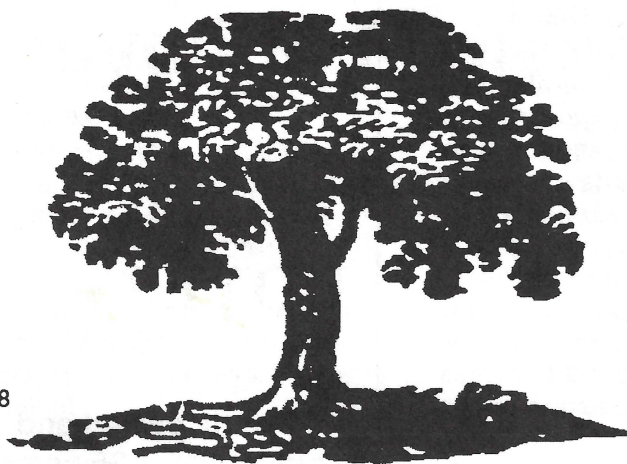


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Happy Mother's Day

**ANNA M. JARVIS WAS THE ORIGINATOR OF MOTHER'S DAY.
(1864 – 1918).**

She remained a spinster throughout her life and was extremely attached to her mother. Miss Jarvis graduated from the Female Seminary in Wheeling and taught in Grafton, West Virginia before moving with the rest of her family to Philadelphia.

Her mother died in Philadelphia in 1905, and two years later Anna Jarvis discussed with friends her intention of starting a Mother's Day. She was very concerned about neglectful treatment of mothers by adult children. She therefore inaugurated a letter-writing campaign, contacting ministers, businessmen, and congressmen in the hopes of gaining their support for her project.

The first Mother's Day observance was a church service held at Anna Jarvis' request in Grafton, West Virginia on May 10, 1908. The carnations which have become such a familiar part of Mother's Day were introduced and supplied at that first service by Miss Jarvis. Red carnations were worn as a symbol of a living mother. While white carnations were worn as a sign that one's mother had died.

Today, Mother's Day is a popular occasion, warm, and joyful in spirit. Naturally, enough, however, what was begun as a religious service has expanded into a secular and commercially successful event. Flowers and gifts are often the order of the day. Greetings are sent not only to one's own mother but also to grandmothers and aunts. This Mother's Day, remember those special ones.

From The President...

Spring is officially here! In Garden Oaks, it's not heralded by robins, by blooming gardens, or even by Saturday morning wakeups from the neighbor's lawnmower. Spring in Garden Oaks is announced with bicycles, baby strollers, wagons, and walkers. People! People taking to the streets and the lawns to enjoy the sudden gift of sunshine (before it becomes August's curse!). I suppose it's always been that way here, even when those 1930's conversations between friends included worries about moving "so far out" and whether or not our Garden Oaks Volunteer Fire Department was adequate for our new community. Oh, there were years when the gray haired walkers outnumbered the baby strollers and little red wagons by far... but still Spring meant people taking time to be neighbors in Garden Oaks. Now that our "little people" population appears to have far outreached those of us in the gray-haired walker category, you might think things have changed. But they haven't! Garden Oaks is still just people; nice people; good neighbors; people who know your name and really care how you are. Garden Oaks...we're really not about architecture.

Susan McMillian

Wish List

Someone (dedicated; with some expertise) to coordinate efforts to get renovation (or replacement) bids for the old 34th Street Civic Club Building. The city's commitment to consider a lease to us won't help if the building self-destructs! Call Susan McMillian (695-8245) to volunteer. All resultant proposals will be published in the Gazette and presented at a Civic Club Meeting for careful consideration.

Special Thanks To:

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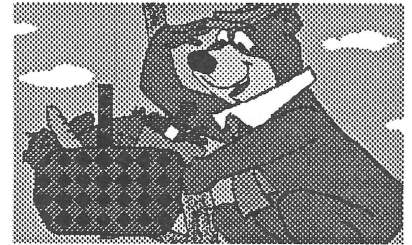
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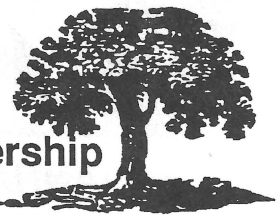
Kids: Decorate Your Favorite Vehicle (Bikes, Trikes, Wagons, Strollers or Miniatures)

Dress in Costume or Outlandish Attire

Parents: Bring an Old Fashioned Picnic (Your Meal and a Quilt)

Invite Friends to be Spectators
Meet at 9.30 a.m. at North Shepherd & Garden Oaks Boulevard

Questions??? Call 862-9623
Grace



The Membership Challenge

The Tree is going back up! The Membership Challenge is gearing up. Be ready for a personal visit by one of your neighbors. Each Section has a leader except for Section I and Section IV. The Leaders by Section are:

SECTION I -

SECTION II - JIM HALL

SECTION III - RIC LUCK

SECTION IV -

SECTION V - MARIAN MABRY

The Membership Tree will be divided into 5 sections and filled in with percentages as each section leader enrolls new members.

A strong Civic Club allows our neighborhood to make visible improvements. Join us!

Grace Blair
Membership '89

Garden Oaks Recycling Project

The Garden Oaks Recycling Project is a group of residents concerned with the conservation of environmental resources. The primary goal of this project is to encourage recycling in our neighborhood. So **START** saving those bottles, papers, and cans, and **STOP** throwing away valuable resources. "Waste is not waste until you waste it!"-Neil Seldman Institute for Self Reliance,

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 beginning at 8 a.m., Garden Oaks Recycling Project volunteers will come to your curb to pick-up:

• ALUMINUM

- Bag empty cans.
- Test doubtful material with a magnet. If aluminum, magnet will not stick. (Pepsi products are not aluminum);
- Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild, our entire commercial airfleet every three months!

• NEWSPAPER

- Bundle in one-foot stacks or place in grocery paper bags.
- No magazines, glossy paper, telephone books, or junk mail, please.
- Every three - foot stack of paper saves one tree!

• GLASS

- Box and sort by color (brown, green, clear).
- Rinse glass ware and remove lids; labels can be left on.
- Americans throw away enough glass bottles and jars to fill the 1350-foot twin towers of, New York's World Trade Center, every two weeks!

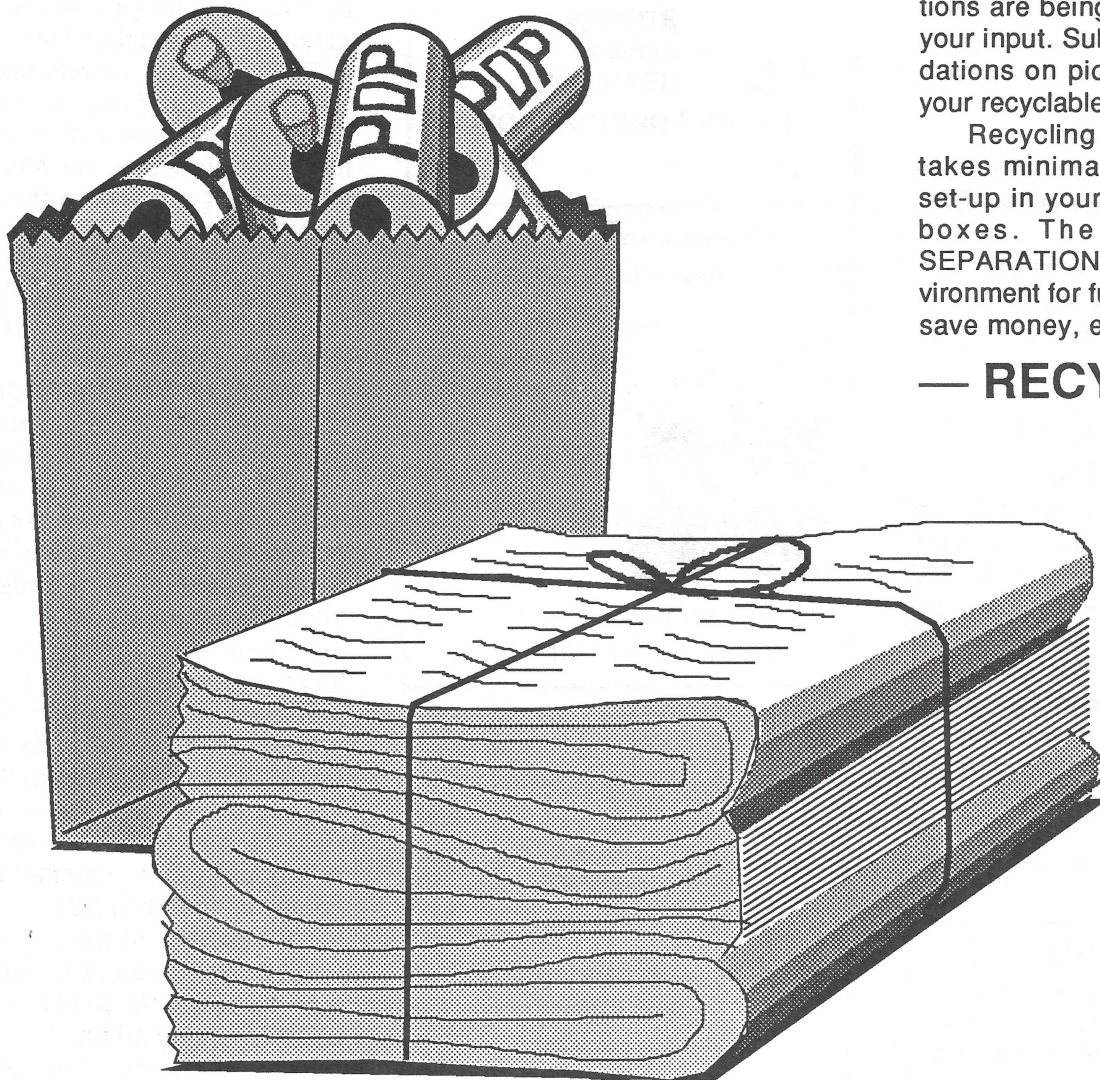
• BATTERIES

- Place car batteries in plastic bags.

Drop-off location will also be available at **GRAHAM PARK** (Lawrence and 34th Streets) on the pick-up day. All profits will be donated. Donation recommendations are being accepted. We need your input. Submit your recommendations on pick-up day along with your recyclables.

Recycling can be very simple, takes minimal space and can be set-up in your home with 3 sturdy boxes. The key is **SOURCE SEPARATION**. Ensure a better environment for future generations and save money, energy and resources

— **RECYCLE**



Recycling Update

On Monday, April 3, the recycling group met for the second time to work out the details of our neighborhood recycling effort.

The following issues were resolved:

-Saturday, June 10 will be our first pickup date. Materials set at curbside will be picked up by volunteers in trucks.

-We will start by recycling glass, newspaper, aluminum and car batteries.

-A videotape about recycling, recently seen on Channel 8, has been purchased by the group to show at a future civic club meeting.

The following issues were left unresolved:

-What to do with the money collected. Options: give it all straight to the Civic Club, give half to Civic Club - half to some community project, use it all to benefit Garden Oaks but keep it separate from Civic Club funds.

-Election of officers.

-Whether to become an official committee of the Garden Oaks Civic Club.

Enthusiasm is running high with this project. If you want to get involved, call David Horsley at 680-9598.

Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award

Nominations for the second quarter Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award will be accepted until May 12. The winner will be announced on June 30. This award has been revived by Suzanne Debien, Realtor, to recognize those who have shown the citizenship traits and caring manners that make a resident a "Good Neighbor".

For more information, call Suzanne Debien Realtors at 697-5220.

Volunteers Needed

An Editor is needed for the Garden Oaks Gazette starting the August edition as the Englert's last issue will be in July. Volunteers please call 862-9623.



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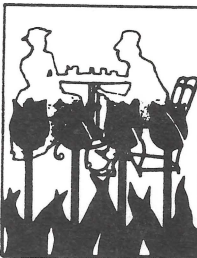
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Critter Corner

by David Horsley

Here's a little springtime quiz, to see if you're paying attention. Arrange the following shrubs in the order in which they bloom in Garden Oaks:

- Gardenia
- Azalea
- Star Jasmine
- Indian Hawthorn
- Lugustrum
- Common Privet

If you have trouble with this quiz, it is a sure sign that you need to get out and walk more often through our neighborhood. The flowers are currently doing their best to get your attention.

There was a hummingbird at our feeder last week. This is the earliest we have seen one. I started to mix up some fresh juice for it, but decided that the hummer really needed to get on up the coast so I let it go.

Our favorite woodpecker, the redhead, is also back from wherever. We saw it at its old nesting tree this week, on Alba Drive. Now, don't get the redhead confused with the redbelly woodpecker, which also has a lot of red on its head but not half as much as the redhead, whose head is TOTALLY red. Awesome!

When I moved to Garden Oaks 12 years ago, there were toads everywhere. After a rain, the streets would be littered with their squashed bodies, by the hundreds and hundreds. Now, we hardly ever see a toad. Anybody got any ideas what happened to them?

Seen while driving, a very unlucky squirrel, whose rear half had just been run over, pulling himself across the pavement by his front paws. That sight sticks in the mind. Please drive carefully — squirrels (not to mention children) have notoriously poor judgement when it comes to speeding cars.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette is some information about our recycling project. Mark Saturday, June 10 on your calendar, because that will be our first recycling pickup day.

Saturday, June 10!

Beautification '89

Have you driven down the Boulevard recently? Are you watching the foundation come together? The present project, when complete, will include bordering the Boulevard with a single layer of green landscape timbers, installation of a manual irrigation system, grouping of our azaleas in two large beds and incorporating some of our existing trees. This is Phase 1 for Garden Oaks Boulevard. Civic Club support and private donations make these projects possible. If you, too, want to promote further beautification projects, send your check to:

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earmarked **Beautification** or show up for a meeting. You may have a great idea and a good time to boot! Contact M. Mabry for schedule of next meeting 956-9469. Great things are possible when we work together.



Safeway Receipts

Safeway is suspending its 1% donation program effective May 15.

Please bring your Safeway receipts to Civic Club meeting on May 2 or send to Cindy Weed at 523 W. 32nd Street, Houston, Texas 77018.

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Special Thanks From Terry Russey, Home Tour Chairman

A big round of applause to Home Tour Committee Members, Homeowners who opened their homes to the public and volunteers who all helped making the 1989 Home Tour a success.

Neighborhood Garage Sales

What is the most important aspect concerning a garage or yard sale? PEOPLE! You must have people willing to come and look through your goods and even more importantly, willingness to buy reasonably priced items.

How do you get people to come and see? Organize your neighbors on your block! You could advertise several families on the same block having a garage or yard sale all on the same day! (You must advertise.)

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 834 W. 41st
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 859 W. 43rd
 412 W. 31st
 709 Sue Barnett

Thank You

A big thanks to the Northwest YMCA for use of their facility for the Home Tour Premier Party.

Good Neighbors

The gold star goes to **Kay Paul** and **Denise Epstein** for helping at the Work Day on Saturday, April 8.

Thanks to **Candy** and **Kermit Foster**, **Cristina Winkelman**, and **Katherine Hardin** for a great lunch on Work Day.

Home Tour

Don't forget the Home Tour is April 30th! We still need volunteers the day of the Home Tour.

Please call Terry Russey at 680-1455 or 956-9209.



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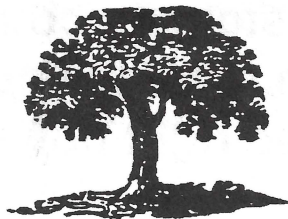
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Our "THANK YOUS" go to the residents of Garden Oaks. We are celebrating our THIRD ANNIVERSARY in Garden Oaks this month and we would like to take this opportunity to say: THANK YOU.

Trey, Darla, & Rick Englert
519 W. 32nd St.

P.S. Sorry about the typos in the April edition of the Gazette.



May Birthdays

Carrie Alexander - May 24- 6yrs
Allyson Mabry - May 17- 9 yrs

Mother

M is for the million things she gave me

O means only that she's growing old

T is for the tears were shed to save me

H is for her heart of purest gold

E is for her eyes with love light shining

R means right, and right she'll always be

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