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### Historic Garden Oaks Cookbook Available

Only 25 copies left! "Recipes From the Heart of Garden Oaks," is available from the Garden Oaks Garden Club for \$5.00 each. This cookbook, printed in December 1985, features a history of the Garden Oaks subdivision as well as delicious recipes from Garden Oaks residents.

To get your copy, contact Vee Gaines at 686-5042.

The next regular meeting of the Garden Club will be held in September following the summer hiatus.

#### **Keep Cool At June 5** Civic Club Meeting

The Garden Oaks Civic Club will meet Tuesday, June 5 at Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Tom Tyman of Houston Community College will speak about keeping cool this summer by cleaning your home air conditioning system.

Refreshments will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the business portion of the meeting will commence at 7:15 p.m. Babysitting is available at \$1.00 per child. Come to the meeting and bring your neighbor with you.

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#### Volunteers Clean Houston For Economic Summit

Volunteers are needed for the 1990 Economic Summit "Clean Up" For three consecutive Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 19 blocks of San Jacinto, Fannin and Main Streets from W. Gray to Hermann Park will be swept, edged and weeded in anticipation of the upcoming economic summit. Clean Houston is sponsoring the events with music, drinks, and fun. Please lend a hand. Fill out the form below and return to Gail Serant, 1639 Fountainview, Houston, TX 77057.

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- Saturday, June 16 Clean up San Jacinto 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, June 23 - Clean up Fannin 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, June 30 - Clean up Main 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Gail Serant at 782-4093 work or 977-1704 home.



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#### From The President...

Just a short word of thanks this month.

Thanks to all of you who turned out to support the Spokes for SPARK bicycle ramble last month. The weather was spectacular and the park will be too. Construction will be underway very shortly and we should be playing on our equipment by Fall. Look for BIG happenings then for the dedication of the park and the 50th anniversary of my first alma mater, Garden Oaks Elementary School.

Thanks to all the security conscience neighbors who turned out to organize our Citizen's On Patrol program. And also to those who will undoubtedly sign on in the next few months. I believe that we can really make a difference in crime in Garden Oaks and we couldn't to it without workers.

Thanks to David Horsley for just being David Horsley. He has left an indelible mark on our community. In May we dedicated a Chinquipin Oak in honor of the Horsley's at the SPARK Park location and all those present wanted to know how soon it would be big enough to hold an owl box. I never see an owl or a raccoon (or a recycling truck) that I don't think of and miss the Horsley's.

Thanks to all those people who believe in Garden Oaks enough to build new homes among us or to undertake major remodeling projects. That is a sign of faith in the permanence of our community. Some of us believe with all our hearts and some have the courage to believe with all their hearts and dollars. We hope to join the "fiscally faithful" very soon!

Thanks to all of you who sent in your dues after the block walk effort coordinated by chairperson, Terry Weinberger (its not too late to still send it in!). We need memberships to operate.

Thanks to all the officers and committee chairpersons who quietly do the jobs which make things run smoothly in our neighborhood. Nothing is accomplished without at least twice as much effort as what you see. Those foundation jobs (the ones which don't show) are essential.

And lastly, the biggest thanks of

all to the wonderful person who will volunteer to be the 1991 Home Tour coordinator. We have willing and experienced workers, files on past tours, willing contributors, and twelve years of history to share about putting on our tours. Just call me and this rewarding (and fun) job can be yours. We all will thank you!

Oh yes, thanks for listening!

Susan Millian



Please welcome Cindy Ballard of Section 2 who has volunteered to help me with the *Gazette* as a co-editor. Cindy has had experience with editing newsletters so I know she will do a great job.

The activities of The Garden Oaks Civic Club and its involvement in the community has been recorded in the *Garden Oaks Gazette* for twelve years. I wish to preserve and archive all past issues of the *Gazette*. As you clean out your closets this summer, don't throw those old issues away. Please save them for me, and I'll try to piece together our history for the future.

It has come to my attention that several residents of Garden Oaks are offended by the addressing of this newsletter to "Resident". Although it is possible to include names on the mailing list for bulk mail, it would be a difficult task to compile it and then to keep it upto-date. Residents move frequently. Names and their respective addresses could be obtained through the Civic Club Membership list, but that would only include 26% of the subdivision. Any suggestions? Any volunteers?

### Garden Oaks Runners Club

Garden Oaks runners—let's ALL get together! All caliber of runners are welcome. Questions or comments? Call **Tim Page!** at **686-4424** for more information.

**Recycling Report Card** 

April's rains disorganized us somewhat, but we managed to collect enough to meet our monthly projections. However, participation percentages could not be determined. Figures for the month of April are:

Paper	Newsprint Computer White Ledger	24,000 lbs	\$133.30 \$ 76.00 \$ 31.00	\$240.30
Metals	Aluminum cans Other Batteries	88 lbs 6 lbs 5	\$ 35.00 \$ 1.50 \$ 5.00	\$ 41.50
Glass TOTAL		4,700 lbs		\$141.00 <b>\$422.80</b>

The next pick-up date is **Saturday**, **June 9.** If it rains we will not be collecting on the scheduled pick-up day. Therefore, please try to bring your items back in before they get too wet to handle. Wet newspaper cannot be recycled; it is just thrown away. Raindate is the following Saturday, June 16.

A Recycling Baby-sitting Co-op is being formed to allow more parents to help out on Recycling Day. If you are interested please call **Jennifer Day at 699-8417**. If anyone knows where a new or used dump trailer can be purchased for use by the Recycling Committee, please call **Scott MacClymonds at 691-3020**.

Remember to set your articles out BEFORE 8am. You can also personally drop off your recyclable materials at Graham Park on the Recycle Pick-up day from 8am until 10am. 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 **Sammle Broadrick** at **686-1684** or **Pam Parks** at **868-5223**.

Since our participation is up and the volume of materials handled is steadily increasing, we need more volunteers. Come to Graham Park at 8am on the second Saturday of the month and ask for Scott. He will direct you where you will be needed. We can use you!

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### Critters from the Corner of Texas



by David Horsley

The top left-hand corner, to be exact. Amarillo is sometimes referred to as the jewel in the crown of Texas, which might be stretching it. But the Panhandle does have a unique kind of beauty.

You should see our nighttime sky. Even right here in town, you can plainly make out the Milky Way most nights. This is a star-gazer's heaven.

Fire ants haven't made their way this far north. I am told they can't take the winters - the ground freezes deep and catches the little darlings napping. Whatever the reason, it is pleasant to take the kids to the park and not worry about ant bites.

About a quarter-mile from our house is a small prairie-dog colony, maybe twenty or thirty individuals. You knew they were rodents, related to squirrels, and not dogs at all,

right? I recall a time when farmers and ranchers waged all-out war on these critters, using dynamite, cyanide, gasoline, bullets, whatever was handy. Well, the war is over; the prairie-dogs won.

The little colony near our house is probably a splinter group from a huge colony further down the road, several square miles or more in size. On a recent walk through there I found all manner of brass firearm casings on the ground, which suggests that a few farmers haven't heard about the war being over.

We have seagulls here, more than I ever saw in Garden Oaks. I can't figure that one out. Maybe they're left over from the Cenozoic period, when this was all a shallow sea? Would gulls hang around 90 million years?

Leon Hale writes in the Houston Chronicle about waiting for the mesquite trees to tell him spring has arrived. Our mesquites are still naked as jaybirds up here, the

second week of May. Everyone laughed when I planted tomatoes, and sure enough, they keeled over dead immediately. I hate it when that happens.

There are other oddities of life on the prairie. I haven't seen a mosquito since we left Harris County. Nobody EVER asks for ID when accepting a check. People drive so slowly (maybe expecting an ice storm any minute?) that the freeway looks like a slow-motion film. We have a brand-new post office near our house, and I have never seen another customer in it besides myself. The little maps in the newspaper showing road construction usually have two or three work sites each week. In the whole city.

We miss Garden Oaks mightily. There is nothing here to compare with it. I am homesick for our neighbors, recycling, Taco Cabana, trees, Brink's Hardware, porch swings, deck parties. We have a Luby's here but somehow it's not the same.

## Heard Under the Oak Tree



Congratulations to Rick Martini of Section 3 and Michele Markariam who were married on May 25th. Welcome to Garden Oaks!

Rudy Guzman, postal carrier in Garden Oaks turns out to be a firefighter as well much to the relief of Mrs. McKnight of Section 3... her kitchen was on fire!

## Welcome

all new neighbors at:
813 W. 31st Street
923 W. 41st Street
814 Azalea
927 Gardenia
1079 Lamonte
1342 Sue Barnett

#### Crimewatch

The following crimes were reported in Garden Oaks during the month of March, 1990.

Section 1 one burglary of a garage, two auto

hefts

Section 2 two burglaries of

residences, one of a garage, one auto theft

Section 3 one burglary of a garage

Section 4 none

Section 5 two auto thefts

Get involved in Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) and reduce these numbers!

### **Practical Remodeling Adds Value To Your Home**

by Terry Jeanes

A popular concern among Garden Oaks residents is the relative value of their remodeling projects. Foremost to consider is the reason for redoing... is it for necessity, for enjoyment, or for increasing property value? With the later, you may be in for some surprises. The value of a redo is in the eves of the beholder. An expensive addition may have little or no value to a prospective buyer; a pool recaptures less than a third of its cost. On the other hand, the best return seems to be items which increase the property practicality. A bath addition or kitchen update can recoup as much as 90 to 110 % at

# 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!

resale time.

Major points to consider are: 1. Your needs and your house - Satisfaction of your primary needs for comfort and convenience may add more value than the actual dollars you recoup. 2. Location and appraisals - Neighborhood styles and tastes and price range dictate the percentage value your project will recoup. 3. Buyers - You may never know the particular value buyers will place on a project. A couple may place great value on a second bath, but a single professional may view bath #2 as an unnecessary expenditure. 4. If selling ???? The most important improvements are basic maintenance. Buyers notice worn out carpet and old paint more than a lack of a fireplace. Typically maintenance projects add as much as 25% more than their cost at resale time.

Examples Derived from New Homeowner Magazine

(Project/Cost/% Recoup)

Full Bath \$7300/110%

Minor Kitchen Redo \$6700/90%

Insulation \$1200/83%

Wood Deck \$4800/73%

Room Addition \$28,000/71%

Bath Remodel \$6200/75%

Major Kitchen Redo \$18,000/ 89%

Swimming Pool \$19,000/32%

The bottom line of the remodeling question is the reward it offers YOU, the current homeowner. Appraiser Sallie Clark says, "A house is a place to live, and if you are going to stay 5 years or so, you should focus on the enjoyment your improvements will bring and not get hung up on the return."

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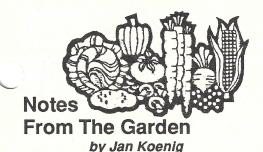
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Those of you who have visited the garden over the past two months have probably wondered about our strange looking tomato cages. For the rest of you who haven't been to the garden recently (tsk-tsk!!), our tomato cages look more like miniature greenhouses than like the cages you see on sale at the local garden center.

Frankly, I wonder how the stores get away with selling those puny cone-shaped cages. Most tomatoes grow out of the tops of the store-bought cages in about two weeks. After a couple of months, the tomato plant is twice as tall and twice as big around as the cage. On the other hand, the cages the stores sell for tomatoes are great for holding up pepper plants!

The cages we use are made from six-foot-long sections of six-inch-square, heavy wire mesh-the kind-used for reinforcing slabs of concrete. It comes in five-foot-wide rolls, so after we make a cylinder out of the mesh, it turns out to be five-feet tall and about two feet in diameter. We cut off the bottom hoop, which leaves six-inch lengths of heavy wire to hold the cage in place in the ground.

After we put out the tomatoes this spring, we tried a new technique

Summer F

which was pioneered a few years ago by a small seed company in central Texas. They found that by keeping the cages wrapped in clear plastic for about two months, the tomato plants grew more quickly and had far fewer problems with insects and diseases. The theory is that the plastic forms a protective barrier against most windborne diseases and some of the flying insect pests.

We took the plastic off of the cages this past weekend, and so far, it appears that the wrapping trick works well. Our tomatoes are definitely more lush this year. The plants are also remarkably healthy, considering that we haven't used a single insecticide or pesticide (organic or otherwise). There is some evidence that we might have a fungal problem on the lower leaves of some of the plants, but it doesn't seem to be a major disaster. With as much rain as we've had along with the warm temperatures, some minor damage is about the best we could expect.

The one drawback to the wrapped cages is that they do tend to catch the wind. A few days after we set the cages out, a line of heavy afternoon thunderstorms rolled through. That evening I got a call from one of our friendly neighbors letting me know that our cages were roaming the streets. Sure enough, the closest cage I could find was about a hundred yards away from where it was supposed to be. Since then, we've tied them all down, and we haven't had any more problems.

We found fourteen cages, but one is still missing. So if you run

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across a five-foot-long wire mesh cylinder wrapped with clear plastic, please let me know. I'll be happy to take it off your hands. See you at the garden!

#### WANTED...

Anyone willing to mow (only) the pocket park on Sue Barnett and 42nd Streets. Call Kenny Foyt at 697-7761 or Kathy Marek at 688-6811.

A used or new dump trailer for purchase and use by the Recycling Committee. Contact **Scott** at **691-3020**.

Past issues of the Garden Oaks Gazette to archive. Call Anita Scherer at 956-7809.

Volunteers to help solicit advertising support for the *Gazette*. These ads help defray our costs associated with the *Gazette*. Call **Arthur Smith** at **861-0321** or **Anita Scherer** at **956-7809**.

Civic Club Members. To date Garden Oaks Civic Club has 371 paid members out of 1423 residences or 26% participation. Get your 1990 dues in TODAY! \$10 per family residence, \$5 for senior citizens, or \$25 for business membership payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club, c/o Terry Welnberger, 1550 Sue Barnett. Remember, as a 1990 dues paid member of Garden Oaks Civic Club you can receive a special discount from the Northwest YMCA (869-3378).

Garden Oaks Garden Club Backyard Tour begins **Thursday**, **May 31** at 6:30 pm in Friendship Garden.



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# Neighborhood Spotlight The Jet-Propelled Michael Johnson By Jude Patronella

If you are one of those people that enjoys watching someone do yard work, you have probably noticed Garden Oaks resident Michael Johnson, cutting a yard on 31st Street, trimming shrubs on Garden Oaks Boulevard, or cleaning a driveway with his jet-propelled lawn blower on 39th Street. You might think that he lives at the house you see him diligently working in the surrounding yard. Or you might correctly assume he has a landscaping and maintenance service.

Michael Johnson established Garden Oaks Landscape Service in 1986. He services twenty to twenty-five yards a week and ninety percent of them are in Garden Oaks and surrounding areas. He also works in West University Place and River Oaks, but prefers staying close to home.

His home is one of the two-story residences on Garden Oaks Boulevard. He bought his house in 1981. Johnson said he really liked this close-in neighborhood with big yards. Little did he know at that time these big yards would give him a great work-out. Needless to say, he is in great physical condition.

Johnson grew up in the Near Northwest area. He has lived in Timbergrove Manor and Candlelight Estates. In 1975, he graduated from Texas A & M University earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting. As an executive officer of the A & M Corps of Cadets for four years, Johnson learned to enjoy working outside. After graduation he worked for six years in the accounting division of his family's firm.

Johnson said he got tired of working behind a desk, so he started landscape and yard maintenance with a friend in 1983. He hadn't thought about working in this field and began the service just to help his friend and make some extra money. Three years later he started his own firm.

He has been known to complain about his yard on Garden Oaks Boulevard. His claim is that he doesn't have enough time to properly care for it. He has added central air conditioning and heating to his home, painted it, refinished hardwood floors and converted a screen porch to a television room. Future plans include a new garage and an updated kitchen.

Johnson is a member of the Garden Oaks Civic Club and serves on the Beautification Committee. He said, "With all the emphasis on environment these days, I would like to see Garden Oaks continue to lead the way as a model for the rest of the city in recycling, safety, beautification and community development."

It can be said that Michael Johnson is an ambitious and hard-working person that believes in his neighborhood. Michael Johnson will go the extra effort to help people. His clients and friends are amazed how much he manages to accomplish. Perhaps, it isn't the lawn blower that is jet-propelled — it's Michael Johnson that is jet propelled.

## Thank You Good Neighbors

Winston Barton of Section 5 and Kenny Foyt of Section 3 need a big "Thank You" for all their work on the 43rd and Apollo Street esplanade and the Sue Barnett and 42nd Street Pocket Park. Without them Garden Oaks would be up in weeds.

Thank you to T-Type (the typesetter for the *Gazette*) and Burns, DeLatte and McCoy, Inc (an engineering firm on Westcott) for donating computer and ledger paper to Garden Oaks' recycling effort.



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 on this page are not necessarily endorsed by the Civic Club or the Gazette.

# G.O.P.A.X. Think Globally, Act Personally

by Scott MacClymonds

Environmental issues are the hot topics for the Nineties. The abuse inflicted on our world by uncontrolled growth, greed, and ignorance of the consequences of our actions have caught up with us. There is not much more room under the rug to sweep the trash. The problem is that those people in positions to effect change are still caught up in short term Wall Street profit-taking and don't have the inclination or the guts to do the job. Massive grassroots action is needed now to force positive change.

Toxic air pollution and dumping will shorten your lives, cause many health problems (cancers, etc.) and make what is left with the world a not so nice place to live. Our planet is a closed system. There is no extra room being created; what is here is all we will EVER have. To stop pollution, you have to take personal action.

I recently spoke with someone in the neighborhood who said he devoted all his off-work time to his family, and although was concerned about the issues would not devote time to any action. This do-nothing attitude will not change anything. We all have families and the same 24-hour day. I would hate to see my child grow up in a world more interested in maintaining the military than in improving the lives of ordinary citizens.

If you are ready to take personal action, here are just a few organizations which are engaged in active opposition to detrimental policy:

Texans United, 3400 Montrose, Houston, TX 77006, 529-8038 - Working for legislation to reduce air pollution and to educate the public on environmental issues.

Galveston Bay Foundation, 3027 Marina Bay Drive, Suite 110, League City, TX 77573 - Working to preserve the ecosystem of the Bay by preventing pollution.

Greenpeace, 1432 U Street, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 462-1177 - Working to preserve wildlife and the ocean's ecosystems; opposed to nukes and toxics.

Garden Oaks Political Awareness Exchange (G.O.P.A.X.), 691-3020 - Working to educate Garden Oaks on environmental, social and political issues.

## **Guest Column**County is Key Player in Houston's Future

by Jon Lindsay, County Judge

Harris County government in the 1990s will continue to take on a greater load of the responsibility for building a sound infrastructure and providing economic development opportunities. This trend started in the late 1970s, and, for a look at the future, it's smart to review the past.

Several bond issues approved by voters earlier this decade have provided crucial funds for hundreds of thoroughfare improvement projects and drainage programs. The two tollroad projects now attract 100,000 cars a day, and, over the next 10 years everybody will appreciate just how important they are for our mobility.

County government recently has taken the lead in implementing a reasonable, but strict, tax abatement policy that has already paid off in rebuilding a large portion of our industrial manufacturing base. Recently, Commissioners Court played the key role in pulling together a Metro-County funded program of road improvements in order to keep Compaq and about 12,000 new jobs here in Houston.

It was the county that bit a very hard bullet and worked out a plan to expand the Astrodome to keep the Oilers in Houston. This was an expensive and somewhat unpopular option, but the future will prove that it was the right decision to keep major league sports in Houston and

an expanded stadium for a growing population.

Although few citizens know it, the county has sole responsibility for funding the Port of Houston, and Commissioners Court has signed off on a program to widen and improve the Houston Ship Channel within the next 10 years.

These are just a few of the significant moves county government has made. One way or the other, they affect our economic future and our ability to grow well into the next century. The Houston Business Journal, in an editorial, strongly dismissed the role local government plays in economic development. They're right that we do not control inflation, money markets, trade or Wall Street. But we do control property taxes, transportation, public health care and a hundred other important functions. We can contribute to the quality of life here by making improvements and plans for the future or we can ignore the future for short-term gain.

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Local government's effect on the economy is similar to the purpose of an alternator for a car engine — you don't know what it does until it messes up. But when it does, you better find Mr. Goodwrench fast.

Over the next decade the true test of county government will be to maintain its aggressive economic and infrastructure development plans while meeting a host of equally important social problems head on. You can see a true conflict between the tremendous expenses (\$40 million year) for housing 4,000 state prisoners in our jail, providing primary health care to 250,000 poor Houstonians and keeping thoroughfare construction and maintenance at a high level. We cannot do all these jobs properly with just a property tax because the cities, school districts and the county have already come close to squeezing just about as much as one can reasonably expect from property taxpayers.

County government is the great dumping ground of the state and federal governments. That will be even more evident in the future. You all know how difficult jobs get passed down in every organization. Counties are at the bottom of the organizational chart. We have to take what's given to us and do the best we can. That's the problem. That's the challenge.

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

Nan Kitell, Section 4
Rick Martini, Section 3 and fiancée Michele Markariam.

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

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June Calendar of Events							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
				May 31 Garden Club Backyard Tour	1	2	
3 Volleyball 4 pm	4	5 Civic Club 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9 Recycle Pick-Up 8 am	
Volleyball 4 pm	11 Gazette deadline	12	13	14 Garden Club 7:00 pm	15	16	
17 Volleyball 4 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Volleyball 4 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30	

### June Birthdays

- 8: Allison Weed, 7 yrs.
- 11: Marian Mabry
- 13: Genevieve Cato, 2 yrs.
- 13: Christopher Ness, 5 yrs.



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