



Garden Oaks Gazette

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APRIL CIVIC CLUB MEETING

The next Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4**, at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 North Shepherd. Garden Club member, Nan Kitell, will be there along with a plant nursery specialist to talk about gardening tips. Plus, more discussion on the International House of Pancakes issue will take place. Please mark your calendars to be there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed de Alba

We had a good meeting this last month. High attendance, lots of energy, and an important issue to debate.

The International House of Pancakes (IHOP) representatives presented their proposal to build a restaurant in Section One. Their plans are to build on the three lots immediately behind Conn's. Two of the lots are empty and a rental house sits on the third lot. All of the lots are currently residential, and before construction could begin, a majority of the homeowners in Section One would have to vote in favor in order to change the deed restrictions to allow commercial activity on these lots.

It would be nice to see new houses on the empty lots, but that is unlikely considering the location. The two poorly maintained and trash strewn empty lots have been owned by the same family since 1944. Interestingly, the family that lives on 30th St. and would be one lot away from the proposed IHOP site is in favor of building the restaurant because they feel these lots would then be maintained. No matter what the final outcome of the IHOP proposal, there is no excuse for the owners not to maintain their property.

Please join us at the April meeting. We will discuss the pros and cons of the IHOP proposal. It is especially important that Section One residents attend because it is these residents that will ultimately decide whether or not there will be an IHOP restaurant in our neighborhood.

HEEP OF TROUBLE,...OR DON'T GET CAUGHT WITH YOUR TRASH DOWN!!!

By Craig Lee

Among the City of Houston's many codes and ordinances are some that pertain to when we can put our trash out on the streets. Ignoring this ordinance is not only an eyesore for your neighbors, but it could also subject you to a fine. Between October 1993 and December 1994, 92 citations were issued in Garden Oaks. Although the citations were mostly warnings, it does indicate that the city is enforcing this ordinance.

City Council member Helen Huey's office was contacted for more details and here is what they reported:

Normal residential trash pickup in Garden Oaks is on Monday and Thursday of each week. Trash can be placed at your curbside (or "ditchside" as the case may be) between the times of 6 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. the day of pickup.

Heavy trash is picked up in Garden Oaks the third Tuesday of every month. This type of trash can be placed at your curbside from 6 p.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. Tuesday, the day of heavy trash pickup.

For more information on this matter, or information on the enforcement, you may contact Helen Huey's office at 247-2010. For more information on heavy trash pickup rules, call Heavy Trash pickup at 699-1114.

On a final note, the *Gazette* encourages you to compost your leaves and grass cuttings. This will help reduce your need for chemical fertilizers. More importantly, it will help reduce the amount of material in Houston's landfills.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

Please make a note on your calendars to come out and enjoy a day of fun and games at the 1995 St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Bazaar scheduled for Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The church is located at 3600 Brinkman.

Sales for the church raffle have already begun. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the church's school for use in an endowment fund for children whose parents may need financial assistance in order for their children to attend school at St. Rose.

The **grand prize** in the raffle is a 1995 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck; **second prize** is a 31" G.E. Stereo TV with universal remote; **third prize** is a Sega Genesis Core System with 32x attachment; and **fourth prize** is a handmade quilt. You need not be present to win.

Parishioners volunteering their time will be selling raffle tickets at local business establishments during various times throughout the next few weeks. Tickets are also available at the church office or at the Bazaar. Cost - Donations are \$1 per ticket or \$10 for a book of 11.

WANTED,...MISSING CIVIC CLUB SIGN

The sign posted at 30th and Lawrence St. alerting residents to an upcoming Civic Club meeting is missing. The person responsible for posting the signs reported that it was not at this location when they returned for pickup. **If anyone has information as to the whereabouts of this sign, please call Sheila Briones at 861-8091.**

Please Recycle this Gazette!

FROM THE EDITOR...

Wow, what a turnout at the February and March Civic Club meetings. It is exceptionally exciting to me to see the rise in attendance at these meetings after the low turnout at the January meeting. Our community has maintained an air of charm and quaintness over the years that is a direct result of community involvement and deed restrictions. We are very fortunate to have always had a strong Civic Club and Board of Trustees. This was apparently evident at the March Civic Club meeting where representatives from the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) were present to promote the idea of building a restaurant off the 610 Loop behind Conn's.

The proposal received mixed reviews by active participants at the meeting. (If you haven't already read it, comments from the meeting are reported in this issue of the *Gazette* by **Janice Walden**, in her article entitled "DO YOU WANT AN IHOP TO BE A HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP AWAY?") As a Garden Oaks resident I feel comforted in the fact that we are fortunate enough to have active participation in our Civic Club, which in turn allows us to have an influence on our surrounding environment.

My thanks goes to those people who took an active role in the March Civic Club meeting. I certainly hope the high attendance rate continues.

- Carol Meyer

Friends of Montessori Business Meeting

Friends of Montessori will hold an educational meeting **Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Garden Oaks Elementary School Multipurpose Room**. If you are a parent of a child in the program, a future parent, or an interested neighbor, mark your calendar and make plans to attend this very informative meeting.

Many people are unaware of the role Friends of Montessori plays in the program at Garden Oaks. This meeting will answer all the who, what, where and how questions. There will also be a discussion of the future of the program and how it is funded. **Try not to miss this important meeting!**

Babysitting will be available for \$1.00 per child.

DO YOU WANT AN IHOP TO BE A HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP AWAY?

By Janice Walden

A standing room only crowd turned out at the March Civic Club meeting to hear about plans for the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) restaurant proposed for the edge of Garden Oaks' Section One. Making the presentation were W. Russell Pryor, whose family owns the proposed site, IHOP Regional Real Estate Manager, John Baird, Architect, Emmett L. Sacrey, and Real Estate Agent, Jeffrey A. Read.

As presented, the IHOP building, occupying 4,600 square feet, equipped to seat 168, would be placed next to Conn's building, with its parking lot extending to the east. Both building and parking lot would occupy 46,000 square feet. The 76-space parking lot would be accessible from both the 610 feeder road and West 30th, with the delivery zone off of West 30th.

The trademark steep-pitched A-frame roofline has been replaced with a low-line flat roof. Signage, similar to that of Taco Cabana, would be no more than 45 feet high, placed on the freeway. The parking lot would have 20 foot high light poles. Thirty-six inch high shrubs, as required by the city, would separate the parking lot from West 30th. And, along the site's east property line, shared with a residence, would be a six foot high fence.

More voices of concern than support were expressed at the March 7 meeting, with suggestions from the floor being weighed and discussed. Among them:

- 1)How would customer traffic spill over into Section One?
- 2)What regard would the planners have for the many trees on the residential property slated to be a parking lot?
- 3)How would the presence of a commercial site affect property values of surrounding homes?
- 4)How would service deliveries and trash pickup be controlled so as to minimize disturbance to the surrounding residences?
- 5)Would such a commercial encroachment invite an eventual domino effect for West 30th residences backing up to 610?
- 6)Would IHOP consider locating at the corner of Yale and West 30th instead, which is already deeded commercial?

While all the issues, especially those of property values and neighborhood integrity, could not be neatly resolved at this meeting, IHOP representatives did comment on the following:

- 1)They suggested changing the curb line of the entrance/exit of the West 30th parking lot to point toward Shepherd, thereby discouraging neighborhood cut through traffic.
- 2)Concerning the saving of trees, Architect, Emmett Sacrey noted, "To the extent possible, we will do our very best to save and move as many trees as possible."
- 3)Regional Real Estate Manager, John Baird assured residents that to reduce the noise and disturbance factor IHOP can control service delivery schedules and would do so to accommodate nearby Garden Oaks residents.
- 4)Although Realtor, Terry Jeanes presented a persuasive argument for locating the IHOP down West 30th at the corner of Yale (the property is for sale, deeded commercial, and larger than that on Shepherd) IHOP representatives said the location did not work with their demographics, nor was the freeway exit/access as viable as the Shepherd location. Baird did point out that although the current proposal has met IHOP's primary approvals, they could go back and re-explore location possibilities.

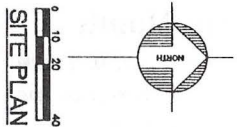
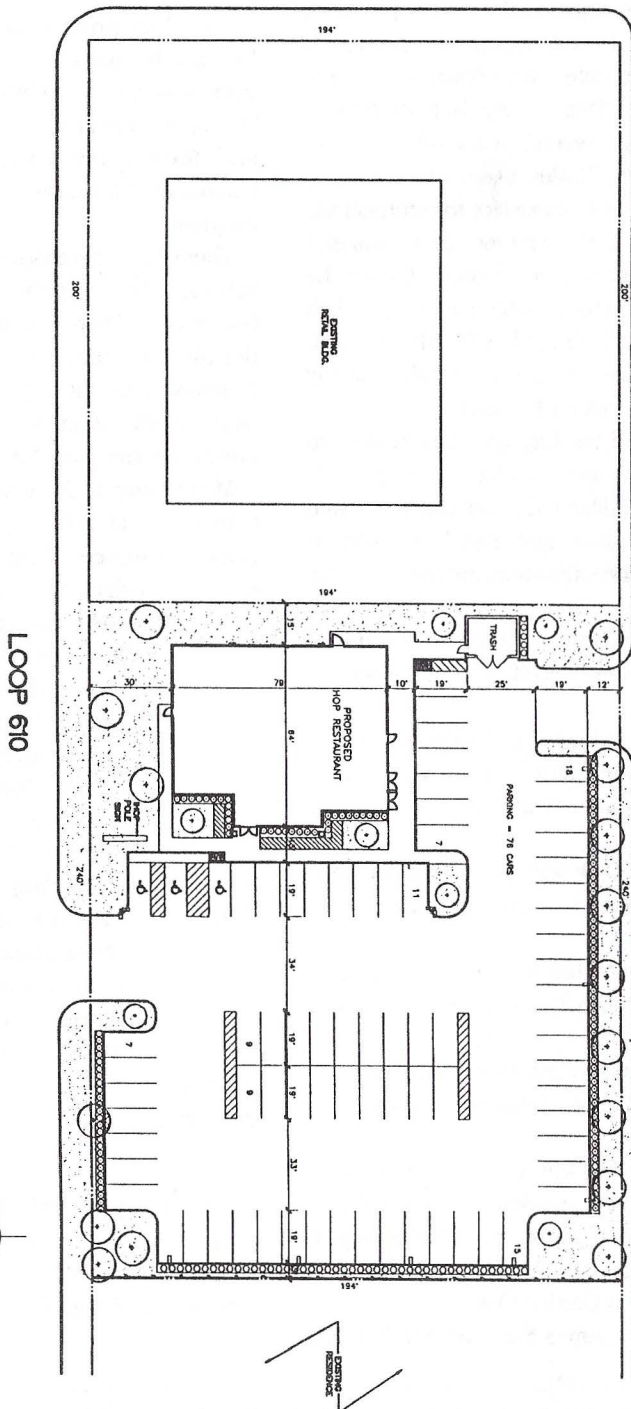
Not all IHOPs are open 24-hours-a-day. Restaurant hours are determined by the amount of traffic. So, for instance, if customer traffic is light on weekdays, an IHOP may close between midnight and 6:00 a.m. According to Baird, IHOP expects to make less than \$2 million a year at this Garden Oaks location, and the 20-year franchise will be sold "at a considerable price."

Responding to the voices of opposition at the Civic Club meeting, Baird assured residents, "We are here at your pleasure. If you don't want us to do it, we won't do it. We will wait for you people to tell us what you want to do."

Next steps: IHOP plans to send a mailing to Section One residents further explaining their proposal. According to Board of Trustee member, Susan McMillian, it would take a petition signed by a majority of Section One residents to release the residential restrictions for the three properties comprising the proposed IHOP site.

(See next page for a map of the proposed IHOP Restaurant site plan)

N. SHEPHERD



LEGEND:

- TREE
- SHRUB
- LANDSCAPE AREA - SOD
- LANDSCAPE AREA - GROUND COVER
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have been a resident of Garden Oaks Section One since 1978. I have not been active in the Civic Club, but commend each and every volunteer who donates their time and effort. Due to my lack of time, I pondered for several years what I could contribute to Garden Oaks. I decided in "early 94" that I would like to refurbish the Pocket Park in Section One. Last summer, I made a proposal to the Garden Club to be responsible for refurbishing the Pocket Park in Section One located at W. 31st, W. 30th and Lawrence. I have been told that my proposal is under advisement.

I contacted the City and they voiced no objections to this project. My vision is something similar to the rose garden located on Heights Blvd. and 20th. In order to achieve this beautification, my plans were to:

- 1) donate \$5000 to be placed in trust until all funds were raised for completion;
- 2) raise the additional funds by selling bricks in the name of a loved one or donate the money myself;
- 3) willing to work with any committee and organization to make this a reality;
- 4) I have contacted trades and they have agreed to work at reduced fees; and
- 5) be totally responsible for the supervision and completion of this beautification.

I am wanting this project to become a reality. If any of the homeowners in Phase 1 or 2 think that this is a worthwhile project, I would appreciate any lobbying on my part for all of us in Garden Oaks.

James Stafford, Section One

EVERYONE FLIPPED FOR PANCAKES

The 2nd Annual Montessori Program Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. The event was co-chaired by the dynamic duo of Denise Epstein and Carolyn Collier. They, and their many volunteers are to be commended for raising over \$1,000 for the program.

There was a tremendous turnout from the school, the neighborhood and local businesses. Even the neighborhood fire department came, and to the delight of everyone brought a pumper truck and a ladder truck. All in all it was a morning of great food and great fun!

Many thanks to those who came and many thanks to the following individuals who cooked sausage, flipped cakes, set-up, manned booths, and cleaned-up;

Rosanna and Brian Foyt

Woody Mehrkam

Matt Givens

Carly Epstein

Pene Carter

Anita Cuevas

Mark and Karen Benson

Jane Ann Roberts

Trish and Tom Mehrkam

Kerri Epstein

Joan Harmon

Frances Schwartz

Carolyn Collier

Denise Epstein

If you missed the event this year try to make plans to attend next year's breakfast.

Thought for the Month

"There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as the expectation of something tomorrow."

- O.S. Marden

NORTHWEST Y.M.C.A. HOLDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Starting at 1 p.m. on April 7, the Northwest Y.M.C.A. will hold their "Partners of Youth" Golf Tournament, benefitting youths in the Garden Oaks and surrounding areas. The proceeds from this four-man scramble will help fund scholarships for economically disadvantaged kids, allowing them to fully participate in Y.M.C.A. programs. The tournament will be held at Pinecrest Golf Club at the corner of Gessner and Clay Road.

The entry fee of \$55 will cover the entrant's green fee and cart, plus soft drinks, entry into the putting contest, and prizes. To enter, please call **Bill Bijak at 688-2097, Walter Shepherd at 686-0251** or the **Northwest Y.M.C.A. at 869-3378**. This Friday afternoon tournament is open to anyone.

MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE

By Chris Meyer

As a community, the residents of Garden Oaks have a lot to be proud of. Noteworthy examples include our relatively low crime rate (thanks GO-COP's), "curb appeal" of most all the houses (I know, we don't have curbs), Neighborhoods to Standard Program, Recycling, the Garden Club, the Plant Co-op, Beautification, the Montessori Program, etc..... There is, however, one area in which, quite frankly, we stink like yesterdays fish. No, that's not quite strong enough; like last weeks unrefrigerated fish, probably mullet or carp. Of course, I'm talking about our anemic rate of Garden Oaks residents who PAY THEIR DUES and join the Civic Club. For the year so far, we are sporting a lousy 5.4% success rate. Translated, that means that roughly five households in one hundred have joined the Civic Club and paid their annual fee of \$10 per household.

If I had to venture a guess, I would say that our poor participation rate lies in the fact that many people take for granted that we live in a large community and think that enough others will join to pull the load for everyone. It seems that this same phenomenon is happening with our Constable Program in Section One and the GO-COP Program. If everyone would contribute just a little, the burden of providing for our neighborhood would not rely on so few.

It has been mentioned to me that another area neighborhood enjoys a Civic Club participation rate of over 80%. In addition, their annual dues are significantly higher than ours. They are putting us to shame!

If you can afford \$10.00 per year, please join the Civic Club. We have so many programs that need funding from the community. Your support will be very much appreciated because we all benefit from the activities of the Civic Club. Your active participation is not only welcomed, but also encouraged. Please look for the membership form in this and every issue of the *Gazette*.

St. Matthew's

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:15 & 10:30 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am

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Year moved to Garden Oaks: _____ Employer (Optional): _____

ANNUAL FEE: Jan 1- Dec 31 Family: \$10 _____ Business: \$25 _____ Senior Citizen (G. O. Roots): \$5 _____

ADDITIONAL FUNDINGS:

Beautification: \$6 _____ GO Elementary Montessori Program: \$6 _____ Gazette (Newsletter): \$6 _____

Plant Co-op: \$6 _____ GO COP (Citizen's Patrol): \$6 _____ **All of these: \$25 _____**

Garden Oaks Civic Club dues have not changed in nearly 50 years. So we rely on your generous additional support to help finance these community programs.

* Gifts to the Montessori program are tax deductible.

These are suggested minimum amounts.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

Mail to: Craig Lee, Membership 212 W. 34th St. Houston, TX 77018

or call Craig at 802-0079 if you have any questions.

MONTESSORI PROGRAM UPDATE

By Karen Benson

Recently the mid-year progress reports for the students at Garden Oaks Elementary School went out and it seemed appropriate to send a mid-year progress report to all our supporters.

The Montessori Program has met and exceeded all of our goals and expectations for the start-up year. We wanted to share some of the highlights with you.

- The school year began with all 3 classes full (22 students each) and a waiting list of forty-plus students. The class make-up reflects the multi-ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the Garden Oaks Elementary School population.
- In a commitment to keep costs down, Montessori parents volunteered over 1000 hours during the summer to make materials and set-up classrooms.
- In the spirit of community cooperation, private Montessori schools allowed us to purchase their excess Montessori materials at a great savings to our program.
- The Houston Council for Excellence in Education awarded us a \$1500 grant for monthly Montessori parent education seminars. These well-attended monthly meetings have been conducted in English and Spanish to further enhance the important parent-school connection.
- The Texas A&M University Psychology Department is doing an extensive research study to evaluate the program.
- We were invited to present the Garden Oaks Montessori program at the H.I.S.D. 1994-1995 Schools of Excellence Convention.
- As a positive reflection of a school-community partnership over \$80,000 was generously donated by major corporations, the neighborhood hospital, local realtors and businesses, our Chamber of Commerce, foundations, our Civic Club, neighborhood residents and families in the program.

Thank you again for the major part you played in having this vision become a reality. On March 1st we launched our fund raising campaign for the 1995-96 school year. Our goal of \$50,000 will enable us to open our fourth Montessori classroom, add a grade in two of our existing classes, and to continue to deliver a high standard of Montessori education.

GO-COP CHALLENGE UPDATE

The *Gazette* would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the GO-COP Challenge sponsored by **Mark Neff**. As you may recall, Mark challenged Garden Oaks residents to match his generous \$500.00 offer to contribute to the GO-COP program. To date, we have collected a total of \$430.00 toward this effort. A special thanks to Mark and the following people who have accepted Mark's challenge:

Harry and Gloria Paine
 Ralph and Charlotte Hayes
 Tina Sabuco
 Shellye Arnold
 Susan Spooner
 Mr. & Mrs. Alvin T. Froehlich
 Ken and Patty Jeffers
 Craig and Sandy Lee
 Rob and Terry Jeanes
 Deborah Jean
 David and Carla Hoyer

(Note: Some contributors did not wish to be listed.)

If you have not already made a commitment to meet Mark's challenge, please read the GO-COP Report in this issue of the *Gazette* to see the impact of this program.

I am interested in donating \$ _____ to the Garden Oaks Civic Club for the **GO-COP Challenge** to benefit the Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol Program.

I ___ do wish/ ___ do not wish to have my name listed as a contributor in a future edition of the *Gazette*.

Individual's Name:

Company Name:

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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 Martha Gebhardt to get on the pickup list.

Volunteers please come to the site to help.

WHEN?

Second Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. In case of bad weather, it will be postponed to the third Saturday and signs will be posted at the site.

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GO-COP REPORT

By Bill Chastain

Unfortunately, crime statistics can be boring and unimpressive to some people. Others may regard Houston's reported crime rate as a statistical phenomenon that affects "other people"....that is, until they become victimized. The Garden Oaks community has been doing a creditable job with its GO-COP program in reducing the amount of criminal activity in our neighborhood. Our efforts are especially impressive when compared to the relatively high rate of reported criminal activity bordering Garden Oaks.

To illustrate, I would like to emphasize criminal activity for the City of Houston for the month of January, 1995 alone. By doing so, I hope to give realization to those who do not grasp how fortunate we are here in Garden Oaks. More importantly, this exercise should stress the need for continued GO-COP involvement.

	City of Houston	N. Shepherd District	(1) 3B30	Garden Oaks	Surrounding Patrol Areas (2)
Murder	30	13	0	0	1
Rape	60	7	0	0	1
Robbery	889	13	4	0	55
Agg. Assault	843	173	5	1	45
Burglary	2,120	365	12	2	109
Narcotics	613	83	0	0	34
Auto Theft	2,098	263	12	1	103
Total	6,653	917	33	4	348

Note (1):3B30 is a police patrol area within the N. Shepherd District and is bordered (more or less) by White Oak Bayou to the west, the North Loop to the south, Yale to the East and Pinemont to the north. Garden Oaks represents a small portion of "beat" 3B30.

Note (2):Surrounding police patrol beats are adjacent to 3B30 on the north, south, east and west.

Statistically speaking, Garden Oaks represents a small island of relative safety when compared to its surroundings. However, as the numbers suggest, there is no room for complacency. We must continue to watch out for each other! GO-COP represents one of the best avenues in assisting HPD in effectively deterring crime in our neighborhood. By the way, it is also a great way to meet your neighbors and it can help you generate a few ideas for fixing up your home.

GO-COP volunteers receive police instruction prior to "patrolling" and are awarded special gifts in recognition of their efforts based on hours patrolled. After the first 10 hours, volunteers are presented with a COP cap; after 85 hours they are awarded a tee shirt, and at 100 hours volunteers are presented with a COP jacket. As an additional thanks, a gift certificate to the restaurant of choice is awarded to one well deserved patroller per month. In fact, the patrollers for the month of March are V.D. and LaVerne Kelley. The Kelley's are not only patrollers, but also operate a base station to help guarantee the safety of other patrollers while out making rounds.

GO-COP and the *Gazette* wish to welcome Paul Stanley, who has made a commitment to our ranks. Paul expects to attend orientation soon so he can begin actively patrolling.

Recently, we received a letter from Houston Police Chief, Sam Nuchia, expressing his enthusiastic support and dedication to the COP program. It's good to know that we not only have the support of our council member, Helen Huey, Captian J.W. Defoor and the troops at the N. Shepherd substation, but also the Chief of Police as well. A copy of the Chief's letter will be made available to any interested parties at the next Civic Club meeting.

CITY OF HOUSTON - HELPFUL INFORMATION

This list is an ongoing effort by your Editor to provide you with helpful numbers for various services available in our city. This month's list is provided in conjunction with Craig Lee's helpful article on trash pickup.

Routine Services and Repairs:

Abandoned Autos	
On City Property (HPD)	222-3131
On Private Property (Dangerous Buildings)	525-2525
Air Pollution (Health Dept.)	640-4200
Auto Theft/Tow-away.	221-0777
Dead Animal Pickup	
On city streets	699-1024
On freeways and feeders.	869-4571
Depositories for Debris and Trash (No tires or garbage)	
4100 Eastex Frwy	672-1025
9200 Lawndale.	926-1247
5100 Sunbeam	738-1936
Garbage and Trash Pickup	
°Northwest	956-6589
°Northeast	699-1024
Hazardous Waste (Health Dept.)	640-4399
Heavy Trash Pickup	699-1114
Littering and Dumping, to request a site to be cleared	699-1114
Weeds and Trash	525-2525
Mayor's,	
Citizens' Assistance Office	247-1888
Illegal Dumping	525-A-RAT
Keep Texas Beautiful	1-800-CLEAN-TX
National Pesticide Network	1-800-858-7378
Polluting Car Hotline	1-800-453-SMOG
Pollution Response System.	1-800-3-OUR-BAY
Solid Waste	
Clearinghouse	1-800-677-9424
Recycling	1-800-64-TEXAS
City of Houston	
Recycling Hotline	865-4201
Clean Houston	621-7020
Littering & Dumping (to report an offense-HPD)	222-2121

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April Calendar

April 4	Civic Club Meeting	7 p.m.
April 8	Recycle Drop-Off/G.O. Theater	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
April 10	Gazette Deadline	
April 20	Positive Interaction Program	7 p.m.

CHOCOLATE-AMARETTO CHEESECAKE

- 6 chocolate wafers, finely crushed
- 1 1/2 cups light process cream cheese product
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup 1% low-fat cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup amaretto
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons semisweet chocolate mini-morsels

Sprinkle chocolate wafer crumbs in bottom of a 7-inch springform pan. Set aside. Position knife blade in food processor bowl; add cream cheese and next 7 ingredients, processing until smooth. Add egg and process just until blended. Fold in chocolate morsels.

Slowly pour mixture over crumbs in pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 65 to 70 minutes or until cheesecake is set. Let cool in pan on wire rack. Cover and chill at least 8 hours. Remove sides of pan, and transfer cheesecake to a serving platter.

Yield: 12 servings-about 200 calories per serving; Protein 6.8; Fat 7.9; Carbohydrates 26.1; Iron 0.8; Sodium 293; Calcium 59.

(You can substitute an 8-inch pan for this cheesecake recipe, if desired. The larger cheesecake will require only 45 to 50 minutes baking time.)

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