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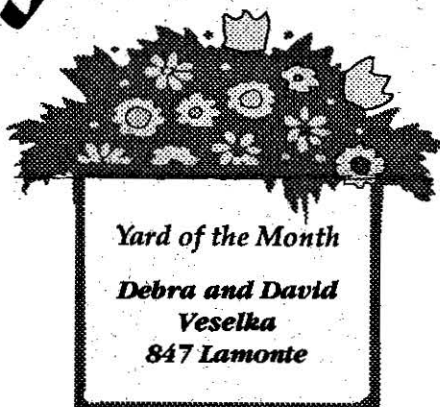
Happy Mother's Day

Garden Club Meeting May 9

The next Garden Oaks Garden Club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9** at the home of **Kay Paul 861-0328**. The meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m.**

More Deed Restriction Books Available

The Garden Oaks Board of Trustees announces that they have had additional deed restriction booklets printed. These beautiful new books are color coded by section and printed on recycled paper. If you have never received a copy of the deed restrictions, you may obtain one at the Civic Club meetings or from any Board member, free of charge. **Note:** New residents should receive a copy in their "new neighbor" packet. If you have not received your "new neighbor" packet, call **Jane Warner** with **Decorating Den** at **695-3839**.



Good Neighbor Award Nominations Due May 16

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 Second Quarter Garden Oaks Good Neighbor Award is May 16.

Picnic Meeting May 7

The Garden Oaks Civic Club will meet **Tuesday, May 7** at the **SPARK Park**, located on the Garden Oaks Elementary School grounds on Sue Barnett and Garden Oaks Boulevard at **7:00 pm**. This will be a covered dish picnic so bring your favorite recipe to share with your neighbors. Please bring a dish accordingly:

- A-G Desserts
- H-P Vegetables/Salads
- Q-Z Casseroles/Meats

Drinks will be provided by the Civic Club. Bring something to sit on, your favorite dish, and a neighbor. See you there!

Garden Club Backyard Tour Set

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Garden Club Backyard Tour. It is scheduled for **June 13** at **6:00 p.m.** More information will appear in next month's *Gazette*.

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President's Message

Volunteers are the backbone of this community. Each officer of the Civic Club, each Board of Trustee member, and each committee member is a volunteer. Every volunteer gives a piece of themselves every time he/she takes the time to help a neighbor, clean a park, or lend a hand. Each of us has something special, unique to that individual, to give to our neighborhood.

Every one has the same goal- to make Garden Oaks a better place to live. I may not do things exactly as you would, and you may not do things exactly as I would. But the strength of the neighborhood is allowing each of us to contribute in our own way. A different way of doing things may even turn out to be a better way.

I am convinced that this neighborhood has the talent and resources necessary to achieve anything we put our minds to. This is evident in the ambitious projects and programs that we have already completed or are underway. Several committees could not function without the vast resources volunteers provide.

Some volunteer work is evident, but a lot happens behind the scenes. The second Saturday of the month recycling volunteers spend 4 hours collecting, sorting, and delivering recyclable materials. What you don't see are the Recycle Saturday organizers spending an additional 4-6 hours/month arranging for crews, equipment, special pick-ups, and vendors. Citizens-On-Patrol volunteers spend 2-4 hours/month patrolling the neighborhood to deter crime and to report suspicious activities. Behind the scenes record keepers and schedulers spend a total of 10 hours/month keeping the program going. The *Gazette* editors spend approximately 40-60 hours/month collecting, writing, and editing news items and columns, organizing the layout, assuring quality control and soliciting, billing from advertisers. Volunteers are also the reason for the successes of the Home Tour and Membership Drive. Home Tour volunteers spend 15-30 hours/month each for the three months before the Home Tour planning, organizing and soliciting donations for this spectacular event. The day of the Tour, many volunteers lent a hand by being docents, concessionaires, ticket takers, etc. Volunteers

Beautification projects. The planning, are also responsible for the successful resources and inspiration donated by those who care is evident by the beautiful pocket parks. These are just a few of the areas where Garden Oaks has benefitted from the generosity of volunteers. All volunteers are a special breed of people who make things happen whether you donate two hours or ten hours, labor, or ideas.

Thank you to each and every one of you who so generously donate your time and talents to this community. We ALL benefit from it. Without YOUR involvement, we are missing out on what you have to offer. Just think of the difference we can make, together.

Anita Scherer

WANTED:

COP Chairperson and
COP Record Keeper
Call Anita Scherer at 956-7809



Beautification Report

The next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be held on **Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m.** at 407 W. 34th Street. Everyone is welcome.

Your beautification dollars are at work! Check out the new landscaping on the esplanade at W. 43rd St. and Sue Barnett. Despite the rain, the project has moved along on schedule and under budget (just barely). When more funds are available, we have plans for further development at the site.

The Community Garden will move to the new location on Alba just north of Sue Barnett on **May 18**. Anyone interested in helping with the move should show up at the old location on the grounds of the Garden Oaks Elementary School at **8:30 a.m.** Go ahead and come on by even if you happen to oversleep. We can use all the help we can get. Bring your shovel and/or pick-up truck if you've got one.



Notes From The Garden

Garden Oaks is full of trees - tall, straight pines, native pecans, lush southern magnolias, prolific sweet gum, and (of course) oak trees of every shape and size. But Garden Oaks doesn't have enough fruit trees. I'm not sure why, but fruit trees just don't get the attention they deserve around here.

It's not as if fruit trees are a lot of trouble. They're not. Your average peach tree doesn't take any more effort than your typical tomato plant. But unlike tomato plants, the peach tree will live for fifteen or twenty years. Every year the peach tree will be covered for one or two weeks in early spring with showy, pink blossoms. The peach tree provides shade and habitat for birds and squirrels. And best of all are the peaches - over its life span one peach tree can produce literally hundreds of pounds of succulent fruit.

Peaches aren't the only fruit that grows here either. Houstonians can enjoy home grown apples, pears, apricots, nectarines, plums, bananas, and persimmons. If you are willing to go to a little more trouble, you can even grow citrus fruits here too. I've eaten luscious satsumas straight off a tree in the southwest part of town. In fact, I know one fellow who has over 130 different varieties of fruit trees in his yard, and his yard is smaller than your average lot in Garden Oaks!

The trick to growing fruit in Houston is planting the correct variety. Most fruit trees require several weeks of seriously cold weather to blossom and set fruit properly. Since we don't often experience those kinds of conditions here, it is absolutely crucial to find "low chill" varieties. If you're interested in growing fruit trees, you'll probably find it worth spending a few extra dollars to buy your plants at a premium quality nursery. Not only are they more likely to have a good selection of plants which are appropriate for Houston's climate, they also should have professional staff who can give you valuable advice. You might even try one of the nurseries in the area that specialize in trees.

If you don't think it is possible, just stop by the pocket park on W. 42nd at Sue Barnett. On the north end of the esplanade you'll find a Mid-Pride peach tree and a Dorsett Golden apple, both loaded with immature fruit. Our plans for the new community garden also include a miniature orchard of fifteen or twenty different varieties of fruit trees.

So the next time you're thinking about sprucing up your landscape, think about planting a tree. And as long as you're planting a tree, you might as well plant one that gives you flowers and fruit. See you at the garden!

Heard Under The Oak Tree



Amy Ross, 5 yr old daughter of **John and Linda Ross** of Section 3, was a winner in the Design a Dress Contest sponsored by Macy's and Ruth of Carolina. Over 100 entries were received, and Amy was one of the youngest entrants. Congratulations Amy!

St. Rose of Lima School had a marathon on March 2nd and raised over \$2300. Way to go!

Congratulations to **Rick and Michele Martini**, who will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on May 25!

Three cheers for Boy Scouts from Troop 40 "Scorpion Patrol" who cleaned up the vacant lot on N. Shepherd and 43rd Street. Thank you Boy Scouts **Nicholas Pagel** (Garden Oaks resident), **Ryan Buck**, **Frank Cipolla**, **Christopher Aubin**, **Vincent Hernandez**, and **Matthew Orlando** and assistant leader **Tim Pagel**.

Congratulations to **Ally Mabry** who performed in the HITS Unicorn Theater production of Cinderella during its April run.

Garden Oaks American Legion Post 560 received an F4C Phantom jet named "Desert Storm" in April. The retired Air Force jet was saved from the scrap yard and now happily resides at the post on Alba.

Congratulations to **Dori Parisi**, 14 year old daughter of **Steve and Kay Parisi**, of Section 1, who won a place on Wheel of Fortune's Teen Week. The show will air **May 8th** and **May 11th** on Channel 11. Dory had to pass a test and an interview. But it all paid off in the end. Watch and see why!

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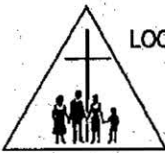
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Garden Oaks Resident

Home Tour Report

The Garden Oaks 1991 Home Tour Committee encourages everyone to patronize the following businesses. Without their contributions of cash, raffle prizes, and continued interest, our 1991 Home Tour event would not have been a success. Be sure to tell any of the businesses you decide to use that you heard of them from Home Tour activities. The following is a list of participating companies, broken down into general categories:

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In Memoriam

Mr. Harry E. Kirchner Sr., original Garden Oaks resident and beloved member of our community, went to his reward on Saturday, April 13th. Mr. Kirchner was retired as Minister of the Christian Church and from the Missouri Pacific Railroad. A resident of Section 2, he lived in Garden Oaks for 39 years. We send our condolences to his family. He will be missed.

St. Matthew's UMC Announces New Programs

There are exciting things happening for children at St. Matthew's Methodist Church; an open house, Parent's Nite Out, a Summer Kid's Day Out program, Vacation Bible School and a new five day preschool.

The Church will be hosting their annual MDO and Preschool Open House, **May 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. The evening will begin with a brief discussion on the advantages of St. Matthew's new 5 day state licensed program beginning this Fall. A performance by the children will conclude the formal part of the program. Parents will then be invited to visit the classrooms and refreshments will be served. If you currently have children in the program or would like to enroll your children in the future, this would be a good opportunity to visit and learn about the wonderful children's programs at St. Matthew's.

One program many parents are truly excited about is the Parent's Nite Out Program offered every Friday from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. If you have children from the age of 3 months to 5th grade, this program is for you. Many parents are finding they have an opportunity for a quiet dinner or a real "date" for the movies! Rates are \$2 per hour for one child and an additional \$1 an hour for each additional child.

If you are looking for an alternative summer program for your elementary age children, St. Matthew's is currently taking registration for its Summer Kid's Day Out (KDO) program. The KDO is designed for elementary age children that will be entering 1st thru 6th grade in the Fall. Field trips ranging from museums to bowling are planned. Summer MDO begins **Thursday, June 6** and KDO begins **June 13**. MDO and KDO are currently Thursday and Friday programs.

Vacation Bible School will be held **July 8-12, 9-11:30 a.m.** VBS is available for 3 year olds thru 5th graders. If you have a child in day care and would like for him/her to experience a week of Christian education, a bus will be available to pick up and deliver them to their day care facility.

To round out the programs currently available, St. Matthew's is excited to

announce it will be extending its existing 2 day preschool program to 5 days and its 2 day MDO to 3 days. There will also be one day of extended care until 6:00 p.m. Look for more information in the following months.

The church is located at **4300 North Shepherd Dr.** You and/or your children do not have to be members of St. Matthew's to participate in any of these wonderful children's weekday programs. Call **697-0671** for further information.

Waltrip Graduate Opens Store

Kim Zandwyk, Waltrip Class of '83, recently opened **Zandwyk's Grocery** at 2012 W. 34th. Local residents were saddened by the closing of Brannan's, previously at this site, which had a wonderful meat market. In response to this, Kim says Dean Duncan, long-time Brannan's meat manager, will continue serving old friends and new customers at Zandwyk's, insuring the same high quality meat and service. Fresh produce and a full line of groceries can also be found at Zandwyk's. Kim's future plans include a fresh bakery and opening another store. Drop into Zandwyk's and drop back in time, to the days of old-fashioned service and quality.

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Judy Camp, Garden Properties:

The Garden Oaks Civic Club would like to express our appreciation to you and to Garden Properties for the spirit, time and effort involved in placing American Flags throughout Garden Oaks.

One of the measures of a successful community is the strength of the relationship between residents and local businesses. Your actions clearly show that you and your company are working to fortify that bond with our neighborhood. Every one of the flags still on display (and there are many!) represents a personal expression of thanks.

As you well know, Garden Oaks is a terrific place to live - and Garden Properties is one of the reasons why.

Sincerely,

The Members of the Civic Club

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WINDOW DILEMMAS!!

by Jane Warner

The window is probably the most neglected feature when building a house. Some architects are concerned with having the windows balanced on the exterior walls, but give little care as to whether they are balanced inside a room.

Unfortunately, most of us have to deal with misplaced windows of different sizes and shapes within one room. Creative window treatments can solve this problem by turning your room from one of the oddly shaped windows to one of beautiful uniformity. Today, with so many different types of hardware and window treatments, misplaced windows are easy and fun to change.

If you have two sizes of windows on different walls, or perhaps in a large open area that serves more than one function (such as a living/dining room without a divider) the windows can be treated to appear the same height. For the most part, the treatments should be coordinated. By making them the same height, you will add uniformity to the rooms. If you also increase the window treatment to the ceiling line, you will create an atmosphere of height into the entire room.

Windows that are the same size, but have been placed at odd spacing on the same wall can be "adjusted" by creating a focal point of the entire wall. Using a wall-to-wall treatment of a valance and alternating draperies and sheers can return balance to the wall. The draperies may be tied back for an "hour glass" effect, or may be left as stationary panels or traversing, according to your needs and the style of the other furnishings.

Verticals, mini-blinds and pleated shades could be used in the same manner, either alone or in conjunction with draperies. Care must be taken to allow access to the windows for light and air flow.

Recycling Report

March 1991 Totals



PAPER:	Ledger, White	350 lbs	\$ 10.50
	Computer	140 lbs	\$ 9.80
	Newsprint	2850 lbs	\$ 5.70
METALS:	Aluminum cans	510 lbs	\$ 188.70
	Other aluminum	196 lbs	\$ 43.76
	Batteries	3 each	\$ 3.75
GLASS:			\$ 90.90
TOTAL:			\$ 353.11

The figures for plastics are not yet available. The next pickup date is **May 11th**. Anyone wishing to volunteer please feel free to come on down. As always, we can sure use the help!!! The Recycling Committee wishes to thank **Timmi Pagel** for babysitting during the March recycling pick-up.

Just remember that window dilemmas can be easily solved with a little imagination and creativity.

Block Walk Report

Several weeks ago, the 1991 Garden Oaks Membership Block Walk was conducted by Garden Oaks volunteers. This was and still is your opportunity to join one of the most active civic clubs in Houston and know that your membership dues are being utilized for some very real, concrete things that make your neighborhood a treasured one.

Sometimes I feel overwhelmed with the problems we as a people, nation, and world face; feeling as if the problems were too big for me as an individual to make an impact. We as neighbors and members of our civic club can make a difference in Garden Oaks collectively. We can maintain its beauty and continue to improve it through various committees and projects.

This is your opportunity to make a difference. It won't be done without you. You are the seed that makes the "garden" grow.

Many thanks to these Garden Oaks volunteers who participated in the 1991 Membership Block Walk:

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Marek, Kathy
Martini, Rick & Michelle
Pagel, Tim
Paul, Kay
Peden, Margaret & Tom
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Jennifer Day

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Readers' Forum

The ideas and opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily endorsed by the Civic Club or the Gazette.

Note: This is the last Readers' Forum column to be printed in the 1991 Gazette.

Dear Readers:

I've been accused of printing "only one viewpoint" in the April column. Let me remind you that I can only print what I receive. This month another viewpoint is presented. I also want to state that my letter was neither anti-flag nor anti-realtor. Personally I appreciate both. My letter was PRO deed restrictions, which make this neighborhood the great place it is in which to live. I feel sure that if the realty company had asked, the Board would have granted permission. My point is, they didn't ask. That's all. I'm only sorry that so few people are concerned with the deed restrictions that play a vital role in keeping our neighborhood beautiful and our property values high.

The Editor

Wanda Morgan

It is time for one from the "silent majority" to respond to the narrow-minded, one-sided viewpoints expressed in the last Readers' Forum.

It is apparent as I drive through the community that the majority of my neighbors, as demonstrated by the number of flags remaining in yards, are appreciative of the flags and the statement they made to the rest of Houston. I know that they brought a sense of pride to myself and others.

The accusation of advertisement and a publicity stunt by the realtor is absurd. It is unfortunate that some folks only look for the negative in everything. The fact is several media persons live in the community; found flags in their yards; thought it was great and contacted the realtor. If one is truly interested in maintaining the deed restrictions, perhaps something should be done about the flagrant violation in the 900 block of 41st Street.*

There is an old anecdote that goes something like this: "One should not judge others by oneself".

I firmly believe the flags were a gift to our community, an attempt to pull us all

together as a group to make us feel and look good.

Thank you, Garden Properties.

*Something is being done about this violation. - Editor

by T. T. De Boer

It was a fine morning sight, the little flags down the streets. After months of fighting Iraq on television from the safety of our much celebrated homes, it was good to welcome the troops home, and behold: Someone in Garden Oaks had gone through (sic) the trouble and expense to unite us in this effort. It looked downright festive.

We rode around the blocks, and it looked like a holiday. Upon investigation, we happily found the little card from the givers, just as we attach a card to a bouquet for celebrations or funerals. (We do want them to know that we care, don't we?) They turned out to be some of the same people lending financial support to Garden Oaks civic activities and Gazette advertising. It all depends on your point of view, doesn't it?

Having lived in Garden Oaks for 23 years we applaud the new and young life and efforts we have seen in the past 10 years. We were amongst the first improvers, rebuilders, recyclers, even before it became a community effort. But we hope not to see an introduction of pettiness. When in our younger years we went through Air Force officer's and flight training, a part of the honor code read: "QUIBBLING, evasive statements, and TECHNICALITIES will not be condoned". We find taking issue with the "flag-tags" far fetched.

We hope herewith to represent another view in our community than the one single opinion expressed in the Gazette issue of April. I assume that all those who neatly replant the flags, each time after mowing, agree.

Garden Oaks Runners Club

Garden Oaks runners - let's All get together! Meet at 7 pm on Wednesdays at the 42nd/Sue Barnett Pocket Park.



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COP Crimewatch

February Statistics

Patrol Area 1 = Section 1	
Hours Patrolled	22.75
Burglary	1
Auto Theft	3

Patrol Area 2 = Section 2 & 3	
Hours Patrolled	20.50
Auto Theft	1

Patrol Area 3 = Sections 4 & 5	
Hours Patrolled	23.00
Crime	0

Total Hours Patrolled	66.25
Total Crime	5



Thanks, Neighbor!

Thank you to Arv Vilutis, who provided the invoices for Gazette billing free of charge.

A special thanks to Vee Gaines, Candy Foster, Christine Winklemann, and Norma Swoboda of the Garden Club for providing refreshments for our April Civic Club meeting.

Our neighbor Oscar Ochoa, of OD's Printing, gives the Civic Club and Board very low prices and high quality on all our printing needs. Thanks Oscar!

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

Randy Taylor, Section 5
Paul & Shirley Cox, Section 1
Steve Stiba, Section 1
Karen Benson, Section 3
Ronald Jones, Section 4
Mike Warner, G.O. Plaza
Thank you for coming to the April meeting.



May Birthdays

- 4 Anita Scherer, 30 something
- 5 Michel Ballard, 6 yrs.
- 7 Kelsey Epstein, 2 yrs.
- 9 Meredith Voorhees, 7 yrs.
- 10 Sara Vilutis, 2 yrs.
- 12 Anna Gorski, 2 yrs.
- 15 Sean Shannon, 8 yrs.
- 16 Taylor Thomas, 4 yrs.
- 17 Allyson Mabry, 11 yrs.
- 22 Marc Roberts, 34 yrs.
- 22 Gladys Ryan, 91 yrs.
- 23 Blake Bijak, 2 yrs.
- 23 Matthew Burns, 3 yrs.
- 24 Carrie Alexander, 8 yrs.
- 29 Matthew Murphy, 7 yrs.
- 29 Corey Hecksel, 4 yrs.

Do you have a birthday, wedding, promotion, graduation, award, or other special event to announce? Put it in the *Gazette*! Call 688-3237 and make it news.

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May Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28 Home Tour 12-6			1	2	3	4
5 Home Tour Rain Date	6	7 Civic Club 7:00 pm	8	9 Garden Club 7:00 pm	10 Gazette deadline 8:00 pm	11 Recycle Pick-up 8:00 am
12 Happy Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 Good Neighbor Award Deadline	17	18 Community Garden 8:30 am
19	20	21 Heavy Trash Pick-up	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

COP Numbers to Remember:

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GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB



Come, tiptoe through the tulips with me!

Dear Friend:

The Beautification Committee of the Garden Oaks Civic Club is undertaking a project to landscape a one acre park at the corner of West Forty-third Street and Sue Barnett.

West Forty-third Street is the main artery providing access to Garden Oaks, Garden Oaks Plaza, Shepherd Park Plaza, Oak Forest, Candlelight Oaks and many other subdivisions in the area. The Committee feels that this project will be a "gift" to the entire residential community of this particularly beautiful area of Houston. And it will further promote and maintain the character of some of the city's oldest and finest neighborhoods.

To make the project a reality, we are asking you, our friends and community leaders, to assist us with financial help. On the back of this letter is a copy of the project proposal, which I hope will help you better understand our goal, but if you have questions, need additional information, or would like to inquire about a memorial contribution, please give me a call.

I hope that you will be able to help with this important project by sending a contribution to the Beautification Committee of the Garden Oaks Civic Club. Please send correspondence to me at 739 Azaleadell, Houston, TX 77018.

Any consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Cornelius".

Mrs. W. Ralph Cornelius
Project Fund Raising Chairman

GARDEN OAKS PARK PROPOSAL

*A project of:
The Garden Oaks and
Garden Oaks Plaza Civic Clubs*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Conceived by the Garden Oaks Civic Club's Beautification Committee (responsible for the development and maintenance of parks and other common property within the subdivision), this project involves landscaping a one acre park at the corner of West Forty-third Street and Sue Barnett.

The park, a triangular-shaped tract in the northeast corner of the above mentioned intersection, is in an area naturally wooded with mature pine and oak trees. The aesthetic quality of the park greatly enhances the neighborhood and because of its age, this project is deemed necessary to assure that the park will retain its natural beauty for future enjoyment.

Another concern addressed in planning this project is the damage to the property caused by vehicles being parked during the day in shaded areas of the park. The landscape design being considered will include measures to keep vehicles out of the park.

COST

The landscape design for the park was chosen from several designs submitted by area landscaping companies. The design and proposal being considered can be executed for \$30,000.00, which includes the design fee and labor and materials for landscaping. The project has been divided into phases, and, if necessary, can be completed as funds become available over a period of time.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Garden Oaks Civic Club has allotted \$7,500.00 for improvements to the park, part of which will be applied to the above total project cost. Out of this amount, the club paid to have a colorful piece of sculpture (which it acquired through a loan agreement with the artist) moved to the park.

The balance of approximately \$25,000 for the project will be raised by committee members seeking donations from friends of the community, area residents and businesses. The balance needed to finance the first phase of the project is \$5,000, and the remaining two phases (\$10,000 each) will be completed as funds become available.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Each individual or company contributing to the park fund will be recognized appropriately according to the amount of contribution. Contributors will be acknowledged publicly via news media and at a park dedication ceremony. Memorial contributions will be acknowledged by letter and will be announced at the park dedication.

For further information, contact Betty Cornelius at (713) 694-1640.