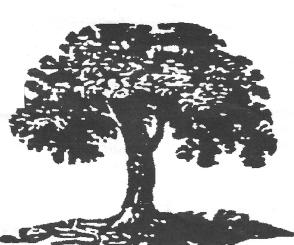
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Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, June 6, 7pm at Garden Oaks Baptist Church

Happy Father's Day

#### FATHER'S DAY

The setting apart of a day on which to honor fathers by special services in the churches and in other ways, originated independently in different parts of the country in different years and different days.

The credit for making the first suggestion probably belongs to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. The idea occurred to Mrs. Dodd in 1909 as a suitable tribute to her own father who had successfully reared a family of children after the death of their mother. She wrote to the Rev. Conrad Bluhm, president of the Spokane Ministerial Association, proposing that the third sunday in June be set apart for honoring fathers. The association approved the proposal when it was submitted to its members and the first celebration of the day was held in Spokane in June, 1910. Sons and daughters were asked to wear a red rose in honor of a living father and a white rose if the father was dead. The celebration was successful, but knowledge of it did not spread far, for in 1911 the observance of Father's Day was discussed in Chicago as though it were something new. Miss Jane Adams approved it, saying, "Poor father has been left out in the cold. He doesn't get much recognition. But regardless of his bread-earning proclivities it would be a good thing if he had a day that would mean recognition of him."

A dispatch from Vancouver, Washington, in the Portland Oregonian for May 18, 1913, gives the impression that the people of Vancouver believed that the celebration of Father's Day originated there. In 1920 Harry C. Meek, president of the Uptown Lions Club was able to bring about the observance of a day in honor of fathers on the third Sunday in October. In 1924, President Coolidge wrote to Mr. Meek, "As I have indicated heretofore, the widespread observance of this occasion is calculated to establish more relations between fathers and their children, and also to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations." President Wilson had antedated President Coolidge in recognizing Father's Day, for he pressed a button in Washington unfurling a flag on the platform at a celebration, had already organized a Father's Day Association.

A Father's Day of a different kind was observed on November 24, 1918, when at the suggestion of the Stars and

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Stripes, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force in France, the fathers at home wrote to their sons in the field and the sons in the field wrote home. Arrangements were made for the delivery of the letters without delay. The war was over then and delivery was possible without risk.

While the rose is recognized as the appropriate flower for the day a white lilac with a green leaf was worn at first at the celebration in Vancouver, Washington. This Father's Day, present your father with your appropriate sign of love.

AMERICAN BOOK OF DAYS

#### **1989 Backyard Tour**

The Garden Club will host the 1989 Backyard Tour on June 8 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone will meet at the home of Jackie and Brent Batis at 532 West 32nd Street. Come join us while we tour the backyards of several lovely Garden Oaks homes.

#### Oak Tree Stickers



As our new neighbors continue to move into Garden Oaks, we need to inform them about our Oak Tree stickers. The purpose of these stickers is to "wear" them on the rear bumper of your car. Then if your neighbors see a suspicious car in your driveway without a sticker they can take the appropriate action. Let's display our stickers proudly! It promotes our neighborhood!

#### **Gazette Deadline**

Due to the criticism of the delivery time of the Gazette, the Gazette deadline was changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. As your prepare your reports for the Civic Club, please prepare your Gazette article and turn it in to the editor on the first Wednesday.



#### From the President

The 1989 Garden Oaks Home Tour was a smashing success for us all. Profits are always welcome, but not always the accurate measure of the achievement. I always have gauged the success of our tours over the last eleven years by the number of people I hear say "I never knew this existed". I heard it a lot this year! As we broaden our donation request network and upgrade our promotional efforts we draw more and more people to Garden Oaks who never before knew we existed.

The stories about how each of us "found" Garden Oaks are always a common thread at our gatherings. A former neighbor of mine literally got lost here after a big Spring rainstorm and thought she had landed in Eden (there was no tornado, so she knew it wasn't OZ). As a professional artist, she still shuts her eyes and reminisces about the incredible shades of moist green against the post-storm pink sky that compelled her to buy within a month. But we can't always count on potential neighbors to "stumble" upon Garden Oaks, and so we host our Tour. This year over seven hundred visitors saw the diversity that is Garden Oaks. Over seven hundred people were greeted over and over again by smiling faces welcoming them to our neighborhood, proud to show them what's behind some of our unassuming doors. Some of those seven hundred live in Garden Oaks, we added to their pride; some of those seven hundred live nearby, we confirmed their admiration; but some of those seven hundred came for the first time and we may have sparked an interest in them to come back and buy a Garden Oaks home. The Home Tour is the best marketing tool we have to increase the interest (and the property values) in our neighborhood.

Many thanks to all those who helped, and an invitation to the rest.....the 1990 tour planning starts next month!

Susan Millian

#### Home Tour Raffle Results

#### **RAFFLE DONORS**

Delton Gerdes Allied Auto Parts

Brink's - Ace Hardware House of Coffee Beans **Prestige Jewelers Binswanger Glass** A & B Vacuum Waterworks Stephanie Quisenberry Patricia Presley Sylvia Drake David Taul The Rick Englert's **Ducho's Steak House** Don Jose Mexican Rest. Triple A Restaurant Woolworth F.W. Co. Zoom's Burgers & More

Rick's Ice Cream Parlor

General Tire - Ella

#### **RAFFLE GIFTS**

Original framed tour art Coleman Camp Lantern Coleman Sleeping Bag Black & Decker Groomer Expresso Machine Pearl Necklace Framed Mirror Vaccum Cleaner Waterworks Services Stephanie Quisenberry Interiors Patricia Presley Interiors Sylvia Drake Interiors \$30 Legato gift certificate Rick Englert's Seafood Dinner Dinner for 2 at Duchos Don Jose Dinner for 2 Triple A, meal for 2 Woolworth's Grill Gift Certificate two Zoom's Burgers

Rick's Banana Split

General Tire Lube Job

General Tire Front End Align.

Signed & Numbered Poster (unframed)

#### **RAFFLE WINNERS**

Pat Quinn Madelyn Browder Bob & Shirley Boushell Robert & Nancy Rogers Amy Marek **Dixie Roberts** Trey Englert Don Wilson **Kevin Willis** Catherine Keegan **Rob Epstein** Michelle Cunningham Ryan Hall Jack Welker Aldo G. Reves II Don Wilson Amanda Weed Andrea Luker Ladell Freudenberg Amy Marek Joan Booth Mark Stubbs Joel Miles Heidi Johnson **Trev Englert** Sam Quisenberry Mark Glover Gary Weed Erlyn Lisbony Pene Carter Everett.Gambrell Cindy Pierce **Doreen Alexander** Tyrone Powledge **McMillian Family** David Hammonds E. Momberger, III Danny Blair Deborah Vaselka Sam Quisenberry Robert & Nancy Rogers Lauren Hall Wayne Skrehot Cindy Murphy David Hammonds Mary G. Campbell Pat Collins George Keegan Steve Epstein Kathryn Witherspoon Jerry McWhorter Janetta Cunningham

Civic Club

Congratulations to the Raffle Winners! Thank you donors for supporting Garden Oaks by donating these gifts! Look for the particulars of the 1989 Home Tour in the July issue!

#### Garden Oaks Elementary

Can another school year be over? It seems it just began and yet our



little students have matured from "kindergarteners" to 1st graders and fifth graders to middle school students. It's been a great year at Garden Oaks - and a long one. School is out June 8th and everyone will relax a few weeks before it all begins again.

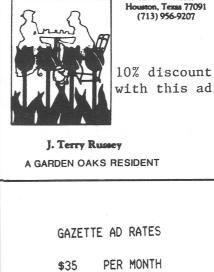
May was full of field trips - the Children's Museum, Robert Vines Environmental Center, NASA, Wildlife Discovery Program, Museum of Natural Science and Planetarium and Tom Bass Park. Teachers were honored for Teacher Appreciation Week with a luncheon sponsored by the PTA. Students were honored at Awards Day for everything from perfect attendance and honor roll to Participation in the Spelling Bee and Jump Rope for Heart. VIPS participants were honored with a coffee and presentation of certificates. A magic show was given for students with excellent attendance and June 5th the Fifth Grade Class of '89 will party at Fishes Pool. Have fun 5th graders and good luck next year!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mearilyn Starling who was selected teacher of the month. Mearilyn is an Early Childhood teacher.

Safeway receipts that were collected and donated were redeemed and funds have been designated for a computer system. Although not provided by the Apples for Students program, the Safeway 1% program will result in the same reward-1 of the 2 new computers which will be added to Garden Oaks next year. The safeway programs are over but may be introduced again next year. Thank you to everyone who donated to us.

Garden Oaks is thrilled to be approved for the SPARKS project and the PTA was pleased to announce an initial donation of \$1,000, based on final approval of the program for Garden Oaks. A representative from the SPARKS program spoke to parents and Garden Oaks community

M.A. (Alan) Bishop 682-2233 (Garden Oaks Resident) Room Additions Garages - Driveways Garage Conversions (To Living/Den, Game Rooms, etc.) Roofing Vinyl Siding Decks - Storage Buildings Green Houses Independent - 25 Yrs Experience LOOK UP TO GOD ... REACH OUT TO PEOPLE ... GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH 3206 North Shepherd Houston, Texas 77018, 864-4447 Bible Study - 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00 P.M. Church Training - 5:45 P.M. Evening Worship - 6:45 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service - 5:45 P.M. Jerry W. Lemon, Ph.D., Pastor Ultimate Expressions Flowers - Gifts - Catering 5353A Antoine



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members at May's PTA meeting and formation of a committee is underway to get the program going.

In thinking of next year, Garden Oaks Elementary School is a SIGHTS school (Special Instruction for the Gifted and Talented Student) and also has Early Childhood and Pre-K classes for children with special instructional requirements preparing for Kindergarten. SIGHTS schools serve their own communities and with nearly 500 students enrolled at Garden Oaks, it is definitely a strong neighborhood school. Testing is required for SIGHTS classes so for information regarding any of the programs at Garden Oaks, give the school a call at 695-0475.

1989-90 PTA Board recently installed include: Danese McWhorter, Jill Bodiford, Jane Ferguson, Melanie Ogran, Cindy Hadley, Susan Light, Peggy Kramer, Kathy Bates, Valerie Schwartztrauber, Patsy Eichenlaub, Pat Chambers, Eva Kelley, Angie Sanchez, Debbie Connaster, Becky Moore, Sandy Dubose, Maureen Patterson, Martha Kennedy, Cay Fournier, Diane McMahon, Mary Ann Galik, Imelda Esparza and Linda Gerke.

> Danese McWhorter President, PTA

## Northwest YMCA Summer Fun

Keep your children (and yourself) busy and fit this Summer by taking advantage of Programs at your neighborhood YMCA. Day Camp for children ages 2 - 15 begins May 30 and continues until September 1. Children will swim, go on field trips, participate in sports, nature, and craft activities. Swimming lessons begin June 12. Sign up NOW!!! The Y is registering children under 12 for summer youth basketball. For adults, take advantage of our summer fitness classes - Aerobics, Water Aerobics, strengthening and stretching. Adult fitness classes are free with a membership and are as low as \$13. per month. Call 869-3378 for more information. "Y" not join us this summer.

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#### Recyclers Join With Civic Club

Members of the Garden Oaks Recycling Project voted at their May 1 meeting to become an official committee of the Civic Club, and to donate all profits from recycling to a designated Civic Club account, to be used for special projects in our neighborhood.

Officers were elected at the meeting. Please welcome:

Pam Parks, chair Anita Scherer, vice-chair Rusty Day, treasurer Theresa Coleman, secretary In case you didn't see the full-page flier in last month's

Gazette, here are details on the first pickup day:

Clip and Save: WHAT: Garden Oaks' first recycling day

WHEN: starting at 8:00 am., Sat., June 10

WHERE: curbside pickup at all homes

HOW: place your recyclables next to the street:

Paper - newspapers only, bundled with string or placed in bags

Glass - separate into colors, place in bags or boxes

Aluminum - place in plastic bags. If you doubt it's aluminum, use a magnet to test.

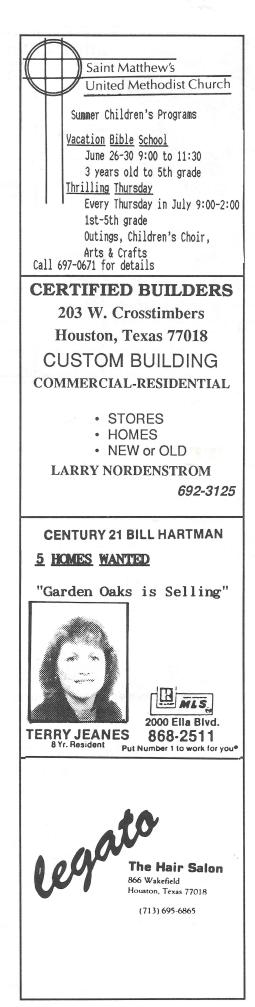
Car batteries - place in plastic bags.

A caravan of volunteers in trucks will wind through Garden Oaks on pickup day. Please have your separated recycables at the curb by 8:00 a.m.

Graham Park (34th at Lawrence) will serve as headquarters on pickup days. If you oversleep and miss the trucks, bring your stuff to the park by noon.

We can use more volunteers to handle, sort, weigh or drive a pickup truck. Spectators are also welcome see you at Graham Park.

Questions? Call committee chair Pam Parks at 868-5223.



## **Critter Corner**

There's plenty of owl activity lately in Garden Oaks. The best time to see them seems to be 5:30 or 6:00 in the morning. What, you aren't up then? You must not have a five-week-old baby at your place.

Answers to last month's quiz --You were supposed to list the following shrubs in the order in which they bloom in our neighborhood:

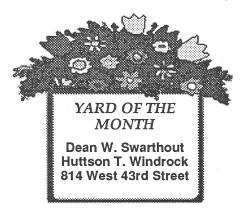
Gardenia Azalea Star Jasmine Indian Hawthorn Lugustrum Common Privit Here is the correct order: Azalea Star Jasmine Hawthorn Lugustrum Gardenia

Of course, it was a trick question, since Lugustrum and Privit are the same!

Have you ever seen a Gecko? It is a small lizard, about the same size as our anoles ("chameleons", which they really aren't), found in other parts of Houston. It has suction pads on its feet which enable it to walk across the ceiling if it wants to. I mention this because I saw one yesterday at a friend's house in West University. Let me know if you spot one of these interesting reptiles in Garden Oaks. By the way, if it turns green, it is an anole, not a gecko.

Remember to watch out for toads while you're tearing across the lawn with that screaming mower. For every toad you kill, science has determined that 23.7 large roaches will appear in your kitchen.

David Horsley



## June Birthdays

Catherine Keegan - June 30 3 years old Allison Weed - June 8 6 years old Christopher Ness - June 13 4 years old



#### Thank You

A special thank you goes to Little Caesars Pizza for providing the pizza for the May Civic Club Meeting.

Also wish to thank Sac N Sav and Home Tour Committee for providing the soft drinks to go along with our pizza. We appreciate your generosity.

# **Volunteers Needed**

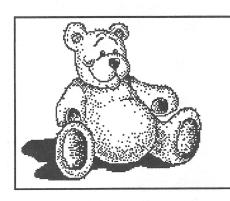
An Advertising Volunteer for the Garden Oaks Gazette is needed starting the August edition as the Keegan's last issue will be in July. Volunteers please call Susan McMillian, 695-8245

We need **Esplanade Volun**teers for the sign on 43rd Street and Apollo. Call Kathy Marek at 688-6811.

We need Mailing List Volunteers to physically canvas the neighborhood for local business names and addresses to add to our present Gazette mailing list. Call Rick Englert at 864-TREY.

June Calendar of Events						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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<b>4</b> Volleyball 4:00 pm	5 Recycling Meeting	6 Civic Club 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> <i>Gazette</i> Deadline	<b>8</b> Back Yard Tour 6:00 pm	9	<b>10</b> Recycle Pick-Up Day
<b>11</b> Volleyball 4:00 pm	12	13	14	15	16	17 Adopt A Park
<b>18</b> Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25</b> Volleyball 4:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30	

Cut calendar out and place on your refrigerator in order not to miss anything!



#### New Baby

Kelsy Leigh Epstein

David and Denise Epstein 410 W. 42nd Street

Born May 7th.

## Good Neighbor Award

The deadline for the Good Neighbor Award was May 12. All of the letters of nomination have been received and are currently being judged by the judges. The winner will be announced by June 30.

## Daddy

Anyone can be a father but it takes someone special to be a daddy.

