

BULK RATE
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 600
Houston, Texas



Postmaster Please Deliver by November 4

Garden Oaks Gazette

Vol. 11, No. 11

Circulation 1500

November 1989

Susan McMillian, President
718 W. 42nd Street
Houston, Texas 77018
695-8245
Anita Scherer,
Editor 956-7809
Arthur Smith,
Advertising 861-0321

Willard Mills, Treasurer
Grace Blair, 1st V.P.,
Membership
Richard Lipham, 2nd V.P.,
Programs
Margaret Hall, Secretary

Gazette Ad Rates

\$35 per Month • \$100 - 3 Months • \$175 - 6 Months
Deadline for December Gazette is November 10

Nov. Meeting Reviews N. Shepherd Plans

The Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00pm at Garden Oaks Baptist Church. Nominations for 1990 Civic Club Officers will be accepted from the nominating committee and from the floor.

Janelle Gbur, Public Information Officer for the Texas State Highway Department and a Section 2 resident, will outline the North Shepherd widening project from Crosstimbers to the North Loop. She will go over the plans and tell us what to expect about traffic re-routings, length of construction, etc.

Baby-sitting will be available during the business portion of the meeting for \$1.00 per child. Come join us this month and bring a neighbor to the meeting with you.

November 7th Showdown For City Elections

There are several city races that affect Garden Oaks residents. The most widely known race, of course, is the one for Mayor of Houston. The candidates include Fred Hofheinz, Claude Jones, James Lee Kelley, Shelby B. Oringerff, Gregg Rosenberg, Rosie Walker and Kathy Whitmire, incumbent.

In Council District A the candidates are Stanley Casey, Helen Huey and Larry McKaskle, incumbent. For Council At-Large Position 1 the candidates are Beverly Clark, Charles George and Jim Westmoreland, incumbent. Lon P. Arnett, Joe A. Perez and incumbent Eleanor Tinsley are candidates for Council At-Large Position 2. Jim Greenwood, incumbent, and Curtis Perry, III are running for Council At-Large Position 3. For Council At-Large Position 4 vacated by Anthony Hall the candidates are Jamie Bray, Leonel Castillo, Freddie Jackson,

Shelia Jackson Lee, Dr. Ronald Lepow, and Tom Zakes. The incumbent from Council At-Large Position 5, Judson Robinson, Jr. is running unopposed.

In addition to city races, District 1 in the Houston Independent School District is up for election. The candidates are Paula Arnold and Ginia Wray Wright, incumbent. For the first time voters will have a chance to elect members of the board of Houston Community College. The HCC board was previously appointed with this election beginning a transition to elected board members. The HCC system is divided into districts congruent to the boundaries of HISD. Based on populations, the boundaries for both systems will probably change after the next national census in 1990. The incumbent for District 1, Roland Smith is running unopposed.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7TH!

It is tragic that such a small percentage of adults select our government leaders. When you consider what percentage of eligible voters never register and then how many of those who register don't bother to go vote, only a very small percentage actually are making these crucial selections. Don't let somebody else choose for you, VOTE!

SPARK Park Update

The completed questionnaires have been sent to the SPARK Park committee whose members were listed in the September issue of the *Gazette*. All responses will be evaluated and given full consideration. Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you want to see in our newest park. Your support and input are greatly appreciated.

Advertise in the
Gazette
for only
\$325/yr.

Hurry - Only 8 slots
left for 1990!
Call Arthur at
861-0321 if
interested.

Ask a friend...

Terry Jeanes

a Garden Oaks resident

868-2511

Century 21

BILL HARTMAN



Member Professional Picture Framers Association

**HEIGHTS
CUSTOM
FRAMING**

Picture Framing • Map
Mounting • Prints

Across from Harolds

Pat Cotter, CPF 331 West 19th
869-2900 Houston, TX 77008



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 A.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

From the President...

The end of the year is fast approaching (much too fast for my Christmas Budget). At this month's meeting a nominating committee will be offering the names of those they are recommending to hold Garden Oaks Civic Club offices for 1990. The nominating committee members are: **Margaret Hall**; **Terry Jeanes**; **Richard Lipham**, chairman; **Jaime Pierce**; and **Anita Scherer**. Garden Oaks Civic Club offices are President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice-President in charge of Membership, and 2nd Vice-President in charge of Programs.

The list of nominated names will be published in the next *Gazette* and the election will be held at the December meeting. Those elected officers will appoint the Standing Committee Chairpersons, and the Special Committee Chairpersons for the new year. The new officers and Chairpersons will also be making up a proposed budget for the year's expenditures to be presented in January for adoption. I am certain that all of this sounds fairly boring to most of you, but it really shouldn't. It is important that new people be included in the slate, or nominated from the floor. We need the help of everyone to continue tackling the major projects we have undertaken. We have some ambitious ideas for Garden Oaks, and I am sure that you do too. One Committee that I hope that we add for next year is Security. There are some major concerns about security relating to burglaries and assaults, as well as, traffic safety issues that could benefit from some concerned consideration by a committed small group. Every new issue we tackle requires help. Also, some of our past projects are undermanned and need a boost. Think about really scheduling some time to help with the thing you think you do best, whatever it may be.

We need paid dues, meeting attendance, volunteer hours, ideas, and pride (That's just to start with!). In short, we need you. Would you like to be an officer? How about a Committee Chairperson? It was al-

ready exciting to see new names on the nominating committee this year (maybe they will end up on the slate!) Please be there on November 7th to either volunteer or be supportive of those who do! Thanks.

Susan McMillian



Editor's Note

Last month's *Gazette* was a week to a week and a half late in some sections due to an unforeseen delay at the printer. I regret the inconvenience that this has caused and I hope that this will not happen again. There are several stops the *Gazette* makes before it gets to your mailbox (the typesetter, the printer, the mailer, and the postal carrier). I try to issue the deadline to take into account all these factors, but even if we make our deadline a hang-up could occur at any of these places. You can help by giving me your news by the deadline posted in the *Gazette*. The December *Gazette* deadline will be November 10 due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Please feel free to call me whenever the *Gazette* arrives late at your residence, and I will try to find out where the delay might have occurred.

Heard Under the Oak Tree



Jean Dodd, Garden Oaks Elementary School Principal broke her hip, and **Richard Lipham**, of Section 1 broke his ankle in unrelated falls. We wish them both speedy recoveries.

*Give thanks and count your
blessings Nov. 23*



Koebelens Named Garden Oaks Good Neighbors

Dennis and Doris Koebelen of Section 1 are the winners of the third quarter Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award. The Koebelens will receive a handmade certificate and a dinner for four at Cavatore's.

Colette Coffman nominated the couple for their helpfulness and for instilling a community spirit among their immediate neighbors. The Koebelens have helped Ms. Coffman with many tasks around her new home in Section 1 including the installation of a security light on her property.

The judges were Dr. Jerry Lemon, Pastor of Garden Oaks Baptist Church; Councilman Larry

McKaskle; and Roseanne Oelfke, Marketing Director of Northwest Memorial Hospital. Three letters of nomination were considered.

Nominations for the fourth quarter Good Neighbor Award will be accepted until November 17. The Good Neighbor Award recognizes residents whose citizenship traits and caring manner in dealing with others make them a great neighbor. For more information, contact Suzanne Debien, REALTORS at 697-5220. Letters of nomination may be submitted to Suzanne Debien, REALTORS at 1235 North Loop West #1120, Houston, Texas 77008.

Heights Festival Successful Fundraiser

It was a great time at the Heights Festival! If you did not get out there on October 1, you missed seeing our new and improved booth. We had a beautiful Garden Oaks sign painted by JaneAnn Roberts and her crew (you know, they are the ones that bought the Easterling's house).

Thanks to Rick Luck and his gang of carpenters and painters, we had a reassembled gray and blue booth! Thanks to Sammie Broadrick, Richard Lipham and the popcorn stuffing gang. Richard invented the funnel method for filling boxes up quickly with popcorn. Debra Veselka came by to drop off drinks and stayed to work, too!

It was so hot that we sold all 50 cases of drinks and most of the ice

cream. We did have some good ice cream, too!

Everything went well and we made \$750 give or take a few contributions that may trickle in. This is better than last year.

Thanks to everyone who contributed drinks and money. We needed all of them.

Special thanks to:

Sammie, Carol, and
Stacey Broadrick
Rick Englert
Mike and Debra Dishberger
Wayne and Jan Forster
Carolyn Gorski
Jim Hall
Gary and Joan Harmon
Rick Luck
Richard Lipham
James Mabry
Marc and JaneAnn Roberts
Jaime Pierce
Gary and Cindy Weed
Terri Weinberger

for your time and work....

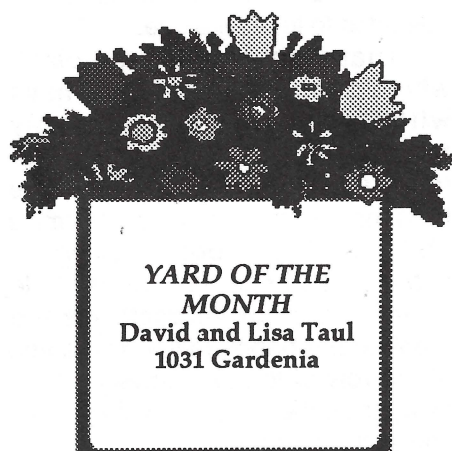
Many thanks to our sponsors:

Earl Dragics
Doyles Delicatessen
Garden Properties
Legato, The Hair Salon
Nuts, Etc.
Sparkle Ice

for your loyal support...

Margaret Hall

Chairman, Heights Festival Committee



Southern Magnolia Landscape

- Landscaping
- Lawn Sprinkler System
- Tree Pruning
- Lawn Maintenance
- Drainage

Free Estimates

10% Discount with this coupon

688-5347

DOYLES

ON 34TH

Family owned and
operated for 35 years,
your neighborhood
restaurant.

2136 W. 34th 686-8271

"If it's Hardware ... think Brink's"

Brink's



3017 N. DURHAM DR.
(1 Blk. North Of Loop 610)
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77018
(713) 862-6600

THE YELLOW CANARY



JOHN & RENATA

Picture Framing by the BEST
• Canvas • Needle Work • Prints •
• Posters • Shadow Boxes •
ETC...

(713) 697-3040

15% OFF
with ad

Mon-Fri 10:00 - 6:00
Sat 10:00 - 1:00



830 Wakefield • Houston, TX 77018

Critter Corner

by David Horsley



Remember that injured Mississippi kite found by **Rusty** and **Linda Reichle** last month? You might be interested to know that the bird is still alive, having been saved by the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition. A woman in Spring named **Lisa Gibson** nursed the kite back to health after taking it to a vet to have the badly broken wing pinned. Recently she sent our feathered friend to a sort of bird convalescence home, where other injured kites live, and Lisa reports that he is doing well, eating on his own, and may be released if he seems to fly normally when the bandages come off.

Incidentally, did you know that it is a federal crime to keep a bird of prey as a pet? That's what the law says. So if our kite can't fly well enough to be released into the wild, and Lisa can't find a zoo or educational center to take it, she will have to put him to sleep. Still, it's a good law.

I got a call this week from a very excited woman. She had been watching a pair of redbellied woodpeckers cavort in her front yard, and wanted to know if I had ever seen that type of bird here. I reluctantly admitted that the redbelly is fairly common around here, which shouldn't take anything away from her excitement and pleasure in identifying them. The lady's name was **Anita Scherer**.

Anybody seen any geese yet? Here it is almost the middle of October and I have yet to hear a single honk from above.

On the subject of our recycling program: on a Monday night walk down my street I saw several people setting out newspapers with their garbage bags (trash pick-up is Tuesday morning). Guess what they said when I politely asked them why they didn't save their papers for our once-a-month recycling effort? Answers next month.

I have changed my mind about people who steal from the Recycling

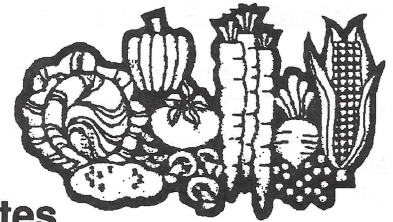
committee. Back when we started this neighborhood recycling project, we predicted that we would lose a few bags of aluminum cans each month to opportunistic "cruisers," people who would learn to get up early and beat the regular volunteers to the curbside treasures. The mental picture we had of such a person was this: an unemployed father with four kids to feed, driving a beat-up old car with a plastic trashbag taped over a busted-out window. At the time most of us felt pretty magnanimous towards such an unfortunate soul, and said we would't mind if we lost a few cans to the poor and homeless.

What changed my mind was this: neighbors reported to me that a nice clean-cut white lady in a new van went down my street ahead of the volunteer recyclers, picking up all the aluminum and most of the paper. I need someone to tell me how that is any different from someone coming into a civic club meeting and reaching into Mr. Mills' cashbox while no one is looking and making off with twenty or thirty bucks. Either way we are getting robbed, and it brings out some relatively unChristian feelings in me.

Elsewhere in this issue you can read how to protect your recyclables from "unauthorized pickup" by thieves: green "Garden Oaks Recycling" T-shirts and magnetic stickers on the official trucks. And please, if you see someone other than the recycling volunteers picking up material on your street, take down the license number and call **Pam Parks, 868-5223**. The police will help us put a stop to this practice.

Garden Club Elections Nov. 9

The Garden Oaks Garden Club will have the last meeting of the year Thursday, November 9 at 7pm at the home of Katherine Hardin (215 W. 31st Street). Members will work on crafts and will elect new officers for the 1990 term.



Notes

From the Garden

by Jan Koenig

October 6, 1989: Mother Nature has been playing mean tricks on the plants in the garden over the past month or so. Toward the middle of September, along comes a long-awaited cold front to tease us with daytime highs in the comfortable 70's and nighttime lows in the cool (maybe even crisp?) 50's.

After two or three days of this, the okra had started to shut down production, the tomatoes were wondering if they really wanted to bloom, and the cabbage had just about decided to put on a serious growth spurt. But summer wasn't finished with us yet. Here we are a couple of weeks later and the temperature is back up in the 90's again. So all of the veggies had to do a quick "about-face" and either swing back into growth gear or retreat and wait for the next cool snap.

Fortunately, plants are exceptionally resilient. It amazes me how much abuse a plant can withstand and still survive. For example, a few days after setting out our small tomato seedlings this fall, I came by the garden and found that one of the new plants had had its stem snapped almost completely in half, leaving the upper half of the plant barely attached to the lower half. I didn't have another plant to replace it though, so I decided to leave it alone.

That poor little tomato plant, which should by all rights have withered away, has not only managed to survive but is now setting fruit. Don't you wish that we humans had the same regenerative abilities? If you don't believe it, come by and see this spunky little tomato plant for yourself. It's the crooked but happy fellow at the end of the row of tomato cages farthest away from the school buildings. See you at the garden!

Signs Replaced

The NO THRU TRUCK signs, which were missing, damaged, or hidden by branches in Section One, are now replaced, repaired, or trimmed, thanks to Councilman Larry McKaskle. This still does not insure compliance, so please take down names, times, truck numbers, etc. and report it. Please always call the employer and let them know that you don't like their drivers breaking the law at the expense of our neighborhood. Alert slips have also been issued to place speed control enforcement officers at Lawrence and North Loop, along West 30th and along West 34th at various times. Now wouldn't it be embarrassing to be caught yourself?.... GO SLOWLY, CHILDREN AT PLAY (and some of us children don't run as fast as we used to)!

Scout Fair December 2

The 75th annual Boy Scout Fair will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the Astrohall from noon until 6pm. Tickets are \$3.00 per family and can be purchased from any Boy Scout. For more information call **Sammie Broadrick at 686-1684**.

Readers' Forum

Readers' Forum is an experimental column designed for you to express your opinions, ideas, or just if you would like to share something with the rest of the neighborhood. The ideas and opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily endorsed by the Civic Club or the *Gazette*. Readers' Forum will be printed as space permits in future issues of the *Gazette*.

RELAX

by *Scott MacClymonds*

Corporate America says everything's fine
 Plastic is good for you
 And the profits are devine
 Eat some more fast food
 Don't worry about what's true
 The politicians will take care of us
 Is the sky really blue?
 Recycle or drown in piles of goo
 Reusing our trash
 Is the least one can do
 Vote out the good ol' boys
 And get somebody new
 We can change this world
 It all depends on you

Recycling Report Card

The recycling committee is pleased to report that we are maintaining an average monthly revenue of approximately \$400.

Paper			\$ 217.95
Newsprint	14,950 lbs	\$112.12	
Computer	750 lbs	\$ 59.20	
*Misc.		\$ 46.63	
Metals			\$ 141.69
Aluminum	257 lbs	\$118.22	
Other		\$ 17.22	
Batteries	4.5	\$ 5.25	
Glass	2900 lbs		\$ 87.00
#Plate Glass	1300 lbs		\$ 19.50
TOTAL			\$ 466.14

*Miscellaneous paper figure is from the first load of paper donated to the Civic Club from R.A.G. Printing (the printer of the *Gazette*). Additional paper has been picked up and will be reported in next month's figures.

#Plate glass figure is from the first load of glass donated to the Civic Club by **Robert and Debbie Swift** from their place of business. Additional loads will be picked up later this month and reported in next month's figures.

The automated glass crushers made their debut October 14 at the Graham Park recycle headquarters. This will save us time, space, and several backaches. Glass used to be crushed by hand into barrels for transporting to the recycler. The motorized glass crushers will crush the glass into much smaller pieces, thereby taking up less space in the barrels.

The Recycling Committee volunteers can now be identified by green "Garden Oaks Recycling" T-shirts and matching magnetic signs on all "official" recycling vehicles. Anyone picking up your recyclables on Garden Oaks Recycle Pick-up Day without these distinguishing items should be reported. Take down their license number and call **Pam Parks at 868-5223**.

Be aware: several bottlers of soft drink companies are using steel cans instead of aluminum. Use the magnet test if you are not sure. (A magnet will not stick to aluminum.) Also please remove lids from glass containers before placing out to recycle. If you don't do it, we do, and it really slows our progress down. The labels can be left on. Newspapers should be bundled, tied, or placed in paper grocery sacks. Please try to avoid plastic bags.

The next pick-up date will be **Saturday, November 11**. Remember to set out your articles by 8am. You can also personally drop off your recyclables at Graham Park on the Recycle Pick-up day from 8am until the volunteers go home (hopefully around 11 am). If you will be out-of town on the pick-up day or need special help with setting your items out on the curb, call **Sammie Broadrick at 686-1684** or Pam Parks.

 <p>The Hair Salon 866 Wakefield Houston, Texas 77018</p> <p>(713) 695-6865</p>	<p>LET US TELL YOU HOW WE WORK !</p> <p>GARDEN PROPERTIES</p>
	<p>LISTING STAGING SELLING</p>
	<p>HOMES</p>
	<p>CALL TODAY 686-5454</p>

Help Wanted

In-Home Care

An elderly couple in Section 1 would like help in finding reputable in-home care, preferably a live-in caretaker. Please call **Bob** at 367-5173 or 692-2609 if you know of any reliable and trustworthy caretakers or any services which may be able to help. You can also contact **Susan McMillian** or **Anita Scherer**.

Esplanade

Volunteers are needed to mow, edge and weed the esplanade on the corner of Apollo and 43rd Street for the month of December. Also, the sign at this esplanade needs a painter's caring touch. Please call **Kathy Marek** at 688-6811 to help out with either job.



November Birthdays

Cindy Pence	Nov	3	
Suzanne Pagel	Nov	6	
Becky Jeanes	Nov	11	8 yrs
Benjamin Morey	Nov	17	1 yr
Nikki Van Fleet	Nov	19	3 yrs
Greta Ralston	Nov	20	1 yr
Grayson Scherer	Nov	23	2 yrs
Charles Pence	Nov	24	5 yrs
Trish Webb	Nov	26	
Craig Pence	Nov	28	
Robert Blair	Nov	25	
Nicholas Pagel	Nov	30	10 yrs
Brian Wheat	Nov	30	5 yrs

Belated birthday greetings to **Jim Hall** who had a birthday on October 2 and to **Timmy Pagel, Jr.** who turned 13 on September 28.

Good Neighbors

Thank you to the following volunteers who have taken such good care of the esplanade on the corner of Apollo and 43rd: during the month of August, **Gloria and Kelly Johnson**; for the months of September and October, **Johnny Murphy**; and for the month of November, **Bill and Bonnie Bijak**.

Thank you **Oscar Ochoa** for printing the deed restrictions for the new neighbor packets.

The Garden Club wishes to thank **Adrian Guerra** of Section 1 for routinely mowing the pocket park at Lawrence and 34th Streets. The city of Houston mows the park once a month, but as everyone knows in this climate a once a month mowing

is not enough! So thanks to Mr. Guerra the park has been kept neat and trim for everyone's enjoyment.

Thanks to **Robert and Debbie Swift** of Section 1 for donating plate glass from their place of business to the Garden Oaks Recycling effort.

Thank you to R.A.G. Printing for donating waste paper to the Garden Oaks Recycling effort.

Welcome

all new neighbors at:

863 W. 43rd Street
863 Lamonte Lane
714 Sue Barnett
1311 Sue Barnett
4219 Apollo

November Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Volleyball 4:00 pm	6	7 Civic Club 7:00 pm Election Day	8	9 Garden Club 7:00 pm	10 <i>Gazette</i> Deadline	11 Recycle Pick-Up 8:00 am
12 Volleyball 4:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17	18 Adopt A Park 9:00 am
19 Volleyball 4:00 pm	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Volleyball 4:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31	

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



Suzanne Deblen
Owner/Broker

TO MY NEIGHBORS I OFFER:

- Service with a personal touch specializing in Close-in neighborhoods
- Accessibility with 24 hr. answering service
- Lots of proven marketing techniques
- Experience as a REALTOR for 12 years and area resident for 14 years
- Satisfied customers and clients throughour near northwest

WATCH FOR GARDEN OAKS UPDATE-O-GRAM – Coming to Your Home Soon

SUZANNE DEBIEN, REALTORS®

1235 N. Loop West
Suite 1120

697-5220