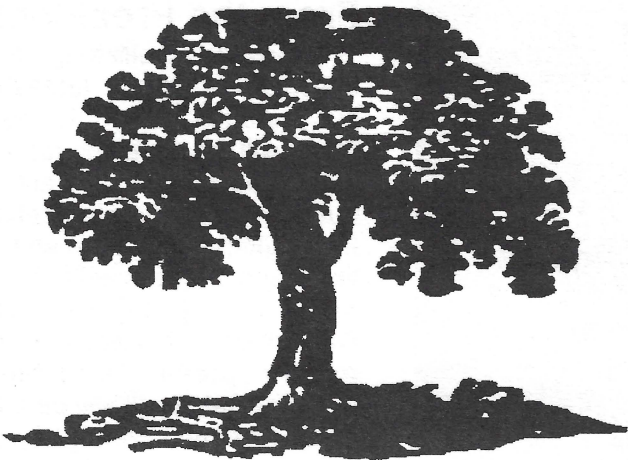


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Covered Dish Dinner, Elections Slated

The Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm at Garden Oaks Baptist Church on N. Shepherd. Elections of 1990 Civic Club officers will be preceded by a covered dish dinner.

The Civic Club will provide the meats and drinks. Members are asked to bring covered dishes in the following categories according to the first letter of your last name: A-E Deserts; F-L Salads; M-R Vegetables; and S-Z Breads. If you have any questions, please call **Martha Rhea**, Food Chairman at 691-4433.

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

N. Shepherd Widening Project Underway

The North Shepherd widening project, officially called Project 110-7-16 Spur 261, kicked off construction on November 6, 1989. The \$6.4 million project consists of replacing approximately one mile of N. Shepherd from the 610 Loop to 43rd Street/Crosstimbers and widening N. Shepherd from four lanes to six twelve-foot wide lanes.

Janelle Gbur, Public Affairs Officer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and Garden Oaks Section 2 resident, presented an overview of the project at the Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting on November 7. Mr. Quincy Allen, Assistant to the Resident Engineer in charge of this project, provided additional details concerning the construction of the project.

The project will be constructed in three phases and will take 26

months to complete. In Phase I the west section of North Shepherd will be removed and replaced. During this phase, two lanes of northbound and two lanes of southbound traffic will be maintained on the existing section of N. Shepherd. During Phase II the easternmost section of N. Shepherd will be removed and replaced. Traffic during this phase will be maintained on the new section and the existing center portion of N. Shepherd. During the third and final phase of the project the center section of N. Shepherd will be removed and replaced. Bus traffic will still be allowed on N. Shepherd during the entire construction period even though the temporary lanes will be narrowed to allow for two lanes of traffic each way. Several side streets may be closed off during different phases of the construction; however, every effort will



be made to assure good traffic flow.

The new roadway pavement will consist of 9 inches of concrete and will be wide enough to accommodate three lanes of traffic northbound and three lanes southbound. The design life of the new road is 20 to 25 years.

In addition to the road construction, the Burlington Northern Railroad bridge will be replaced to accommodate the widening of N. Shepherd. A temporary bridge for the railroad will be constructed so that the old bridge can be removed and a new one built.

A copy of the project plans were left with the Civic Club for reference. For additional information Ms. Gbur or Mr. Allen may be contacted at 869-4571.

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From the President...

Christmas is still magic for me. It does come around a lot faster now, but the enchantment is the same. There will be a change for our family this year though. We are moving our Christmas morning celebration three blocks east. Doesn't sound like much in this mobile society, but since the previous forty-one December 25th's have been spent in one place, three blocks is monumental. It will still be a Garden Oaks Christmas though, tromping through pine needles instead of snow and the chances of short sleeves much greater than ski jackets. Funny isn't it, that we keep on singing about "White Christmas" and "Jack Frost nipping", etc. when that is so unlike our reality. The good news is however, that none of that keeps us from being filled with the miraculous spirit of Christmas. Where there are friends or family or both; a warmth of caring that surrounds us with love and tradition; neighbors who make a special effort to be neighborly; and that feeling that something magical could occur in our lives --- There is Christmas (even three block east!)

Merry Christmas to you all ---
and a Happy New Decade!

Susan McMillian

1990 Officers Nominated; Elections Tuesday

The nominating committee presented the following list of individuals at the November Civic Club meeting as nominees for 1990 officers of the Civic Club:

President: **Susan McMillian**

Vice-President Membership:
Terri Weinberger

Vice-President Programs:

Martha and Joe Rhea

Treasurer: **Barbara and Arv Vilutis**

Secretary: **Jaime Pierce**

Elections for these positions will be held at the Civic Club Meeting (Tuesday, December 5). The Nominating Committee consisted of Richard Lipham, Chairman, Margaret Hall, Terry Jeanes, Jaime Pierce, and Anita Scherer.



Christmas Decoration Contest Dec 17

Christmas just isn't Christmas without festive lights and yuletide decorations. On Sunday, December 17 all homes in Garden Oaks will be judged in the Garden Oaks Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest. The sponsors of this annual contest are Garden Properties; Regency Title; Legato, The Hair Salon; and Suzanne Debien, Realtors.

The judges will drive down each street and choose first, second and third places for the following categories: "Best Home Decoration", "Old-Fashioned Christmas", "A Child's Delight", and "Best Entryway or Door". In addition, a prize will be given to the "Most Original Decoration". Also, recognition will be given to the best decorated block. Share your festive spirit and decorate your home for the holidays.

Breakfast with Santa



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa for area children and their parents on Saturday, December 9th at 9:30am. The church is located on the corner of North Shepherd and Crosstimbers. There is no charge for breakfast, but reservations are required. Photos with Santa will be available at a nominal charge. Call **Barbara Falcon** at 692-7799 or the church office at 697-0671 to make reservations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 tickets or more information call **Sammie Broadrick** at 686-1684.

Recycling Report Card

The recycling committee is pleased to report the figures for the month of November.

Paper (subtotal)*			\$ 35.16
Newsprint*	xx,xxx lbs	\$xxx.xx	
Computer	330 lbs	\$ 26.40	
Misc.	490 lbs	\$ 8.76	
Metals			\$ 112.53
Aluminum cans	233 lbs	\$102.58	
Other	28 lbs	\$ 5.45	
Batteries	4.5	\$ 4.50	
Glass	2900 lbs		\$ 87.00
SUBTOTAL			\$ 234.69

*Figures for newsprint were not available at press time.

After recycling for six months the recycling committee would like to report year-to-date figures of what this project has brought in to the Civic Club.

Gross Income:	\$1786.49
Expenses:	\$ 676.31
Net Income:	\$1110.18

Expenses include such items as the Recycling T-shirts, magnetic signs, parts and material for the glass crushers, and fuel reimbursement. Most of these expenses are taken out of the revenue before it is donated to the Civic Club. A budget will be prepared for 1990.

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 features should be reported. Take down their license number and call **Pam Parks at 868-5223**.

To date approximately 16% of the households in Garden Oaks are recycling. We would like to increase this participation. In the first few months of 1990 recycling committee members and volunteers will be going door to door to ask a few questions about how residents feel about recycling and what can be done to make it easier for you to recycle. These people will be wearing the green recycling T-shirts in order to be easily identified.

The next pick-up date will be **Saturday, December 9**. Remember to set out your articles before 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 (between 10 and 11 am). Please be timely; the volunteers work very hard on this day and do not want to wait around anymore than they have to. If no one is at the park when you bring your stuff by, please keep it until the next pick-up. 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**. If you would like to help, come to Graham Park at 8am on the second Saturday of the month. Or just come out to see our operation. We can use you!

A reminder: we recycle newspaper, cardboard, grocery sacks, glass containers (without lids), aluminum cans and non-ferrous (NOT STEEL) metals. 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.

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Critter Corner

by David Horsley



Has anyone seen those big old broadwinged hawks cruising Garden Oaks lately? I noticed one over the YMCA last week, and another one over my house being chased by a gang of blue jays. The hawks look like planes compared to our other birds.

Here's a note from **Preston Gordon** of W. 42nd saying he saw an Indigo Bunting! I'm not sure I would know one if I saw one, but it sounds beautiful. Preston also wonders if there is anything us ordinary citizens can do about the Africanized bee invasion. He notes that there are beekeepers all over Houston who are going to be affected by those mean bees when they arrive. Anyone got any ideas?

Didn't seem to be as much pilfering of our recycling stuff this time. Maybe the "unauthorized picker-uppers" are getting the message?

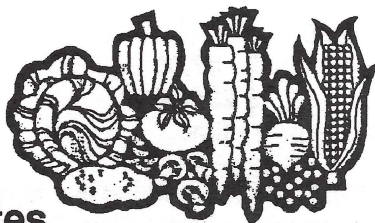
Back to gechos for a minute: while visiting a friend over in the Braeswood area, I noticed two fat geckos on her front porch. Apparently the gecko invasion has reached southwest Houston already. She thought they were chameleons, so I had to give her a brief herpetology lesson, which I know she took to heart judging by the funny look she gave me afterwards.

The geese were a little late this year, all right. My neighbor **Kate Scott** and I intend to drive out to Katy soon to watch the honkers on the ground. It is a pretty sight, if you haven't yet seen it: millions of geese on the ground and in the air, all talking at once. Don't miss it.

About those neighbors of mine who were setting their paper out with their garbage: they both cheerfully agreed to start recycling when I asked them. Too easy!

A special note to all of you good recycler types: thanks for your support of our recycling program. We think it is a terrific success, and fun to boot. Anyone is welcome to

come out to Graham Park next time and assist with unloading and sorting. In fact, we could use some more help. We are also trying to put together a questionnaire that we will use door-to-door to find out more about our neighbors' attitudes toward recycling, with the goal of making it easier for more people to get involved. Stay tuned.



Notes From the Garden

by Jan Koenig

It's the time of the year when the crops that grow best are the greens, the cabbages, and the root crops (turnips, beets, etc.) Although the winter vegetables aren't always impressive in size and color as some of the warmer weather crops, they have a special appeal all their own. What they lack in physical appearance they more than make up for in quick growth, productivity, and nutrition.

While tomatoes may take three months or more from planting of the seed to harvesting of the first fruit, mustard greens can be ready for picking as little as one month after planting. In fact, they can even be enjoyed earlier if you eat the thinnings.

As a confirmed "lazy gardener," I tend to plant crops like mustard greens the lazy way, i.e., by scattering the seeds randomly over the area to be planted. While this method works well, it can result in the plants being spread too closely together.

To remedy the situation and give each plant enough room to grow properly, it's important to thin out some of the crop. As difficult as it is to sacrifice healthy and vigorous plants, proper thinning actually improves the total productivity of the garden. With more room to feed and to breathe, the remaining plants grow faster, larger, and have fewer problems with bugs and diseases.

Of course, the thinnings don't go to waste. This past weekend (11-13-89), the thinnings from a fifty square foot plot of mustard greens filled a large grocery bag to overflowing. The sacrificial plants will provide valuable nutrition for patrons of our local food pantry who otherwise would do without.

If you want to see what mustard greens look like outside of the grocery store, we're growing them in the second bed from the right as you're facing the elementary school. We also just planted more at the other end of the same bed. See you at the garden!

Waltrip MDO Raises Funds

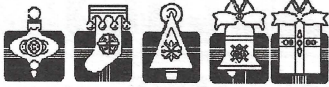
Parents, get a jump on your Christmas shopping or get that long needed rest! The Waltrip High School Rambling Roses Drill Team will sponsor a Mother's Day Out for children ages 3 to 17 years on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Waltrip Campus (1900 W. 34th Street). Registration is from 9:00am to 10:00am. The cost is \$10 for one child and \$3 for each additional child per family. Refreshments will be served; however, children are required to bring a sack lunch. There will be one adult for each 10 children. The Waltrip Rambling Roses Parents Club and drill team members will teach the children fun dance routines and other activities.

The Rambling Roses Drill Team has been invited to perform at Epcot Center in Florida in March 1990. Since HISD does not provide any funds for this trip, the girls must raise all of the money on their own (approximately \$600 per girl). Mother's Day Out is one of the activities to help raise money for the trip. These girls will be representing our community. Please show your appreciation for their hard work by supporting their activities. For more information contact Lilia Delgado at 690-6711, Mary Perales at 694-4439, Sharon Rankin at 686-7066, or Susan Anthony at 695-8745.

Santa Claus Coming to Garden Oaks

Santa Claus will be making an appearance Monday through Wednesday, December 18-20th in the pocket park on 42nd and Sue Barnett from 7pm to 9pm. Neighborhood helpers will serve Wassail and cookies to all visitors. Volunteers are needed to help with decorating the park for Santa's arrival. Please call **Sammie Broadrick at 686-1684** if you would like to help.

Channel 26 has asked to film Santa's visit to our neighborhood for a Christmas special. We don't know which night it will be, but we want a good turnout so invite all your friends! See you at the park!



Hope for the Homeless

Homeless Intervention Services of Texas, Inc. operates Transitional Living Centers for Families and Single Adults. These centers work in close harmony with the Star of Hope Mission to provide long-term education and training programs in a structured environment that leads to a beginning of self-supporting independence.

This holiday season remember those who are not as fortunate. Elsewhere in this issue is an opportunity to help this organization with a monetary gift. Garden Oaks resident **Frank Wiseburn**, Director of Transitional Living Center for Families, thanks you for your generous support of this worthy endeavor.



Christmas Music Programs

Garden Oaks Baptist Church on North Shepherd will present special Christmas music Sunday evenings in December beginning at 5:00 pm. The programs are:

December 3 – Carols of the World, 5:00 pm

December 10 – "Something's Up Down in Bethlehem" presented by the Children's Choir, 5:00 pm

December 17 – Christmas Cantata, "The King of Love", 5:00 pm

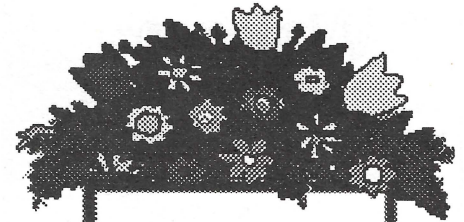
December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy these special musical presentations.

Garden Club Elects Officers

The Garden Oaks Garden Club held its final regular meeting of the year on Thursday, November 9 at the home of Katherine Hardin, President. Officers were elected for 1990. They are **Candy Foster**, President; **Jackie Batis**, Vice-President; **Lisabell Katzer**, Secretary and **Grace Blair**, Treasurer. In addition to the elections members worked on their Christmas flower pot projects.

The next regular meeting will be held in March, 1990. At this meeting committees will be named and projects for the year discussed.



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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.

Mesmerized

by *Scott MacClymonds*

There are changes going on
The winds are blowing strong
Knocking down concrete walls and
ways (Go Berlin!)

It clearly has been much too long

Pro-choice or no choice

A question again today

The Pres says

No way

And Hey

How about that raise?

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What's the proper way to go

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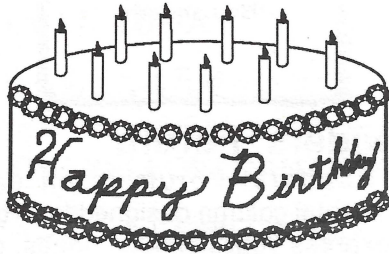
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Brian Sherwood	Dec 4
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Frank Panzica	Dec 7
	40-something
Elissa Lipham	Dec 12 6 yrs
Denise Sherwood	Dec 13
	30-something
Billy Scherer	Dec 18
	30-something
John McKenney	Dec 21
	40-something
Jacqueline Debien	Dec 24 8 yrs
Nicole Mabry	Dec 28 6 yrs
Stacy Broadrick	Dec 29 14 yrs
Jordan Person	Dec 30 3 yrs
Thomas Lipham	Dec 31 4 yrs

Belated birthday greetings to David Horsley whose birthday was Nov. 17.

Civic Club would like to recognize first time attendees:
Paul Hager and John Lengyel of Section 1
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December Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
VOLLEYBALL EVERY SUNDAY AT 4:00 pm Garden Oaks Elementary School Grounds					1	2 Scout Fair 2-6 pm
3	4	5 Civic Club 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9 Recycle Pick-Up 8:00 am
10	11 Gazette Deadline	12	13	14	15	16 Adopt A Park 9:00 am
17 Xmas Decoration Contest	18	19	20	21	22	23
SANTA VISITS 7-9 pm						
24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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