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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Garden Club Backyard Tour lune 13

The Garden Oaks Garden Club will have its annual backyard tour **Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.** The tour will begin at Friendship Garden Park located at Lawrence and W. 30th Streets. After the tour, refreshments will be served at 748 W. 43rd Street. Bring a lawn chair.

The Garden Club would like to welcome new members Karen Benningfield and Linda Wiseburn. We are glad to have you,

The Garden Club will not meet during the months of July or August. The next meeting will be **September 12 at 7:00** p.m. at 748 W. 43rd Street.

For more information on this group and its activities, call Candy Foster, President, at 869-0343.



SAVE THE EARTH Use canvas shopping bags

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

Neighborhoods, Topic of June Meeting

The June Civic Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. Presidents of several neighborhood civic clubs have been invited to tell us about their neighborhoods. Come by and meet them and hear what our neighbors are doing. A copy of the first episode of Hometown Houston, which features Garden Oaks, will also be shown at the meeting.

The City of Houston's Cable Communications Division developed the new series, Hometown Houston, to be shown on the Municipal Channel. Garden Oaks was the topic for the first show and was aired on cable at the end of April. The video, which will be shown at the meeting, focuses on what makes Garden Oaks unique and what has drawn and kept residents here throughout its history. Come to the meeting and watch your neighbors become movie stars.

Babysitting is available at \$1.00 per child during the business portion of the meeting.

Paula Arnold to Speak at July Civic Club

Paula Arnold, President of the HISD Board of Education, will address our Civic Club on Tuesday, July 2nd.

Mrs. Arnold will speak on education in general and, more specifically, the future of Garden Oaks Elementary.

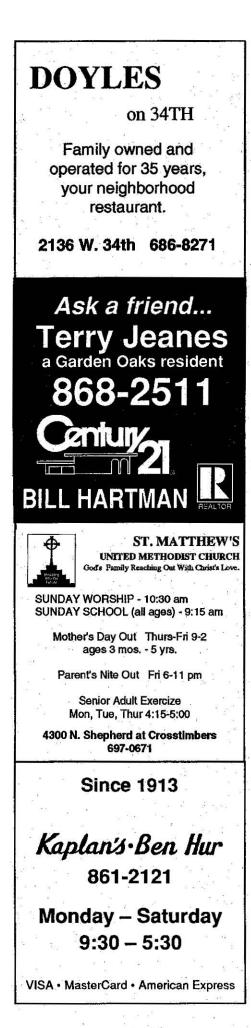
This is a timely topic of discussion, as the long-time principal of Garden Oaks Elementary, **Jean Dodd**, will be retired in May.

This is your chance to be heard. Come make your opinions known.

Sign Alert

Pease take note! When placing signs in our common areas, do not put nails in our lovely trees. It damages and even kills them. If you put out garage sale signs or lost and found notices, please make them free standing, and remember to remove them afterwards. You might save a tree.

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President's Message

Last month I had the pleasure of talking to the president of the Kentwood Manor Civic Club. Their neighborhood is located just north of us between N. Shepherd and Old Yale. Although the neighborhood is only four blocks long, there was definitely a sense of pride when she spoke about the neighborhood and the people who lived there. Kentwood Manor has deed restrictions and, just like Garden Oaks, is surrounded by commercialization. This is more critical to them since they are a smaller area.

Kentwood Manor is an integrated community; their houses are modest, but they have deed restrictions to protect the neighborhood they hold dear. Since the neighborhood is small, I got the sense that the president was the "jack of all trades." She was the editor, the security committee coordinator, the recycling chairman, the hospitality committee and the deed restriction enforcer. She called because she had learned about our recycling program from The Leader, and she had been trying to get together a recycling program for their community. Although their treasury is not as vast as ours, they are able to beautify and preserve their community by working together for the same goals - a safe place to live and a future for the children.

The Garden Oaks subdivision is rich by many standards. We have people who are willing and able to give their time and money to better the community. Many things we do are to improve our own neighborhood and thus our property values, and there is nothing wrong with that. But every once in a while we can extend our hand to others around us. The Community Garden is a good example of what the fruits of our labor can do. All the produce is given to the Food Pantry associated with the Hunger Coalition. By helping others around us, we help ourselves. By getting to know our neighbor civic associations, we can work together for common causes such as crime prevention. We are all the same, we all share the same concerns.

I have invited the presidents of several neighbor civic clubs to attend the June Civic Club meeting. Please come and meet them and learn about other neighborhoods. See you June 4!

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Anita Scherer

Home Tour Big Success

The 1991 Home Tour was a great success! Approximately 550 people toured the homes. Although not all the expenses have been accounted for, it looks like the Home Tour cleared approximately \$6000!

Special thanks go to committee members who organized the entire event without the benefit of a committee chairman: Sandy Altman, Dian Austin, Sammie Broadrick, Jennifer Day, **Rick Englert, Denise Epstein, Craig Krammer, Rick Martini and Michele** Markarian-Martini, Bill and Susan McMillian, Martha Rhea, Anita Scherer, Brian Smothers, Randy and Jennifer Taylor, and Sam and Stephanie Quisenberry. Thank you local neighborhood talents Karen Benson, artist, Randy Taylor, architect, Susan Fox, publicist, Oscar Ochoa. printer, and Patti Bloomer of T-Shi Works who donated time and services for the production of the home tour. Thank you to all the patrons (including Zoom's Burgers and Kaplan's-Ben Hur which were not listed in the last Gazette), Garden Oaks appreciates the investment you have made to our neighborhood. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the day of the tour: the tour could not have been successful without you. And last but not least, thanks are not enough to express gratitude to THE HOMEOWNERS without which there would not have been a 1991 home tour.

It is not too late to get your Home Tour T-shirt and posters. T-shirts come in S, M, L, and XL sizes and are \$10. The posters designed by Garden Oaks resident artist Karen Benson are signed and numbered and can be purchased for \$10 or \$20 for a hand-colored poster.

Corrections

In listing the names of patrons of th Home Tour, Jack Johnson Upholstery and Dennis Clooney, Tree Experts were named incorrectly. Please accept our apologies.

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Notes From the Garden

Anybody who has tried to garden in Houston knows that the vegetables and flowers you so carefully planted aren't the only things that grow. Other less desirable, and often more vigorous plants (a.k.a. weeds) inevitably get in the way. A weed is, of course, simply a plant growing in a place where you don't want it. That nasty, invasive vine that takes over your garden may be a wildflower when it shows up on a roadside embankment. But when that wildflower becomes a weed, you need to decide how to deal with it.

Generally speaking, weeds do more damage to the appearance of gardens than they do to the health of the other plants. Let's face it, weeds in an otherwise neatly maintained garden are unsightly. If the weeds get totally out of control, they will rob nutrients and noisture from the "good" plants. In some cases though, weeds can be a plus. Weeds help shade the soil, keeping it cool and actually helping to retain Some weeds repel moisture. undesirable insects. Others attract butterflies and honeybees. Weed growth prevents erosion. Now I don't mean to imply that we should all simply ignore the weeds (although some hard-core eco-centrics would say that that is exactly what we should do). I just wanted to point out that like every other living thing, weeds have their good points too.

Some weeds can be controlled with chemicals called herbicides. Most herbicides are serious poisons which have potent toxic effects on a wide variety of plant and animal life. You might recall the legacy of one of the alltime favorite, industrial strength herbicides of the Vietnam era. Back then they called it Agent Orange. I wouldn't recommend using herbicides unless you have a major weed problem and unless you intend to be very, very careful.

Weeds can also be corralled by hand - not that it's much fun. I suspect that childhood memories of pulling weeds in the family garden are one of the leading causes of "gardenphobia" in adults. Some people (like myself) enjoy a certain amount of hand-to-leaf combat with the invaders, but it takes a strong-willed person with lots of time on their hands (literally) to keep a decent size garden weed-free that way.

A few enterprising inventors (who probably sufferfrom Childhood Weeding Syndrome) have come up with "miracle" products like the Garden Weasel, which supposedly make weeding a pleasure. These devices typically chop up smaller weeds as you push them back and forth. I haven't personally tried any of these gizmos, but I suspect that "pleasure" may not be quite the right word to describe the feeling you get from using them. "Tired" is probably closer to the truth.

The best solution to the weed control problem is probably the easiest. Let a good layer of mulch do the job for you. Mulch makes other forms of weeding largely unnecessary, and the weeding that does remain tends to be much easier. Mulching is simple, cheap, and attractive, plus it offers other benefits in addition to weed control. How do you mulch and what do you mulch with? We'll save that for next month. Until then, see you at the garden!

Jan Koenig



Heard Under The Oak Tree

Happy anniversary to **Laverne and** V.D. Kelley of Section 3, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13. The Kelleys have lived in Garden Oaks all of their married life and raised two sons, Danny and David, here. Congratulations!

Linda Ross of Section 3 was the lucky winner of the door prize at the May Civic Club meeting. She won a can crusher which will make recycling aluminum cans even easier. Remember, you can't win a door prize if you are not at the Civic Club meeting!

If you missed the May Civic Club meeting, you missed a pleasant evening of good food, good fellowship and good fun. Sorry we missed you!



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Gazette Survey

The Garden Oaks Gazette is a vital form of communication for the neighborhood. It provides the neighborhood news, committee reports, community events, and reports on issues affecting our neighborhood. In order to determine how better to meet the needs of the community, please complete the following survey and provide any comments you may have. Include any areas that you would like to see in future Gazettes and any other news, columns or events you would like to have reported on. Thank you for expressing your opinion.

Which of the following columns would you like to see in future issues of the Gazette?

President's Message Editor's Notes Befriend Our Earth Notes From The Garden Heard Under The Oak Tree Readers' Forum Interior Lifestyles Decorating Committee Reports (Beautification, COP, Recycling, etc.) Board of Trustees Report Thanks, Neighbor! Birthdays Calendar

Any suggestions for new columns?

Do you like the present format of the Gazette?

Comments?

Would you be interested in helping with the *Gazette* ? If yes, please provide your name and phone number.

Please return this to: Garden Oaks *Gazette* P. 0. Box 92155 Houston, TX 77206

OR

Jaime Pierce, Editor 958 Gardenia Drive Houston, TX 77018



Beautification Report

The next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be on Wednesday, June 12th, 7:00 p.m. at 407 W. 34th. If you have any questions about this committee or its projects, please call Jan Koenig, Chairman, at 869-8997.



Thanks, Neighbor!

Thank you Norris Carle, COP Area 3 scheduler, for your hard work calling volunteers and creating and distributing schedules. The A.M. shift for Area 3 consistently has high patrol hours. Your hard work is paying off. Please keep it up!

Thank you all recycling volunteers who helped with the May pick-up, especially Errin and Megan Gajkowski and Boy Scout Bernie Sheffler, who gave up a Saturday morning to do their part to preserve the environment for their future.

Thank you all volunteers who made the 1991 Home Tour successful. Anyone ready for 1992?!

Thank you Jan Koenig, Sammie Broadrick, Rick Martini, Michele Markarian-Martini, Anita Scherer, Sam and Stephanie Quisenberry, and Mark Benson who cleaned up Garden Oaks on Clean-up Day, and thank you Mrs. Helmcamp who provided the much appreciated refreshments. Garden Oaks looked great for the Home Tour.

The Garden Club would like to thank **Sam Quisenberry** of Section 1 for mowing and picking up trash at Friendship Park in April.

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INTERIOR LIFESTYLES DECORATING

LET'S TALK ABOUT "STYLES"

by Jane Warner

A beautiful home doesn't just happen. Good decorating is the result of good planning. You should begin by developing a decorating plan, considering priorities and budget, timing and ...Style!

COUNTRY. Americans have taken the charm and comfort of the English home and adapted it to their way of life. They use marvelous floral chintzes in warmer and brighter colors, yellow being a favorite. Windows with beautifully trimmed draperies and simple, untailored top treatments dominate the scene. Stripes and checks offer an interesting complement to floral patterns. A country room is perfect for the person who loves a cozy, lived-in look. Collections of personal treasures add character to the setting and complete the inviting feeling.

SOUTHWEST. Informal and somewhat rustic, the southwest look is an updated and expanded version of Santa Fe style. A room done in this popular look has a combination of rough textures, Indian motifs, bleached furniture finishes, weathered metals, exposed wood and terra cotta. The colors are desert sands, clay, pink, peach, lavender, grey-green and turquoise. The look appeals to those who love the outdoors. VICTORIAN. Rooms of "old world" elegance with rich colors and fabrics make up this look. Windows are grandly decorated with swags and jabots, balloon shades or layers of opulent silks and lace. Large ferns in oriental pots and ornate silver-framed family photos are abundant. Victorian means brocades, damasks, and rich tapestries in jewel-tone colors...Ruby red, black onyx, emerald green and deep sapphire. The romantic person loves this turn-ofthe-century look.

ECLECTIC. A skilled blending of different periods and styles, it takes a keen eye to pull an eclectic room together. But it can be the most visually exciting of all styles. The individualist and world traveller find this look appealing. Colors are usually pure and simple, a matter of personal taste. Keeping the same feeling in the furnishings--predominantly formal or primarily casual--gives the room harmony while offering leeway for mixing styles of decorative furnishings.

Having this information should prove valuable in understanding your current preference or assist you if you are looking to gradually change the style of your interior. Whichever way your decorating plantakes you, have fun as you decorate in "style"!





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WHAT AND HOW:

ALUMINUM CANS: Non-magnetic, RINSED.

NON-FERROUS (Not Steel) METALS: Items such as copper, brass, and aluminum. No refrigerators, dishwashers or other appliances.

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NEWSPAPERS: Bundled or placed in paper grocery bags; No plastic bags please.

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Please follow these guidelines to make the recycling pick-up more efficient and pleasant. Cleaning glass containers and milk jugs and rinsing empty aluminum cans cuts down on the odor and mess. If you don't remove the lids or separate the glass, we have to and it slows the process down.

QUESTIONS OR FOR SPECIAL PICK-UPS: Call **Rusty Day** at 699-8417 For Baby-sitting information (Recycling Volunteers): Call **Jennifer Day** at 699-8417 by the Friday before pickup.

Count me in I want to help!

I want to support the Garden Oaks Civic Club in its efforts to create and maintain a great neighborhood.

Please fill in form below and mail to Garden Oaks Civic Club Jennifer Day 717 W. 42nd Street Houston, Texas 77018

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Recycling R April 1991 To	-	e as eg e es e ai	0
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GLASS:		4280 lbs	\$ 96.30
PLASTIC:			\$ 12.45
TOTAL:			\$ 277.00

The figures for plastics are finally available. The next pickup date is **June 8th** at 8 a.m. Anyone wishing to volunteer please feel free to come on down. As always, we can sure use the help!!! The Recycling Site is located on 34th between Shepherd and Brinkman and is open from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a. m. The Recycling Committee would like to thank each and every one who turns out on recycle day to help. Everybody has really worked hard and our efforts are showing. Be on the lookout for Community projects that will be coming in the future.



Befriend Our Earth

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

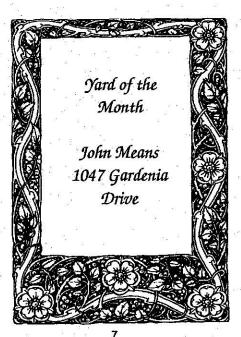
One way we can help save the earth is to cut down on paper waste. A major contributor to paper waste is junk mail. Therefore, if we cut down on junk mail, we cut down on waste. My project this week has been to do just that. Whenever I get a catalog from a company I don't use, I call the toll free number and request to be deleted. (Sometimes this takes a month or two because they print their lists far in advance of their mailings.) Whenever I receive junk mail with a postage-paid return envelope. I send a equest to be deleted in that envelope. Another route you can take is to write to The Direct Marketing Association, which provides a free service that will remove your name from many direct-mail lists.

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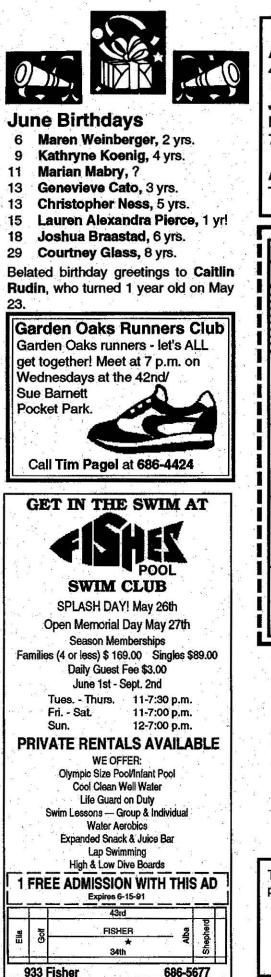
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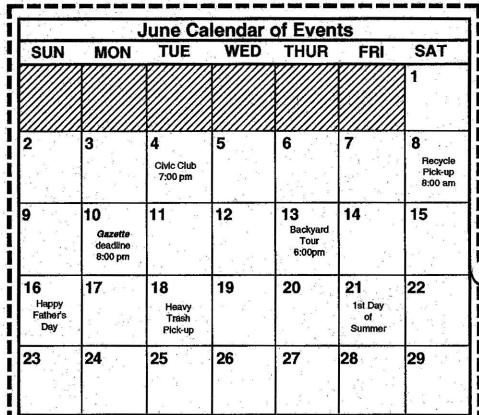
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