CIVIC CLUB MEETING The next meeting of the Garden Oaks Civic Club will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 5, Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3106 North Shepherd. Captain J.W. DeFoor, of the HPD North Shepherd Division, will speak on "How COP Helps HPD" and other pertinent information for our area. Also on the agenda will be Deputy Lennon Evans who will speak on personal safety, comments from Constable Dick Mathias, and Bill Chastain who will give statistics on crime in our area, and information on the positive interaction program. RECYCLE, RECYCLE By Kirk Dice WHAT? Paper/Cardboard Newspaper, White paper, Computer paper, Cardboard/box (corrugated box, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, cardboard, etc.) Metal Aluminum, Cooper, Brass, Tin, Stainless steel, Lead, Radiators, Iron, Carbide Plastic (look for the triangular recycling symbol with the number 1 or 2) Clear soda bottles and Milk jugs Glass Clear and Color separated Please separate your materials because we are paid different prices for each item and it makes the drop if quicker for everyone. WHERE? Garden Oak Theater parking lot If you have a problem transporting your materials to the site have a neighbor take it for you or call one of the officers to get on the pick-up list. WHEN? Second Saturday of every month from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Help! We need volunteers. Call or come by.

CONSTABLE PATROL PARTICIPANTS

Summer is here and everyone is planning a trip. Don't forget to mail in your <u>Vacation</u> <u>Watch Form</u> at least 7 days in advance. Whether you're gone for a night, week or month. You'll feel better knowing your house is being "watched" several times a day.

ALERT - SECTION ONE RESIDENTS

There have been several incidents of a "peeping Tom" in our area. He has been spotted in the 200 & 500 blocks of W. 32nd and W. 33rd. He is described as a Hispanic male with shoulder length black hair. He is of average build and about 5'7" to 5'9" tall. His face has pock marks. If you see any suspicious person or vehicle, please call the constable if you are part of the contract. Otherwise please call HPD.

CONSTABLE PATROL PARTICIPATION

Who's participating in Section 1 & 1A Constable Patrol? As of June 3, the following is a list of each street with the number of paid contributors toward the 1994/1995 contract:

<u>Section One</u> - 30th, (19); 31st, (26); 32nd, (25); 33rd, (38); 34th, (30); Lawrence, (8).

<u>Section One A</u> - 30th, (1); 31st, (7); 32nd, (3); Randall, (4).

If you haven't mailed your check in please do so today. Make the check payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club. Mail to: Constable Patrol Program, 527 W. 33rd, Houston, Texas 77018

GARDEN OAKS CITIZEN ON PATROL

Crime report for April was 1 burglary. Sixty-five and one half hours were patrolled.

Our Patrollers of the Month for July are **V.** & Lavern Kelley. They will receive a gift certificate for their choice of restaurant. We are indebted to them for their diligence.

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FROM THE EDITOR . . .

This past month I have received numerous telephone calls from residents asking "WHAT HAPPENED TO SUZANNE DEBIEN, REALTORS?" After doing some investigative research, I report the following:

Suzanne Debien, Realtors, known and respected for its professionalism and courteous service, has merged with Henry S. Miller, Realtors and is still conducting real estate business as usual - in Garden Oaks and many other neighborhoods of the Near Northwest area of Houston. She chose to merge with Henry S. Miller for several reasons:

1) Suzanne and her friendly staff of Realtors who joined her at Henry S. Miller can now offer many additional services for their clients and customers.

2) Henry S. Miller has a large professional relocation department and there are many families relocating in Houston and wanting homes close to the downtown area. Suzanne said she will be in a better position to guide more buyers into Garden Oaks, other neighborhoods and offer the finest in relocation services in Houston. 3) Celebrating eighty years of success in Texas real estate as the largest independently owned, full service real estate firm, Henry S. Miller, Realtors is also the largest independent real estate firm in Houston with eight offices and over 250 top professionals serving all of the Houston metroplex including Clear Lake and The Woodlands.

For those of you who are interested in more information, give Suzanne a call at her old telephone number or her new one. She will be happy to further explain her decision. She said she wants to reassure everyone that she and her staff of Realtors will be working 100% on promoting this area and our wonderful community as well as listing and selling homes, especially in Garden Oaks.

-Jude Patronella

July Calendar

4 - Fourth of July

9 - Recycle Drop-off 8:00 am

10 - Gazette Deadline 7:00 pm

14 - Garden Club Meeting

21 - PIP Meeting 7:00 pm

19 - Heavy Trash Pick-up

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Suzanne Debien

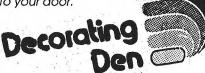
Gosh!!! This year is already half over. There really is truth in the old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun!" Please come join us, we need more volunteers for our programs. The coming Home Tour needs your help, Recycle needs your help, the *Gazette* needs your help for preparation and distribution, Citizens On Patrol needs more citizens, etc.

Call me and offer your assistance! Besides having fun, you'll be helping our great community, "Garden Oaks, Texas."

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BOARD WITH THE CARPORT ISSUE?

By Ria McElvaney

Contrary to popular belief, the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees has nothing against carports, *provided that they conform to the deed restrictions*. Unfortunately, many people are still confused about whether or not they can put up a carport. There is no deed restriction saying that you can't put up a carport, but there are restrictions telling you where you can put them. Consider the following architectural restriction:

(h) The building lines of any residence to be erected shall be as follows:

... the Residence to be erected shall be not nearer than fifty (50) feet to the front property line of each lot nor nearer than fifteen (15) feet to either side property line of each lot.

The above restriction pertains to Garden Oaks, Section 2 and is used here for illustrative purposes. It is important to note that other sections have other building line restrictions, and some sections even have a variety of building line restrictions pertaining to the rear property line. If you need to know what section you are in, feel free to contact a Board member and ask. Your property tax records should also contain a legal description of your property, telling you your exact lot and block numbers.

If you are thinking about putting up a carport, consult your specific deed restrictions first. As with any other construction or change in the exterior design of your home, the deed restrictions require you to submit your plans and specifications to the Board of Trustees for approval before you invest money in the job. The Board will check to see if the location of the proposed carport is permitted by the deed restrictions. The city of Houston also requires this approval from the Board of Trustees before they will issue you the necessary building permit. Do not rely on the representations of sales people who tell you that you do not need Board approval and a building permit or their gain may be your loss.

If you have an existing carport that is located in violation of the deed restrictions, and you voluntarily move it to a permitted location or take it down, the money you spend in removing a violation is well invested as property values are thereby enhanced. If you see a carport being built in violation of the building line restrictions, please make an anonymous report to a Board member.

To appreciate our building line restrictions you only need to visit a neighborhood in which neighbors can shake hands without leaving the comfort of their homes. The preamble

to your deed restrictions probably says it best:

The term "restrictions" is often misunderstood. In fact the more appropriate term would be "protections", but we use the term "restrictions" due to the fact that it is generally used.

These or any other property compiled restrictions are for the protection of the purchaser of making it a more desirable place in which to live, and also to protect and enhance the value of the investment by the purchaser, and that in this instance is our purpose and intent.

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