



## CIVIC CLUB MEETING

There will be no civic club meeting this month. Instead, we are encouraging all residents to participate in the "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 2. It's a night to get out of your homes and visit with your neighbors. People across the nation will be participating in this annual event. Garden Oaks needs to be well represented, so get out of your houses and mingle in the street.

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PROJECT UPDATE

By Marc Roberts

Petitions for proposed traffic management plans for Garden Oaks are in the process of being prepared and circulated among neighborhood residents by the Garden Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Committee.

The Petition for the proposed traffic management plan for Garden Oaks Section One west of Shepherd began circulating among residents of that area in May. The petition for the sections bounded by 43rd, Ella, 34th, and Shepherd began circulating among residents of that area during June.

Revisions resulting from input received from the last public meeting are being applied to the proposed traffic management plan for Garden Oaks Section One between Shepherd and Yale and the petition circulation process in that area section north of 43rd is still under study.

The goal of the proposed plans is to effectively manage through-traffic in Garden Oaks by making physical changes on Garden Oaks neighborhood streets which alter traffic circulation routes and/or reduce speeding without preventing public and emergency vehicle access to Garden Oaks or diverting traffic through another neighborhood.

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## TRASH PICK-UP???

When is heavy trash pick-up? Good question! Residents received a door tag from the City of Houston stating heavy trash will be picked-up the same day in some sections of Garden Oaks and on another day in other sections. A resident called the city after putting out her heavy trash for a Wednesday pick-up and unfortunately, it was not picked up. A person at the city informed her that the door tag had the wrong day listed. Supposedly the heavy trash day remains the same for all sections of Garden Oaks.

Since this information has not been verified, it is suggested that you call the city for verification before you haul your trash to the street. The date will not be included on the Gazette calendar because of the discrepancy.

## SPEAKING OF TRASH

(Section Two resident Edith Heidrich wrote the following:)

I am writing regarding the article in the Garden Oaks Gazette about not putting trash out too early for heavy Trash Pick-Up Day. In fact, when I read the article, being a good neighbor and not wanting a \$2,000 fine from the City, I promptly moved my limbs from beside the street to the backyard until Heavy Trash Pick-Up Day.

But I have a question - the article said we shouldn't deface the neighborhood with trash piles by the streets, but what about the stuff the city left in the ditches at Garden Oaks Elementary School? They need to fine themselves \$2,000 for leaving such unsightly and dangerous "trash" by the street.

## LOST: FAMILY DOG

Have you seen or found a black and tan miniature Doberman Pinscher last seen Saturday, July 23 on W. 42nd Street. He was wearing a red collar with tags. His name is Tucker and he belongs to Jerry and Cheryl Rowell, 850 W. 42nd Street. Telephone: 688-7771, office; and 692-7064, home. Tucker needs medication and there is a REWARD!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Suzanne Debien

I recently received a copy of a newspaper article written in 1951 about a village called Garden Oaks. It is my pleasure to share the following portion of the article with you:

"Garden Oaks is a self-sufficient, civic minded suburb. Before Houston annexed it, Garden Oaks stood alone as an unincorporated little city. Today it is a city within a city, Garden Oaks has its own churches, schools, civic center, shopping center and fire hall. Before its addition to Houston, the village kept up its own streets, installed its own traffic signals and furnished public utilities to its residents."

It's been forty-three years since that article was written and a lot has happened in those years. This year 268 home owners have paid their civic club dues out of approximately 1,550 homes. We are barely self-sufficient and with such poor participation we can hardly be considered a civic minded suburb anymore.

Many of our fine civic-minded neighbors are no longer with us, but new neighbors have moved into the area and done tremendous jobs of renovating old homes and building new ones. Yet, many of these new residents have not made a single effort to join our civic club or support our neighborhood programs. Our property values have accelerated and we live in one of Houston's nicest neighborhoods. All we need is more effort from our residents! Please join the Garden Oaks Civic Club and volunteer to support our programs.

## A VOLUNTEER'S CREED

I have a "standard operating procedure" that I use when I receive a call of complaint regarding any neighborhood program I am working with. I calmly ask the person calling if they are a volunteer. The usual answer is, "Oh, I have done volunteer work in the past, but I haven't been able to lately." Well, their memory must be short-lived because they certainly would not call to complain if they remembered the effort that goes into volunteer work.

I am always happy to answer constructive questions about the neighborhood, but I am not willing to receive any complaints, especially from non-volunteers. I am appalled at the audacity of non-volunteers who offer advice or criticism. The only non-volunteers who are welcome to call me are retired senior citizens who have done neighborhood civic duty in years past or people who are ill and unable to volunteer. So, non-volunteers save your quarter and call someone who doesn't care about the neighborhood because most volunteers are doing the best job they can.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Janice & Warren Walden	1	

## AUGUST CALENDAR

**2 - National Night Out**  
**10 - Gazette Deadline 7:00 pm**  
**11 - Garden Club Meeting**

**13 Recycle Drop-off 8:00 am**  
**18 - PIP Meeting 7:00 pm**  
**20 - City Drop-off Recycling**

## FROM THE EDITOR . . . .

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS WHO ARE *GAZETTE* WRITERS: Sharpen your pencils and start writing. Come September the *Gazette* will increase in size. Our deadline is September 10.

-Jude Patronella

## TRAFFIC continued-

The proposed neighborhood traffic management plans are being prepared by traffic engineer consultants assigned by the City of Houston together with input from the residents of Garden Oaks. Public meetings to solicit comment from Garden Oaks residents concerning specific traffic management proposals were conducted in February and April of this year.

If the traffic proposals are approved, the City of Houston is currently prepared to implement the necessary street changes associated with the traffic proposals at no cost to Garden Oaks residents.

If anyone has questions concerning the proposed traffic management plans or the validity of any petition you are asked to sign related to this project please contact the appropriate Garden Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Committee member(s) as mentioned in previous issues of the *Gazette*.

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