

# Garden Oaks Gazette

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GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH 3206 NORTH SHEPHERD

APRIL, 1988

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

You're invited to join us at the next Civic Club Meeting, APRIL 5, 1988, at 7 P.M. David Veselka, our resident Expert Bird Watcher, will present a slide show on the amazing variety of feathered friends who call Garden Oaks home.

HOME TOUR 88 promises to be the greatest yet. Please come tour on SUNDAY, APRIL 10. Tickets are on sale at Garden Oaks Video. If you would like to help with neighborhood ticket sales, please call Danese McWhorter (864-6021). We will be selling the limited edition, signed and numbered Silk Screens at the Civic Club meeting, as well as at the Home Tour. Additionally, we have the opportunity to weave a welcoming thread of color throughout our neighborhood with red geraniums on our front porches from the TOUCH OF GREEN. Participate!

Is your name on our membership drive tree, yet? Go by Garden Oaks Blvd. and find your name. Show your friends! Join us by becoming a member in 1988.

*Grace*  
GRACE

## HOME TOUR

It's finally here! The long awaited GARDEN OAKS HOME TOUR will take place on SUNDAY, APRIL 10 from Noon until 5:00 P.M. Come spend "An Afternoon In The Woods" with your family and friends and enjoy six fabulous homes with beautiful landscaping. This is your Civic Club's biggest fund raiser for the year. Proceeds will go to the Beautification Committee, to make Garden Oaks an even better place to live. Tickets can be purchased at the April 5th Civic Club Meeting, at Garden Oaks Video - 38th and N. Shepherd, or on the day of the tour at any tour home. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

One of the highlights of the tour will be located on the grounds of Garden Oaks Elementary School. A bright awning, donated by LINDA REICHLER of COLLABORATIONS, will be set up and everyone is invited to stop and enjoy! The Garden Club will have delicious baked goods for sale and the Garden Oaks Volleyball team will have drinks available, along with some nifty t-shirts, and also popcorn. A festive atmosphere will be created by the free balloons provided by the MARY KAY CONSULTANTS in our area. Of interest to everyone, will be a Garden Oaks Information Booth which will include a photo display of Beautification Committee projects. This booth will also be on the school grounds.

Come enjoy the tour and don't forget to stop for eats and drinks (or a quick game of volleyball). Join in on this celebration of our great neighborhood.

### NEEDED

### VOLUNTEERS TO PARTY!!

WHERE: Garden Oaks Elementary School  
Grounds opposite Garden Oaks  
Blvd.

WHEN: Home Tour 88 - Sun. April 10.

### NEED PEOPLE TO:

- A. Sell Drinks
- B. Sign Up New Civic Club Members
- C. Sell Posters
- D. Garden Club Bake Sale -  
everybody please bake something-  
Call Lana Miller (862-5726)
- E. Sell Home Tour Tickets
- F. Play Volleyball Continuously

Sign up for some time. Commit to some FUN.

CALL: Marian Mabry - 956-9469  
Danese McWhorter - 864-6021 Ticket Sale:  
Lana Miller - 862-5726 Bake Sale



## CRITTER CORNER

Has anyone seen any Martins yet? Usually the scouts have arrived by now. Maybe they got busy eating killer bees in Mexico and forgot to migrate.

At the March meeting of the Civic Club, Andrea Spiering of W. 34th Street and Martha Kennedy of W. 31st Street each received owl boxes. We have heard numerous reports of owls being back in their boxes, and we wonder if they ever left? My wife and I observed two owls taking a bath in the birdbath one evening at around 8:00 P.M. Actually, one was bathing -- the other one was on lookout.

At the April Civic Club meeting we will be in for a treat: David Veselka will be our Guest Speaker, and his topic will be strictly for the birds (David is an expert birder and a member of the Audubon Society). Don't miss this special evening of bird lore!

Yes, this is the perfect time to clean out your owl box in preparation for the imminent nesting season. We do not suggest that you climb up and reach a hand into your box to yank out last year's nest. No telling what is napping in there. Try this approach: remove the small screw at the bottom of the front of the box, and gently swing the bottom open on it's hinges. Then climb back down the ladder and let gravity do the rest. It may take the old nest a few days to drop, but that's better than having a squirrel spit in your eye. Wait a week or so, then climb back up and close the bottom, replacing the screw. You'll be more inclined to get a nesting pair of owls if the old nest is removed.

Frances Supka reported seeing an owl in her box recently, as did Grace Blair and Robert Mulkey. Robert lives on Roanok Drive. In Abilene, Texas.

It's not too early to be thinking about our August Garden Oaks Tree contest. If you have a beauty that you'd like to nominate, call me at 680-9598. Come summer we'll send a panel of expert judges around to examine all the nominees and choose winners in several categories.

David Horsley



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OH, THOSE FINISHING TOUCHES....

Let's all welcome our friends and neighbors to Home Tour 88 with a common showing of red geraniums. A pot or two on the front porch or wherever you welcome friends. "A TOUCH OF GREEN" on Ella Blvd. (next to Burger King), has agreed to have a special price for those who mention they're from Garden Oaks. Save your receipt and turn it in at the Refreshment Stop the day of Home Tour, or bring them to the Civic Club meeting, and "A TOUCH OF GREEN" will give the Civic Club a rebate.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Michael Bruns	3 Yrs.	April 4
Sammie Broadrick	39 Yrs.	April 7
Jeannette Scruggs	13 Yrs.	April 12
Phillip Kennedy	2 Yrs.	April 14
John Tharp	2 Yrs.	April 22
Leah Parkhill	2 Yrs.	April 28
Amanda Weed	1 Yr.	April 30

SCHOOL NEWS

Garden Oaks Elementary School is pleased to invite all interested neighbors to a Parent Information Coffee April 8 at 9:30 A.M. and April 22 at 9:30 A.M. at the school. Individual tours and classroom observations will be available.



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THANK YOU:

James Doyle and Board of Trustees - for their interesting and informative Forum.

Judy Camp and Garden Oaks Properties - for providing copies of Deed Restrictions at the Civic Club meeting.

Larry Nordstrom - for his generous efforts toward beautifying our neighborhood. Garden Oaks Blvd. looks great with the numerous azaleas and trees he planted.

Woody Mehrkam - for his time and talents in making the Membership Drive Oak Tree. Has your family name been added yet?

HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

Jeanette Scruggs has been quite a busy girl. Between representing F. M. Black Middle School at the District 13 Spelling Bee, and getting 1st place in Chemistry at the District 13 Science Fair, how did she ever find time to practice her 1st place alto sax solo for the HISD Solo and Ensemble Contest?

The Civic Club membership is now up to 250 families from the 170 families we had last month. Let's keep up the good work.

Sammie Broadrick and his Boy Scouts will deliver the bags for their annual Food Drive on May 7, and the Scouts will pick them up May 14.

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