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EASTER BUNNY SIGHTED IN GARDEN OAKS!

Home Tour Update

The Garden Oaks Home Tour is right around the corner, **Sunday April 18** from Noon until 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Kaplan's-Ben Hur on Yale at 21st.

The six homes selected this year are:

- 428 W. 34th
- 512 W. 34th
- 432 W. 30th
- 1038 W. 41st
- 4227 Apollo
- 1328 Sue Barnett

Be sure and be at the April Civic Club meeting for the unveiling of the Home Tour poster and to meet the artist, Garden Oaks resident, **Karen Benson**. A limited number of signed and numbered posters will be available at the meeting along with raffle tickets. Come join the fun, meet some of your neighbors, and be the first one on your block with a 1991 Garden Oaks Home Tour poster.

If you haven't signed up to help out on the day of the tour, it's not too late, just call **Jennifer Day** at 699-3417. Remember, for those volunteers with children, there will be babysitting for your children free of charge while you're volunteering.



Garden Oaks Bags Arrive

That's right, the all new Garden Oaks Canvas Shopping Bags are here. They look great, with our Oak Tree in Garden Oaks green. They are the thing to be seen with, whether you shop at Whole Foods, Randall's, AppleTree, or anywhere else. Definitely a fashion statement, not to mention an ecology statement! The bags are also great for trips to the library, school, gym, video store, pet store, travel... By using these instead of paper or plastic, you'll reduce the use of petroleum products, electricity, water, and chemicals, and save our forests. The Garden Oaks Canvas Shopping Bags cost \$5.99 each or 4 for \$21.99. The bags are available at Civic Club meetings, the Home Tour, or through me. Call 688-3237.

Jaime

Home Tour Unveiling; Budget at Civic Club Meeting

The Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 2** at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on N. Shepherd. The Home Tour Committee will kick-off the 1991 Home Tour activities with the unveiling of the poster and the sale of the raffle tickets.

In addition, the proposed budget, which is printed elsewhere in this issue, will be discussed and voted on at this meeting. Please review it and come with any questions or suggestions.

Baby-sitting is available at \$1.00 per child. Come to the meeting and bring a neighbor with you!

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President's Message

As you know, for an organization to run efficiently, a budget is essential. This year's proposed budget was presented at the last Civic Club meeting and will be voted on in April's meeting. I would encourage each of you to study the copy printed in this issue and come prepared with questions or suggestions. As members of the Civic Club, you have the right to say where you would like to see your monies spent. (Remember, to vote you need to be a current member of the Civic Club, so come to the meeting and pay your dues before the voting begins - \$10/household, \$5 - senior citizens.)

Our potential money makers this year include the Membership Drive, Home Tour and Recycling as well as smaller events like the Heights Festival, and the sale of the canvas shopping bags. The *Gazette* is a major expense; however, this monthly newsletter is essential in distributing information to our community, and all committees rely on the *Gazette* to promote their activities. Additional advertising can help offset this cost. Talk to the businesses you patronize about advertising in the *Gazette*.

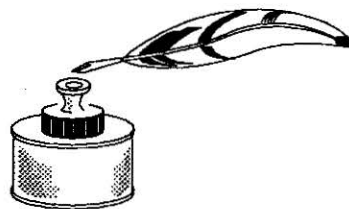
Other expenses include some 1991 proposed projects that will improve our neighborhood for our pleasure as well as our property values. The improvements to the 43rd Street/Sue Barnett Park and the SPARK track are a couple that come to mind.

On another note, I would encourage everyone to get involved in some way with this year's Home Tour. The

Home Tour benefits everyone in Garden Oaks, because it promotes our neighborhood to the rest of Houston. To get our neighborhood prepared for this spectacular event and to celebrate Earth Day, the Civic Club is sponsoring a Clean Garden Oaks Day on **Saturday, April 20** beginning at 9 a.m. If you can't make this event, you can still do your part by having your yard mowed and clean for Home Tour Day, **April 28**. Enjoy all the Home Tour activities slated for next month and hope for a beautiful day.



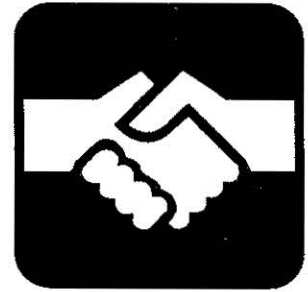
Anita Scherer



Editor's Notes...

When you look at the budget printed in this issue, you will see how expensive our *Gazette* is to produce. Of course, most things of quality are expensive. The *Gazette* is the glue that binds the different factions of our neighborhood together and is, therefore, very important to our community. We do have a budget to consider though, so I am trying to cut expenses without compromising quality. The *Gazette* is now folded in half, which costs less to mail (and is MUCH easier to handle, reports Rudy our mailman). I am also trying to get a new permit, which could cut our mailing costs in half. Cutting back to six pages when possible will reduce costs too. Increasing revenue is another important aspect. I am trying to recoup losses from 1990 advertisers that did not pay for their ads (none still appear in the *Gazette*). I am also trying to gain new advertisers. So, by decreasing costs and increasing revenues, we will be able to continue this quality publication.

Jaime Connor Pierce



Thanks, Neighbor!

Thank you to all recycling volunteers who helped make the March pick-up the most organized and efficient operation yet. You know who you are! Also thanks to all who lent your trucks and trailers which provided the much needed transportation for the newspaper.

Also, thanks to all the **recycling contributors, volunteers, and committee members**. Because of you, we are able to print the *Gazette* on recycled paper, which costs more than 'new' paper, but is important to us. We appreciate the annual donations that allow us to buy the recycled paper.

Our typesetter, **Tom Rogers**, saves his recyclables and donates them to our recycling effort. Thanks, Tom!

Thank you to our friends in **Garden Oaks Plaza** who are helping us with the 43rd Street/Sue Barnett Park.

Thank you to Austin Bridge for the fill dirt to build the berms at the 43rd Street Park. The fill dirt is from the N. Shepherd Street construction work. Just goes to show that Garden Oaks can recycle just about everything.

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Beautification Report

The next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28 at 407 W. 34th Street. For those of you who missed the February meeting, don't fret - we didn't have a February meeting.

The 43rd Street esplanade is still at the top of our priority list, but we have other topics to discuss as well. Saturday, April 20 has been designated as Garden Oaks Clean-Up Day, so we need to draw up a list of cleaning projects to be tackled. We'll talk about the status of our efforts to bring the Garden Oaks Boulevard irrigation system into compliance with City of Houston requirements, as well as revealing the latest chapter in the ongoing saga of the Community Garden relocation project.

If all goes well, we should have the first phase of the 43rd Street esplanade improvement completed by the time Home Tour rolls around. Even though the first phase only represents about one-fourth of the total development plan, it should make a dramatic improvement in the appearance of the esplanade. As this is being written we have received City approval to install our water meter and Austin Bridge Co. has provided us with fill dirt from the highway improvement (?) project on N. Shepherd. Now things can really get moving!

Please try to contribute a few hours on April 20 to help clean up the neighborhood. If a bunch of us pitch in, we can make a lot of progress in surprisingly little time. Look elsewhere in the *Gazette* for details on when and where we'll be meeting.

Garden Oaks canvas bags can be purchased at the April Civic Club meeting or call 688-3237.



The Police Department has monthly meetings for those of us involved in the area COP programs. They are called PIP (Positive Interaction Program) meetings. It is at those meetings that we obtain our monthly Crimewatch figures. They have various programs relevant to COP. Anyone in our group may attend these meetings. They are held at the new county courthouse on N. Shepherd, on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. At February's meeting I obtained the crime statistics for all of 1990. Below I list the figures for the whole city, for the North Shepherd Sub Station, and for the smaller area, 3B30, that encompasses Garden Oaks. This area known as 3B30 is bounded by 610, White Oak Bayou, Pinemont, and Shepherd, but includes our Section 1.

	Houston N Shepherd 3B30		
Burglary	42,986	5265	427
BMV	23,442	3472	263
Auto Theft	40,853	7982	446
Robbery	12,921	1829	127
Sexual Assault	1,335	249	12
Murder	568	73	2

Thus, 3B30 has about 6% of the crimes answered by the N. Shepherd Sub Station and less than 1% of the total crimes in the city. We can be proud of these figures, but we must keep up our patrol hours to keep down our crime. Call me with your questions, comments, and suggestions at 688-3237.

Jaime

WANTED: COP Chairperson.
Call Anita Scherer at 956-7809.

COP Crimewatch

January Statistics

Patrol Area 1 = Section 1

Hours Patrolled 23.75
Burglary 0

Patrol Area 2 = Sections 2 & 3

Hours Patrolled 14.33
Burglary 1
Auto Theft 1

Patrol Area 3 = Sections 4 & 5

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A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD CHAIR

By Jane Warner

Reupholstering a favorite chair or sofa cannot only beautify and update a plain room, it can help create that special look you desire. Before taking on this project, have an expert make sure the item is worth redoing. If he gives the go ahead, it's then time to choose your fabric.

Fabric selection should be based on a few important points. First, consider its durability. Will the item be getting a lot of use? Size is a factor because most upholstery weight fabrics are 54" wide—if not they may have to be run sideways. Patterns, such as large florals or scenics, may be centered as "cameos" in each cushion, using more yardage than usual. Soil resistance is very important. If the fabric you choose has not been pretreated with a soil retardant, ask to have it treated, it's worth the small extra cost!

Now let's consider the style of the furniture. Perhaps it doesn't complement your other furnishings. Here is where a knowledgeable craftsman can perform wonders! A skirt can be replaced by an upholstered front rail and legs. An arm can be heavily padded for a rounded look, or lightly padded for a sleeker look. Individual cushions can be changed to slab seats (one long cushion). Backs can also be restyled into one-piece construction, three pillows or loose cushions. Button tufting, jumbo or regular welting, shirring, ruffles and skirts can be added or eliminated to add interest or determine style.

The original construction and shape of the piece will be the determining factor as to what can be accomplished. Once it is finished, your "new" chair or sofa will be a prized possession for years to come!

Joe Miles Receives 1991 Good Neighbor Award

Joe Miles, of Section 3, has been named the 1991 First Quarter Garden Oaks Good Neighbor. He was nominated by Glenda McKenney, his neighbor for 14 years. Mr. Miles, who has lived in Garden Oaks for thirty-plus years and raised his family here, was described as showing a true concern for the neighborhood, always being there when he was needed, and always eager to lend a helping hand. Mr. Miles will receive a handmade certificate and dinner for four at Cavatore Italian Restaurant.

The judges for the award selection were Dr. Jerry Lemon, Pastor of Garden Oaks Baptist Church; Larry McKaskle, District A Councilman; and Roseanne Oelfke, Marketing Director for Northwest Memorial Hospital.

The Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award, sponsored by Suzanne Debien, REALTORS, Inc. and Cavatore Italian Restaurant, is presented each quarter to recognize a resident whose caring manner and good deeds make him or her a great neighbor. Nominations are made by letter and are reviewed by a committee of community leaders. Letters of nomination should be submitted to Suzanne Debien, REALTORS, Inc. at 1235 North Loop West #1215, Houston, Texas, 77008. For more information call 861-5040.

Please take the time to nominate someone who has been a good neighbor to you. The deadline for the 1991 Second Quarter Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award is **May 16**.

Garden Oaks Plaza Garage Sale

Garden Oaks Plaza is having a multi-family garage sale on **Saturday, April 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Azaleadell (off Sue Barnett, north of 43rd.) The rain date will be May 4. No sales will be made prior to 9:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to various community projects, including the Sue Barnett Park.

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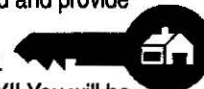


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Notes From the Garden

by Jan Koenig

Now that your tomato plants are settled nicely in the ground, it's time to think about dealing with the inevitable difficulties that crop up (no pun intended). Tomatoes suffer from three basic types of problems - disease, weather conditions, and insects. There isn't much you can do about weather conditions, except to make your plants as strong as possible, but we do have ways of combating diseases and insects.

The easiest way to rid your tomato plants of whatever happens to be bothering them is to use hard chemicals. Benomyl, diazinon, malathion, and a multitude of other fungicides and insecticides are "approved" for use on vegetables. But all of these pose some risk to people handling them or consuming them. Chemical agents also tend to act indiscriminately. Bees, birds, and other beneficial critters are just as apt to be poisoned as are the bugs you're trying to kill.

Fortunately, organic products are available to control virtually all of the would-be villains in our gardens. Now, organic doesn't necessarily mean risk-free, but it does mean less risk to humans and other desirable living creatures.

If your problem is aphids (which sap plants of strength and transmit diseases), first try knocking them off with a fairly hard spray of water from your garden hose. This will work as a permanent control if you have the time to do it every few days. Spraying them with insecticidal soap is the next step up. **Ordinary dish soap will not work.** These two treatments will take care of most aphid problems. Encouraging ladybugs to come to your garden helps as well, since ladybugs in their larval stage gorge themselves on aphids. More stubborn insects can be controlled with pyrethrum or rotenone. These naturally occurring insecticides require a bit more care,

but they are still far safer than comparable chemical controls.

Worms, including the fierce looking tomato horn worm, can be effectively managed with Bt, a bacterial toxin which affects only caterpillars. Bt is sold under the brand names Thuricide and Dipel and is available at most nurseries and garden supply stores.

Tomatoes in Houston often suffer from fungal diseases. Fungal diseases are the hardest to treat organically, but we still have options. Liquid copper or copper dust, which is sold as a control for black spot on roses, is an effective organic fungicide. Copper is helpful in battling mildew diseases, septoria leaf spot, and various forms of "rot".

Remember, the object of pest management is to **control** insects and other pathogens - not to eliminate them completely. A "kill-all" strategy creates imbalances which cause even bigger problems in your garden. So before you stock your garage with enough chemicals to start your own toxic waste dump, try "going organic". You might be surprised at how easy it is to grow healthy produce (and happy flowers) with less danger to yourself and to the rest of the environment. See you at the garden!

Heard Under the Oak Tree



Dennis and Doris Koebler of Section 1 will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on April 16. Congratulations!

The daughter of Larry and Violet Brooks of Section 3, Lisa Brooks Patton, was ordained as a minister on March 10. Lisa grew up in Garden Oaks and went all through school here until graduating from Waltrip in 1978.

Jennifer and Rusty Day of Section 2 won the door prize at the March Civic Club meeting. They received a brand new Garden Oaks Civic Club canvas tote bag.

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WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE - 6:00 P.M.

Jerry W. Lemon, Ph.D., Pastor

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

Dan Hudgins, Section 4
Thelma Field

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

Garden Oaks Runners Club

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



Heavy Trash Day

We are now lucky enough to have a day we can count on for heavy trash pick-up. The city crews come out on the third Tuesday of every month.

Irene Snyder, of Garden Oaks Plaza, said that she has lived out here for over 30 years and this is the first time residents have been able to count on a regular pick-up schedule.

We must remember that **heavy trash should not be placed at the curb sooner than the Sunday before pick-up day**. So, for April's pick-up, put your trash out Sunday, April 14th or later. The city will issue citations to those who put their trash out too early.

Clean Garden Oaks Day April 20

Earth Day is April 22, and in celebration of the environment and to present our best face for the Home Tour on April 28, the Civic Club is sponsoring a Clean Garden Oaks Day on **Saturday, April 20**. Volunteers are asked to meet at Graham Park on 34th Street in Section 1 at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, ready to paint, trim, weed, sweep, pick-up trash, etc., around Garden Oaks. Teams will be organized and dispatched from Graham Park. If you bring any tools, please be sure they are well marked with your name. Refreshments will be provided.

After work crews have completed their tasks, relax in the park with music, games and other fun activities. We would like to have live music for entertainment and a pie judging contest. Make your favorite pie recipe and enter the contest. Registration forms will be available at the April Civic Club meeting. A sign up sheet for volunteers will also be routed at the April meeting. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, please fill out the form below and return to Anita Scherer by April 10 or call **Anita Scherer** at **956-7809** or **Jan Koening** at **869-8997**. Come out April 20, meet your neighbors, eat some pie, but most of all have some fun!

Yes, I want to help with Clean Garden Oaks Day, April 20.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I can help with (Check all that apply:)

- refreshments painting mowing
- trimming/weeding trash pick-up
- team leader entertainment games
- pie contest/judging pie contest/entrant

Comments/Suggestions _____

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Garden Oaks Civic Club 1991 Budget

The following is the proposed 1991 budget which will be discussed and voted on at the April Civic Club meeting. The budget includes anticipated gross revenue and anticipated operating expenses for 1991. Also included, for information only, are previously approved unspent committed funds and additional proposed project funding.

ANTICIPATED GROSS REVENUE

Home Tour	\$ 6300
Recycling	2500
Membership Dues	3400
Gazette Ads	4180
Donations	100
ID Stickers	25
Shopping Bags	550
Misc. (incl. Heights Festival)	550
Interest	700
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 18305

ANTICIPATED OPERATING EXPENSES

Office Supplies	50
PO Box Rental	30
Meeting Room Expense	200
Misc. (incl. bank charges)	150
Refreshments	200
Membership Supplies	100
Hospitality Packets	100
Gifts (incl. YMCA)	250
Signs	150
Door Prizes	100
Shopping Bags	325
Heights Festival Expenses	250
COP Expenses	50
Home Tour Expenses	
Printing	1000
T-Shirts	525
Babysitting	250
Gala	450
Misc.	300
Total Home Tour Expenses	2525
Recycling Expenses	
Supplies	75
Repairs/Maintenance	100
Appreciation Events	300
Refreshments	100
Total Recycling Expenses	575

Gazette Expenses

Typesetting	3600
Printing	3080
Mailing	3120
Total Gazette Expenses	9800
Beautification Expenses	
Maintenance	300
Community Garden Moving	1200
Boulevard Meter	900
Total Beautification Expense	2400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 17255

NEW PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING

Recycled Paper For Gazette	400
SPARK Phase II	2000
TOTAL	\$ 2400

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB 1991 BUDGET

	SUMMARY
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	\$ 18305
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES	(17255)
TOTAL PROPOSED PROJECTS	(2400)
CARRYFORWARD	-1350

UNSPENT ALLOCATED FUNDS

Beautification - 43rd St. Park	7100
Community Garden	400
Recycling - W42nd/Sue Barnett	
Pocket Park Improvements	1250
Recycling - Environmental	
Scholarship Fund	500
Recycling - Educational	
Literature	250
TOTAL	\$ 9500

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING

Recycling - W42nd/Sue Barnett	
Pocket Park Improvements	600
Recycling - Environmental	
Scholarship Fund	250
Recycling - Educational	
Literature	200
TOTAL	\$ 1050

Note: This budget will be voted on at April's Civic Club meeting - bring this with you.

Notes: _____

Recycling Update

February 1991 Totals

PAPER:	Ledger, White	240 lbs	\$ 7.20
	Computer	260 lbs	\$ 18.20
METALS:	Aluminum cans	281 lbs	\$109.59
	Other Aluminum	57 lbs	\$ 12.72
	Other Metals	4 lbs	\$ 2.16
TOTAL:			\$149.87

The newsprint was donated due to low prices being paid per pound. The glass had to be dumped because our buyer was not open. The figures for plastics are not yet available.

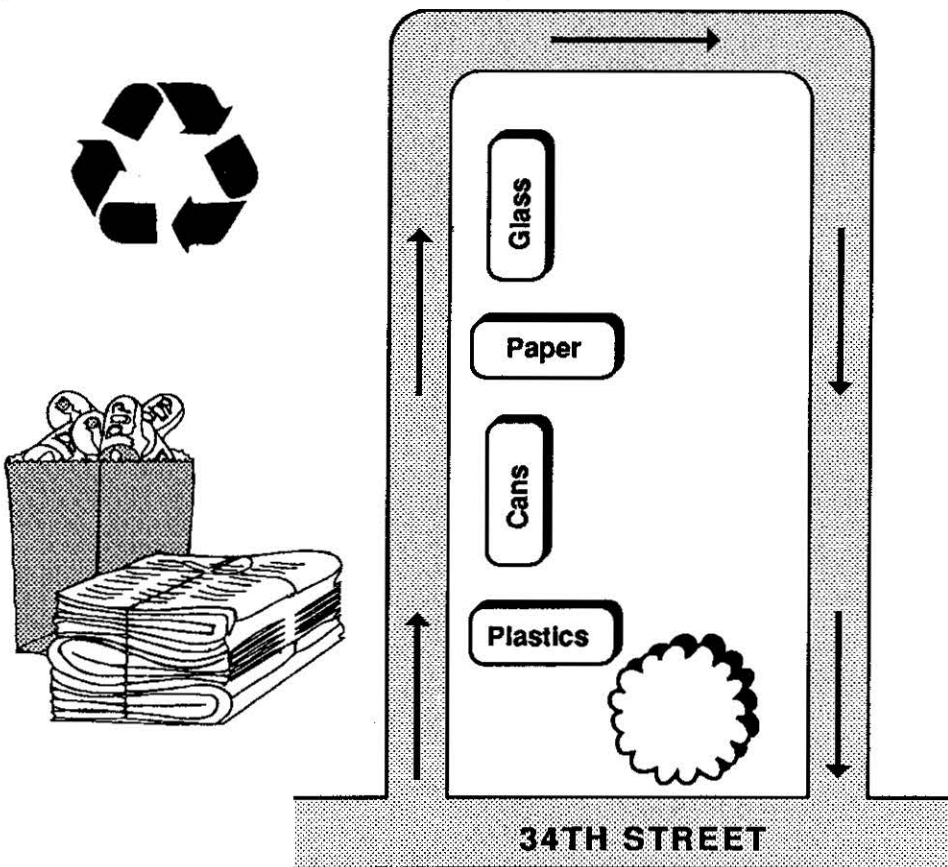
The next pickup date is **April 13th**. Anyone wishing to volunteer please feel free to come on down, as always, we can sure use the help!!!

Rusty Day

The Recycling Committee would like to thank the volunteers who helped make the March pick-up a big success, especially first-timers **Jennifer Gentry** of Section 4 and **Don Howie** of Section 5. Hats off also to those who lent their trucks, vans, and trailers. A BIG thank you goes to the 49 residents who brought their recyclables to the drop-off site. What a help that was! We encourage anyone who possibly can to bring their recyclables to the drop-off site. This really eases the load on the crews picking up at the curb.

Following is a diagram of the unloading procedure at the site. If you bear this in mind when you load your car – first in, last out, we can unload your car as quickly as possible. Thanks again!

Tim Pagel



Befriend Our Earth

Readers: This column is for *you* to voice facts about the environment and offer tips on how to save it.

I always thought that using 'pure' white paper products was wise, since they don't have chemical dyes. Now I find out that the bleaching process that gives us 'pure' white paper also gives us poisons in our water.

Fortunately, there are alternatives. Now a few companies are producing recycled paper products. I have found a brand called C.A.R.E. - Consumer Action to Restore the Environment. These products are almost as white as the ones I used previously, but they are made from recycled paper in an environmentally friendly way, and they come in recycled packaging. I am also happy to report that they are no more expensive than popular brands of paper products.

Using recycled paper products is one easy way to make the Earth a better place for our children and grandchildren. Another easy way is to use canvas shopping bags. If you need to use paper or plastic at times, you can reuse them on your next trip to the store, or use them in other ways. You can also reuse plastic produce bags. When I unload my canvas bags, I put the produce bags back in them so they are ready for my next shopping expedition. Canvas bags are easier to carry and hold more too. I have found them to be perfect for bringing home my Blue Bell from Walgreens!

Let's all try to adapt in little ways and together we will make a BIG difference.

Jaime

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\$35 per month - \$175 - 6 months

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Deadline for May Gazette is April 8

Readers' Forum

Readers' Forum is a column designed for you to express your opinions, ideas, or 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.

by Anita Scherer and Jalme Pierce

Nothing is ever easy; even with something as simple as the United States flag. Recently an issue has come to our attention as to whether or not the flags with the attached cards which were placed in the yards of Garden Oaks residents last month constitute advertising. The deed restrictions do not allow "signs, billboards, posters or advertising devices of any character" (except signs to sell or lease your house) to be erected on one's property without the express written consent of the Board of Trustees. Garden Oaks received much favorable publicity from the event, and the majority of the residents are happy and proud to display the flags in their yards. The flag in and of itself is not an advertisement or a sign. Nothing in the deed restrictions prevents a homeowner from flying the United States flag nor should it. However, when the flag is attached to an advertisement and used in conjunction with a publicity stunt, then it can be viewed as an advertising device. (Clearly, any billboards or signs erected in one's yard are not allowed. This would include any signs for a political candidate, as well as any patriotic messages.) Living in Garden Oaks you are afforded protections which help to maintain the integrity of the residential nature of our subdivision and thus protect property values. There are two opinions to this issue as there are with all deed restrictions. To protect from all the bad, sometimes you have to give up some of the good. Just because something is popular doesn't mean it should be allowed to break or bend the rules. This would make the protection invalid.

Whether you view the deed restrictions as protections or as barriers, the fact remains that Garden Oaks has them. The Board of

Trustees has been entrusted as the guardian of the deed restrictions and has the legal authority to enforce them.

Get familiar with your deed restrictions. You, as the homeowner have a contract to maintain your property in accordance with these deed restrictions, so it is a good idea to know what is in them. Call your representative if you have any questions or if you want a copy of your section's deed restrictions. If you plan to make ANY improvements to your home, definitely call BEFORE you do it. It is much easier to change something in the planning phase than after time and money have been spent.

by Scott MacClymonds

Patriotism or Self-Grandisement?

The flag/advertisement that was placed in every yard in Garden Oaks by a local realtor poses some interesting questions, regardless of your stance on the Iraqi war. I was appalled that this realty company had wrapped their advertisement with the U.S. Flag under the guise of supporting the troops fighting for U.S. interests in the Middle East. Offended by the political and commercial nature of this advertising campaign, I immediately removed the flag/advertisement from my yard and returned it to the realtors. I instructed the employee behind the front desk to refrain from placing their advertising on my property. He told me that the card attached to the flag with his company name boldly printed on it was not an advertisement because it lacked their phone number.

Absurd, it gets worse. I later discovered that this company publicized this event on radio and television before it even happened, and that it was just a publicity stunt.

There is an old anecdote that goes something like this: "You can put earrings on a hog and it is still a hog".

I can only assume that this realty company believes that folks living here can't recognize an advertising scheme when they see one. I hope that these realtors will cease this type of offensive advertising and keep its ill-considered advertising statements off public and private property.

by Billy Scherer

I am writing concerning the recent placement of U.S. flags in our neighborhood yards. Over the past few months, I have been extremely proud of our armed forces. The professionalism and skills dramatically displayed by our young men and women were enough to make anyone proud. The displaying of a flag in your yard to demonstrate support for our troops is patriotic; however, the decision to place a flag in one's yard should be left up to the homeowner. The fact that the business which placed the flags attached their name to them suggests that there was a little more than just patriotism at work here. If the business had simply left them at our doors, it would have left the decision of placement in the yard up to the homeowner and would have eliminated the potential violation of the deed restrictions, which clearly state that advertisements can't be displayed without the written consent of the Board of Trustees.



**EARTH
DAY
APRIL 22**

**BE GOOD TO
YOUR MOTHER!**



April Birthdays

- 3 Carley Crocker, 2 yrs.
- 4 Michael Bruns, 5 yrs.
- 5 Kelly Acosta, 13 yrs.
- 6 Kristina Giles, 7 yrs.
- 7 Sammy Broadrick, 40 something
- 12 Jeanette Scruggs, ?
- 15 Ian Roberts, 1 yr.!
- 15 Stephen Gauden, 5 yrs.
- 17 Jessica Smlth, 5 yrs.
- 17 Stan Bohon, ?
- 18 Kelly Alexander, 6 yrs.
- 20 Anne Fruge, 4 yrs.
- 25 Lee Prescott Houston Wright, 1 yr.!
- 25 Meredith Moran, 10 yrs.
- 27 Skye Krientz, 10 yrs.

Happy Birthday to **John Foyt** who turned 1 year old on March 24.

The stork is busy in Garden Oaks this year. Be sure to announce your special delivery in the *Gazette*. Call 688-3237.

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April Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Civic Club 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7 Turn Clocks Forward	8 Gazette deadline	9	10	11	12	13 Recycle Pick-Up 8:00 am
14	15	16 Heavy Trash Pick-up	17	18 PIP Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20 Clean Garden Oaks 9 a.m.
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27 G. O. Plaza Garage Sale 9 a.m.
28  Home Tour 12 - 6	29	30	31			

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