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MAY, 1988

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Where were you when the lights went out? Civic Club members in attendance weren't quite finished yet! Come join us for the MAY SUPER SOUP and SALAD SPECIALTY DINNER PARTY Tuesday, May 3, 1988. We'll have a brief business meeting, including a Home Tour presentation to our home owners. Bring a dish of your best soup or salad and join us.

Home Tour '88... what a great success. In addition to the financial profit, there were many other rewards resulting from our combined efforts. The publicity for our neighborhood was terrific, more neighbors worked together toward our goals than ever, Civic Club membership increased, and we have some fine Tour Home signs. Best of all, we have a firm foundation on which to build an annual Home Tour tradition. Congratulations, Terry Weinberger, Home Tour '88 Chair, on a job very well done. Terry is organizing a Home Tour '89 Planning Committee at the May Civic Club meeting. With a year to do what Terry accomplished in two months, Garden Oaks will be an even greater winner!

The Membership Drive is progressing steadily. Come on you holdouts! An 800-Member Civic Club can do what's impossible for an itty bitty organization. (Anyone seen the top half of our tree?)

Finally, an invitation: The Garden Oaks Babysitting CoOp is having a Children's Parade Saturday, May 7, 1988 at 10 A.M. beginning on Garden Oaks Boulevard. Gather your family, find a spot with a good view of the Boulevard and come join the fun.

It was good to have all of you newcomers at Civic Club last month. Come back and try out your neighbors' cooking in May. We hope to see you all there!

GRACE

A Message From the Tour Chairman:

On behalf of the Civic Club and myself, I would like to thank the following for their help in making the 1988 Home Tour a success:

A BIG THANK YOU -

to the homeowners for the time and effort spent on making their homes "shine":

- Darla and Rick Englert
- Barbara and Ralph Smith
- Cindy and Gary Weed
- Connie and Andy DiRaddo
- Judy Strider
- Bill Green and Randall Dickerson.

to the tour chairpersons whose support and hard work was invaluable: Marian Mabry, Grace Blair, Linda Reichle, Shirley and Jeff Ralston, Carolyn Gorski and Danese McWhorter.

to the people who volunteered their special talents when needed: Barbara Kennetti, John Everett, Ralph Smith, Peggy Kramer, Linda Ross, Terry Jeans, Anne Wheat, Yasuko Kawabe, Jim Alexander, Gary Harmon, Ric Luck and Willard Mills.

to the many people who worked at the homes and refreshment site on the day of the tour, and to those who walked their block to sell tickets.

and to the businesses and organizations that allowed Home Tour '88 to become a reality: Garden Oaks Video, Collaborations, Nuts Etc, Garden Oaks Properties, Newton's Wholesale Nursery, Legato, Century 21-Bill Hartman, Statewide Title, Regency Title, Home Depot, Rosenfield Sign Co., Garden Oaks Garden Club, Beautification Committee, and Volleyball players.

Thanks to all,

Terry Weinberger

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CRITTER CORNER

By

David T. Horsley

Recently while driving through Garden Oaks I observed two of my neighbors pointing a rifle at something in a tree. I couldn't make out what they were shooting at or why, and my curiosity got the best of me so I pulled over to watch.

Most of the truly dangerous animals were cleaned out of Garden Oaks years ago, so I couldn't imagine what these gents could be firing at. Maybe they had chased a rat up a tree, I thought. At the first report of the gun I saw that it was only a pellet gun, one of those pump-up types, and not a real bullet-shooting rifle. The men were smiling and talking as they stalked around under the tree to try and get a clear line of fire.

Apparently whatever they were shooting at didn't realize they only had a pellet gun, because it was moving around in the treetops and causing the men below to keep moving to keep it in sight. I still couldn't make the creature out myself. I began to feel uncomfortable, thinking that maybe they were trying to kill an owl and I would have to get out of the truck and take the rifle away from them. These were mature gentlemen, roughly my father's age.

At the next report of the rifle I finally saw what was being shot; a squirrel came charging down a branch, bounced off several others and went flying up another one. I had never seen a squirrel move that fast. The bottom half of the squirrel was bright red, from his chin to his tail.

I wondered how many pellets the unfortunate squirrel had taken. Three? Five? A dozen? Of course, the hunters could have fetched the 12-gauge shotgun and finished the job with one shot, as I myself have done on occasion during legal squirrel season. But perhaps these hunters considered themselves sportsmen, and maybe it added to their feeling of excitement and sport to bring down an animal slowly with a dozen shots instead of one quick one. Besides, firing a shotgun at a squirrel in Garden Oaks is clearly illegal, as any sportsman knows, and might attract attention.

The rifle spoke again and the squirrel broke cover, leaping to the trunk of a tall pine tree and heading straight up, although somewhat slower than before. The man with the gun followed his fleeing target through the sights but couldn't get off a shot. After peering up the tree for a minute, the two men went back into the house, shaking their heads and smiling.

The squirrel was left to die high up in the tree. No doubt he would bleed to death soon and perhaps tumble out in a day or so. Then the men would pluck him from the lawn and set him out with their other garbage on Friday or Tuesday.

One less dangerous varmint in our neighborhood.



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THE GRINCH WHO STOLE?

The Grinch came early this year and he stole our Membership Tree!! I am puzzled as to what use our tree would have to the Grinch.

The plywood Membership Tree was neatly plucked from it's trunk late Friday, April 8, with almost 300 Civic Club members' names on it. The tree represented the progress our organization has made in making Garden Oaks a great place to live.

Maybe the Grinch will use the 300 names for a mass-mailing, or perhaps he lives in West University or River Oaks and doesn't want anyone to find out how wonderful Garden Oaks is. We will not, however, let this Grinch spoil our membership drive. For those neighbors who haven't paid their dues, it's not too late. For those of you who are already members of the Civic Club, talk to a friend about all the excitement. Please fill out the Membership Form on the back of your Gazette, and help us KEEP GARDEN OAKS GREAT!

Ric Luck
Membership Chairman

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Darla, Trey &
Rick Englert

For our children's sake, your sake, our sake and for God's sake!!!

Please slow down before somebody really gets hurt.
Rick Englert

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Adam Chany	1 Year	May 2
Rachel Tharp	1 Year	May 6
Christopher Eckert	3 Years	May 10
Allyson Mabry	8 Years	May 17
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Beautification Committee Report:

Spring Cleanup was a great success this year! Richard Lipham and his crew installed new Garden Oaks signs at Durham and 30th, and 30th and Lawrence Streets. Others prepared beds and planted Liriope around entry signs. What a difference some landscaping makes! Bill Montgomery, Rick Luck, Jim Alexander, and Sammie Broadrick and his team of volunteer boyscouts, tackled the overwhelming project of cleaning up the focal points in the neighborhood. Many more dedicated residents offered their time and energy. Thank you all for your hard work and care! It makes all the difference.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed lunch (courtesy of the Garden Club) at Rose Fitch's home. Fall Cleanup can be even more successful with your help!

A few residents deserve special recognition for mowing esplanades the day before Home Tour: Jery and Martha Kennedy, Gary Harmon and Sammie Broadrick. Thanks to their efforts our neighborhood looked wonderful!

The Beautification Committee encourages new membership. New members add fresh ideas to ongoing projects. Contact me at work (778-2382) for information about the committee or projects. May's Beautification meeting will be announced at the Civic Club meeting. Come to the Civic Club meeting and get involved! Have an impact on your neighborhood's future.

Lisa Miller, Chairman
Garden Oaks Beautification Committee

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Backyard Tour - May 12, 1988 6 P.M.

The Backyard Tour will begin at 1050 W. 42nd There will be 3 yards within walking distance in Section 5; then we will drive back to Section 1 for 2 more backyards.

Three homes on Lawrence will be on the National Daylily Tour. The Keelings, the Shores and the Standards are busy working on their homes

Candy Foster was unanimously elected the new Treasurer of the Garden Club.

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A WARM THANK YOU TO:

David Veselka for the excellent "Bird" program at our last meeting.

Rick, Darla & Trey Englert for hosting the Civic Club's Home Tour '88 party.

bakers who contributed to the Garden Club's bake sale.

Anne Ness, Bell Katzer, Laura Bishop, Carol Smith and Taco Cabana for donating your time and cookies at the March meeting.

Gael Bell, Cheryl Luck, Pearl Lesiker, Kathy Marek, Linda Ross, Terry Weinberger and Safeway for bringing goodies to the April meeting.

HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

The Garden Oaks Men's City League Basketball Team won the City Tournament Championship. Rick Luck, Gary Weed, Gary Harmon, Phil Miller, Jeff Ralston, Bill Bishop, Larry Bierwirth and Jim Hall had a great season and appreciated their loyal fans.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristie Martinez, 4th grader at Garden Oaks Elementary, whose drawing was chosen to hang at the Armand Bayou Nature Center for the 5th Annual Student Nature Art Competition. Only 10% of the entries received were chosen.

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PHONE: - - - - -

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- () Neighborhood Cleanup () Beautification Project
- () Membership Drive () Refreshments for Meetings

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