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Heights Festival

Come one, Come All!

To the spectacular Heights Festival on October 2, 1988 (Sunday) from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A small hard working group has taken on a new fund raising activity for the neighborhood and we need your help!

Our Garden Oaks booth is #1736 and it is located near the West corner of 18th Street and Heights Blvd. We will be selling Borden's ice cream novelties and canned soft drinks.

You can help by donating drinks. We need COKE, DIET-COKE, PEPSI, DIET-PEPSI, DR. PEPPER and SPRITE. As of 9/12/88 we had 28.5 cases. Our goal is 50 cases. (1 case = 4 six packs = 24 cans) If you would rather donate \$5.00 towards the purchase of a case, that would be appreciated. Please contact **Margaret Hall** at **691-1576**.

Ric Luck is designing and constructing our booth. Ric could use help in setting up the booth early that morning and taking it down at the end of

the festival. We also need \$5 - \$10 donations towards the construction of the booth. The booth will belong to Civic Club (YOU) and can be used in the future for other carnivals, festivals and the home tour. Please contact **Ric** at **697-0308**.

We will need large ice chests for icing down drinks and donations of ice. Please contact **Jim Hall** at **691-1576**.

Last but not least, we need workers during the day at our booth to work a time slot. We will have a large covered area in which to work and visit. This is the fun part!!! Please contact **Terry Weinburger** at **692-7248**.

The more help and donations you give, the greater the chances are of this becoming one heck-of-a money making event. 40,000 to 50,000 people attend the Heights Festival. We are taking advantage of a great opportunity.

You will see immediate results, because all profits will go to the "bone-dry" Beautification Committee. You are helping to landscape pocket parks and buy signs. All

beautification adds value to your home. What more could we ask for? Come and share!

From the President

Come together at civic club on Tuesday, October 4, 1988.

Autumn is my favorite season and for me always a time of new beginnings. Let us use these difficult times to find strength in our numbers and in this special neighborhood that we call home. Getting to know one another better will enable us to be more watchful for our collective safety. The **Houstonians On Watch** program already in effect will be renewed and updated. I urge each citizen to be especially mindful of our children as you protect yourselves. Too many Houston kids have discovered that "guns aren't kidstuff."

Judy Camp is putting together a block by block directory for the neighborhood.

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This asset will enable us to communicate quickly in a time of emergency. Call her at Garden Oaks Properties 686-5454 with your information. Thank you, Judy.

Evidence of the strength in numbers is the speed in which the 4 way STOP signs on Alba were replaced. Thanks for taking the time to be heard. Join your civic club. For information call Ric Luck, membership vice-president at 697-0308.

Garden Oaks can be more illuminous. Our mercury vapor street lights in Garden Oaks were installed over 15 years ago and the amount of illumination provided by those diminish greatly with time. High pressure sodium lights are now available for replacement that provide approximately **300% MORE ILLUMINATION** than our existing lights **WHEN THEY WERE NEW!** The cost of this project is \$150.24 per light or about **\$50.00 per residence**. We want to organize this worthwhile project and therefore need a block captain for each block in the neighborhood to attend one or two organizational meetings and spearhead collections. Please let me know if you can help.

We hope that you will visit our booth at the Heights Festival on Sunday, October 2. It's going to be the most fun fundraising work ever.

Home Tour '89 homes selection committee is looking for a few good homes; call me. See you at civic club!

Grace
Grace


Garden News

Get your bulb beds ready. October is the month to plant daffodils, narcissi, Easter Lilies and rannuculus. Rannuculus will give you more blooms per bulb and bloom longer. Keep azaleas watered they are making their blooms now for spring. Bluebonnet seed should be planted now.

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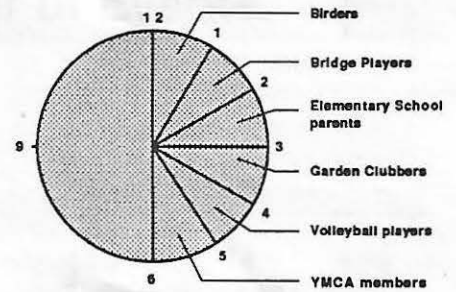
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Garden Oaks Booth at Heights Festival



Come to the Garden Oaks Booth at Heights Festival and sell some cokes, meet some neighbors and have a home base for some fun. Suggested hours to congregate by common interest are on the clock above. Help your civic club earn some funds!

1st Vice President - Membership

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 1988 membership drive a success. Even though we fell short of our goal we were able to surpass last years figures. We will soon be taking the membership tree down, but it will reappear in the spring time to help us track 1989's membership drive. I urge everyone who has a wish list for garden oaks to get involved with the civic club. The civic club is here to help make Garden Oaks the best it can be, we are involved with the beautification projects, Home Tour, charitable projects and with keeping neighbors informed. If you recently received a Neighborhood Alert Flyer at your doorstep, you can thank your civic club and its volunteers. The civic club is just good neighbors getting together to help keep Garden Oaks a great place to live.

Ric

Membership

- 1986 - 219 families
- 1987 - 203 families
- 1988 - 320 families to date



Critter Corner

by David Horsley

Recently I had the privilege of entertaining a yardfull of children for the better part of an evening. The whole evening, actually. These kids were normal, inquisitive, energetic type youngster and I was shocked to find out that they didn't know what a cicada killer was.

Out there in the middle of the back yard, where they were playing, there was a little mound of freshly-dug earth, with a little valley down the middle of the mound leading to a tunnel into the ground. I asked if anyone knew what lived in that tunnel, and got answers ranging from a frog to a mouse. What is this world coming to?

I put on my best professor-voice and explained that down in that tunnel there was a cicada killer. The kids laughed, thinking I was joking. Impertinent little imps. Finally one of them had the presence of mind to ask what a cicada killer was, probably expecting me to make up some kind of scarey monster story.

"A cicada killer is a great big wasp that kills cicadas," I explained.

Long pause while they considered this information.

"What's a cicada?" someone finally asked. What are the schools teaching these days, anyway? Kids who don't know basic entomology.....

"A cicada is an insect that lives for years and years in the ground as a baby, then when it is ready to grow up it digs out, wiggles out of its skin and flies away. Maybe you have seen some of those cicada skins hanging onto a tree trunk in your yard." A few heads nodded. Then someone said, "Those are called locusts! They sing in the trees!"

Patiently I pointed out that a "locust" is really a grasshopper, as in "Plagues of locust" in the Bible. "Cicada" is the word for the funny insects that sing in the trees in the evening.

"But why does the cicada killer want to kill cicadas?" one of my small charges asked. Now we are getting



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somewhere, I think to myself.

"The cicada killer stings the cicada to put it to sleep--it doesn't die right away. Then it carries it down that hole," I said, pointing at the ground, "and lays eggs on the sleeping cicada. So when the eggs hatch, the baby wasps will have something to eat."

"YYYYEEEEUUUUUCCCCCKKKK!!!"

Class dismissed.

Board News

Garden Oaks Board of Trustees reports that in a recent suit filed against the operator of an air conditioning repair service from a residence in Section 1, which violates the Deed Restrictions, the Court upheld the Restrictions. The Court has issued a permanent injunction against the operation at the residence and subjects the operator to a large per day fine if the operation continues or is commenced again. In addition the Court ordered the operator to pay Garden Oaks Board of Trustees attorney fees and all Court costs. The operator has complied with the Court orders

If you know of any businesses being operated from Garden Oaks residences please let the Board know.

James J. Doyle

President, GOBT

694-4134

From the Councilman

We want you to know that every effort is being made to catch the person(s) responsible for the recent night time home burglaries in Garden Oaks and other areas of Houston. In my conversation with, and letters to, Police Chief Lee Brown, he has made it clear that he will have his officers stay on the case until it is solved. As many of you know he has already shown quick response.

My office is well aware of your great concern for your families and your property. You have my pledge to

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continue working to find the person responsible and to find ways to keep this from happening again. There are things that you and your neighbors should do, such as watch not only your own, but your neighbor's property and report anything unusual. Keep a light on day and night where it can be seen from the street. Have papers and circulars picked up as soon as possible, especially when not at home. Keep an inside or outside dog to alert you to people on your property. Take the license number of unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhood. Many of these suggestions are well known, but are often overlooked.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Larry McKasle

Houston Proud

Our own Graham Park on 34th has been selected for the Houston Proud Adopt-A-Park Program. Being selected does not mean that some people will drop by and do all the work for us. It means that if enough of us show an interest in helping take care of the park by cleaning, clearing, weeding, mulching, and planting, Houston Proud will provide paint, heavy maintenance and repairs, shrubs, trees, ant killer, and maybe even additional picnic tables and play equipment. All of our work will be done on an ongoing basis in cooperation with the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

The more neighbors involved the easier the job of returning Graham Park to its original beauty, providing a safe, happy place for our children to play and friends to enjoy. There's much to be done. We need your ideas for improvements as we begin to show the people at Houston Proud that we really do care about our park.

If you're concerned about the park and are ready to work hard, please call Ann McGinty, chairperson, at 862-6244. An October meeting is being planned now. We need you!

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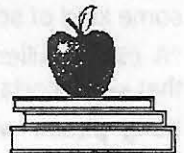
Fun Run

The first annual 5K Garden Oak/Oak Forest Fun Run will be held on November 12, 1988 at 8:00 a. m. Beginning at the Northwest YMCA, the Fun Run will proceed through Garden Oaks (via Alba to 42nd Street) and Oak Forest (via Apollo, Althea and Glebe) ending at the St. Stephens Methodist Church. "It's a good way to meet neighbors in other subdivisions with similar interest, and to have fun for all," says Mike Ace, director of NW YWCA. There will be a party with refreshments at the end of the Fun Run.

Approximately 150 runners or walkers are needed for the event to cover all its cost. All money received over that will be divided evenly between the civic clubs of Garden Oaks and Oak Forest, and the St. Stephens Methodist Church. All runners are encouraged to sign up and invite their friends to sign up too (event not restricted to residents).

Contact - Bobby Blair 862-9623

**School
News**



**Garden Oaks
Elementary**

Kindergarten Screening- October 10th Could you help assist our newest students? Every year they're tested for any special needs that will require attention as they start school. You're qualified and it only takes two mornings.

Fall Festival- scheduled for November Everyone will be invited and PTA board members are soliciting donations for the auction and raffle. Anything would be put to good use for the year's major fund raiser. Buy those raffle tickets when a student approaches you later this month.

PTA Membership Drive- continues. \$2.25 and anyone can be a member. Membership requirements - be interested in the children at Garden Oaks.

PTA meeting - Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. PTA will continue to collect Safeway receipts this year. Parents Computer Fund - equipment stolen from the library last year has not been completely replaced and therefore no new computers have been added. The **Parent's Fund** established last year has been extended and hopefully students will soon have adequate equipment back in place. THANK YOU Garden Oaks Civic Club for your donation. We appreciate your support.

Contact - Danese McWhorter - 864-6021.

St. Rose of Lima School News

The annual St. Rose of Lima Halloween Festival is scheduled for October 28, 1988, 4-9 p.m. The Festival offers a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween with room to room Trick or Treating. Pre-sale Trick or Treat tickets are \$3.00 for all rooms get yours from any St. Rose of Lima student or call the school at 692-9123. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 on the day of the Festival.

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner in the main hall - served from 5-8 p.m. This delicious meal (spaghetti, garlic bread & salad) for only \$4.00 adult and \$2.00 children and seniors pre-sale prices. Order your tickets now.

Mark your calendar now- October 28 - for a fun family outing. Trick or Treating, Spaghetti Dinner, Cake Walk, Face painting, and lots of other activities.

REMEMBER: Order your tickets early - they are limited.

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Oak Forest School News

Come to Oak Forest Elementary Fall Festival, Friday, Oct. 28, 3:30 - 7 p.m. 1401 W. 43rd St. for more information, call Kay Paul PTA President, 861-0328

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Heard Under the Old Oak Tree

Rurabel Farber at 842 W. 41st street missed out on \$80 at the September Civic Club meeting. The drawing of Dues Paid Civic Club members at the October meeting will be for \$100.00. You must be present to win!!!

Judy Camp was the winner of the door prize drawing for dinner for two at DUCHO'S STEAK HOUSE. DUCHO'S will also provide a door prize at the October meeting.

Garden Oaks Elementary has a brand new PTA President - Danese McWhorter.

Yard of the Month -

Jim and Laraine Morris - 714 W. 41st.

Home Tour '89

An organizational meeting was held on 9/13/88 at the home of Grace Blair in order to appoint committee chairpersons. We still need volunteers, if you are interested call Terry Russey at 680-1455 or attend the next Home Tour '89 meeting to be held October 7, at 7 p.m. at the home of Rick Englert - 519 W. 32nd.

The home tour selection committee asks that anyone interested in having their home on the tour or if you know of a home you would like to see on the tour please contact Grace Blair at 862-9623 or Terry Russey at 680-1455. Homes need to be lined up as soon as possible! Please don't delay.

Remember - Home Tour benefits all residents.

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Good Neighbors

- Thanks to Linda & Rusty Reichle & Susan McMillian & Richard Lipham & a HOST of volunteers for getting our Neighborhood Alert slip distributed.
- Cindy Weed has a check in the works for Garden Oaks Elementary School computer replacement fund for around \$200.00 from our last batch of Safeway receipts. A suggestion box for deserving charities to be recipients of our 1% rebate will be available at the October Civic Club meeting. Cindy will report on the direction of our efforts at the November Civic Club meeting.
- Robert Blair is chairing Garden Oaks part of the YMCA fun run.
- A big Garden Oaks Welcome to Mac & Janet Hitz of W. 41st St.!
- Terry Russey is chairing Home Tour '89.
- Ric Luck made our Heights Festival Booth.
- Judy Camp is working on a neighborhood directory. Call her at 686-5454.

Neighborhood Personality Profile

SHE has an affinity with numbers - she was 88 on 8-18-88 and her name is a riddle.

HE has a lifetime's experience with numbers too, as a financial analyst.

They don't have any DIRTY BIRDS. 2 frogs live under one of the birdbaths. Squirrels eat out of their hands.

WHO? WHO? WHO? WHO?
WHO? WHO? WHO? WHO?

To be revealed at October Civic Club meeting, October 4, 1988.

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November Gazette Guest Editors Isabella & George Keegan - 681-4306
Call with any News, Tips, Info etc... Remember deadline Oct. 10

October Birthdays

Jackson Blair Oct. 8 5 yrs
Heather Wheat Oct. 13 2 yrs
Georgette Majors Oct. 21 ?
Jo Ann Woods Oct. 21 ?

Jo Ann is a kindergarten teacher at Garden Oaks Elementary and lives in section 5, Georgette is Jo Ann's mom and lives in section 3.

Happy Birthday Neighbors!!

"A PRAYER FOR TODAY"

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain and not loss; good and not evil; success and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it."

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