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BICYCLE RAMBLE

Saturday, May 5th, 11:00 a.m. - Garden Oaks Elementary School - 901 Sue Barnett -695-0475

The Ramble will consist of a journev through several of Garden Oak's scenic streets, a tricycle course for younger children to enjoy and stationary bikes for those who wish to "Ride in Place". CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 9 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

The Spark Park will be located on the school campus. Phases I and Il include playground equipment, picnic tables, and trash recepticals. Financing for Phases I and II is complete. Phase III of the community park will be a 1/4 mile jogging track which will encircle the play area. Proceeds from the Bicycle Ramble will go towards construction of Phase 111.

Registration information can be found on page 3. Registration can also be made the day of the ramble.

Raindate is Saturday, May 19.

May 1 Meeting To **Feature Xeriscape**

The Garden Oaks Civic Club will meet Tuesday, May 1 at Garden Oaks Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Carmine Stahl from the Mercer Arboretum will discuss Low Maintenance Xeriscape Plants.

Refreshments will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the business portion of the meeting will commence at 7:15 p.m.

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School





Garden Oaks Children's Parade Mother's Day Eve

Saturday, May 12, 1990

Join us for the 3rd annual Children's Parade! Please reserve a space for your float, vehicle or onfoot fun. Please fill out the entry form on page 3 and return it by May 10th. This year the names of the children will be announced as they begin.

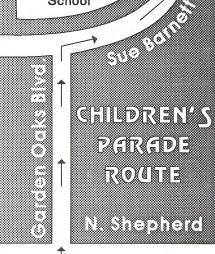
Participants: Meet on the Sears parking lot at 9:30 a.m., in costume with your decorated vehicle and your imagination!

Parents and Fans: Enjoy the fun along the route.

One and All: Finish up at the Elementary School grounds. Bring a picnic and visit with your neighbors.

Happy Mother's Day Grace Blair 862-9623





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From The President...

At last month's meeting two officers from the Drug Tactical Unit of the North Shepherd Substation spoke about how incredibly widespread the illegal drug problem is in our society. One of the primary points of their talk was how important it is that each of us become involved in some attempt to improve our community. President Bush has spoken many times of the "thousand points of light" which make a difference in our country; of those thousands of singular individuals who dare to believe that they can make a difference. Government will never solve society's problems; only individuals can even begin to do that. Of course the Police Department and other such agencies have responsibilities to our city. Sgt. Zajac and Officer Caylor willingly admitted what the Houston Police Department's responsibilities are and how they are working to meet them, but they added that each of us must also take some responsibility for the problem and some action towards a solution. It was obvious from the discussion at the meeting that our membership has a broad range of opinions about what appropriate action is for this issue. I, for one, am proud of that diversity and hope that for EACH OPINION there is ACTION!

Garden Oaks is known for its private sector initiatives. Deed Restriction enforcement is primarily such an initiative. It took residents and the Board of Trustees cooperating and educating throughout the last 50 plus years to make our neighborhood famous for its well maintained restrictions. It takes enthusiastic volunteers to turn a worn esplanade into a beautiful pocket park. And, of course, it took a few local maverick environmentalists to begin a recycling program less than a year ago which was just nominated for an Environmental Protection Agency award. We are, by tradition, a neighborhood which does things.

Last month, almost 30 people signed up to begin a Citizens On Patrol program in Garden Oaks. They simply agreed to listen to what we can do to make our neighborhood a safer place and to do something to make such a program work. "Something" is the key word. When each of us does something, something happens. Promise yourself to do SOMETHING at least once a month to make Garden Oaks a better place to live.

Susan Millian



As you may have noticed, the Garden Oaks Gazette has undergone many changes the last few months. I am pleased to report that the Gazette is now an eight page newsletter, printed on recycled paper, with three new columns "Notes From The Garden" (reflections about the community garden by Jan Koenig), "Neighborhood Spotlight" (a feature of interesting Garden Oaks residents by Jude Patronella), and "Readers' Forum". Reader response is encouraged through "Readers' Forum"; however, articles or letters that are submitted must be signed and may be edited. Of course, all other news is welcome and needed. Everyone in the neighborhood is a reporter for the Gazette so please submit all your news by May 7 for the June issue.

The Recycling Committee's efforts have recently been recognized by the City of Houston which nominated Garden Oaks for an EPA Region 6 Solid Waste Award. Environmental groups such as the Environmental Defense Fund have recognized that the City of Houston has been negligent in its environmental responsibilities. There is no city-wide managed recycling program. On its own, Garden Oaks initiated and organized a recycling program that really should have been undertaken by the City of Houston. Recognizing volunteer efforts to improve the environment should not relieve the City of its environ-

mental responsibilities.

As one of the largest cities in the U.S. the City of Houston has the opportunity to charge into the 90's on environmental issues and set an example for other metropolises. Environmental planning is necessary for long-term growth and should be an important part of the city agenda for the next decade. The infamous proposed garbage fee could be used in this regard. Instead of having this fee go into the City's general fund, it should be used for alternative methods for landfilling wastes. In ten months Garden Oaks has saved the City an estimated \$900 in tipping fees from the material that did not go into a landfill. This is in addition to the money received for the recyclable materials (approximately \$3600). Garden Oaks is a subdivision of 1423 homes; Houston has a population of 1.7 million. Think about it!

SPOKES FOR SPARK ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry donation includes entry packet and is necessary for participation. (T-Shirt is optional) Refreshments will be sold by Garden Oaks PTA.

Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club and designate "Spokes for Spark." Please complete and mail Entry Form and Check to Linda Reichle, 803 W. 41st, Houston, Texas 77018, or bring completed entry with you on day of ramble. Any questions call I inda at 699-1189 or Peggy at 869-0440.

	ENTRY APPLICATION	Age	Entry Donation Child (Tricycle to 12 yrs) \$3.00 Adult (13 yrs and up) \$5.00
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Mothers' Day Eve

May 12, 1990

10 a.m.



Child's Name

Age



Phone Number



Address









Please return to 328 W. 30th St. by May 10th.









May 10

The May meeting will be held at Vee Gaines' home on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Georgia Bost, a horticulturist at Village Botanica, 7500 Westview. "Raising Hybrid Hearty Hibiscus" will be the topic. All interested area residents are invited. For information call Anne Balson, 862-6655.

The office of Historian was added at the April meeting. Selma Johnson will assume this responsibility. Christine Winkleman and Katherine Hardin will serve as the Friendship Garden Coordinators.

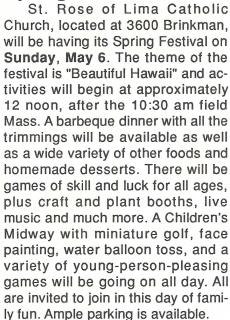
The Garden Club's Backvard Tour is scheduled for May 31.

Kikers Named Garden Oaks Good Neighbors

Paul and Dorothy Kiker of Section 4 are the winners of the 1990 first quarter Good Neighbor Award. The winning letter of nomination was submitted by Mrs. Katherine Curry who stated that her neighbors of 15 years were "simply the best!" The Kikers will receive a handmade certificate and a dinner for four at Cavatore's.

The judges were Dr. Jerry Lemon, Pastor of Garden Oaks Baptist Church; Councilman Larry McKaskle: and Roseanne Oelfke. Marketing Director of Northwest Memorial Hospital.

"Beautiful Hawaii" Theme of St. Rose of Lima's **Spring Festival**



Nominations for the second quarter Good Neighbor Award will be accepted until May 11. The winner(s) will be announced in June. Don't be shy, nominate a neighbor whom you think is great!

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.

YMCA Offers **Discounts For** Civic Club Members

ATTENTION! Civic Club Members!

As a 1990 dues paid member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club you can receive a special discount when joining the Northwest YMCA. You receive \$25 off the initial downpayment, so you only pay \$17 for family and \$14 for adult membership. Thereafter, monthly dues are only \$16 for family and \$13 for adult members.

The YMCA has a newly remodeled fitness center, gym and pool, and hosts a variety of family programs. Also, ask about the 20% discount for a summer YMCA membership (including pool!) for your family. Call the YMCA at 869-3378 and say you are a Garden Oaks Civic Club Member!

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Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson, Inc. is offering a "Labels for Boy Scouting" program. The program invites scout troops to collect cans and labels from Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson food Products and return them for merchandise.

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Hunts Tomato Paste

Hunts Ketchup

Hunts Tomato Products

Remember to save labels from these products and help Troop 40 earn equipment. You might want to make redemption boxes and place in your office or in your church.

Let's get off to a good start and see how many labels you can bring to the next troop meeting! (Please flatten cans that do not have a label glued to them).

Contact Stacy Broadrick at 686-1684 or Timmy Pagel at 686-4424 for pick-up or more Information.





April 28 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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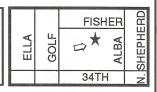
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The Garden Oaks Recycling Committee would like input from all Garden Oaks residents on recycling. We would like to know why you do or do not recycle and how we could increase the level of participation. The survey should only take a couple of minutes to fill-out. Please mail to **Teresa Coleman**, Secretary, Garden Oaks Recycling Committee, 408 W 33rd, Houston, TX 77018; drop-off at the Civic Club Meeting **May 1**; or place with recyclables **May 12**.

1. What do we pick-up? a) Paper b) Glass c) Aluminum d) Other Metals e) Batteries f) Plastic g) Other Circle all that apply.

2. When do we pick up? Day ______ Time _____

3. What do you recycle?

a) Nothing b) Paper c) Glass d) Aluminum e) Other Metals f) Batteries g) Plastic h) Other Circle all that apply.

4. Why do you (don't you) recycle? _______

5. How frequently would you prefer to have recycling pick-ups?

a) Monthly b) 2 times/month c) 1/week d) Trash pick-up days e) Other _____

6. If we did not pick-up at curb side, but only had a central drop-off, would you recycle? YES NO

7. Would you like to have a special recycle container(s) for your house for one or more types of recyclables? YES NO

If "Yes"-What type of container (plastic, cardboard, other, size) _______

How many? ______

8. The committee's mission is to improve our recycling efforts, educate the residents, and improve our Garden Oaks

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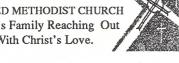
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by Jan Koenia

Last year, turnips were one of the first crops we planted after we built the community garden, and that initial effort turned out to be a real learning experience. As Murphy warned us - just about everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Since then, we've planted turnips three more times, and each planting has turned out better than the one before.

In January we planted about twenty-five cents worth of turnip seed over a twenty foot section of one of our beds. This morning (April 7th), we harvested the last of our turnip crop for this spring. Fortunately, we've learned something about these plants over the past year, and our production statistics reflect it. From our original quarter's worth of seed, we produced 25 pounds of turnips and an additional 25 pounds of turnip greens. That's five times better than our first crop.

The first time we planted turnips, we suffered through a series of misfortunate episodes. Just when the seeds were starting to sprout, Houston had a hard freeze. Normally, some frost actually improves the flavor of maturing turnips, but emerging seedlings don't appreciate 25 degree temperatures. Following that, we had alternating periods of very dry and very wet weather. Since we hadn't yet installed our irrigation system, the plants were forced to suffer through the vegetable equivalent of binge/purge syndrome. Next we began to notice small holes appearing in the leaves of the plants. The holes grew more and more numerous, and by the time we finally diagnosed the problem, the plague of flea beetles had devoured 75% of the foliage.

Of course, without foliage, the roots which form the turnip don't develop very well - so the turnips that did survive were scrawny at

best. Despite all of the problems though, we were still able to salvage enough to provide 40-50 servings of fresh vegetables for the food pantry.

Seeing how much progress we've made since our first woeful efforts makes me look forward to even more bountiful harvests in the future. In fact, the process of learning more from each successive generation of plantings is one of the things I like best about working in the garden. Why not come find out for yourself? See you at the garden!

St. Rose of Lima School News

Congratulations to fifth grader Vergel Cruz who won the first goround for Catholic Schools in the Junior East Texas Spelling Bee. On April 4, 1990 Vergel went on to compete at this event sponsored by the Houston Chronicle. He went ten rounds before he was eliminated. We join with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Cruz and sister Marisa (8th grader at Seton Catholic Junior High) in congratulating Vergel on a job well done.

St. Rose will participate in the Cit Wide Recycle Bowl by collecting plastic and other recyclable materials the first week of May. An essay contest and a presentation before City Council are being planned by Sr. Thomas Ann LaCour, director of the School of Environmental Education. Watch for an update in the newspapers.

In Mrs. Mary Jo Wilt's Kindergarten classroom nine chickens hatched the first week of April. After a one week stay in the classroom, all were adopted by St. Rose of Lima families.

Easter vacation began April 11 and school resumed April 23. Only five weeks left!

The National Catholic Educators Association hosted its annual convention in Toronto this April. Our representatives from St. Rose of Lima were:

Mrs. Miguez, Pre-K #3

Mrs. Kaderka, K#4

Mrs. Wilt. K #5

Mrs. Butler, Librarian/Computer

Mrs. Braggs, 4th #15

Ms. Orlando, 5th #17

Mrs. Zievert, 5th #18

Ms. Johnson, Principal

Readers' Forum War on Drugs?

by Scott MacClymonds

War on drugs? How about a war on ignorance? Former and current Presidential Administrations favor a policy towards illegal drugs based on containment. This method of substance control has never worked in any period of history. What people want, people get, one way or another. The last major attempt to contain a drug was called the Prohibition. This was a futile effort by the government to stop people from drinking alcohol. It was doomed to failure for much the same reasons the current effort to curtail today popular illegal drugs has failed.

Why do people use drugs? A simple question with many answers. I will touch on just a few. People sometimes want to change the way they feel quickly, they want to feel good and forget about reality for a while, even if its only for twenty minutes. For some people, life is so bleak that twenty minute crack highs are the only part of life worth living. In that sense, alcoholism is not very different. People that abuse crack or other similar drugs may not have much else in life to keep them interested in the "real" world.

If stopping dangerous drug use is to be a serious effort, radical changes in the methods must happen. We should stop spending billions of dollars on massive militarypolice tactics that are proven failures and redirect those funds towards correcting the status structure in this country that promotes drug use. The redirected billions could be used to rebuild the inner city slums, thereby changing the daily reminder of hopelessness, create job opportunities that provide enough income to maintain those neighborhoods, and provide competition to drug selling as a way to make an acceptable living. By making a better offer, we could bring some of these "scumbags "into a productive life.

There are better solutions to our problems but we have to have people outside the entrenched power families in government. Join G.O.P.A.X. (Garden Oaks Political

Awareness Exchange) and lets talk about what we can do to find better candidates to focus on the real problems facing the planet today. For more information about G.O.P.A.X. call me at 691-3020.

Readers' Forum is a 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.

Recycling Report Card

The figures for April's pick-up were not available by press time. They will be published in June's Gazette. The City of Houston, Solid Waste Department has nominated the Garden Oaks Recycling Committee for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Solid Waste Award. The new EPA program will "recognize those individuals, companies, organizations, and governments who protect public health and the environment through efficient solid waste management. safe disposal and source reduction." Although recognition of our community effort is great, there is so much more we can do. Elsewhere in this issue is a survey about recycling. Please take a few moments to answer the questions (whether you are recycling now or not!) and return it to us no later than May 12.

Recycling our waste materials is a good way to protect the environment. However, it does absolutely no good if there is no demand for products made from recycled materials. As consumers, you have a powerful voice. Start looking for products made from recycled materials. The following catalogues feature numerous recycled paper products and other environmentally- minded items:

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In Appreciation of Good Neighbors

The Garden Oaks Garden Club wishes to thank the following neighbors for their support of Friendship Garden: Frank Swenson for the super lawn bags, Jerry Kennedy for clearing the very dead aspidistra, and Alfredo Hernandez for tending the bruised pine tree in Friendship Garden.

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- 5: Michel Ballard, 5 yrs.
- 7: Kelsey Epstein, 1 yrs.
- 9: Meredith Voorhees, 6 yrs.
- 10: Sara Vilutis, 1 yr.
- 12: Anna Gorski, 1 yr.
- 16: Taylor Thomas, 3 yrs.
- 17: Allyson Mabry, 10 yrs.
- 20: Wilma King, 74 yrs.
- 22: Marc Roberts, 33 yrs.
- 22: Gladys Ryan, 90 yrs.
- 23: Blake Biak, 1 yr.
- 23: Matthew Burns, 2 yrs.
- 24: Carrie Alexander, 7 yrs.

Heard Under the Oak Tree



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. and Wilma King who moved to Garden Oaks on May 20, 1939, 51 years ago! Originally residents of Section 1, the Kings are currently Section 5 residents.

Congratulations to two recently engaged Garden Oaks residents, Lori Smith, of Section 2 (and the McMillian family) and Damon Duvall, of Section 5

The Garden Oaks Civic Club would like to recognize first time attendees:

David & Cindy Ballard, Section 2
Barbara Barnett, Section 4
David Clarke, Section 2
Ike & Diane Eickenhorst, Section 2
Carmen Everding, Section 1
Candy Foster, Section 1
Carol Meyer, Section 5
Kathy Neil, Section 1
Chris Shannon, Section 2
Suzy Wright, Section 4

Thank you for coming to the April meeting, and we hope to see you there again.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Numbers

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Jaime Pierce, Secretary 688-3237

May Calendar of Events						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Civic Club 7:15 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Spokes for SPARK
6 Volleyball 3pm	7 Gazette deadline	8	9	Garden Club 7:00 p.m.	11 Good Neighbor Award deadline	12 Recycle 8am Children's Parade 10am
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Volleyball 3pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Volleyball 3pm	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31 Garden Club Backyard Tour		

Garden Oaks Runners

Let's ALL get together! Each Saturday at 7:00am at the pocket park on Sue Barnett and W. 42nd Street. All caliber of runners are welcome. Questions or comments? Call **Tim Pagel** at **686-4424**.

Help & Trailer Needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean out the Garden Oaks Civic Club storage room. If you can spare an afternoon, please call **Sammie Broadrick** at **686-1684**.

If anyone knows where a new or used dump trailer can be purchased for use by the Recycling Committee. please call Scott at 691-3020.

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