes and I can't thank them enough for their commitment. I'd mentioned earlier in the year that we have additional plans for the Rose Garden at W. 34th and Lawrence. These plans include a small brick paver area with a pergola, bench, and some additional low maintenance plantings. Terry Jeanes of RE/MAX Metro and Garden Oaks Section 4 resident is donating \$500 towards this additional work. Several volunteers have offered to build the pergola and the brick pavers are left over from the Art Park project six years ago. Sheila Briones and myself are planning the work and hope to begin later this month.

The Art Park has really suffered the last two grueling summers. The original plan for this park was designed with a xeriscape philosophy in mind and did not include an irrigation system. I feel the intent was noble, but in my opinion it hasn't worked. When rain is plentiful, its visual appeal is not too bad...but when rain is scarce, the dead grass and wilted Crepe Myrtles are a real eyesore to the neighborhood. We need another large neighborhood sponsored project to decide its fate. And frankly, Ed and I

don't have the energy to take another big project on right now.

I announced at the September Civic Club meeting that as of January 2000, Ed and I would be relinquishing our positions as Beautification Co-chairs. We feel good about the projects we've sponsored and feel that it's time to bring in some new blood with the neighborhood beautification effort. Happily I can already announce that Section 2 resident, Jeff Benjamin, and Section 4 resident, Kenneth Santos, have stepped forward to act as Beautification Co-chairs for the beginning of the new millennium! HOW EXCITING!

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GOCOP REPORT

Carl Waters, Jr.

Earlier sunsets and maybe that first cold front of the season. All signs that Fall has arrived and with it the holiday season. At the end of the month, we will once again "fall back" and many will celebrate Halloween. Please be careful around dusk on the last weekend of the month. If you plan to be out with children (or before you send them out) please make sure they can see through their masks. Costumes should be fire retardant. Carrying a flashlight if out after dark and reflective tape on costumes are also helpful. Never eat candy without checking it first. Local hospitals in the past have allowed parents to bring in candy to be X-rayed to prevent any nasty surprises. Halloween can also be a night of vandalism and other acts of criminal mischief. If you witness any of these call HPD at (713) 222-3131 (911 if it is an emergency) or the Precinct 1 constable's office at (713) 755-7628. Usually we have patrollers out to try and prevent mischief, but we can always use more eyes.

If you'd like to join the patrol program contact me by phone at (713) 864-1992 or by e-mail at GOCOP77018@AOL.com. Monthly training by HPD will be offered on October 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the North Division Center 9455 W. Montgomery Rd. It will also be offered on October 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

July Crime Statistics (6)

Robbery (1)

3000 block of N. Shepherd on July 3rd at 1:10 a.m. The listed premise is an apartment, but I am not sure where this would be.

Burglary (3)

900 block of Lamonte on July 1st at 8:00 a.m. (Residence)
200 block of W. 32nd St. on July 12th at 8:00 a.m. (Duplex unit)
900 block of W. 42nd St. on July 30th at 2:00 p.m. (Residence)

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

200 block of W. 34th on July 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (Driveway)

Narcotics Arrest (1)

3000 block of N. Shepherd on July 15th at 2:15 a.m. (Public Street)

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Submitted by Jay Slemmer, Treasurer

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Home Tour	19,410.31
Membership	6,055.00
GO COP	1,014.00
Garden Club	778.00
Montessori	0.00
Spring Fling	1,419.00
Computer Rebate	50.00
Constable Program	1,800
Interest—All Accounts	541.74
TOTAL INCOME	\$38,817.55
EXPENSES	
Gazette	\$5,207.51
Beautification	6,485.44
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Home Tour 1998	200.00
Membership	489.00
Monthly Meetings	78.34
GO COP	73.81
Executive	666.49
Constable Program	1,800
Garden Club	0.00
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$15,380.36

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G.O. PROPERTY OWNER'S/ DEED RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE

Shelly Immel, Co-Chair

As most of you are aware, due to recent litigation the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees is now defunct. The Board was the organization that enforced our deed restrictions. The result is that although our deed restrictions are still legally binding, about the only way to enforce them is for neighbors to sue neighbors. Given that most of us don't want to file such lawsuits, we face a period of very spotty, inconsistent enforcement of our deed restrictions. The danger is that if enough violations accumulate unchecked, our restrictions may eventually be waived. Most of us don't want that to happen.

So at the September 7th meeting, the Civic Club voted to create a committee with two basic goals:

1. Determine how to create a new body with authority to enforce our deed restrictions.
2. Investigate what changes Garden Oaks property owners do or don't want to make in our current deed restrictions. (One way to create a new enforcing agency is to update our deed restrictions, so these two responsibilities are interwoven.)

The committee will carry forward with the work of the informal working group mentioned in the August and September *Gazettes*. (Since there was no August Civic Club meeting, the September meeting was our first chance to form an official committee for these issues.)

We have started gathering information on creating a new Board of Trustees or Property Owners Association with authority to enforce our restrictions. It will definitely take more research to fully understand the advantages and disadvantages of each type of body and the legal process required to create each. We will report on this when we are sure of the facts.

We have also begun efforts to gather property owners' opinions on our current deed restrictions. So far, we have created a list of possible changes to the deed restrictions. From this list, we drafted the survey inserted in this month's *Gazette*. Our immediate goal is to gather input from Garden Oaks property owners on what they would—or wouldn't—like to see changed in our deed restrictions. After we get the surveys back, we'll tally the results to determine the majority opinion. We'll use the survey results to outline the proposed deed restriction updates. Attorneys will draft the actual updates, to

make sure they are clear and legally binding. Then all Garden Oaks property owners will get the chance to vote on them.

Our new restrictions should reflect the will of the majority of property owners. The survey is your chance to tell us what you think, so please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to us. As an added incentive, every survey returned to us by October 20th will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 cash prize. So fill yours out and send it in—it could mean money for you! We'll announce the winner at the November 2nd Civic Club meeting. (By the way, the cash prize was donated specifically for this purpose.)

As a committee, we are making an earnest effort to get the word out about our activities. Please tell your neighbors what you've read here, and encourage them to volunteer or at least stay up-to-date on this issue. You and your neighbors can stay in touch with us several ways:

- Read our monthly updates here in the *Gazette*.
- Come to Civic Club meetings. We'll report on our progress each month. You can also talk to committee members after the meeting.
- Call (713) 341-3737 for a recorded update on our efforts. You can also leave us a message.
- Join the Garden Oaks list serv to keep in touch with your neighbors on this and other topics. It's free and easy to join. Just go to http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/Houston_GO and follow the instructions.
- Email us directly at goddad@evl.net
- Complete the survey insert and return it to us to tell us what you think about the deed restrictions.

If you are interested in helping our efforts, PLEASE CALL US TO VOLUNTEER at (713) 341-3737. We welcome the help. We need people to research, tally survey results, act as block captains and notaries, and in lots of other capacities. You do not have to agree with others on the committee about each item in the deed restrictions. After all, everyone gets a vote, and we need everyone's help if we're going to succeed.

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the essential items which they may not be able to afford. It is my hope that other residents will donate time, materials and/or money for the committee's use.

If you would like more information, please contact me at (713) 862-3747. Thank you for your consideration.



OCTOBER GARDENING GUIDE

Tina Sabuco

Can you smell it? Fall is in the air! Now is the best time to plant trees and shrubs. Most woody plants do very well planted in the fall. Wait to plant types known to be winter-tender until the spring. Select your bulbs now while nurseries have the largest variety. Daffodils and grape hyacinths are planted immediately, but tulips and Dutch hyacinths should be refrigerated for at least 45 days at 45 degrees. Plant them no earlier than mid-December. Iris, day-lilies, shasta daisies, coneflowers and other spring-and summer-flowering perennials can be dug and divided early in the month. For color balance of fall, most of winter and into the spring, plant pansies, pinks, snapdragons and flowering cabbage kale. Petunias, calendulas, stocks, English daisies and poppies can also be included in the mix.

Tidy up your perennial garden to remove spent flower stalks, seed heads, old leaves and other debris. Continue to mow the lawn at the same height until the first frost. Letting grass taller does not improve winter hardiness and can actually weaken the turf. Take cuttings of tender annuals and tropicals you intend to overwinter indoors. Trim and reshape container tropicals that will be moving back indoors for the winter. This is the last chance to remove dead and damaged limbs from trees. They will be indistinguishable once the leaves fall.

Fertilize spring-flowering shrubs and vines with high-phosphate bud-stimulating food. Beware, however, if soil tests indicate excess phosphorus already exists, in which case you need apply nothing. Gradually withhold fertilizer from plants you'll be moving indoors, to let them go into a form of dormancy. Apply a water-soluble 20-20-20 to pansies and other cool-season annuals after planting.

If you're lucky and still have your poinsettias from last holiday season, begin their dark period on October 1 with 14 uninterrupted hours of total darkness each night until they show color in their floral bracts late next month. Give the plants full sunlight the remaining 10 hours each day.

Inspect patio plants before bringing them indoors, looking closely for insects (especially mealy bugs) and spider mites. Check inside the drain holes for pillbugs, fire ants, snails and slugs.



And the month of October just isn't complete without a trip to the farmer's market to select a pumpkin or two to decorate the front stoop. Happy Haunting to you and yours!

CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM

Jay Slemmer, Acting Chair

The good news: The Constable patrol program is making a very big difference in the crime statistics in Section 1.

The bad news: Financial conditions of the Constable Program are in disarray and may be under-funded for the calendar year.

To give all of you some history, I became Treasurer of the Civic Club on January 1, 1999. During the 1998 operating year, the chair of the Constable patrol Program opened a bank account at Sterling Bank, collected monies and reinstated the Constable Patrol Program.

I have had no involvement, by design, with the Constable Patrol Program; meaning neither I, nor any of the other officers, were placed on the signature cards through Sterling Bank nor have I received any financial status or reporting.

At the September Civic Club meeting, it was announced that the co-chairs had resigned. I agreed to manage the finances until the end of the fiscal year December 31, 1999.

President James Flowers retrieved all of the records and necessary information for me to audit the program. I received those records on September 9th.

Our current balance through October 24th due to the Harris County Sheriff's Department is \$31,341.44. As of September 10th, the balance of the Sterling Bank account is \$20,078. To date, none of the 62 residents who signed up for automatic bank drafts have had the monies deducted from their accounts, resulting in a loss of \$12,400 in income (\$20 per month, x 10 months x 62 accounts). We will begin the automatic drafts in October but cannot deduct the back fees without your permission.

If you would like to participate in the Constable Patrol Program, or have any questions, please contact me at (713) 695-7953.

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- 10% Garden Oaks Elementary School
- 10% Neighborhood Security
- 5% Garden Oaks Garden Club
- 15% Home Tour Operation Fund Carryover
- 20% Garden Oaks Civic Club General Fund
- 40% Garden Oaks Homeowners/Deed Restrictions Committee (formed by the Civic Club, September 1999)

I urge the community to support this allocation of funds in light of the events of the past few months.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (713) 695-7953.



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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1st and 3rd Tuesday
North of West 43rd St.

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OCTOBER EVENTS

9th: Civic Club Meeting, 7:00 PM
G.O. Elementary School

14th: Garden Club, 7:00 PM
Call for location 713-869-6534

18th: Home Tour Committee, 7:00 PM
733 W. 42nd Street

30th: Deed Restrictions Coe, 7:00 PM
G.O. Elementary School



October 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14 Garden Club 7:00 PM	15	16
17	18 Home Tour Committee Choirs 7:00 PM	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Deed Restrictions Committee 7:00 PM
31 Halloween/ End of Daylight Savings Time	<p><i>"Behold cogent Autumn comes, the Sabbath of the year!"</i> —Logan</p>					