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"One Winged Angels Can't Fly"

Yes, it's true, the Garden Oaks Home Tour Committee has a flock of "One Winged Angels." Our surrounding business community has rallied to help us with financial and product donations. Unfortunately, our angels are very sensitive and "harped" at the thought of some angels with wings and others with none. So, we gave all our angels "one wing."

Some of our neighbors have offered their homes. Others their time in an effort to make our 1989 Home Tour as successful as in years past. Our goal is to continue to make the public aware that Garden Oaks is a stable, desirable, and friendly neighborhood with an excellent location and ever-rising property values.

So neighbors, buy some wings and help our 1989 Home Tour soar to the heavens.

Remember, Home Tour benefits all Garden Oaks residents.

Next Issue: Home Tour Addresses!!! Home Tour Parties!!! Posters, Raffles, and much more!!!

Terry Russey

From the President

Sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees (even those of us who live in a forest). I was so interested in following the events leading up to the resignation of David Patronella as our District 138 State Representative and his appointment as Justice of the Peace, that I hadn't considered how the voters could hear from all his would-be successors during the short time preceding the March 7, 1989, special election. Fortunately for us all, Tom Glass suggested a candidates forum and we will be hosting just such an event. On Thursday, March 2, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. the Garden Oaks Civic Club will host a Candidates Forum at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 4300 North Shepherd (at West 43rd/Crosstimbers) in the Fellowship Hall. Invitations to participate, by registered mail, will be sent to all those who file for the position and the entire community will be welcome to attend. Questions will be taken from the audience in writing, and then a non-partisan panel will choose from those submitted and pose them to the candidates. Strict rules and time limits will be kept to assure an orderly format. It should be a most informative evening and a crucial one for making your choice of a replacement in this very important position.

I also want to take a moment of presidential privilege personal (sounds like a drum roll is necessary) to offer special thanks to David Patronella for his unfailing support to all of District 138, and especially Garden Oaks. He has been a good friend of mine, and to our neighborhood, both politically and personally. Remember his attendance (in the intermittent rain) at our 50th Birthday Picnic, his volunteer judging of the Christmas Lighting Contest (and admitting it despite some controversy), and the many other times we knew we could count on David to be there for us. David has been an elected official who cares about the people behind the issues and that deserves singular recognition. We wish David, and his new bride



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Susan Millian

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 138

CANDIDATES FORUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1989

7:30 P.M.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL

4300 NORTH SHEPHERD (AT CROSSTIMBERS/WEST 43RD)

(Only written questions will be taken from the audience)

Channel 26 Features Garden Oaks

Channel 26 will be presenting a special on March 15, 1989, entitled NEIGHBORS BEING NEIGHBORS. We have been asked to have Garden Oaks' Community Garden featured on the show. A film crew will be at the garden site on Monday. March 6, 1989, at 4:00 p.m. and we would like to have as many neighbors as possible there working during the filming. Following the March 15th television show, thirty second spots will run throughout the year using footage gathered during this time. This will be an excellent opportunity to "showcase" Garden Oaks as a neighborhood of people who care. SEE YOU THERE!

VOLLEYBALL

Want some exercise on a Sunday afternoon?

Come join your neighbors and friends at Graham Park (34th & Lawrence) at 3:00 p.m.

Membership Report

We have 107 members as of February 10, 1989. Neighbors wishing to support the visible improvements and their maintenance of our civic club rejoin every January. Of, for & by the people applies on the local scale - our community garden, beautification efforts, lawn mowing on Shepherd and charitable actions provide avenues for neighbors to become friends and often improve the value of our property.

Mr. Mills kindly suggested that a personal touch would be appreciated and effective in increasing membership...that if I would call each of you and invite you to become a "dues paid" member in '89 that you would. Please take a moment to fill in the form and send Mr. Mills your check. 1, 393 of you can reduce your chance of yet another phone sales pitch.

Look around our wonderful neighborhood and let us

COUNT YOU IN!

Grace Blair

Beautification '89

Beautification will form a round table at the Blairs, 328 W. 30th, on Friday, March 17, 1989 from 7:30 to 8:30 Be sure to wear green. Light snacks and green beer will be available. Put in your two cents on the plans for the Boulevard and/or help perfect identifying mile markers for joggers, walkers, bikers, etc...

The first Beautification work day for 1989 will be April 8, 1989, (Saturday). Bring friends or come alone.

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Beautification Round Table Friday - St. Patrick's Day March 17, 1989 - 7:30-8:30 328 W. 30th St. - The Blairs

Work Day - Saturday, April 8 Meet at the Pocket Park - Lamonte/Sue Barnett/42nd St.

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!

Marian Mabry

Community Garden

?????? THINK IT FROZE ??????

We got most of the plants covered before the freeze!!!! We lost some and were surprised by the durability of others. We usually work on Saturday mornings between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. If you see us out at the garden, stop by and chat, work or bring a cold drink. We can always use another couple of hands, cup of coffee or even a kind smile.

We are still wishin' and hopein' that someone would help us with the following:

200 ft. garden hose · tomato cages hose reel · daytime waterers · harvesters If interested in any of the above, please contact Mr. Jan Koenig @ 869-8997. Come watch us grow!!!!!!!

Jan Koenig

"ANGELS" FLOCK TOGETHER TO INSURE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOME TOUR FOR 1989!

SEE THE NEXT PAGE TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME A "HOME TOUR ANGEL"

Critter Corner

by David Horsley

That big hawk has been seen by a number of neighbors since Christmas. Tom Ash reported that it tried -- without success -- to catch a squirrel in his yard. It was also seen over a certain pink restaurant at 610 and Shepherd, making lazy circles in the sky. Do hawks eat tacos?

Joan Harmon on Lamonte has an unusual problem. Three large and apparently tame raccoons have taken up residence under her house. At night they can be heard playing raccoon games, thumping and bumping and waking up the humans overhead. But wait -- that's not the problem. The trouble began when these three wild raccoons began coming through Joan's cat-door and into the kitchen and helping themselves to the catbowl. They eat dry catfood and also the canned variety, proving that raccoons are easy to please in the food department. What does the cat do when these marked marauders are helping themselves to her chow, you ask? Why, she gives them a friendly touch of noses and lets them eat their fill. If anyone has any ideas about how to rid one's kitchen of raccoons, let us know.

Did the freeze get your shrubs? There were a lot of old blankets and bedspreads visible during the first week of February. By my estimation, the native Texas shrubs have generally survived the freeze OK, but less hardy imports have suffered mightily. Several years ago I decided to stop covering things up, to let the shrubs fend for themselves like ordinary plants. The ones that died I



replaced with tougher varieties. If you have lost plants in the freeze, Why not call the Mercer Arboretum and ask about native Texas replacements? 443-8731. The people there are happy to discuss your landscaping needs, and they can direct you to shrubs that don't need to be mollycoddled.

Here's a question that generates hot debate among the experts: does freezing weather really kill insect pests? Common sense says yes, that any roaches or fleas or cabbage loopers left outside when the mercury drops to 20 F. will be sent packing to bug heaven. During our recent freeze, the TV showed some exterminators who believed their business would suffer because of the cold snap.

On the other hand, I was taught way back in high school biology that insects generate their own brand of antifreeze, which keeps them from succumbing to cold. How else could millions of mosquito larvae spend a comfy winter above the Arctic Circle (which they most certainly do), frozen in ice as hard a a rock, then emerge in summer to make life miserable for the caribou herds? Keep an eye on your resident pests this spring and summer, and see if you notice any difference from last year.

Volunteers are needed for mowing, weeding, and cleaning of the esplanade on 43rd & Apollo. All neighbors in Section 5 have done a great job in 1988. Let's keep up the good work and volunteer for a month.

Call Kathy Marek at 688-6811.

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Garden Oaks Elementary School

Spring Semester is well under way at Garden Oaks Elementary with fairs, contests and field trips in full swing.

Rodeo art winners had their creations judged at HISD administration offices. Winners included seven 2nd places: Mickelle Schwartzbrauler, Justin Ogren, Logan McWhorter, Kathryn Robinson, Toysha Keeton, Richard Garcia and Daren Bartula. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Donnie Morrison, Jinay Cotterman, and Desiree Dawlearn. The art was returned in time for Go Texas Day when students square danced on the playground and were served refreshments by the PTA. Thank you McDonald's at Hwy. 290 for providing punch again this year for the thirsty "cowboys and cowgirls".

Congratulations to History Fair winners:

4th grade individual project - "Pony Express" by Desiree Dowlearn

4th grade group project - "World War II" by Michael Silva, Toysha Keeton, Koss Pride and Carlos Benavidy.

Imagine standing on a stage and being asked to spell argosy, bamboozle, mansard, or sultriness, and imagine being 7-10 years old. Spelling bee winners proved their mastery of these approved words and three students advanced to the District Spelling Bee. Congratulations:

Jared Selley - 1st place



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Brianna Wilson - 2nd place Detiah Jackson - 3rd place

During February, students travelled to the Children's Museum, NASA, and to the second symphony concert of the year. The Science Fair is scheduled for March with all SIGHTS students required to participate either as a group project (for younger grades) or with individual projects.

The YMCA on-campus child care program for after school began in February and participants are enjoying all the activities the Y brings with parents being relieved at the ease of their children not having to leave the campus after school. Another big benefit - homework gets done first. Students, parents, and teachers benefit form that activity.

Apples for Students, sponsored by Safeway, is well underway with a \$120.00 total collection of cash register receipts as a goal for a computer system. Thank you parents, students, and friends.

Thank you to the Civic Club for their recent donation of Safeway receipts to Garden Oaks Elementary. Everyone is excited about improving the school's computer status. Thank you to our community and Civic Club.

SPRING BREAK - March 20-24. Yeah!!!

Danese McWhorter Garden Oaks Elementary PTA President

WISH LIST

Sure could use some help with xeroxing of deed restrictions for our new neighbors, and other important literature which our HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE provides.

Call Kathy Marek--688-6811

With Appreciation

The Northwest YMCA, Kathy Marek and Bob Blair would like to thank the Garden Oaks Civic Club for their donation of \$100.00 for the Partner of Youth Campaign. The money will be used for the less fortunate children in this area.

New Babies

Benjamin Royse Thomas--Earl and Mary Anne Thomas 520 W. 32nd born January 21st

Chelsea Cameron Carter--Pene and Dennis Carter 810 Lamonte born January 24th

Charles William Gentry--Joe and Lore Gentry 508 W. 32nd born January 30th



Welcome to our New Neighbors:

Dr. Bill Boyd - 734 Sue Barnett Tina Chamberlain - 834 West 41st Armand Primeaux - 935 Gardenia

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jeanes 11 years-March 17th

Door Prize

for March is courtesy of Century 21 Bill Hartman

Northwest YMCA News

The Northwest YMCA has begun registering for its next session of Spring classes and programs. A variety of Aerobic fitness (mornings and evenings), Gymnastics, Ballet/Dance, Karate, Rollerskating and more. All aerobics classes are FREE to YMCA members. You can join for \$39 Adult/\$42 family down payment and \$13 Adult/\$16 family per month. Please call for a complete class schedule.

Registration is ongoing for youth boys/girls Baseball ages 3-4 Pee Wee, 5-6 T-Ball, 7-8 Coach pitch, 9-10 Pitching maching, 11-13 Majors & 14-15 Seniors. Teams will be formed the week of March 6, cost \$25 members, \$37 Associate

March Calendar of Events								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		
			1	2 Candidates Forum 7:30 pm	3	4 Community Garden 9:00 am		
5	6 Filming Neighbors Being Neighbors 4:00 pm	7 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Gazette Deadline	9	10	11 Community Garden 9:00 am		
12	13	14	15	16	17 Beautification Meeting 7:30 pm	18 Community Garden 9:00 am		
19	20	21	22	23	24 Good Friday	25 Community Garden 9:00 am		
26 Easter	27	28						

member. All children play in every game. Practice is weeknights twice a week with most games during the week (a couple of Sat. games possible) NEW Pee Wee 3-4 Yr. Old on Tue/Thur 6:00-7:00 p.m. Starting March 14. Contact Craig for information or if you would like to coach at 869-3378.

Adult sports leagues are also registering. Teams can sign up to play by calling Craig. Men's Basketball Monday nights and Saturdays Cost \$275 team, Co-Ed Volleyball Thursday nights cost \$175 team, Co-Ed Softball Friday nights cost \$275 team. Mens league tournaments begin in March call Craig for schedule information.

The YMCA and Garden Oaks Elementary school continue to offer a Afterschool Latch Key program with a variety of supervised enrichment activities planned. for information or to register contact Tina at 869-3378 or the school office.

You may contact the YMCA at 869-3378 for class schedules, registration and membership information.



March Birthdays

Ryan Hall Mar ch 28 - 9 yrs

Lauren Rogers March 19 - 7 yrs

Randi Easterling March 3 -40 yrs

Caitlan Easterling March 6 - 3yrs

Jerry McWhorter March 5 -40 yrs

Grace Blair March 9 -40 yrs

From the Editor

In order to ensure a timely delivery of the April Gazette------the DEADLINE for the submission of newsworthy articles will be WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH----THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!!!



REAL ESTATE UPDATE 697-5220

Watch for news of the first quarter good neighbor award to be announced March 30th!

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