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MEETINGS: 7:00 P.M. FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH 3206 NORTH SHEPHERD

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Come join us for a delicious meal, the Civic Club Pot Luck Dinner on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 at 7 P.M. Garden Oaks' cooks, let's show off those specialties!

We will have a lump in our throats celebrating a meal together as a neighborhood of friends - friendships, encouraged in part by the warm energy of ROSE FITCH, throughout Garden Oaks. We will miss her.

I surely like our new column, the "WISH LIST". It's incredible what can happen when the right person reads the right message.

Several people have indicated that the removal of the stop signs on Alba has increased speeding traffic in our neighborhood. If you have an opinion about getting the 4-Way Stops back, call or write COUNCILMAN MCKASKLE's office:

HONORABLE LARRY MCKASKLE
Councilman District A
8th Floor, City Hall
Houston, Texas 77002
Ph: 247-2010

Lastly, as a taxpayer in H.I.S.D., I have read with interest the reports on our Representative on the School Board, GINIA WRAY WRIGHT. If you have an opinion on what you have been reading in the newspapers, let your voice be heard. Call GINIA WRAY WRIGHT or BRAD RAFFLE (H.I.S.D. Board President) at 623-5451 or write:

H.I.S.D. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3830 Richmond
Houston, Texas 77027-5838

See you at Civic Club with your best or fastest dish. If you don't mind sharing your recipe, bring a copy of it. Recipe cards and pen provided at the table.

Grace
GRACE

HEARD UNDER THE OLD OAK TREE

MR. and MRS. SIDNEY N. BOUDREAUX have just returned from Hawaii, where they celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary. The Boudreauxs have lived in Garden Oaks 40 yrs.

SILVIA BOUDREAUX recently retired as H.I.S.D. Records Clerk after 28 years at James S. Hogg Middle School.

A ringer came in and RUNG the Garden Oaks Hearts Club!

Congratulations:

BEN and KAY MAYBERRY on their new baby girl, CASEY.

DAVID and RANDI EASTERLING on the birth of their daughter, CROSBY.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

CINDY WEED will still be collecting Safeway receipts, although the Civic Club has lost it's qualifying status. The money will now be going to Garden Oaks Elementary. What an easy way to support our neighborhood school. Please keep saving receipts, and bring them to Civic Club or to CINDY WEED, 523 W. 32nd. Street.

ANN MCGINTY has a lovely vision of Graham Park. If you would like to join the Adopt-A-Park Committee, our first meeting is at ANN & LARRY'S house, 523 W. 31st., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7-8 P.M.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| CAROL BROADRICK | Sept. 16 | |
| -- <u>Lordy Lordy Look Who's 40 !!</u> -- | | |
| ALEXANDER RALSTON | Sept. 19 | 2 Years |
| RICELLE LUCK | Sept. 23 | 5 Years |
| TREY ENGLERT | Sept. 24 | 4 Years |
| DANIEL BLAIR | Sept. 27 | 3 Years |
| KATHRYN NEWLIN | Sept. 29 | 4 Years |



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CRITTER CORNER

By

David T. Horsley

Mushrooms! We have mushrooms. All that rain at the end of July and the first part August has a magical effect on whatever spores slumbered under our St. Augustine. Throughout the neighborhood you can see single mushrooms, clusters of mushrooms, occasionally whole families of mushrooms.

But by far the neatest sight is the fabled "fairy circle", a circular arrangement of mushrooms six or eight feet in diameter. We have a couple of those on our street. Now let me think -- I used to know why mushrooms grow in a circle that way. The ancients believed that at night the fairies would come out and dance in a circle, so the next morning the mushrooms grew to mark the path the fairies trod. We now know better, and understand it in terms of rhizomes or rhizoids or some such, little white roots radiating out from a central point and stopping to sprout a mushroom at the end of each "spoke". I think I like the fairy version better, don't you?

The hummingbirds have arrived in Garden Oaks right on time, the first week of August. Usually the Mississippi kites are about a week behind the hummers, but so far nobody has sighted one.

This is the time of the summer when the squirrels stop eating Meow Mix catfood from our cat's bowl and begin munching on pine cones the way God meant for them to. This year's crop of pine cones promises to be a beauty, but right now they are still a little green and closed up tight. The squirrels must really love those pine seeds to fight their way through a green pine cone. Ouch!

Speaking of nuts, the pecan crop is also looking good. The trees are bent way over from the weight of those nuts. I guess the bugs must have left us a few after all.

Back to the mushrooms for a minute; do you know exactly which ones are edible and which are poisonous? Neither do I, so I am plucking them as fast as they appear and throwing them in the trash. Otherwise, they will become a meal for my son, who would poison himself without ever giving it a thought. If you have small eat-everything children at your place, you might want to keep the mushrooms harvested in advance of them.

It's time for our annual Garden Oaks Tree contest. Each August we solicit nominations for the best trees in each species, and hand out valuable prizes for the winners. If you have a tree in your yard which deserves consideration, give me a call at 680-9598, and I'll send our panel of expert judges out to inspect the nominee.



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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Our 1st Fall meeting will be a great one! Come join us on THURSDAY, SEPT. 8 at 7 P.M. at GRACE BLAIR's, 328 W. 30th. Our program will be another wonderful Birder presentation by DAVID VESELKA.

We congratulate OLA MAE SYNNATT of 748 W. 43rd. for JULY YARD OF THE MONTH.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The talk of a neighborhood garden has blossomed into its own group, coordinated by JAN KOENIG. Anyone wanting to get in on the first row, shall we say, of the Garden Oaks Garden Coop, now is the time to get in touch - J. KOENIG 869-8997.

Beautification has not yet directed the magic wand. Any glimpses as to what you would like to see? It has been envisioned to cover the fence at the elementary school with a blanket of roses. What do you think?

Beautification will meet FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, at 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. at RIC LUCK's house, 818 W. 41st. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.

GARDEN OAKS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE '88

Next Meeting: Friday, September 16, 1988
Where: The LUCK's-818 W. 41st. St.
When: 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

SEE YOU THERE!

HOME TOUR

The first meeting for the 1989 Garden Oaks Home Tour Committee will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 7 P.M. AT 328 W. 30th. Everyone is invited to come and bring ideas, suggestions, opinions, observations or anything else to help make this exciting tour a reality. This meeting can be an excellent way to meet your neighbors and get involved in this fun event. For information call TERRY 692-7248.

If you have a wonderful home to showcase in the 1989 HOME TOUR call GRACE at 862-9623.



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2) Beautification Needs

- a) Ant bed killer.
- b) Someone to help design a commemorative plaque.
- c) Landscape architect, designer, planner ... to help lay out the Boulevard.
- d) Weeding fingers for service at your favorite pocket park.

Can you help? Call MARIAN 956-9469.

MORE ON THE HEIGHTS FESTIVAL

It's on OCTOBER 2, 12:30 - 6:30 P.M.

We are selling ice cream and canned drinks.

SURPRISE! There's another Garden Oaks booth next door.

We hope to make a lot of money and have a lot of fun.

Profits will go to the Beautification Committee.

Our location is near the West corner of 18th St. and Heights Blvd.

Come join us and see RIC'S booth.

Please help cut costs by donating canned drinks. We need 50 cases. Call MARGARET HALL for information at 691-1576.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Teachers (Certification not necessary) Part-Time, afterschool enrichment program. Call MARTHA KENNEDY 864-0038.

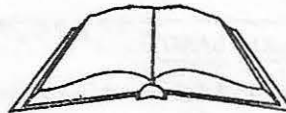
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PHONE: - - - - -

CHILDREN/Age: - - - - -

YEARS LIVED IN GARDEN OAKS: - - - - -

I would like to assist in the:

- () Neighborhood Cleanup
 - () Membership Drive
 - () Beautification Project
 - () Refreshments for Meetings
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Make checks payable to: GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB
Willard Mills, Treasurer
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