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Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 7pm at Garden Oaks Baptist Church

Happy Valentines Day

Garden Oaks Home Tour Seeks Angels

The Garden Oaks Home Tour, to be held April 30, 1989, needs financial backing. This year a specific underwriting arrangement has been adopted. All underwriters, patrons, sponsors, and friends, will be credited in the brochure used to promote the event. Three thousand brochures will be distributed this year, so the publicity for donations will be extensive. The underwriters of each tour home will be noted by signs at the home during the tour. Should a single poster underwriter be secured, they will be credited on the poster. Original artwork is currently being selected for this year's poster. We hope that you, your employer, or

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From the President

January meetings always bring small crowds, but January 1989's brought a little serendipity in the form of several (I think seven?) first time members. A series of short reports on the many exciting projects happening in Garden Oaks was presented, recapping each for the benefit of the previously uninitiated. Now, more than ever before, there is no reason not to become involved in YOUR community. There is a committee or project for everybody. Community gardens, Home Tours, Beautification, Adopt-a-park, membership, and perhaps a bicycle Ramble in our future . . . something for everyone.

The 1989 Civic Club meeting dates are elsewhere in this issue. So cut them out and mark your day runner, post them on the refrigerator, enter them in your pocket computer, or whatever fits your lifestyle, but don't miss even one! A strong involved community organization rewards you in so many ways; with new friends, beautiful surroundings, and enhanced property values, to name just a few. So then, it's settled, We'll see you February 7th.

Susan McMillian

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other business acquaintances will want to be a Garden Oaks Tour supporter. Please ask at least one person to consider supporting this event in this way. We have exceptional homes on tour this year, and again, it will be an event to be proud of.

Limited edition poster underwriter* \$1000.00

Individual Home underwriter* 250.00

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Garden Oaks Home Tour Friend 10.00

* Underwriters of at least \$100.00 will be honored at a special reception and preview on Saturday, April 29, 1989.

Terry Russey

1989 Civic Club Meeting Dates Confirmed

The association confirmed the 1989 meeting date schedule at the January meeting. The first Tuesday of each month was adopted, with a July exception due to the Independence Day Holiday.

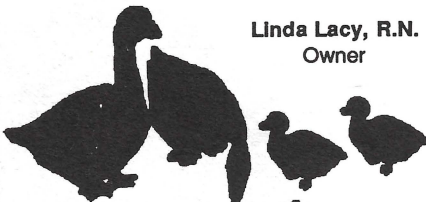
All meetings will be held at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 North Shepherd, with refreshments starting at 7pm, and the meeting convening at 7:30pm.

Feb. 7, 1989	Aug. 1, 1989
Mar. 7, 1989	Sept. 5, 1989
Apr. 4, 1989*	Oct. 3, 1989
May 2, 1989	Nov. 7, 1989
June 6, 1989	Dec. 5, 1989*
July 11, 1989	*Covered Dish Supper

MEMBERSHIP 1989

I am happy to report that we have 64 new members! Plus 1 business membership, and 1 sustaining membership! Please get your membership dues in so we can meet our goal!

Grace Blair



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Coming Events

Design a T-Shirt will be the theme for the February meeting. Guest designers will be Exa Bishop, Kay Paul and Danese McWhorter. They will demonstrate 3 different techniques of creating a t-shirt from sponges, bows to ribbons!

In March, T. J. Stevens will speak on "Financial Planning". Please come see our neighbors share with you ideas for making T-shirts! And we always need to hear about financial planning as it relates to I.R.A.'s and mutual funds.

Richard Lipham



Community Garden

Beds were prepared on Saturday, January 7th and on January 14th we planted broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, beets, 1015 onions, carrots, collards, and lettuce. Project is coming along very well. We had real good participation on the 7th. We will probably be working now every Saturday weather permitting and need volunteers. Anyone who is interested in joining us, please call Jan Koenig at 869-8997. Or just come to the school between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Come watch us grow!

We have a wish list of the following:

200 ft. garden hose
hose reel tomato cages
daytime waterers

If anyone would like to donate, please call Jan!

Yard Of The Month

Bell Katzer - 415 W. 31st Street

Critter Corner

By David Horsley

Seen through the front window: a large flock -- no, a gang....make that a MOB of blackbirds -- methodically devouring the grain in our feeder. These birds employ a system that works like this: two or three big grackle ringleaders stand ankle-deep in the grain trough, shoveling seeds out as fast as they can. Never mind how it is possible to shovel with something as small and pointy as a birdbeak. Somehow they do it. Seed goes flying out and the mob on the ground cackles in frenzied delight as it hunts for the food in the grass. Then, suddenly, everyone bolts into the air with a thunder of wings, rearranges themselves, and new shovelers step into the feed-trough. This game continues until \$3.95 worth of feed is gone. About an hour.

Back before Christmas we witnessed a small drama in the front yard. The biggest bird ever seen in Garden Oaks came streaking out of the sky and grabbed something out of a tree across the street. Then it proceeded earthward until it was sitting in the Slafter's driveway. To me it looked like a condor. Presently it unfolded its gargantuan wings and with one or two flaps, hurtled itself in our direction until it was sitting in a tree directly in front of us, where it proceeded to pluck the unlucky bird it had just caught. As feathers rained down I ran for the binoculars. Through the glasses it looked like the mythic Rodan, the giant bird of science fiction. But this was no



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fiction. It evidently plucked its prey to its own satisfaction, then quipped it down **WHOLE** and catapulted itself off into space. As it went I caught a glimpse of the deep rust color on the upper side of the tail, so of course it was only a common red-tailed hawk. But what a magnificent bird! It's probably been in production for a million years. but that was my first up-close look. Award-winning design! Question of the month: instead of paying good money for plastic leaf bags, then filling them with Nature's Best Compost and wasting everyone's energy and money by setting them out on the street (where they clog up an already taxed trash collection system), why don't we do something more constructive with our leaves? A neighborhood compost pile? Mulching our pocketparks? Sell the leaves to people in Alief, who don't have trees?

As of the middle of January, six people had called to volunteer their time and services toward a Garden Oaks recycling project, so we are halfway there. As soon as we have an even dozen willing to get involved, we will have a meeting to discuss the possibilities. Call me at 680-9598 if you want to add your name to the list.

Special Appreciation Vase

A crystal vase was presented to Grace Blair by Sue McMillian at the January Civic Club meeting for time and effort that she devoted to the Garden Oaks community as past president. Thank you Grace for your loyalty and hard work.

Count me in - I want to help!

**I want to support the Garden Oaks Civic Club in its efforts to
create and maintain a great neighborhood.**

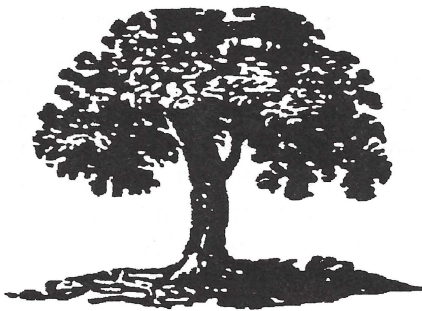
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Garden Oaks Civic Club

Willard Mills, Treasurer

907 W. 41st Street

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In Appreciation Of

A note of thanks to SAK N SAV for discounting of food for the December meeting as well as donating the ice for this Christmas meeting.

Also, we would like to say thank you to SAFEWAY ON 43RD STREET for donating the "Happy New Year" cake for the January meeting.

Refreshments Committee

The ladies on the 400 block of West 31st Street have volunteered to bring refreshments for the February meeting. If you wish to contribute, please contact Kay Paul or Bell Katzer.

Good Neighbor Award Update

Nominations are due for the Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize neighbors whose citizenship traits and caring manner in dealing with others make them a great neighbor. Please get your nominations to Suzanne Debien at 1235 North Loop West #1120 or call 697-5220 by February 11!



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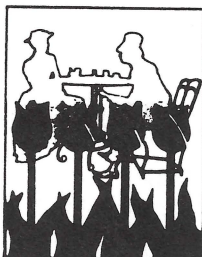
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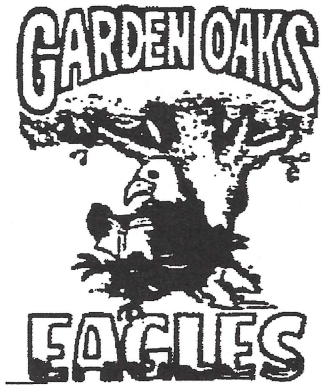
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Garden Oaks Elementary School News

A brand new semester begins January 30, and there are many projects to look forward to beginning with the annual Founder's Day PTA Meeting and Program, Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the old auditorium. A program of folk dancing and music will be presented by students during the special meeting and a PTA Life Membership will be awarded. Everyone is invited and once again there will be chances available to take home a treat from the Cake Drawing.

Congratulations to Teacher's of the Month

Mrs. Minter - December

Mrs. Cox - January

Mrs. Minter's fourth grade class has been chosen to help work a row of the Community Garden. They're excited and all students are eager to

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GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____ PHONE: _____

Children/Birthdates: _____

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Annual Membership Fees Due
January 1, 1989

- ☐ \$10 Family Membership ☐ \$5 Senior Citizens (Garden Oaks Roots)
☐ Not less than \$25 Business/Neighbor Sustaining Membership

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view the garden's progress.

Garden Oaks Elementary parents have saved Safeway receipts for several years and are thrilled with a new Safeway program called "Apples for Kids". Between January 18 and June 3, 1989, receipts may be used directly to receive Apple computer equipment and software. After last year's theft of the school computer's, it's a thrilling prospect.

Thank you Safeway!

Judy Camp, of Garden Oaks Properties, was honored at the December PTA meeting as a faithful friend and school supporter. Judy has sponsored the drawing tickets for the Fall Festival for several years and everyone is grateful for her community spirit. Thank you Judy!

February will also bring the "World's Greatest Chocolate" fundraiser, History Fair, Spelling Bee and Teams Testing for 3rd and 5th graders. All set for a busy Spring Semester.

**Danese McWhorter, Garden Oaks
PTA President**

Oak Forest Elementary School

Applications are due for the 1989 Vanguard program by February 3, 1989.

Waltrip H.S. Schedules Fashion Show Feb. 21

The Waltrip High School Marketing Education Department will hold a fashion show in their auditorium from 8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Feb. 21.

Approximately 60 students will participate.

Student models will include ninth through 12 graders. The model tryouts are scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 27, in the auditorium. Judges will be marketing advisory members. The show will follow the PTA meeting. The PTA meeting will be from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

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Valentine's Day Trivia

Valentine's Day is a special day observed on February 14. On this day, people send greeting cards called valentines to their sweethearts, friends, and members of their families. Many valentines have romantic verses and others have humorous pictures.

For weeks before, stores sell valentines and valentine decorations. Many people give candy, flowers, and other gifts to their friends. Why? Where did Valentine's Day originate?

Different authorities believe Valentine's Day began in various ways. Some trace it to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia. Other experts connect the event with one or more saints of the early Christian church. Still others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14. Valentine's Day probably came from a combination of all three of those sources - plus the belief that spring is a time for lovers.

The ancient Romans held the festival of Lupercalia on February 15 to ensure protection from wolves. During this celebration, young men struck people with strips of animal hide. Women took the blows because they thought that the whipping made them more fertile. After the Romans conquered Britain, the British borrowed many Roman festivals. Many writers link the festival of Lupercalia with Valentine's Day because of the similar date and the connection with fertility.

The early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine. According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II forbid young men to marry. The emperor thought single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor's order and secretly married young couples.

Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their gods. The children missed Valentine and tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell window. This tale may explain why people exchange messages on Valentine's Day.

The earliest records of Valentine's Day in English tell that birds chose their mates on that day.

Beautification '89

Beautification '89 will have its next meeting **FRIDAY, Feb. 10, 1989** from 7:30 till 8:30 at the Mabry's - 1079 Lamonte. Light snacks & drinks provided. Bring a friend and/or an incredible idea for our neighborhood. Home tour is near and we have a lot to do and we have funds to do it with.

Be there - Friday, Feb 10

7:30 - 8:30

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Information? 956-9469

Try A Rose For Valentine's Day

When selecting a rose arrangement for Valentine's Day, remember roses have a language of their own, and there are a number of vibrant colors suitable for every occasion. Use this guide from American's Rose Growers to convey the appropriate message:

The red rose symbolizes love, respect and courage.

Pink roses carry the message, "You're gentle and graceful."

Deep pink roses say, "Thank you."

Light pink roses convey admiration.

A white rose says: "You're heavenly."

Red and white roses tied together indicate unity.

Yellow roses signify joy and gladness.

A bouquet of roses in full bloom mean gratitude.

A single rose in full bloom means "I love you" or "I still love you."



February Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Civic Club Meeting 7:00	8 Ash Wednesday	9	10 Beautification Meeting 7:00	11 Gazette Deadline
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 President's Day	28				

PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Keep us, O God, from all pettiness; let us be large in thought, in work, in deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off all self seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for things, and make us to grow calm, serene, and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

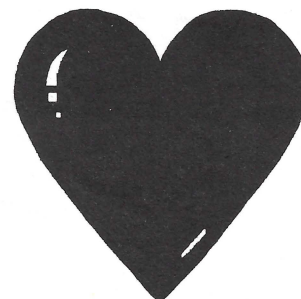
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life, we are as one.

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And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind! Amen

February Birthdays

Andrew Bell	Feb 15-	6 yrs
Lauren Hall	Feb 14-	10 yrs
Michael Keegan	Feb 14-	5 yrs
Ryan Kriechbaum	Feb 6-	9 yrs
Georgann Paul	Feb 21-	11 yrs
Jane Sturges	Feb 8-	1 yr
Cheryl Luck	Feb 11-	???



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