

GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE!

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Plant Trees Now!

Don't forget! Winter is the very best time of the year to plant trees. The garden stores will tell you that the trees you buy in pots (as opposed to trees sold with bare roots) can be planted anytime of the year, but it's a lot easier on the tree and on you if you plant them when they're dormant. If you plant a tree in the summer, you have to make absolutely sure that it has a steady, but not overwhelming supply of water. If you don't, the tree will suffer a severe case of shock, and will probably die.

Trees planted in the winter aren't quite so fussy. When summer comes, you still need to be sure they don't dry out, but they will at least have had a chance to grow some roots so they can slurp up whatever water is around.

Buy good quality trees (preferably from a nursery which specializes in them) and follow the planting directions carefully. Remember, the key to successful tree planting is to dig a "twenty dollar hole for a ten dollar tree."

Hot Inside Skinny Heard Over The Back Fence

Who wiped out the files over in defeated councilmembers McKaskle and Clark's old offices? New District A Councilmember Helen Huey and Councilmember At-Large Gracie Saenz were surprised and disgusted with the discovery that the entire constituency files were wiped clean. Could this have been a power failure?

It's hard to read President Bush's lips when he's puking on other heads of state. Didn't like the Sushi? Or was it the baloney?

Sue Pagel, our neighborhood movie critic says check out *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Grand Canyon*, *Rush*, and *JFK*, but don't waste your time with *Hook*, she says it was a snoozer.

Our spies report that there's been some babymaking on the 800 block of Azalea. Also on the 800 block of 41st. The 800 block seems to be a fertile address to have.

If you hear any hot news be sure and tell our society columnist who also doubles as your Editor-in-chief.

Meeting Feb 4

The February Civic Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4 at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on North Shepherd. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm, and the business meeting will begin at 7:15 pm.

At press time a speaker had not yet been confirmed. New District A Councilmember Helen Huey may attend to update the community on issues in city council that may affect Garden Oaks.

Baby-sitting will be available for \$1.00 per child. Bring a neighbor with you and get involved in the fun happenings around Garden Oaks.

Neighborhood Beat

Talking about action, the thieves and muggers are having big fun in Areas 1 and 2. That's because the folks in these COP areas are not patrolling much at all. Could it be that the inhabitants are hiding behind their alarms and trusting that they are safe? Take a look at the crime report for Garden Oaks or anywhere. You are not safe. Making up excuses like "I'm just too busy" or "I have a very sophisticated alarm" will not impress some scumbag that is stealing your car or shooting you. Looks like the safest place is Area 3.

The last civic club meeting was certainly interesting; we heard an impassioned account by Section 1 resident Robert Swift about a shooting incident where Robert was shot at by a would-be thief. This was after his car had been stolen from his home on two other occasions. Robert was asked if he was a member of COP. He was not. If you are ready to contribute your time to your own protection, join G.O. C.O.P. This committee is for you Robert.

Flash!

Just prior to this *Gazette* being printed it was learned that our plastics buyer was suspending all plastics pick-ups. Effective immediately - All plastics are to be put out for city trash pick-ups on your scheduled day. The recycling pick-up crews WILL NOT PICK-UP ANY PLASTIC you put out.



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President's Message

Budgets. Even the thought of them makes people want to run the other way. But when you are dealing with everyone's money, it is the easiest way to track and account for expenditures.

All Civic Club committees are in the process of developing their budget for 1992. Most committees stayed pretty close to their 1991 budgets. I've tabulated the 1991 expenditures and income below. These figures are rounded to make it easier to read, and some are estimated because all receipts had not been accounted for at press time. If you have any questions about these numbers, call the Treasurer, Jan Koenig.

As you can see the Civic Club deals with a lot of money on a variety of projects. It is important to be aware of how your money is being spent for the neighborhood.

From this breakdown you can also see how important Home Tour is to the Civic Club's revenue. This event takes many volunteers and many manhours in planning time, but the return is fantastic! Right now, we are in desperate need for a chairperson to head this committee. If this event is to happen this year at all, the planning stage must begin now. Since Garden Oaks has had a Home Tour for many years now, many of the tasks have been streamlined and are well defined. Of course, the committee is always open to new ideas and suggestions for improvements. Please think about becoming involved with this exciting committee. If you are interested in being a member, chairperson or just want more information, please call me now.

	1991 Actual	1991 Budget
Recycling Income	2800	2500
Recycling Expenses	660	575
Recycling Projects	400	3450*
*includes unspent allocated funds from 1990 and 1991		
Home Tour Income	9200	6300
Home Tour Expenses	4000	2525
Membership Income	1800	3400
Membership Expenses	20	100
Gazette Ad Income	6380	4180
Gazette Expenses	9000	9800
Beautification Income	3280	0*
Beautification Expenses	8100	8300**
*from Garden Oaks Plaza fundraiser for 43rd Street Park		
**includes unspent allocated funds from 1990 and budgeted 1991 expenses		
COP Income	400	550
COP Expenses	1050	300
*includes expenses and revenue from Heights Festival and Leader Festival		
Community Garden Expense	900	1600*
*includes unspent allocated funds from 1990 and budgeted 1991 expenses for moving the garden		
SPARK Park Expense	2000	2000
Interest	730	700
Other Misc Income	370	675
Operating Expenses	1500	1555
Legal Expenses	600*	0
*not budgeted because not expected		
TOTAL INCOME	24,960	18,305
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,230	30,205*
*includes unspent allocated funds from 1990. Some were spent in 1991.		

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(Editor's Note: These figures are subject to corrections.)

Anita
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Muse's Muse

by Scott MacClymonds, Editor
(The ideas and opinions expressed in this column are the editor's and are not necessarily endorsed by the Civic Club.)

The collapse of the U.S.S.R., Palestinians and Israelis talking with each other (sort of), and our government blows up a third world country killing over 200,000 people who were our allies only a year before. We have a new mayor, a new city council representative and Flash! a new *Gazette* editor. It's a fast moving world for sure. Last year the Readers' Forum column was removed from this paper because of its controversial nature. I certainly was somewhat responsible for that content. This year I was unanimously elected Editor. A topsy-turvy world for sure. The *Gazette* will be going through a metamorphosis into a more exciting format. Creative people like Rick Luck and Doug Wilson have come aboard to help with the project. The content will change a lot because I am opening the paper to anyone in the neighborhood with something creative to express. Poets, writers, artists and political hacks are encouraged to contribute interesting material.

Your children are invited to send in their best work. A new column devoted to the local schools, the people that run them and concerned citizen's efforts to improve them will appear in the near future. In addition I will be doing some investigative reporting on news of interest to Garden Oaks residents. My goal is to revamp this paper so it becomes a **MUST READ IMMEDIATELY!**

Potential contributors will be limited by space and ability. I now declare the entire paper to be a Readers Forum for your reading pleasure.

Positive changes have already been happening in the neighborhood. Anita has succeeded in depoliticizing the Civic Club and the improvement in attitudes is refreshing. I encourage former members to return and check out the vibes. We are going to have fun in 1992. I promise!

Committee Action Gazette

The *Gazette* costs about \$3100.00 a year to mail. That money could be used for other purposes if a network of neighbors could be put together to hand deliver the paper. Those funds could be diverted into any committee that takes on the delivery or we could have a big party in the Spark Park for everyone in the neighborhood. Think of the possibilities. If you are interested in forming this network contact the Editor.

Beautification

Anyone interested in being the chairperson to head up Beautification? This committee is one of the most creative committees we have. If you want to make your mark, this is the way.

Home Tour

Home Tour also needs a chairperson. This committee brings in the bucks deluxe. They did a fabulous job last year netting \$5200. Cool.

Membership

The Membership Committee is having a lunch soiree on **February 22**, from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. All residents are invited to the SPARK Park to consume and mingle a little. We know that with all the fun activities and cool people in Garden Oaks, you will want to come join the Civic Club. It beats staying home in the crib and watching T.V., no? Please call **Blanche Leonard** at 680-1027.

Thanks Neighbor!

Muchísimas gracias to **Jaime Connor Pierce** for her time and efforts heading the *Gazette* last year. She improved the advertising revenue by \$2000. A hard act to follow for sure.

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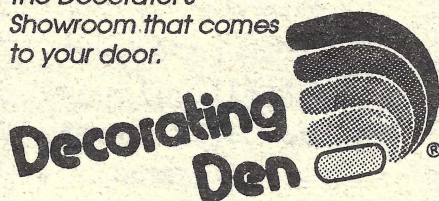
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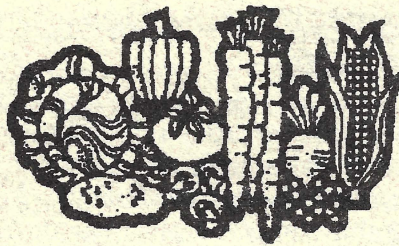
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Notes From the Garden

Compost II - Reflections on a Rotting Pile by Jan Koenig

A while ago, I wrote about getting started with composting. Due to popular demand (along with the fact that I was too lazy to write a column one month) our capable editors even decided to rerun the column in a later issue. Having been subjected to it twice, I'm sure that by now, most all of you have your cedar bins filled with a fine recipe of recyclable organic trash, happily decaying away in your back yard. So now, in the grand style of Hollywood, you're ready for the sequel.

When we add ingredients to the compost pile, they usually look pretty normal - fresh green grass cuttings, brown leaves, wilted flowers, etc. In the case of kitchen scraps, the food may be a little fuzzier or a little slimier than when you bought it, but otherwise it resembles something you might not mind finding in your refrigerator. At the other end of the journey, we know that fully cooked, ready-to-use compost looks a lot like dirt. In the middle of the process though, compost can look pretty strange.

The whole purpose of composting is to get things to decay, and the process of decay has some surprising results. The most noticeable is heat. The interior of an active compost pile literally bakes the ingredients. The chemical and biological reactions of decay throw off a lot of excess energy, which shows up as heat. The heat, in turn, accelerates the decay process for the rest of the material. If the temperature gets high enough, (which it should, if the pile is big enough and made of the right material), we get an extra bonus. The heat kills the stray seeds from weeds and discarded vegetables, that otherwise might sprout in our garden when we spread the compost.

Not all of the seeds get zapped early on, so it's not unusual to find a few plants growing amidst the muck. Tomatoes and squash plants seem to germinate particularly well in a warm and cozy nest of compost. If the conditions are just right, you might even see a plant grow to maturity in your compost bin.

As a child growing up in Ohio, I can remember eating "volunteer" tomatoes plucked from a plant growing out of the side of a wire cage filled with compost.

Plants aren't the only thing that grows in your home fertilizer factory either. The whole pile is more or less alive. Without the benefit of microscopic bugs called microbes, your yard clippings and discarded veggies would never decay. The finished product of a compost pile is really nothing more than the waste generated by the tiny bugs that ate the raw ingredients you put in the pile to start with. Appetizing, isn't it?

If you dig into your compost while it's cooking, you're likely to find just about anything. I've run across mushrooms, earthworms (lots of 'em), mold of all colors, fungi too strange to describe, and the occasional bed of fire ants. But all of these creatures work together in the process, feeding on each other, aerating the pile, converting nutrients, etc. So the next time you think about compost (which I'm sure will be soon), don't just think of it as a rotting pile. What you really have in your backyard is a bio-degradable, self-contained, micro-climatized, miniature ecosystem. Mother nature will love you for it.

Buy Rechargeables

Rechargeable batteries save users a lot of money while reducing solid waste in landfills. Over three years, a cassette player requiring four batteries and used two hours a day would go through \$657 in alkaline cells. The cost of using rechargeables - including the cost of recharger, batteries themselves and electricity to recharge them - would be only \$26... a saving of \$631. And alkaline cells would pile up 24,100 grams of waste - rechargeables, only 90 grams. - Analysis by researchers at Carnegie-Mellon University, reported in *The New York Times*

G.O. C.O.P. Report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, although I know of a few that did not. Crime was up for December as was expected. Area 1 patrolled 25 hours, Area 2 patrolled 22 hours, and Area 3 patrolled 144.5 hours! Crime was highest in Area 1 and Area 2 for the month, which leads me to believe that PATROLLING DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE for our neighborhood. We need more neighbors to patrol in their cars and watch our streets and houses. We want 1992 to be a safe year for all in Garden Oaks. If you have a few hours a month to volunteer as a patroller, please do so! Thanks to all who patrolled the holiday season and 1991, and to all those new patrollers out there - Misty Lee, Karen Alonzo, Barbara Ramage, and Norma Swoboda! A special thanks to Norma for donating a set of magnetic signs to G.O. C.O.P.

We have our Fiesta in February Award Program planned for February 11 from 7 - 10 pm, at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. EVERYONE IN GARDEN OAKS is invited for pie and coffee to recognize our faithful and diligent patrollers. We will also be taking applications for new patrollers and will have all the information available on how you can join G.O. C.O.P.! Please come and bring your neighbor - AND YOU PATROLLERS, BE SURE TO MARK FEBRUARY 11 on your calendar! THIS IS YOUR NIGHT!!!

Ed Moon, one of our patrollers, was very busy over the holidays. On December 10th Ed stopped two Hispanic males from entering the house at 1522 Sue Barnett and was shot at when he yelled to neighbors that the men were running by. Then again on January 1, he witnessed a house burglary and got the license number of the get-away vehicle and reported it to police for further investigation. This type of watchful neighbor is what G.O. C.O.P. is looking for. Of course, we do not want you to get shot at, but watching and observing, then reporting to the police is what it takes. THANK YOU ED MOON FOR YOUR HELP TOWARDS MAKING

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There are many courageous neighbors and frightful incidents that are faced unexpectedly. Call the G.O. C.O.P. Hot Line 688-4008 and tell us about what has happened to you or your neighbors.

Garden Oaks Crime Czar
Trish Webb



Heard Under The Oak Tree

Rick Mitchell of Section 5 won the door prize at the January Civic Club meeting. Rick won a newspaper bundler to collect all his newsprint for recycling.

Estimated number of cookies that were left out for Santa Claus last Christmas: 84,000,000 🍪

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Black leather key case lost corner of Althea and Apollo. Call 688-3952 if found.

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Accept Challenge

A challenge from Houston Independent School District Board President Paula Arnold has led to the formation of a community organization dedicated to making area schools the best they can be. Garden Oaks People Helping in Education Reform (GOPHER) was formed in answer to Ms. Arnold's challenge to Garden Oaks Civic Club members at the July 1991 meeting to improve local schools.

Those of us who have been meeting about every three weeks since August are committed to the concept that the schools to which our children are zoned will give our kids the quality education they deserve. More importantly, this group is committed to the belief that every child at these schools must be successful for GOPHER to have accomplished its mission.

Initially we are focusing on schools in the Waltrip High School feeder pattern. For us in Garden Oaks, most of our children are zoned to Garden Oaks or Durham Elementary Schools, F. M. Black Middle School and Waltrip High School. Principals from other elementary schools in the feeder pattern - Oak Forest and Stevens - have been invited to participate in our meetings. It will be important that every neighborhood in the feeder pattern get involved in the improvement of their schools for this program to work.

Our meetings are typically held on Mondays from 7 pm to 9 pm. We have begun planning for a community-wide "kickoff" event, to invite all of the school community - students, teachers, parents, administrators, school staff, area residents and businesses - to join this coalition for education improvement.

GOPHER can become an important voice of the community in our community's schools. Whether you have no children, kids too young for school, kids in school today (public or private), or if your kids or grandkids have kids, your participation in this community voice is critical. For more information (or to be placed on our mailing list) call Barry Morris at 863-8553.

Community Input Requested For City Budget

In order to adequately respond to the needs of the community, the City of Houston is requesting citizen input on the Fiscal Year 1993 Operating Budget, the 1993-97 Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) and the development of the 18th year Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) Budget. Now is your chance to tell your elected officials how you want city money spent. Please take the time to fill out the information below and return it to Anita Scherer at 4223 Apollo by February 7. The information will be tabulated and returned to the City as being from the community of Garden Oaks. In addition, if you would like to send in your individual request form, copies of the official form will be available at the February 4 Civic Club meeting.

A public participation meeting for City Council District A will be held on January 30 at 7:00 pm at the Scarborough High School located at 4141 Costa Rica. The meeting has two principle purposes: to provide citizens with an opportunity to offer suggestions for new projects or services and to receive status reports on projects approved for funding. Don't miss your chance to contribute your suggestions and comments in this important process.

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WHY IS IT NEEDED: _____

Recycling Update

The year 1991 is gone and we're beginning to shift gears into 1992, but before we reach cruising speed, I'd like to look back at some facts and events before they start to blur.

In my opinion, the program remains a success, and as chairperson for 1992 I will do whatever it takes to see that our recycling program continues that success. Our mission to educate the community about the importance of recycling and organizing a program for them to actively participate in at any level continues to operate with strong interest amongst all the people of our neighborhood.

In 1991 we welcomed aboard the students and faculty of Garden Oaks Elementary School. Thanks to the leadership of the student council and teachers Mrs. Klahn and Ms. Tehera, the school has become an active participant in our recycling program.

This program was never intended to be a money tree. However, the nature of the beast is such that it does generate some money and the amounts paid for each material is subject to the cycles of their respective industry. The most drastic change in prices paid for any material without a doubt is newsprint.

For most of 1991 we weren't even being paid for our newspaper. In fact, beginning the last quarter we started paying a small handling fee to be assured that our thirty thousand pounds plus of newspaper was being recycled and not going to the landfill. The market is still fairly good for computer and white ledger papers and the small amounts that we collect and sell help to offset the fee for the paper bins.

There is brighter news on the horizon, albeit far away. Champion Papers started construction of a paper recycling plant in Sheldon, Texas a few months ago. It will be one of the largest in the U.S. and will take until the spring of 1993 to complete. The plant will have the capacity to convert about 500 tons a day of old newspapers into 400 tons of de-inked pulp. This will help to relieve some of the oversupply problems created by people's interest in recycling. All other materials, glass, metals and

plastics have decreased in value as well, but not as severely as newsprint.

Now to discuss our most valuable and important resource, our people. In a time when it appears that all you see and hear in the news are horrible and tragic events, it is wonderful to see so many people get together and roll up their shirt sleeves to go to work for the benefit of themselves, their fellow man/woman and their community. Although the majority of recycling volunteers are dedicated, die-hard, can't-run-em-off defenders of our planet, there are others that help every third month, whenever they can, and even some that help for just one hour. We welcome all of you. So turn off the T.V., put down the paper, come on out and feel good.

Finally, Barry Morris of Section 1, you are the winner of our raffle for January. Barry will receive a canvas shopping bag with the Garden Oaks logo printed on the side. Each month we will take the names of Garden Oaks residents who bring their material to our drop site and their names will be entered in our monthly drawings.

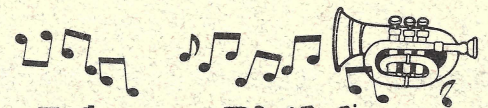
Tim Pagel

Do you Walk or Jog Routinely?

If so, do it for C.O.P.! C.O.P. is our Citizen's On Patrol group, and we are in need of patrollers. We are not asking for much, only your participation! Your regular routine counts as hours patrolled toward our monthly requirements with H.P.D. Please call Trish Webb at 683-8461 to sign up for C.O.P.

🐣 Average annual percentage change in the U.S. standard of living since George Bush took office: -0.3 🐣

Do you have a birthday, wedding, promotion, graduation, award, or other special event to announce? Put it in the *Gazette*. Call Scott at 697-0069. FAX: 448-5165



February Birthdays

- 2 Nicholas Day, 4 yrs
- 6 Brett Sherwood, 3 yrs
- 6 Joel Marek, 2 yrs
- 7 Tim Pagel, ?
- 7 Janet Hitz, ?
- 7 Taylor Pierce, 2 yrs
- 8 "Pooper", ?
- 8 Jane Sturges, 4 yrs
- 10 Debbie Martin, ?
- 11 Anne Kilgore, ?
- 11 Elva Duncan, ?
- 11 Cheryl Luck, ?
- 14 Lauren Hall, 13 yrs
- 15 Colin Jenkins, 4 yrs
- 15 Andrew Beil, 9 yrs
- 15 Susan Smith, ?
- 19 Blanca Smothers, ?
- 20 Hannah Jeffers, 3 yrs
- 21 Georgann Paul, 14 yrs
- 21 Jamie Acosta, 8 yrs



New Baby

Chad Merida Sledge was born October 26, 1991 to parents Ronnie and Ann of Section 5. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 14 oz.

Welcome first time attendees and new members:

- Susan Hubbard, Section 3
- Robert & Sandy Satterquist, Section 5
- Mary Jean Carter, Section 3
- Robert and Debbie Swift, Section 1
- Dennis and Kathy Spar, Section 3
- Don Sweat & Kim McMillian, Section 2
- Jerry Hajek & Evelyn Anderson, Section 2
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James Mabry 695-2157

Section 4

Stan Bohon 680-1562

Tim Pagel 686-4424

Section 5

Vee Gaines 686-5042

Anita Scherer 956-7809

Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol Numbers

Hot Line 688-4008

G.O. C.O.P. Coordinator

Trish Webb 683-8461

Area 1 Leader

Heather Barr and

Patrick King 869-1527

Area 2 Leader

Joan Fudge 692-8822

Area 3 Leader

Tom Mehrkam 688-4008

February Calendar of Events						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Proper Pruning Techniques 10:00 am Mercer Arboretum
2 Ground Hog Day	3	4 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 pm Chinese New Year	5 Mexico's Constitution Day	6 New Zealand Waitangi Day	7	8 Recycle Pick-up 8:00 am
9	10 Gazette Deadline 7:00 pm GOPHER Meeting 7:00 pm	11 C.O.P. Fiesta 7:00 pm	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 ♥ Happy Valentine's Day	15 Non-Toxic Household Alternatives 1-4 Armand Bayou
16 Local Snakes 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551	17 President's Day	18 Heavy Trash Pick-up	19	20 P.I.P. Meeting 7:30 pm	21	22 Washington's Birthday
23 Owls 1-4 Armand Bayou Nature Center 474-2551	24	25	26	27	28	29



For Your Information: The Garden Oaks Civic club runs on a budget just like you do. This shows how we recycle money and effort right back into the neighborhood.

\$ OUT

The Gazette Newsletter	\$ 2620
Neighborhood Projects	\$ 8370
Rent and Utilities	\$ 1500
Legal Fees	\$ 600

\$ IN

Annual Dues	\$ 1780
Recycling	\$ 1740
Home Tour	\$ 5200
Interest & Miscellaneous	\$ 1100

Total Out \$13090

Total In \$ 9820

Since by now we're sure you want to join with us (and we want you to join), you could also help us all with the small annual membership dues of \$10 / year.

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB — *Neighbors helping neighbors* Annual Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Section _____

Children / Birth Dates _____

Years lived in Garden Oaks _____ Do you want to receive the Gazette? _____

\$ 10 Family Membership

\$ 5 Senior Citizen Membership

Cash is fine but please make checks payable to **Garden Oaks Civic Club**

Next Civic Club Meeting: March 3 at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church. 7:00 pm (It's a Tuesday)



GARDEN OAKS

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Free Lunch (supposedly, the first time it's ever happened) and a **Moonwalk** for the kids

Your Civic Club is changing. Our members are part of the change. We want you to come and see for yourself. Join the excitement. Bring the kids and have lunch *ON US* at the park. While the kids play, you can meet your neighbors – people who moved to Garden Oaks for the same reasons that you did. And remember, knowing your neighbors is the best security system you can give yourself. Please join us and become part of a vigorous movement to protect and improve the best little neighborhood in Houston.

This is what your neighbors have accomplished in the past:

- New signs identifying the neighborhood
- Three new pocket parks
- Monthly recycling pick-ups
- Citizens on patrol neighborhood watch
- Semi-annual neighborhood clean-up
- Spark Park playground and Walk / Jog / Bike / Skate path.
- Semi-annual Neighborhood Home Tours
- Trick or Treat Trail for secure fun on Halloween
- Monthly *Gazette* featuring all the neighborhood news and events

The Civic club also wants to know what *You* would like to see happen in 1992 for Garden Oaks. We want to invite you to become involved in the ideas and improvements. (Really, it's usually more fun than effort.)

WHEN: Saturday, February 22, 1992, 11:00 am 'til 1:00 pm (*Rain date Feb. 29*)

WHERE: Garden Oaks Spark Park (*Next to Garden Oaks Elementary School*)

WHO: All Garden Oaks residents and their families

WHY: If *YOU* love the neighborhood, *we want you involved.*
WE love the neighborhood, *that's why we're involved.*