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GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH 3206 NORTH SHEPHERD

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our July Meeting was my favorite kind - short and sweet, and everyone stayed and visited after taking care of the neighborhood business. I am glad to report that the speaker at our August Meeting will be ANGELICA MACIAS of the Texas Urban Forestry. She will address our concern for the safety of the trees along N. Shepherd during the present construction, and advise us on ways to protect these beautiful assets to Garden Oaks. Come to Civic Club TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1988 at 7 P.M., Garden Oaks Baptist Church.

We are looking forward to some more of the special touches of the Garden Oaks Beautification Committee. Gearing up for the new season of visible changes in our common areas, we welcome MARIAN MABRY as new Coordinator. Thank you Marian, and let's see some magic!

MARGARET HALL is chairing our fund raiser this Fall, a refreshment booth in the Heights Festival. We will have a "home base" at the Festival - that will make it even more fun to attend. Stay tuned for more news, and we appreciate your help, Margaret.

We hope to see you at Civic Club,

GRACE

GUESS WHAT'S NEW?

If you were'nt at the July Civic Club Meeting you may not know that we are participating, for the first time in the Heights Festival, "Sunday on the Boulevard". This will be on Oct. 2, from 12:30 - 6:30 P.M.

We were lucky to enter early enough to secure a spot as one of the food booths. This could be a great money-maker for us. The Festival is always a lot of fun with lots of food, entertainment and even a parade led by our Mayor.

It will be great to have a "home" booth to visit and meet at. Come join us. If you are interested in helping, call Margaret Hall, Committee Chairman, at 691-1576.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

James Mabry III	Aug 4	30-Something
Ben Ackerly	Aug 14	3 Years
Amy Marek	Aug 16	3 Years
Brooke Alexander	Aug 17	1 Year
Laura Rhea	Aug 17	4 Years
James Mabry IV	Aug 29	2 Years
Jim Lalonde	Jul 19	43 Years
Henry Supka	Jul 15	78 Years

HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

CONGRATULATIONS to JAMES VILLMAN of 407 W. 31st. who is the District Supervisor of new Blackeyed Pea Restaurant at 290 & 34th, scheduled to open at the end of August.

LOGAN MCWHORTER, CARSON EASTERLING and RYAN HALL who were chosen for their All Star teams. We already knew you were ALL-STARS!!

GEORGANN PAUL tied for 1st. Place in her age group at the Girlscout San Jacinto Council Strider Event doing 59 sit-ups in 1 minute.

The now-famous TOE TAPPERS OF SULLIVAN SCHOOL OF DANCE at 826 Wakefield, have returned from Disneyland VICTORIOUS! Despite stiff competition, they won 2 Second-Place trophies, and 2 Honorable-Mentions. CONGRATULATIONS!!

The SHERMAN FAMILY had a big reunion this Summer. Family members came in from California, Washington, Dallas and even the Bahamas. Hosts B.J. and Betty Kristoffersen, Donna & Dickey Laney, Doris and Butch Maggee and Helen Sherman all attended the 80th anniversary at Baptist Temple Church.



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ARVIL STEELE, of 312 W. 34th. St. has just received The Prisoner of War Medal from The Secretary of The Air Force. He retired from the Air Force after 30 years. Arvil survived the infamous Bataan Death March, and was a P.O.W. in Japan for 3½ years

Anyone else out there go to Wichita H.S. East in Wichita, Kansas? It seems two of our favorite Garden Oaks residents, David Horsley and Greg Tharp, met for the first time at their 20th H.S. reunion in Kansas last month. What a crazy, small world!

CONGRATULATIONS to NORA, BOB and BEN ACKERLY and the new addition to their family. SYDNEY EVE ACKERLY was born June 6.

Henry & Frances Supka celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on July 17th, and they have been Garden Oaks' residents since they bought their new home on W. 33rd Street 46 years ago.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Beautification Committee has completed, for all practical purposes, its three pilot projects. Those being the new sign and Oak Tree at 43rd & Apollo, the pocket park at Sue Barnett & Lamonte, and the new sign at the Section 1 entrance at 34th Street

Our hands are not idle, and we are about to storm again. Do you have an idea about some area that could benefit from the magic-wand of Garden Oaks? There is talk of a volunteer vegetable garden worked by all the neighbors interested in this type project. If you have any ideas on making this a reality, please let them be heard. Our next meeting will be FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, at 519 W. 32nd. Street. The meetings are short but dynamic and we would like as many present to vote as possible. Attending these meetings does not mean volunteering for any more time or labor; it does mean we want and need your ideas and vote. The meetings float from one neighbor's house to another. If you would like to have the meeting please call Marian Mabry at 956-9469. Come visit, this is a fast-paced sampling of our Community. We move in the direction of the energy.



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GARDEN OAKS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - '88

Next Meeting: Friday, August 12, 1988
Where: The Englert's-519 W. 32nd
When: 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

See you there!

BEAUTIFICATION WISH LIST

1. Landscape architect, designer, planner ... to help design The Boulevard.
2. Someone to help design a commemorative plaque.
3. Trees.

Contact: Marian Mabry
956-9469

Grace Blair
862-9623

*We are looking for quality child care
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*If you are interested, please call
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REAL ESTATE section 5, Welcome your new neighbor at 1070 W. 41st.
UPDATE 1022 W. 41 st is sold, look for new owners soon.
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THANK YOU:

RICK ENGLERT and RIC LUCK who were our Guest Editors last month when Martha Kennedy and Frances Supka (our invaluable typist) were on vacation. A tip of the hat to GARY WEED and his computer skills for speeding things up for us.

Beautification Committee for sharing funds with the Garden Club ... \$285 worth.

Fine women of the Garden Club who are putting that money toward landscaping materials for the Garden Club park at 30th and Lawrence. It will be quite an attraction by Home Tour '89.

All those folks who have turned in piles of the Safeway receipts to Cindy Weed. We have another \$100 toward Civic Club in the works. We're still unsure of the status of this rebate program with Safeway's new owners, so keep those receipts coming.

MRS. SHIPLEY of SHIPLEY'S DONUTS for our June Civic Club snacks.

FIESTA, NANCY & ROBERT ROGERS and RICK & DARLA ENGLERT for our refreshments at the July meeting.

Beverly Clarke of 983 Althea would like to express her great appreciation to her neighbors who have been such a great help with her recent move to Garden Oaks

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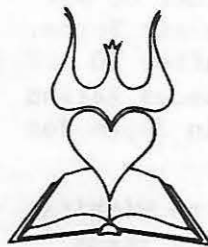
I'm tired of broken buttons.

I need someone interested in washing and ironing shirts.

Please contact Rick at 864-TREY.

HOME TOUR 1989

Garden Oaks Civic Club would like anyone interested in having their home considered for our Spring Home Tour 1989 to please contact Grace Blair at 862-9623. Homes will then be visited by the Selection Committee in September. Get in on the ground floor of this great Home Tour!



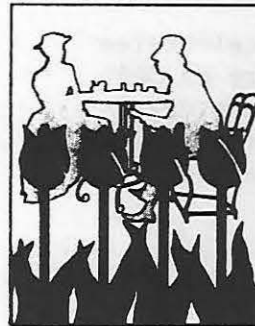
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Hats off to the people who tend our pocketparks and esplanades! These "green spaces" add charm to our neighborhood, and the folks who mow, weed and water them receive scant attention. Thanks for caring.

David Devries reports a large wading bird that has taken up residence in his yard. David calls it a "yellow-billed heron", and says that it has been spotted by several of his neighbors on many occasions. It seems to prefer a certain tree in David's yard, but is always alone. Where would you go for company if you were a heron?

Should sparrows and starlings be killed so they won't take over the nests of native birds? That's a question that has generated some controversy among birders. As you know, sparrows and starlings are "introduced" birds, meaning they weren't original Americans, but came over from Europe. They are very aggressive nesters and will push other birds out or even kill them. Many bird experts think that these two species are partly to blame for the disappearance of some native bird populations such as the bluebird.

The question is, when sparrows or starlings move into your birdhouse, what should you do? Some folks trap the offending birds and release them far away (of course, wherever they are released isn't "far away" from birdhouses in that neighborhood!), others trap them and humanely kill them. Some people live and let live, figuring that any bird living in a birdhouse is better than no bird at all. But bird purists disagree, believing that by allowing sparrows and starlings to live and breed, we are hurting the chances for survival of native species. How do you feel about this question?

Our owls are still with us, though their families are grown and gone now and they aren't using the nesting boxes. Georgette Majors of 41st Street reports that her owl takes regular baths in the birdbath. Others have reported similar scenes. Marshall Lighter of Gardenia says that if anyone knows a sure-fire way to attract owls to his box, please let him know. His box has been up for a year and so far "nada". He did get a pair of martins in his new martinhouse, though.

This Spring was so dry that the toads didn't breed. No one has reported seeing tadpoles in our beloved ditches. Does that mean that next year they will really be horney toads?

David Horsley

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