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Neighborhood Crime Prevention

Please continue to exercise sound protective measures regarding your self and your home. The police still have not closed the case on our Garden Oaks burglaries. **You still can reach the Northwest Police Substation by calling 699-1913. To report drugs 699-3813.**

Note of Appreciation

The general membership wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our outgoing President Grace Blair, 1st Vice President Ric Luck, and Secretary, Kay Weatherly. Your dedicated efforts and contributions have been a significant factor in the enhancement of our community and our city. Many thanks for your past and future service to the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Congratulations to our Officers Elect:

President: Susan McMillian
1st Vice President: Grace Blair
2nd Vice President: President: Richard Lipham
Treasurer: Willard Mills
Secretary: Margaret Hall

*The Garden Oaks Civic Club
Requests the Honor of Your Presence at the
Inauguration of its 1989 Officers
St Matthew's United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall 4300 North Shepherd 7pm
Tuesday, December 13, 1988*

*Park across the street at Sears Parking lot.
Bring a Festive Dish! Carved meats provided.
Children of Civic Club Attendees are cordially
invited to our annual
Children's Holiday Party
Bring a Canned Good for the Food Bank.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Out envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle.

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From President - cont. from p. 1

Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again." What beautiful thoughts by Margaret Cousins in "What we think Christmas Is".

Come and join our holiday celebration. Civic Club will meet at a new location: St Matthew's Methodist at 4300 Shepherd. Park in the Sears parking lot and cross street. Our date is December 13, 1988. The party will begin at 7. Dinner and Inaugural festivities will be enjoyed together as friends and neighbors. We can share our good spirits by donating canned goods to a food bank. Come join the fun.

Peace & Merriment,

Grace

Christmas Meeting

December 13, 1988 St Matthew's UMC 4300 N, Shepherd Gates on East, North, and South sides will be open.. Follow signs.

St. Matthew's Food Bank 4300 North Shepherd

Please continue to support this worthy effort. Your donations mean that needy families get a helping hand. Food donations should consist of basic items such as powdered milk, peanut butter, cereals, canned meat, sacks of rice, pinto beans, green vegetables, soups, bread, cookies/candy, juices etc. Basic household cleaning items are also needed. Further information can be obtained from Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Smith, 1471 Sue Barnett, 680-8940 All items collected at our Holiday Food Drive, December's party will be donated to this food bank.

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- Dec. 25 - "Nine Lessons and Carols"
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Merry Christmas

Garden Oaks News

December is the month to plant Narcissi, Daffodils and Hyacinths. Roses and other shrubs do well if planted this month. As the leaves fall put them in the compost. This makes wonderful humus for flower beds. Take Tulips out of the ice box and plan them around the end of December. We will celebrate our Christmas party combined with the Civic Club's. Note that it will be the second Tuesday, December 13, at a new location: St. Matthew's Methodist Church. No meeting until February 1989.

For Your Information

Brad Raffle - HISD School Board
President - 623-5451 (main office)

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KATHY MAREK RECEIVES AWARD

On November 3, Garden Oaks resident Kathy Marek received the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Greater Houston Area Annual Banquet, held at the Westin Galleria. Mike Ace, Director of the Northwest Y.M.C.A. on West 34th, said that Kathy, as chairman of the Partners of Youth Campaign, had inspired a 40% increase in contributions to reach its highest level in history. Congratulations Kathy!

CRITTER CORNER

One of the nice things about writing this column is hearing from you readers from time to time. Recently I have heard from:

Jeraldine Warhol concerning the swarms of termites I described back in the spring. Jeraldine once worked for an exterminator and knows all about termite swarms. Her answer to the question of where all those termites go after they swarm: into people's houses! Yikes! She also says that those big cicada wasps do indeed sting, and they pack a fairly good wallop. Let's hope none of us have to find out first-hand.

Grace Blair concerning a wild beehive in Garden Oaks. I personally checked it out (being born in Missouri, I am entitled to say "Show Me") and sure enough, there is a wild swarm of honeybees right here in our neighborhood. I have yet to catch Grace Blair in a lie, or even a fib, so I shouldn't have been surprised to find the hive right where she said it was. This isn't news to people who play volleyball in Graham park, of course. (Hint, hint.) The little critters were busy making honey and didn't seem to mind me poking my nose in their business. No, I'm not going to say exactly where the bees are, because I'm afraid a zealous neighbor might get inspired to use Raid Flying Insect Spray on them.

Mr. Clemons of Sue Barnett concerning the lost parrots. He raises birds in a small aviary behind his house, and says that over the years he's lost 15 or so parrots and cockateels. He says that the parrots are pretty smart and will seize the smallest opportunity to escape. Trouble is, there isn't much for them to eat, especially in the winter, and most of them die of starvation or exposure.

Janet Hitz who pointed out an unusual bird in her back yard, which turned out to be -- besides myself -- a brown thrasher, a lovely reddish brown bird shaped like a mockingbird only a little bigger. I have seen one at my feeder since then, so I guess they are migrating through the

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Gilbert King concerning the flying squirrel that flew over his head one evening in November. It didn't exactly fly, it glided, showing a pure white underbelly as it passed. Gilbert's wife Sheila says she didn't know that flying squirrels occurred in this part of the country. Obviously she is not a regular reader of this column.....ahem.

On to other topics: Is there any interest out there in starting a Garden Oaks recycling effort? We could get together and save cans and bottles and such and cash them in periodically and give the money to the civic club or build a playground or something. Now that the city is going to make us use plastic garbage bags, it might be the right time to start recycling and avoid putting all that heavy glass in with the garbage. What do you think? I'll bet I throw out a ton of glass containers in a year, and that doesn't include all the aluminum cans (we use lots of recipes that call for beer).

Say, where are the geese? I've only seen a couple of flights overhead. Usually by now there are dozens or even hundreds of "Vee" formations visible. Has something happened to the geese this year, or is it just warm?

David Horsley

DEAR KIDS,

I have been hearing such good things about Garden Oaks kids, that I decided to visit for a few nights myself. I will be in the 42nd, Sue Barnett, Lamonte Pocket Park waiting to meet you on **December 19th, 20th, and 21st, from 7-9 p.m.** I will have some elves there to help, and maybe a little treat for good Garden Oaks boys and girls! I can't wait to see you.

If Mom and Dad need some information about my visit, have them call Susan or Bill McMillian at 695-8245.

Merry Christmas,

Ho Ho Ho!

Santa



ADOPT-A-PARK

GRAHAM PARK on WEST 34TH

Look closely. Subtle changes are happening at Graham Park on West 34th. Our Adopt-A-Park volunteers have put in just two work days, and already we've cleaned up trash and glass, added trash barrels, coated the parking dividers with silver, planted spring bulbs, and painted the softball backstop. We've had fun and enjoyed being outside getting to know each other. We even got a free lunch on November 5th compliments of Houston Proud!

And do we have plans! We'll be working to improve drainage problems, add nicer picnic tables, create a sand or grassy volleyball court, and paint the playground swings and slides. We want to add plants to screen the back fence, improve the tennis court, add safer playground equipment for younger children, and do something with the bathrooms.

Big Thank You's go to **Susan Blummer, Joe Ytuarte, Lisabell Katzer, Brent and Jackie Batis, Carol Smith, Richard Lipham, Kathleen Till, Susan and Doug Gavin, Janet Cones, Ernest Fruge, Christine Adams, Liz Kloman, Elisabeth Dismuke, Rick Englert, Jim Alexander, Janice Erickson, Barbara Canetti, Carlos Rios, Damien Rios, Rianna Rios, Joan and Gary Harmon, Gary Weed, Mark Collins, Haley Collins, Luke Collins, Grace Blair, Jackson Blair, Danny Blair, Robert Blair, Christine Winkelmann, Katherine Hardin, Marian Mabry, Allyson Mabry, Lauren Mabry, IV Mabry, Tom Glass, Candy Foster, Ann McGinty, Guy Hagstette, Mike Laws and Godfrey Baldwin!**
THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

This is a neighborhood effort. We need your help, ideas, and a little time. Graham Park really is one of the nicer assets of life in Garden Oaks and deserves your protection and investment of time and energy. Call Ann at 862-6244 to get involved.

The next workday is planned for

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December 3. it will be TEEN DAY! If you are between 10 and 18 years old that means YOU! Mark your calendars now and plan to arrive around 9 or 9:30. Wear old clothes and be ready to paint the slides and swings. Lunch and cokes will be provided.

School News

Garden Oaks Elementary School

A very special PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Patsy Klahn's music department will present "Christmas in Nursery Town" The play will be performed by the Kindergarten classes and vocal support will be provided by the choir. It promises to be a great Christmas season opening and everyone is invited to attend. Parents with aspiring future kindergarten students can get a great view of the activities that Garden Oaks involves even their youngest students in.

The FALL FESTIVAL was a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped and attended.

Congratulations to Mrs. Diane Chafin, November's Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Chafin is the librarian and teaches computer literacy classes to all grades. Visit the library any time - everyone is proud of the wonderful job Mrs. Chafin does.

HISD has extended Christmas holidays and students will now enjoy a longer vacation. Classes will dismiss Friday, December 16th with Christmas holidays being December 19 January 2nd, 1989. Classes resume January 3rd, 1989.

Garden Oaks Elementary School will be proud to honor all of its Grandparents with a special day and program November 28th. All grandparents with grandchildren at Garden Oaks - mark your calendars.

Congratulations to Fire Prevention Week poster winners. We are proud of you.

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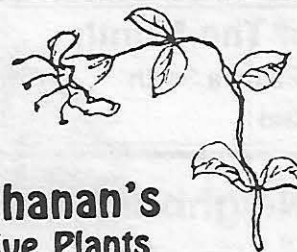
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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(from John K. Terres' *Songbirds in Your Garden*)

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1 cup shortening 1 cup white flour

Store it in your refrigerator to keep it fresh. Do not begin to feed it to the birds until the weather is cool. Mash into tree bark or knot-holes. Good for most birds.

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.

Yard of The Month
 Ralph & Barbara Smith
 420 W. 33rd

Good Neighbors

- Thanks to:
- **Terry Jeanes** - Volunteer Reporter for Garden Oaks news submitted to the Leader. Call her right after you call the Gazette editor with your news and information give your residence and work numbers.
 - Garden Oakes Poll Workers - on election day ensuring our right to exercise our vote.
 - **George & Isabella Keegan** - guest editors for the November Gazette and volunteers for Gazette advertising for 1989 - "Back in the Black in 89!"
 - **Ann McGinty** & Houston Proud & Many Garden Oaks Residents for another work day at our Adopt-a-Park, Graham Park. Note the silver poles and newly painted backstop.
 - **Cindy Weed** - Keeps those Safeway receipts tabulated - we plan on sharing the 1% rebate with several worthy organizations. Continue to save yours and bring them to Civic Club or to Cindy's at 523 W 32nd / 864-1844.
 - **Bill Montgomery** - voiced a concern about North Shepherd.
 - **Jim Alexander, Bill Mcmillian & Terry Jeanes** - acted on the concern & are seeking local busi-

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
December Calendar of Events				1	2	3 Adopt-a-Park Teen Age Day at Park
4	5	6	7 <i>Gazette Deadline</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13 Civic Club Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Santa in the park (see p. 3)	20 Santa in the park	21 Santa in the park	22	23	24
25  Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

January Gazette Guest Editors - Isabella & George Keegan - 681-4306
 Call with any News, Tips, Info etc... Remember deadline Dec. 7

- ness contributors to hire the moving of North Shepherd on a regular basis.
- **Judy Camp** & Garden Oaks Properties - immediately answered Jim's Call with a contribution of, get this, \$150.00. Well done to Judy and Garden Oaks Properties.
 - **Tom Glass** - Contributed toward maintenance of North Shepherd, thank you Tom.
 - **Kathy Marek** - Volunteer of the year for the Northwest YMCA.

• Good Teamwork Neighbors.

December Birthdays


- Patrick Christian Dec 6 - 87
- Jim Kinser Dec 14 - ?
- Kay Paul Dec 3 - ?
- Terry Jeanes Dec 11 - ?
- Elissa Lipham Dec 12 - 5 yrs
- Thomas Lipham Dec 31 - 3 yrs
- Lauren Mabry Dec 28 - 5 yrs
- Jacqueline Debien Dec 24-7 yrs
- Stacy Broadrick Dec 13 -Big 13

New Births

Christopher Ryan Roberts Born October 18, 1988
 Proud parents
 Mark & Jane Ann Roberts

"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."

	<p>REAL ESTATE UPDATE 697-5220</p> <p>SUZANNE DEBIEN, REALTORS -13 years Real Estate/14 years Garden Oaks</p>	<p>"Wishing a safe & happy holiday season to my neighbors, clients & friends..."</p>
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