



# Garden Oaks

A publication of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Gazette

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## Civic Club Minutes

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Club meetings or from Craig to request improvements in the neighborhood to be done by the City. Exxon. The new Exxon on Yale and 30th streets is having a grand opening on Wed. Feb. 4th. All residents are invited to attend.

**Gift.** Terry Jeanes gave a donation to GO COP in honor of Bill and Judy Chastain, long-time residents who have recently relocated out of town. Their contribution to the neighborhood will be missed.

**Budget.** Craig presented the 1998 Civic Club budget for discussion. After discussion, several changes in the budget were suggested by those present. Those changes will be incorporated in the budget to be printed in the March Gazette for approval at the March Civic Club meeting. It was suggested that the 1997 actuals be printed next to the 1998 projected budget as a point of reference.

**Civic Club Documents.** Craig requested any old Civic Club minutes, Gazettes or other records from previous years. This is part of an effort to archive all Civic Club documents together and to pass them along to each new administration.

**Presentation.** Due to the late hour, Tom Stell agreed to speak at a later (possibly March) meeting.

Refreshments were supplied by Terry Jeanes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## Plans for 1998 Home and Garden Tour Moving Along

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17th from noon to 6:00 p.m. for the 1998 Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour. Pre-sale tickets will be available at the March 3rd Civic Club meeting, and by March 15th at area retail locations including Kaplan's on Yale, Jim's Corner on Wakefield at Alba and Coldwell Banker United REALTORS on Katy Freeway at Echo Lane with additional retail locations to be announced. Pre-sale tickets will again be \$8, and tickets purchased the day of the event will be \$10. Tickets may also be purchased through the mail by sending your check along with your name, address and phone number to Judi Morawski, 907 W. 42nd Street, Houston, TX 77018.

Fundraising Chairperson Susan Kostelecky reports a great start on the sale on sponsorships with five commitments for \$500 sponsorships, five for \$250 sponsorships, and two possible \$1,000 shared corporate sponsorships. Pat Walker and Judy Camp with Prudential Premier Properties and Judi Morawski with Coldwell Banker United REALTORS Memorial office presented the first checks for their \$250 sponsorship. Sponsorships are available from a \$5,000 sole corporate sponsorship, \$1,000 shared corporate sponsorship and other levels of \$250 and below. Please contact Susan Kostelecky at 697-4110 for more information. If you are a florist and would like to provide a floral sponsorship for a tour home please call Shana Tatum at 699-4166.

Tina Rowe, Raffle Chairperson, has great plans for an exciting raffle event this year with a commitment from Southwest Airlines for tickets. She and M T Herring will put together a terrific trip package along with many other great raffle items. Raffle tickets will also be available at the March Civic Club meeting for \$1 each.

Brenda de Alba, Volunteer Chairperson, is coordinating the volunteers to make this a successful event, so please call her at 694-5934 if you can help. We need ticket takers, docents, shuttle drivers and assistants to name a few. Volunteers will receive a FREE 1998 Garden Oaks Home & Garden Tour T-shirt... so call Brenda today!

Sheila Briones has designed a new logo and is working hard on putting together an exciting graphics package including posters, tickets, T-shirts, stationery and promotional materials.

Ralph and Charlotte Hayes through their company, DataVoice Technology, have volunteered to provide us with a voice mail box for our information line. If you have any questions or need more information please call 713-267-7800.

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**Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes**

by Andrea Spiering, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Officers in attendance: Craig Lee, Shelly Immel, Tom Stell, Ann Spiering and Meredith Jenkins. Minutes from the January meeting were approved by acclamation as they were printed in the February Gazette. Approximately 26 residents were in attendance.

**Committee Reports.**

**Constable Program.** Paul Brinley. The status of the Constable Program and the need to increase participation in this voluntary program were discussed. Only 170 homes of the approx. 465 homes in Section 1 and 1A are currently paying to support the Program. The contract runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31, but is payable on a monthly basis (\$3486 per month). If participation and funding does not increase, we are in danger of losing our Constable. Discussion followed on ways to increase participation.

**Beautification.** Brenda de Alba. Two work days are scheduled for the Boulevard: March 21st for flower bed preparation and April 4th for planting flowers. Any volunteers are welcome, even for an hour.

**Citizens on Patrol.** Carl Waters. Two crimes were reported in Garden Oaks for Nov. 1997; six for Dec. 1997. For all of 1997, 46 crimes were reported, a decrease of 3 from 1996. Volunteer of the month, Bob Bewley, was congratulated.

**Home Tour.** Judi Morawski. A volunteer sign-up sheet was available at the meeting. Currently the Committee has found four \$500 sponsors, three \$250 sponsors and possibly two at the \$1000 level. Next meeting is Tues, Feb. 10th, at Susan Kostelecky's home. Anyone interested is invited to come or to call Judi.

**Gazette.** Meredith Jenkins. Meredith asked for comments on the Gazette. As editor, she would like to see more contributions from residents. The deadline for any contributions is the 6th of each month for the next month's issue.

**Programs.** Terry Jeanes. Next month's speaker will be Allison Edwards Smith, the liason for Memorial NW Hospital.

**Graham Park.** Ann Spiering. Ann asked for residents to contact Park & Rec. to complain about the lack of lighting in Graham Park and the lack of drainage. The lights have been out since the last week of Oct. Repairs have not been made by Parks & Rec. due to the flooding in the park.

**Old Business.** None.

**New Business.**

**Capital Improvement Plan Requests.** Forms are available at Civic

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## President's Message

by Craig Lee, 1998 Civic Club President

Calling all former officers and committees of the Garden Oaks Civic Club. I'm looking for a little more of the Garden Oaks Civic Club's history. Specifically, I would like to form a committee to locate, organize and store old documents relating to the Garden Oaks Civic Club. Most particularly, I would like to locate old Civic Club minutes, Gazettes, contracts and agreements, photographs, and membership information. Many of us who have spent a year or more in some Civic Club position probably have accumulated at least a few of these old documents, photos and Gazettes. But maybe in transition, the old papers remained at your house—ostensibly because we didn't want to burden the new officer with a bunch of "old" paperwork. And, since the Civic Club has no formal process for storing those old papers, we didn't quite know what to do with them. Now they may be the same box they've been in for year, in the garage or attic. But, you know, they is probably a lot of interesting history in some of those papers. And I'd like to organize and store all that history.

If you have some old Civic Club-related papers, anything, please give me a call (713-227-1100 at the office, 802-0079 at home). I really want to hear from you. Also if you are interested in helping in this project, I would like you to call me. Happy hunting!

Today, I will be attending the "Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony" for the Grand Opening of the Exxon Food Store/Gas Station/Car Wash on the corner of Yale and 610. I presume that for marketing purposes, the Exxon address is listed as 202 N. Loop West. But it is still a part of Garden Oaks and was officially laid out as a W. 30th location when Section I was plotted. Anyway, it doesn't really matter that much to me.

I admit, I've patronized this station of a few occasions. And, by the standards I've typically seen for this type of business, this particular location is really pretty decent. It has pleasant music playing out in the gas filling area. And the store is clean and spacious. The clerks have always treated me nicely without knowing me. And, best of all, I like the no alcoholic beverage policy at this location for some

reason. By-the-way, they serve pretty good coffee there too. Thankfully, this Exxon store has committed a decent amount of money to assist the Section I constable patrol program.

In our next meeting (Tuesday, March 3rd - 7 p.m. at Garden Oaks Elementary School), we will be reviewing and hopefully approving the budget set forth in this issue of the Gazette. Please review the budget and prepare any questions for the meeting. As always, fun child care—my son actually likes going—is available and will cost you just one dollar per kid. Our guest speaker will be Tom Stell. I look forward to your participation then.

## Great Gift Idea For Mother's Day

Beginning at the March Civic Club meeting, members of the Garden Club will take orders for potted pentas. Pentas are a tropical perennial that grow easily in Houston. They thrive in full sun and are a butterfly and hummingbird magnet. They come in several colors (reds, pinks, and white) and an assortment of colors will be sold. The plants are covered in tiny, star-shaped blooms which last several seasons. Mine began blooming in September and are still covered in red flowers, despite the cold weather and my neglect.

The Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour will take place May 17th. Pentas placed on your front porch or walk will be very noticeable from the street as people from all over Houston travel through our neighborhood. Imagine the look of streets lined with bright blooms! Once the Home Tour is over, pentas can be removed from the pots and planted in a sunny spot in your yard.

Seven-inch pots will be sold for \$10 each. In addition to sales taken at both the March and April Civic Club meetings, Garden Club members will be traversing the street taking orders. All orders must be taken by April 10th. If you would like more information about pentas or would like to place an order, please call Janice at 869-6534.



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## Education Corner

Welcome to the Garden Oaks Education Corner! Garden Oaks

children attend a variety of different schools — some are near by, others require a drive in traffic. Some are public schools, others are private. This space is a way for you to learn about different schools and the opportunities available for children from Elementary through High School. We would like to hear from any school attended by Garden Oaks residents. If you would like your school represented here, please call Ann Spiering, 862-6138, with a contact person's name and phone number and we will try to include them in future editions.

Deadlines for submission are the 6th of every month for the next month's issue.

## Garden Oaks Elementary

It's that time of year again! Time to round up the little ones for next school year. If you have a child who will be 3,4 or 5 before September 1, 1998, then you need to pick up an application for enrollment in one of the three programs Garden Oaks Elementary has to offer.

### ADVANCED KINDERGARTEN CLASS

There will be an Advanced Kindergarten Class rather than a SIGHTS Kindergarten class next year. HISD students will no longer take a test to determine if they are Gifted or Talented (G/T) until the Kindergarten year. ALL Kindergarten students will take the G/T test in December of next year. The results of the test will

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## St. Rose of Lima

Are you interested in learning more about an excellent Catholic school serving families for 50 years? Join us on Wednesday, March 4, 1998, from 8:30-10:00 am for a personal tour of our classrooms, library, and art, computer, music and physical education areas. You will experience the excitement of learning, the camaraderie of friendship and the excellence of teaching in a caring, challenging Christian environment. If your child will be four years of age by September 1, 1998, he/she is eligible for our Pre-K program; five years of age, our Kindergarten; and so on through grades five. The St. Rose of Lima faculty, staff, and administrator look forward to meeting you and answering your questions. For further information or to reserve your place for the Open House, please call us from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm at 713-692-9123. If you are interested in infant and toddler programs, please contact our accredited Early Childhood Center at 713 692-9123.

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be used with other data for entering SIGHTS or the G/T program in first grade. Applications are available for students who will enter PK or kindergarten next year. Parents may pick these up in the office. Once the application is turned in, the office will call to set up a time for an "interview" for the Advance Kindergarten Class for 1998-99.

**MONTESSORI PROGRAM**

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON MARCH 2ND!!** Numbers will be given out at 7:00 am for those in line. Applications will be accepted at 8:30 am. For any children NEW to the program, parents should pick up an application NOW. (If you have a student in the program now, you do not need to apply again for that child). Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis beginning March 2. There are a limited number of spaces in the program, so apply early and be prepared to stand in line.

The most spaces will be available for 3 and 4 year olds. There will be some space for 5 - 10,

and even 11 year olds. The Montessori Program is one of two programs on our campus that meets the requirements for serving Gifted/Talented students. The classes are appropriate for all students. Call or come by the office for an application!

**Oak Forest Elementary**

Oak Forest Elementary School is surrounded by tall pine trees at 1401 West 43rd Street, Oak Forest Community. Oak Forest is a "Recognized School" with exemplary progress. This neighborhood school takes pride in being the only school in the Northwest District to be selected as a:

- school of the Partnership School Initiative - designed to encourage innovative practices for student success.

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Watch for more information about Oak Forest Elementary in next month's *Gazette!*



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# Beautification Report

by Brenda de Alba

BLOOM ALERT on the Esplanade!! The Pink Stardust Star Magnolias and the Loropetalum shrubs (Chinese witch hazel) have been blooming since early January. Then in early February the Banana Magnolias began their bloom cycle. Look for the Texas Redbuds and the Bridal Wreath Spireas ...they're already budding.

As I mentioned last month, we have two more Esplanade workdays planned for March 21st and April 4th. See the flyer in this month's *Gazette*.

We plan on tackling two more beautification projects this year, which I've described below.

•Install an irrigation system and plantings for the triangle park located at Azalea and Sue Barnett (Section 3)

•Develop the entrance park on 34th Street (Section 1). Janice Walden & Sheila Briones have volunteered to be co-captains for this park and have developed a preliminary plan. A bed of antique roses will span the east side of the park with azaleas and camellias being planted in beds amongst the trees. Several ailing trees will be removed and an irrigation system will be installed.

Thanks to whoever gave the Crape Myrtles in the Gazebo Park their yearly trimming. Your generous act is most appreciated!

I received several calls from neighbors wanting to donate ground covers (Mondo grass or Liriope) and plants from their gardens for the Esplanade. If you have some plants to offer, I'd still

love to hear from you! I also received 2 calls from people wanting to make monetary donations to the project. I'm not having the coupon included any longer, but donations can still be sent to me at 858 LaMonte...just be sure your check is made out to Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Hope to see you on March 21st!!

## Citizen's Patrol

by Carl Waters, Jr.

The end of the year crime stats, as recorded by HPD were not particularly pleasing. Three crimes were reported in November and five were reported in December.

The November crimes, two burglaries, occurred 11/12/97 in the 200 block of West 30 Street at 9:00 a.m. and the second occurred on 11/22/97 in the 700 block of West 42 Street at 11:00 a.m. and one burglary of a Motor Vehicle which occurred in the 700 block of Sue Barnett on 11/29/97 at midnight. The December crimes were two burglaries, one occurring on 12/24/97 in 800 block of West 30 Street at 2:00 p.m. and the other occurred 12/31/97 in the 700 block of Sue Barnett at 6:50 p.m. A burglary of motor vehicles occurring 12/22/97 in the 500 block of Azaleadell at 3:00 a.m. Two auto thefts which occurred 12/21/97 in the 300 block of West 32 Street at 9:30 p.m. and 12/31/97 in the 600 block of West 34 Street at 9:00 p.m were also reported.

For the year there was a total of 46 crimes reported by HPD for the

neighborhood. This is down three crimes from last year. Unfortunately, patrol hours were also down from 1081 in 1996 to 931 last year. This is a substantial drop of which we need to be careful as criminals become aware when we are out less and they will become more active. If you are still waiting or wanting to put something back into the community, consider volunteering for our program.

Once again I would like to recognize two patrollers who provided a substantial of the hour turned in last year. Bill and Mary Hines contributed a combined total of 379.5 hours last year. That was approximately 41% of the reported hours by the patrol program. Thank you Bill and Mary for your outstanding support of the patrol program and your tireless efforts.

In last month's *Gazette*, there was an error in one of the emergency numbers to call. This information is reprinted below. Please feel free to clip it out and place it in a conspicuous place.

### Emergency Numbers

- To report a crime in progress or other emergency  
**Dial 911**
- For other non-emergency calls to the Houston Police Department, call  
713 222-3131
- For the fire dispatch, call  
713 227-2323
- For ambulance dispatch, call  
713 222-3434



Garden Oaks Civic Club  
1998 Budget

## Loose Dogs Roam Streets of Garden Oaks

Several residents in Garden Oaks have voiced their concerns and complaints about loose dogs running through the neighborhood. According to one resident, this problem has increased at an alarming rate in the past few years. Recently, the same four dogs have been roaming everyday in one area of the neighborhood.

One resident experienced a terrible loss due to two dogs — one large black and one medium white. After being continually chased away from tormenting a family cat, the dogs returned and killed the little cat while he was in the family's yard.

To all dog owners: Please remember that there is a leash law in Houston. For both the safety of others, as well as that of your own dogs, please be courteous of your fellow residents and do not allow your dogs to roam the neighborhood without the benefit of a leash. Many residents have stated that they have been hesitant to call the city in the past to get the animals taken away, but are to the point now that they can't let it go on any longer.

Tom Stell, Account Executive-  
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Revenues		1998 Budget	1997 Budget	1997 Actual
Gazette	Advertising <sup>(1)</sup>	9,000		4,413
Beautification	Esplanade Contributions <sup>(2)</sup>	4,999		1,636
Home Tour	Sales & Sponsorship	7,150	4,000	15,626
Membership	Dues & Program Contributions	7,300	6,500	6,214
Executive	Interest Revenue	185		253
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>28,634</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>28,142</b>
Expenditures		1998 Budget	1997 Budget	1997 Actual
Gazette				
	Purchase Scanner/Fax	600		
	Printing & Distribution (adding 4 pages)	10,000	4,200	6,695
Beautification			7,011	14,192
	Finish Esplanade	2,600		
	Triangle Park	1,300		
	Entrance circle park on 34th (irrigation, trees, plants...)	2,700		
	Entrance sign work (carryover)	1,914	2,447	33
	Plantings & maintenance	948		
Home and Garden Tour		7,150	4,000	7,210
	Contribution: Friends of Montessori			839
	Contribution: Garden Oaks Elementary			839
	Contribution: Garden Oaks Garden Club			1,677
	Contribution: St. Rose of Lima			838
Membership - Welcoming Package, Dues Envelopes		650	1,100	-
Citizens on Patrol		350	600	250
Executive - Meetings & Administration		1,500	1,300	2,765
Pledges from Dues <sup>(3)</sup>				
	Garden Oaks Garden Club	706		
	Friends of Montessori	400		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>30,818</b>	<b>20,658</b>	<b>35,338</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Budget</b>		<b>(2,184)</b>	<b>(10,158)</b>	<b>(7,196)</b>

**NOTES:**

- (1) Projected advertising revenue increase from adding 4 pages to the Gazette, from higher ad rates, and from improved collections.  
 (2) The Esplanade Contribution for \$4,999 is the City Grant reimbursement.  
 (3) The amounts pledged as "additional funding assistance" on Membership Registration Forms.



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## Old-Fashion Gardening Lore

by Brenda de Alba

- To water house plants while on vacation, place one layer of bricks in the bathtub. Fill tub almost to the top of the bricks. Set plants on bricks. For outdoor potted plants, the same principal works with a child's swimming pool.

- When ferns turn yellow, slice a raw potato and put on top of the soil. This will draw out the worms, which are usually responsible for such conditions.

- Dried dog food contains many of the same nutrients found in organic fertilizers such as blood meal and bone meal. For an added boost, work it into the soil when planting or sprinkle it around growing plants.

- To remedy brown spots in your lawn caused by dog urine: Place two cups of ordinary lime in a discarded one gallon milk jug and fill it with water. Pour about one cup of lime water on the area where the dog urinates. Refill the bottle with water everyday, and add lime so that there is an adequate supply of it that has not dissolved in the bottom of the jug.

- If you really want stupendous shrubs, think twice before you throw out your coffee grounds — they are a valuable organic soil conditioner. Coffee grounds added to your shrubs will result in healthier, more vigorous plants. Azaleas and all flowering spring shrubs will benefit from fall and winter applications of coffee grounds.

- Dry, crunched egg shells, added to any planting mix, will provide a quick calcium fix.

## Garden Club Announces Program For 1998



Diana Coldiron, 1998 Garden Club Vice-President, announced the scheduled programs for this year at the last Garden Club meeting. Several exciting field trips have been planned throughout the year and many informational speakers have agreed to speak at the regular meetings. This year Garden Club members will definitely gain ample plant knowledge as well as network with other neighbors and well-known gardeners.

At our February meeting, Joshua from Joshua's Native Plants spoke about Salvias. Members came away not only with new information about these colorful plants, but some even left with beautiful Salvia plants given away by Joshua. Salvias grow well in our area and are wonderful plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

At the March meeting, Margaret Sharpe from the Texas Rose Rustlers is scheduled to give a presentation about Antique Roses. At our September meeting Sally Squire, a well-known expert on bulbs, will speak about bulb gardening just in time for the Houston Bulb Mart in October. Other topics that are planned for this year include presentations in May on gingers and ferns in July.

In addition to our annual Holiday Party in December, we will embrace the holiday season by making holiday crafts in November.

An exciting field trip to the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham, Texas has been planned for March. A trip to Ema Farms in Tomball and the Houston Bulb Mart in October are also on the schedule. Two work days on Friendship Garden, a small green space on 30th and Lawrence in Section one, are planned, too — one in April and the other in October. This year, the Garden Club also has plans to hold a Gardening Workshop for Kids during June.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club, please come to our next meeting Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Meredith Jenkins' house — 855 West 43rd Street. You may also call Janice Walden, 1998 Garden Club President, at 869-6534 for more information. We would love to have you join us!



February  
Yard of the Month  
goes to  
Tom and Carol Hazel  
803 Lamonte  
Congratulations!



# Message from the Editor

by Meredith Jenkins, Editor

Hopefully, in the months to come, you will begin seeing some changes and additions to your monthly *Gazette*. With approval of the proposed budget at the March Civic Club meeting, the now eight page *Gazette* will expand to twelve pages. Not only will this allow for increased advertising space (in other words, more revenue for the Civic Club & community) but will also enable us to include more columns, articles and feature stories. My vision is to make the *Gazette* more of a neighborhood newsletter. I feel that it is an important marketing tool, not only enticing others to become a part of our community, but also serving as a reminder to ourselves what a wonderful neighborhood we all live in.

I see the purpose of the *Gazette* as more than to simply inform Garden Oaks about current issues in the neighborhood. I would like to shift the focus of the *Gazette* from minutes and business to people and events. Everything that is currently a regular column in each month's issue (President's Letter, Civic Club Minutes, etc.) will continue to appear in every issue. In addition, I would like to include sections on neighborhood news, birthdays and anniversaries, new owners in the neighborhood, gardening articles, feature stories on residents, home of the month, and restaurants reviews. Here is where I need help from you. If you have any suggestions about other columns that should be included each month, please let me know. This is OUR community newsletter, and I want it to show others how cohesive we are as a neighborhood. I welcome your input.

In addition, if you have any news that you would like included, please send me the information. For example, if your children/grandchildren or any other kids you know accomplished something you are proud of, you just went on an interesting trip or had an interesting visitor at your house, babies born, couples married... I think you get the idea.

One last thing: with an increase in space comes an increase in the involvement/time to create each issue. If you would like to help interview residents, write restaurant reviews, draw a cartoon, or contribute any other column to the *Gazette* I urge you to call me. Any help from you will be greatly appreciated. If you like to interview, but don't really care to write the actual article or vice versa, please call me regardless. We can make arrangements that will work.

Below, I have listed several ways that you can contact me. Watch in future issues for a fax number. I look forward to hearing from you!

697-5654 Home  
853-2062 Work  
855 West 43rd St. (Section 3, 3rd house East of Alba)  
email: [jjenkins@mail.db.uth.tmc.edu](mailto:jjenkins@mail.db.uth.tmc.edu)



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# March 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 GO Elem. Montessori Applications Due	3 Civic Club Mtg 7 p.m. GO Elementary	4 St. Rose of Lima Open House 8:30- 10:00 am	5 Curbside Recycling 	6 <i>Gazette</i> Deadline	7
8	9	10 Home & Garden Tour Meeting 7 p.m. 859 Azalea	11	12 Garden Club 6:30 p.m. 855 West 43rd St. 697-5654	13	14
15	16	17 Heavy Trash Pick- up St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 Curbside Recycling 	20 Spring Equinox	21 Esplanade Work Day: Bed Preparation
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Durham Elementary PTA Carnival 11-3
29	30	31				

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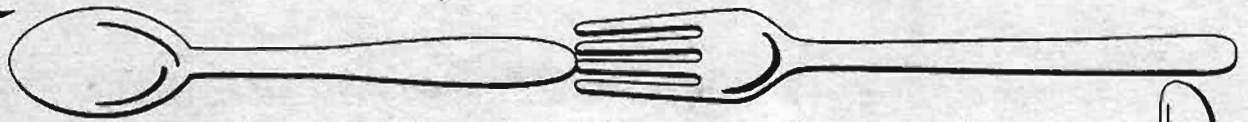
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