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## The Garden Oaks/ Oak Forest Fun Run

The first annual Garden Oaks/Oak Forest Fun Run will be an event for all. This event is not just for the hard core jogger, but for children, adults, babies in strollers and children in wagons. "Last year it was an event where people of all ages participated. I saw mothers pushing their babies in strollers, and I really enjoyed meeting all of our neighbors from Oak Forest," said Kathy Marek.

The Fun Run starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12. Registration is only \$10 up to the day of the event, \$12 for any procrastinators who want to register on the day of the event. The course starts at the **Northwest Y, 1234 W. 34th Street** proceeding through Garden Oaks and Oak Forest and ending at **St. Stephens Methodist Church**.

Adrian's Mexican Food Restaurant has graciously agreed to partially sponsor this event. We are currently seeking one or two other sponsors.

I encourage all residents to come out for a fun autumn morning in Houston. All proceeds exceeding

any costs not covered by sponsors will be split among the Garden Oaks Civic Club, Northwest YMCA, Oak Forest Civic Club and St. Stephens Methodist Church.

Please participate and ask your friends to join in (not restricted to residents). This neighborhood event will be fun for all. Contact Mike Ace at the Northwest YMCA 869-3378 or Bobby Blair 862-9623 for registration information.

## Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee was appointed at the last Civic Club meeting to produce a slate of officers for 1989. Susan McMillian was named Chairman (695-8245), with members Marian Mabry (956-9469), Ric Luck (697-0308), Vee Gaines (686-5042), and David Horsley (680-9598). The slate of officers is to include nominations for President, 1st Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary. Standing Committee Chairmen, to

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## From the President

Dear Neighbors,

November during election year is an exciting time. Come to our Civic Club meeting to cast your vote for our 1989 neighborhood leadership. Let's also do our own straw poll in the national presidential election. Our results might surprise you.

The thanksgiving season is the time to reflect on our many blessings. With this in mind, I want to thank y'all for the good times that I've enjoyed as president of the Civic Club. Seeing the visible changes around Garden Oaks, remembering an assortment of celebrations, looking forward to both completing the projects already underway and to the dreams not yet created, I realize how fortunate I am. I am thankful for this strong, old-fashioned neighborhood and to have found friends and good neighbors in so

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**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 1, 7 pm  
Garden Oaks Baptist Church

**From President - cont. from p. 1**

many of you. The accomplishments for which we work together are very special to me. With your continued support, our 1989 slate of officers has a rosey future. Keep up the good work!

Hope to see you at civic club.

*Grace*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE -**

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be appointed, are needed for Gazette Editor (it has been suggested that this be handled by a committee of at least five), and possibly a new position of Historian to keep a scrapbook as was done in years past. Some volunteers have already been secured for some offices, but the Committee welcomes suggestions (or volunteers) for every position. As always, we welcome newcomers to get involved. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and keep Garden Oaks Great! Please contact any committee member to let them know your thoughts on next year's leaders.

**BEAUTIFICATION '88**

Beautification? What shall we do? Do you have a dream of some spot you always thought could use a special touch? A part of Garden Oaks that's special or shall we say a little "extra special." Picture shade trees along Shepherd, roses around our elementary school, a new sign on the boulevard with a wonderful addition of plant life. What would your choice be? Let your voice be heard. Let us know or come join a meeting or two and see what is possible. Plans for the Boulevard are being looked at and discussed. Call **Marian Mabry 956-9469** to find out when the next meeting is or if you just want to share an idea. Our booth at the Heights Festival was a tremendous success. Thanks Margaret Hall, thanks to the neighborhood too, we're a great team and you're a great leader. Watch for the magic wand of the Garden Oaks Beautification Committee.

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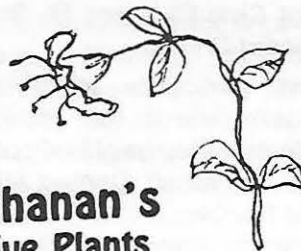
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**Water Main  
Construction Report**

The City of Houston has contracted for replacement of water mains in the area bounded by North Shepherd, Ella Blvd., West 41st Street, Althea, and the Houston Belt & Terminal Railroad track. This project was necessary to replace existing mains smaller than six inches. Undersized water mains do not provide adequate fire protection or proper water pressure. The work order was issued on July 25, 1988 and provides for 260 working days to complete the project, or April 10, 1989. The company works on 3000 to 6000 feet of lines at a time. The new lines are laid, and then pressurized, checked for leaks, and chlorinated (with followup tests) before they can be connected to the houses. When the construction is completed, you can expect them to return with bank sand and sod to recover the area with grass. Any repairs necessary to driveways, etc. will be done at that time. At the end of September, 41% of the work was completed in only 24% of the days allotted, so they are ahead of schedule.

Any specific questions about the progress of the construction or problems that arise should not be addressed to the work crews (as this slows down progress), but instead to Mr. Darryl Elliott, General Superintendent for Bortunco Electric, the contractor on the job. He may be reached at 799-1200.

**Yard of The Month**

Joan & Gary Harmon 827 Lamonte

## Critter Corner

by David Horsley

On a recent walk in the neighborhood, we came across a yard bearing four fresh yellow stumps, where fine old pine trees had stood the day before. The trees had been cut off even with the ground, but you could still smell them. I was sad to see those stumps.

A couple of nights later we passed the stumps again and the owner was sitting out in the yard, in what had been a shady spot. I tried biting my tongue but still heard myself say that the yard felt kind of lonesome. The owner replied that they were just pine trees, and added, "You don't like pine trees, do you?" Silly me, I admitted that I did.

That neighbor wasn't the first and surely won't be the last person to have all the pines cut off their property as a prophylactic measure. There is no doubt that one of those mammoths could do a lot of damage to a roof, if it were to break and fall, and certainly a property owner has a right to cut down every tree if they have the urge. But it still makes me sad to see it.

In a brighter vein, here are the winners for this year's Garden Oaks Tree Contest: Best Pine Tree - the **Weinberger Pine** at 831 W. 41st. Best Cottonwood - the **Lipham Cottonwood** at 335 W. 32nd. Best Oak - the **Gaines Oaks** at 1543 Sue Barnett. Let's give them all a hand!

Now we turn to the case of the Missing Parrot. Seems that some funny-looking birds have been turning up at feeders throughout Garden Oaks. One report suggests that there are two tropical fugitives on the lam, hogging sunflowerseeds like there was no tomorrow. Another report says that there are THREE of them out there. Lisa and Phil Miller have gone so far as to set a trap for their visitor, but our sources say that all the Millers have caught so far is a big fat roach. (We are unable to confirm this roach scoop.) A Mr. Jones of W. 34th has reported a pair of parrots traveling together through his neck of Garden Oaks. Anybody

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else seen them? A quick check of local pet stores failed to find any missing-bird bulletins, but we were informed that some parrots are worth \$10,000.00!!! Here birdie birdie.....

And speaking of birds, we noticed a huge flock of hawks riding a thermal over Garden Oaks during the first week of October. Must have been at least a hundred birds, in a tall spiraling column. There is a word for this behavior, but I forget what it is. They group together this way in the fall, getting ready for the big trip south. Ask David Veselka -- he'll know.

The story about cicada killers generated some interest. The main thing people said was, "So THAT'S what those holes are in my yard!" The next thing they said was, "Do those things sting?" I have never been stung myself, but I wouldn't want to provoke any wasp that size. I know how a regular wasp sting feels, and these things are three times the size of a normal wasp.

Am I the only person in Garden Oaks who doesn't want brighter street lights? Our neighborhood is starting to look like a car dealership at night. Am I weird for thinking that it's supposed to be dark at night? Just thought I'd ask. (Yes, my house was hit. I still like to walk in the evenings without sunglasses, however.) Hey, here's a great fundraising idea for Civic Club: let's capture those three parrots and sell them to the zoo for, say, \$8000 each! The person doing the capturing gets \$2000 per bird! Now get busy.



## Garden Oaks T-Shirts Available

Contact Ric Luck 697-0308

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## Community Garden

On October 10th, Jan Koenig met with Jean Dodd, Garden Oaks Elementary Principal, and Arnold Brown, Harris County Agent for Community Development programs for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Further plans were made for our Community Garden project. The primary goal of this project is to help the needy of Houston by providing fresh produce for the local food pantries. This joint project between school and community will also provide a unique educational experience.

As a beginning measure to help fund this project, Jan Koenig will collect **aluminum cans** at the next Civic Club meeting. For more information, call Jan Koenig 869-8997.

### The Garden Oaks Street Light Upgrade Update

We have 15 block captains out of 52 blocks in our neighborhood ready to begin collections. If you would like to see (very clearly) examples of the bright new light, check out 43rd street. If you would like bright lights on your street, Call me.

*Grace*

## ADOPT - A - PARK

Mike Laws of the Houston Proud Adopt - A - Park Program will be visiting Graham Park on 34th St on November 5th. Although the exact agenda for the day has not yet been set, you can call Chairperson Ann McGinty at 862-6244 for more details on this exciting neighborhood project.

## Home Tour '89

The '89 Home Tour Committee met at the home of Rick Englert on Friday Oct 7, with our main topic being home selection.

Those interested in allowing your home to be one of the "chosen few" should remember the history it will add to your already charming abode. So why not blow your own horn and call **Grace Blair 862-9623** or **Terry Russey 680-1455** and make an appointment for selection committee to come visit. Remember, Home Tour benefits all Garden Oaks Residents.

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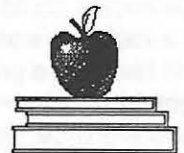
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## School News



### Garden Oaks Elementary

**Harvest Time Celebration** - The Fall Festival date has been set for November 19th from 1:00 - 5:00. Everyone is invited as lots of fun activities, food, an auction, drawings and country store are planned. Items for the drawing and auction would still be greatly appreciated.

**New T-Shirts** - new T-shirts are on their way. Designed for students, the shirts are available to anyone with the new Eagle design.

**Thanks to Bambolinos** the winning room for PTA membership will win a pizza party. Students are also excited about Bambolinos announcement of attendance awards. Every six weeks of perfect attendance entitles a child to a \$10.00 certificate at Bambolinos. THANK YOU Bambolinos, for supporting your neighborhood school.

**Teacher of the Month** - Mrs. Laura Allen - Congratulations!

## Heights Festival Report

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first effort in the Heights Festival a great success.

The response was overwhelming. We received \$150 in cash and over 50 cases of drinks were donated. Many of you showed up to work in the booth. Several of the workers were new to the neighborhood and came to meet their neighbors. A good time was had by all which can't be measured in dollars and cents. At the Civic Club Meeting, we announced that we had taken in \$893.23. We had expenses of \$294.15 leaving \$599.08 as our profit. This will go to our Beautification Committee.

Thanks to you...

Deborah Alexander	Gail Bell
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Special thanks for going the "Extra Mile" to:

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Last, but not least, a big THANK YOU to RIC LUCK!

and to HOMER MILLER of SPARKLE ICE!

Ric put in a lot of time and effort so that we could have a painted booth complete with lattice work and floor.

This a permanent contribution to Garden Oaks and can be used again in the future.

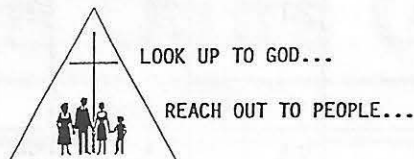
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*Margaret Hall, Chairperson*

## Heard Under The Old Oak Tree

- Garden Oaks Resident **Barbara Dawson Smith** has a new book coming out in November titled "**Stolen Heart**". This is her fourth book and it is being Published by Avon. Barbara will be autographing her book at **Walden Books** in **The Northwest Mall** on Friday Dec 2nd from 11-1 pm.
- \$100 Winners - The Lucky Maya Family, dues paid members were present at Civic Club to collect when their name was drawn.
- Diane Sturges was the winner of two free dinners at **DUCHO'S STEAK HOUSE**.
- The **900 block of Althea** had a successful block party on October 8th. Participation was 90% . Party-goers renewed old acquaintances and met new neighbors **David and Blanca Medina & daughter Daniella, Beverly Clark, and Michael and Krista Nelson.**
- **Dana Montgomery** lost a large mulch fork last spring while working on one of our neighborhood pocket parks. If you know the whereabouts of this fork please Contact Dana at 681-4500.

**New neighbors**  
Brent & Jackie Batis 532 W 31st  
Debbie Ward 842 Azalea

**Welcome Wagon**

About a year ago we started a hospitality committee for our new neighbors. Any home that is bought is given a packet with information about our neighborhood. It is our way of saying that you are special to us and we are proud that you chose Garden Oaks for your home. If for some reason you have bought in the past year and have not received a new neighbor packet please call Kathy Marek at 688-6811. We want everyone to feel welcome.

# Good Neighbors

Thanks to:

- **Margaret Hall** and her crew of Forty who made our first Heights Festival booth a splendid success.
- **Adrian & Connie Guerra**, of ADRIAN'S for being our sponsor in The Garden Oaks/YMCA Fun Run
- **Ann McGinty** and The Adopt-a-Park/Graham Park Committee for their work day, a first step toward a much-improved park
- **Susan McMillian** and the nominating Committee for finding our Civic Club leadership for a great 1989!!
- **Johnny Murphy** who repainted the sign on 43rd & Apollo. We greatly appreciate it!
- **Dennis Clooney** who includes the esplanade when mowing his own yard.
- **Marian Mabry**, a phenomenal guest editor for The October Gazette.
- **Richard Lipham**, our own GREAT PUMPKIN for another Happy Halloween!!
- **Judy Strider** and all her neighbors in the **700 block of 41st** who helped provide the refreshments for The October Civic Club meeting. Thanks also to **Margaret Hall** and The Heights Festival Committee who donated ice cream and cokes for the meeting.
- **Ruth Galloway** for her purchase, planting and dedication of two crepe myrtle trees at the pocket park at Sue Barnett & Lamonte.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>November Calendar of Events</b>		<b>1</b> Civic Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Adopt-A-Park
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Gazette Deadline	<b>8</b> Election Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Garden Club	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Fun Run
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Garden Oaks Elementary Fall Festival
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Thanks-giving	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

December Gazette Guest Editor - Frank Wiseburn - 691-2548  
Call with any News, Tips, Info etc... Remember deadline Nov. 7

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need volunteers for edging, weeding, cleaning of sign areas. Help beautify your community by volunteering for a month. It usually takes 30 minutes twice a month at the most. Call **Kathy Marek** at 688-6811 or **Peggy Kramer** at 860-0440

## November Birthdays


- Meagan McKinney Nov 1 - 9 yrs
- Jeff Dismuke Nov 6 - 30 yrs
- Becky Jeanes Nov 11 - 7 yrs
- Luke Collins Nov 13 - 3 yrs
- Haley Collins Nov 17 - 6 yrs
- Dottie Collins Nov 17 - ?
- Nick Ytuarte Nov 21 - 4 yrs
- Robert Blair Nov 25 - ?
- Evan McWhorter Nov 28 - 5 yrs
- Brian Wheat Nov 30 - 4 yrs

## New Baby

Congratulations to James and Becky Moore - W 34th on the birth of their son, James Carroll, born October 22nd. Sisters Jamie and Haley are excited to have a brother.

## "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 a 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."

	<b>REAL ESTATE UPDATE</b> <b>697-5220</b>	303 W. 32nd SOLD in 3 days. 512 W. 32nd SOLD in 1 day. 710 W. 32nd SOLD in 2 weeks.
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