



# Garden Oaks Gazette

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## JUNE CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Special thanks to **Suzanne Debien** of **Suzanne Debien/Henry S. Miller, Realtors** for providing a wonderful selection of food and drink for refreshment at the May Civic Club meeting.

The next Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6**, at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 North Shepherd.

The main topic of discussion will be general fitness issues and health. For those of you with children, remember, babysitting will be provided.

As always, we hope to see a good turnout in support of your community at this meeting.

## PEEPING TOM ARRESTED!

Less than two hours after the Civic Club meeting on Tuesday, May 2, residents on West 34th spotted a man peeping in the windows of their next door neighbor. Rather than scare him off, they called 911 and the Constable. Within two minutes (no exaggeration),...not one, but six squad cars, an HPD helicopter, and Constable Deputy Dick Matthias were on the scene. The guy did not have a chance! Within five minutes he was apprehended and arrested out on the railroad easement. The event demonstrated how well our law enforcement agencies can not only make an effective strike, but coordinate their efforts to protect our neighborhood and uphold the law.

## HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP REMINDER

June heavy trash pick-up is Tuesday, June 20. As a reminder, the soonest "heavy trash" should be put out by the street is 6 p.m. the preceding Sunday.

**Come One,  
Come All!  
to the  
First Annual  
Garden Oaks  
4th of July  
Bar-B-Q  
&  
Bicycle Parade**



**Rides! Amusements! Raffle!**

**Tuesday, July 4, 1995**

**Spark Park**

**(next to Garden Oaks Elementary School)**

**10:30 - gather at the Spark Park for parade**

**11:00 - parade begins**

**noon - Bar-B-Q Brisket**

**We will provide the bread and the brisket,  
you provide the rest of your fixings.**

**Judging for Best-Decorated Bikes-  
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**\$5.00 - Bar-B-Q & raffle ticket**

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*benefiting Garden Oaks Constable Program  
& Friends of Montessori*

## FROM THE EDITOR...

I'd like to give a hardy **thanks** to everyone that has provided me with articles so far this year. I need your continued support and input. I am also extending an open invitation for those of you Garden Oakers that have something you'd like to write about that has not yet been addressed in the *Gazette*, or perhaps someone that has a particular area of expertise that can write some specialty articles, or even those who have notices of special family events, interesting vacations, etc. As you can see, I am open to most any ideas (within reason) that you may have and would like to share.

In looking over some old issues of the *Gazette*, I noticed that we had listings for birthdays, vacation highlights from neighbors trips, more *Letters to the Editor*, lots of Garden Oaks Elementary news, articles written by specialists in different fields of interest and a Kids Corner. I like many of these ideas, but I cannot incorporate them into the *Gazette* without regular input from my Garden Oaks neighbors.

A few years ago, we had Block Reporters for each Section. These Block Reporters were responsible for acquiring information regarding the residents within their designated Section. Unfortunately, this structure did not last. However, it is still important to note as many special events involving Garden Oaks residents as we possibly can.

If you have an article, letter or announcement that you would like to contribute, please feel free to fax, mail or drop off your input at my house. The information regarding how I can be reached is on the back of the *Gazette*. I do own my own business and work lots of hours, so if you want to contribute something and can simply fax the information to my house, that would be the easiest way to receive your input. If I have any questions about the information, I will simply give the contributor a call.

Again, many thanks goes to those who have diligently made input contributions all year long. And a very special note of gratitude from me goes to neighbor **Oscar Ochoa**, who not only handles the printing for the *Gazette*, but has recently volunteered to handle *Gazette* advertising. This is something that I have been in charge of for the past year-and-a-half. Oscar offered, voluntarily, to take over this responsibility. With my other obligations, I was more than happy to comply. More importantly, it was very generous for Oscar to ask.

I really appreciate your efforts to help the community **Oscar** and the fine printing job that **OD's Printing** does for the *Gazette*.

- Carol Meyer

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed de Alba

June's meeting is coming up on us very quickly and our expected guest, IHOP, is not prepared to meet with us and present their revised plan. That's probably fine with most of the neighbors because, with few exceptions, most of the people I speak with, in and out of Section One, do not want a restaurant in the neighborhood. For more on that see the IHOP: Pro & Con article.

We had another good meeting last month. HPD Officer Gonzalez stepped in for Kim Ogg, the Mayor's Gang Task Force Leader, and gave a very credible presentation on gang activity in the city, and what we can do to curtail it. Most of that concerns shutting down communications- erasing or painting over the graffiti which marks territory and conveys threats. Making our presence visible through GOCOP or the Constable Program helps a lot too. If you see graffiti contact Captain DeFoor at the North Shepherd Substation- the city will provide paint and parollees to remove it.

**Speaking of the North Shepherd Substation... we may still lose it!** If this nearby station is closed police response time will be significantly impacted. Letters and phone complaints to the Mayor and the Police Chief have brought the situation to their attention. However, more letters are needed. **I NEED YOUR HELP!** My letter alone, as president or private citizen, is not enough. Our letters together can keep the substation near our neighborhood open. **Please join me in writing letters to the Mayor, District A Councilwoman Helen Huey, and the At-Large Councilmembers.** All of these city officials can be reached at: **P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251.** This issue is very important to the long term viability of our neighborhood.

In July and August we will not have regular Civic Club meetings. **Our July meeting falls on the 4th and we're having a parade!** Details in this and next month's *Gazette*. Call the indefatigable **Janice Walden at 869-6534** to help out and be part of this unique experience!

**And the August meeting we'll celebrate with National Night Out.** It's a really good way to meet the neighbors. Break out the cooler, grab some cool drinks, and meet your neighbors. That's what neighborhood and community is all about.

## GO-COP REPORT

by Bill Chastain

Crimes reported in Garden Oaks for the month of March were **one assault** and **four burglaries**. Our concerned patrollers were out for a total of 72 hours.

I would like to take the opportunity this month to give a special thanks and round of applause to a Garden Oaks husband and wife team that consistently and graciously give of their time to help our Citizen's-on-Patrol effort month after month.

I'm sure that our patrollers know exactly who I am referring to, but for anyone who doesn't know, it's **V.D. and LaVerne Kelley**. The **Kelleys** have devotedly patrolled two hours every week for over four years.

It is certainly wonderful when you can ask for someone to volunteer their time and they respond in a way that makes it seem as though they would be happy as can be to help in whatever way is needed. This is the attitude reflected by the **Kelleys**,...not just sometimes, but always! As a matter of fact, they were honored in the *Gazette* a few years back as being *Neighbors of the Month* for their everyday efforts of generosity.

The **Kelleys** are the kind of people that are always willing to pitch in and help their community when needed. As a matter of fact, they drive extra hours patrolling if our subdivision is short on the necessary hours required by the Houston Police Department (HPD). And it doesn't stop there. The **Kelleys** also base for patrollers 25 to 30 plus hours per month. In addition, if you call on the CB for base 21 at almost any time, nine times out of ten they will respond.

It certainly would have been hard to accomplish what has been done in the COP Program without the **Kelleys**,...and so many others like them. Our hats are off to the **Kelleys** for the difference that they make.

**THREE ROUSING CHEERS  
TO  
THE KELLEYS!!!**

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## CITY OF HOUSTON – HELPFUL INFORMATION

Houston Crackdown  
**(Anti-Drug Campaign)**..... 794-9445  
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 Neighborhood Protection Team ... 525-2525  
 Rodent Control ..... 525-2525  
 Stray Animal Pick-up ..... 547-9400  
 Street Lights  
 To Request Installation ..... 658-4300  
 Street Lights, Repairs (HL&P) ..... 228-7800  
 Traffic Signs, Installation  
 and Repair ..... 865-4005  
 Water Bill Inquiries/  
 Complaints ..... 224-2500  
 Water Pollution  
 (Except Drinking)..... 640-4399  
 Water Quality (Drinking) ..... 880-2444  
 Weeds and Trash ..... 525-2525  
 Zoning ..... 247-2457  
 Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office 247-1888  
 Drug Hotline (HPD) ..... 4 NO DOPE  
 Safe Drinking Water ..... (800)426-4791  
 Texas Corporate  
 Recycling Council ..... (800)FOR-TCRC  
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 Plastics Council) ..... (800) 2-HELP-90

### Services and Repairs with 24-Hour Access:

Ditch Cleaning, Right of Way Maintenance,  
 Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Street Repairs,  
 Traffic Signal and Sign Repair,  
 Storm Sewer Maintenance ..... 754-0600  
 Water Service Repairs ..... 939-5811

## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PANCAKES: PRO & CON

The last item at April's Civic Club meeting was a brainstorm and quick discussion of the pro's and con's of the IHOP proposal made during the March meeting. It was clear from the comments and the overwhelming number of negative responses that the majority of residents attending the meeting did not consider an IHOP in the neighborhood to be in their best interest. The comments as recorded are listed below.

### Pro:

- IHOP would look better than the unmaintained lot
- Caters to families
- Serves no alcohol and will not encourage that element

### Con:

- Increased traffic
- Sets a precedent for other businesses in the neighborhood
- Big sign (300 sq. ft. on 45 ft. pole) visible from within neighborhood
- Parking lot lights may shine into the neighborhood
- Possible 24 hour restaurant
- Late night traffic
- Overflow parking will go into neighborhood
- Doesn't look better than the unmaintained lot
- We will lose trees
- Encroaches on the neighborhood
- House values will decline
- Truck traffic and noise from trucks supplying the restaurant
- Once deeded commercial it is always commercial and we have no control once restrictions are changed
- Traffic control plan may be reversed (proposal would close 30th to inbound traffic behind IHOP entrance)
- Increased crime with 24 hour restaurant

## CLIP AND SAVE RECYCLING REMINDERS

**WHEN:** Second Saturday of the month from 8 to 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Drop-off at the Garden Oaks Theater parking lot

### WHAT AND HOW:

**Aluminum Cans:** Non-magnetic, RINSED.

**NON-FERROUS METALS:** Items such as copper, brass, and aluminum. No refrigerators, dishwashers or other appliances.

**GLASS:** Separated into clear and colored glass; RINSED AND CLEANED; NO LIDS; Labels can be left on; NO PLATE GLASS;

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

**COMPUTER PAPER:** Bundled, boxed or placed in paper bags; no carbon inserts, no binding, and no staples.

**WHITE LEDGER:** Bond paper bundled, boxed or placed in paper bags; NO glossy junk mail, NCR (No Carbon Required) paper, or telephone books, no binding

**BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS** are also recyclable so use them whenever you can.

**PLASTICS:** Milk jugs and plastic soft drink bottles rinsed and cleaned.

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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS...

The Garden Oaks Garden Club put together a recommended *Resource List* for our use. The following are suggested places to go to fulfill your gardening needs:

Joshua's Native Plants: 862-7444  
111 Heights Blvd. (beside Antique Barn)  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Houston Plant & Garden World  
16726 I-45, south of 2920 (near Spring)  
Covington's - 1901 Bingle (near 34th St.)  
Another Place in Time  
421 West 11th (in the Heights)  
Buchanan's - 611 East 11th (in the Heights)  
Cornelius Nursery - Katy Frwy. at Dairy Ashford  
Tea's Nursery - Bellaire Blvd. (inside the Loop), open 7 days a week  
Concrete Yard Items 957-3672  
11804 Hempstead Hwy., Houston, open Sundays

### Nice Day Trips

Lilyponds Water Gardens 391-0076  
839 FM 1489, Brookshire - plants, ponds, and goldfish  
Just Trees (wholesale to the public)  
713/351-7983 17150 FM 2920, Tomball  
Antique Rose Emporium 409/836-5548  
FM 390, Independence (near Brenham) - specialty roses  
Frazier's 409/826-6760 Hwy. 290 E in Hempstead - ornamental and architectural concrete (closed Wednesdays)

For all of those who are interested in attending, the Garden Club meets the second Thursday of every month from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** The meeting times that vary from this will have the appropriate time listed. **The following is a schedule for June through August:**

### June 8:

Bogg and Water Plants  
Topics: 1) how to plant 2) blooming seasons 3) types of environments and 4) different varieties

### June 10:

Lilyponds - Field trip to observe aquatic plants and animals - Fulshear, Texas

### July 13:

Good Bugs and Bad Bugs  
Location: Texas Agricultural Extension Service

### August 10:

Wildflowers - Presenter  
Wildflower Research Center  
For further information about meetings, please contact **Evelyn Anderson** at 864-3485 or **Janice Walden** at 869-6534.

## YARD OF THE MONTH AWARDED FOR MAY

Congratulations to **Albert Heinrich of 1341 Sue Barnett**, whose yard was named "Yard of the Month" by the Garden Oaks Garden Club. Thanks for helping to make Garden Oaks a beautiful place to live.

### GARDENING TIPS:

- Now is the time to feed camellias, hibiscus, roses, and crape myrtles. Use a systemic fertilizer with insecticide if pests are a problem.
- Mulching becomes more important as the heat sets in. Maintain at least a two inch thickness of mulch to keep the soil cool and retain moisture. Finish planting summer vegetables such as okra, peppers, and beans. Start planning your fall garden now.
- Do not fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.
- When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially with bare rooted plants. The medium to small sizes usually become established faster and will become effective in the landscape much quicker than the larger sizes.
- Wait until after flowering before pruning spring-flowering shrubs such as quince, azaleas and forsythia.
- When pruning shrubs, follow these steps: a) prune out any dead or damaged branches first, b) thin out by removing about 1/3 of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only, c) shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE GAZETTE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PRINTER,  
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NEEDA  
BABYSITTER?  
*Becky Jeanes*

680-8550

Garden Oaks resident and  
Garden Oaks Civic Club  
babysitter

**OKAY,...THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND!**

*by Craig Lee*

**HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CIVIC CLUB PROGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS?**

The individuals who volunteer their time to serve the Garden Oaks community as Civic Club officers and committee members try to serve the greater needs of the Garden Oaks community. Nonetheless, we all know that there are many issues and likes and dislikes that are never really heard. That is why I am writing this article. Please take a few minutes to tell us whatever you want. Then send it to me, Craig Lee, V.P. Membership, at the address below. I will compile your notes so that the Civic Club can use your suggestions to improve its efforts and communication.

In getting your thoughts together on this, you might ask yourself questions like these: What is the Civic Club not communicating or how can officers/members communicate issues and events better? What can the Civic Club do to better serve and help this community? What programs do you think should be added or removed, if any? Is there a better way to organize the Civic Club or its meetings?

Although positive comments are appreciated, please feel free to write me about whatever concerns you. You may include your name or leave it off. Address the issues that are of importance to you, whether that be crime, traffic, deed restrictions, meeting times or any other topic.

**BE CONSTRUCTIVE:** If you are critical of a project or program, that's fine, but it will be more useful if you can offer constructive criticism and be specific about what concerns you. This form of criticism makes it easier for us to find possible solutions or better ways to do whatever it is we are trying to accomplish.

**VOLUNTEER TO GET INVOLVED:** If you want to be more involved in the Civic Club or one of its committees, please let us know. Even if you don't want to, get involved anyway. Involvement of a community's residents is important for the vitality of the neighborhood. It is through citizens working together that we can make a difference. In many cases the time requirement is less than you may think. Indicate on your comments that you want to participate. I will forward it to the appropriate committee person.

Here is a partial list of current Garden Oaks committees or programs which need at least a small amount of your time. **Home Tour, 4th of July Parade, Civic Club Membership, Neighbors Night Out, the Garden Club, Garden Oaks Citizens-on-Patrol, Recycling, Gazette Delivery, Gazette Advertising, Community Gardens, and Beautification** (and more).

Please address your comments to **Craig Lee, V.P. Membership, 212 W. 34th St., Houston, TX 77018.**

**CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES**

*Civic Club dues are for each calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). We may not be able to mail a notice to you and must rely instead on this notice in the Gazette.*

**PLEASE PAY 1995 DUES, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND TRY TO PAY 1996 DUES BY NEXT JANUARY 1.**

Civic Club membership is voluntary, but a very much needed part of Garden Oaks' Civic funding. It is also important for you, our neighbors, to be involved in your community and the Civic Club is our best avenue for doing so.

Please fill out the coupon below and send to **Craig Lee, V.P. of Membership, 212 W. 34th St.,** and resolve to attend at least one Civic Club meeting every six months.

**GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB ENROLLMENT & RENEWAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Birthdates: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Co-op: \$6 \_\_\_\_\_ GO COP (Citizen's Patrol): \$6 \_\_\_\_\_

Gazette (Newsletter): \$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.*

*These are suggested minimum amounts.*

*\*Gifts to the Montessori program are tax deductible.*

**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.*

**St. Matthew's**

**United Methodist Church**

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

Preschool - Mon -Fri 9-2

Mother's Day Out - Wed -Fri 9-2  
ages 3 mos. - 5 yrs.

Parent's Nite Out - Fri 6:30-11:30

Senior Adult Exercise  
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## UNSUNG HEROS BEHIND THE SCENES

If you know of anyone that deserves recognition for helping out our community that has not received thanks from the residents of Garden Oaks, please write to me, the Editor, so that we can use this space to express our gratitude.

It has been brought to my attention that we have some very dedicated people that give of their own free time and energy to maintain our pocket parks. It is efforts such as these that should be commended.

### PATROLLER OF THE MONTH

The award for *Patroller of the Month* for our COP Program goes to **Woody Mehrkam**. Congratulations **Woody** and thank you very much for helping to make Garden Oaks a safer place to live. We, the citizens of Garden Oaks, appreciate your efforts.

### Thought for the Month

*No one is ever beaten unless he/she gives up the fight.*

-W. Beran Wolfe



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## HOUSTON HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY PROGRAM

*Article information provided by Gayle Gordon, Manager, Household Hazardous Waste Management Program*

### HELP PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER AND ENVIRONMENT BY PROPERLY DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE...

The City of Houston, through the Department of Health and Human Services is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Program for residents of Northwest and North Central Houston.

**The collection will take place on Saturday, June 17, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Solid Waste Management Northwest Transfer Station located at 14400 Sommermeyer (just south of Hempstead Hwy., between Campbell and Gessner).

Residents may bring such products as paint, lawn and garden chemicals, car batteries, and used motor oil to the collection site. Waste from commercial businesses or facilities will not be allowed. Only waste generated from household users will be accepted. All collected items will be recycled, reused or disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

For more information about this event or the proper disposal of and less toxic alternatives to household hazardous wastes, please contact the **Household Hazardous Waste Information Line at 247-8589**.

#### Items to bring from home:

#### **Automotive:**

Anti-freeze  
Solvents  
Batteries  
Oil/Oil filters  
Brake fluids  
Transmission fluids

#### **Cleaning:**

Drain cleaners  
Concentrates  
Degreasers  
Moth balls  
Polishes

#### **Gardening:**

Pesticides  
Sprays or dust  
Weed killers  
Rat poison  
Insecticides

### Tips on Material Preparation for HH Hazardous Waste Collection Day

- 1) Maximum container size per item is one gallon. Do not mix different or unknown materials together;
- 2) Any empty containers and/or containers with dried out paint may be disposed of in your hh trash;
- 3) Bring materials in their original containers, if possible. Every effort should be made to identify material. If you do not know what it is, mark it "unknown;"
- 4) When transporting, place in trunk area away from the driver and/or passengers;
- 5) If containers are leaking, pack in a larger container and use an absorbent material such as kitty litter to soak up leaks; and
- 6) For long term storage, store in a cool dry place. Many chemicals, especially those in cardboard packing can absorb moisture.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - BILL AND GINNY CHASTAIN

by Jude Patronella

These days, it is good to know neighbors are looking out for your safety! Bill and Ginny Chastain take this good deed one step further than just looking out for the people next door. They guard the whole neighborhood as - **THE PROTECTORS OF GARDEN OAKS!**

Bill and his lovely wife Ginny are in charge of the Garden Oaks Civic Club's Citizen-on-Patrol (COP) Program. Both have devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to make Garden Oaks a secure neighborhood. They route and schedule patrols for volunteers to drive through the streets of Garden Oaks and report any unusual activity that is of a suspicious nature and might involve criminal activity.

"Participation in COP is very low, but expectation is very high," said Bill. "There are four base stations in Garden Oaks and we need 32 volunteers, but we have only eight volunteers who patrol regularly. Two patrollers ride together on each route and keep in contact by CB radio. If there is a problem we call HPD immediately," Bill explained. The Chastains instituted the "Patroller of the Month" award to show appreciation for individuals who volunteer above and beyond the call of duty.

Bill and Ginny are well known at the Houston Police Department for their participation in the Positive Interaction Program (PIP) for the North Shepherd South Community, which meets every month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church on North Shepherd. Both recently graduated from the Civilian Police Academy and are now in the alumni association, which helps the police department in its various programs. Bill has ridden with police on their car patrols and looks forward to participating in a soon to be scheduled HPD helicopter patrol.

The Chastains have lived in Section Five of Garden Oaks for 35 years. Bill retired from *Coca-Cola Foods* several years ago, but Ginny is still working for *Coca-Cola*. They are exercise enthusiasts and spend a lot of time walking and riding bikes. Bill and Ginny have a son and daughter and two granddaughters.

Always on the look-out and ready to help, Bill and Ginny Chastain are providing their neighbors security at no cost. It's a pleasure to know burglars, rapists and other criminals have less of a chance at victimizing Garden Oaks - thanks to the CHASTAIN'S VOLUNTARY PROTECTIVE SERVICES!



Bill & Ginny Chastain -  
The "Protectors of Garden Oaks."

## CONSTABLE PATROL REPORT

Congratulations residents! You answered the emergency call to fulfill the 1994-95 contract which expires May 30, 1995. We reached our financial goals and covered the shortfall. Thanks!

The new 1995-96 contract will be renewed. Two points of note: 1) if you haven't sent in your check for the coming contract year, please do so now. Mail your check to Mrs. Denise Epstein at 527 West 33rd Street, 77018. Make checks payable to: Garden Oaks Civic Club and memo it *Constable Program*; and 2) To cover both last year's and this year's inflationary increases, the Constable's contract with us has gone up 5%.

Given this increase for this coming contract year, we are accepting payments in the following manner:

1. Annual one time payment of \$190.00.
2. Four installment payments of \$55.00 each. One payment in June, one in July, one in August, and the final payment in September for a total of \$220.00.

As mentioned at the May Civic Club meeting, the former annual fee of \$180.00 will be honored by all those who have paid in full before June 1, 1995. Thereafter, the new rate applies.

Unfortunately, due to the number of residents who did not fulfill their final payment on the quarterly plan, we are no longer able to offer payment throughout the year. If this new policy causes hardship, please call **Warren Walden 869-6534** to work out a different plan.

Again, our salute and thanks to all of you who pitched in, called, paid early, and continue to support the Constable's Patrol Program.

Patrol Statistics	April 95	Contract Totals to Date
Traffic accidents	2	546
Alarms answered	1	1252
Citizen's assist	0	1994
Citizen's contacts	134	27,391
Criminal arrests	0	1782
Disturbance calls	0	871
Investigations	5	2821
Suspicious persons /vehicles	1	2910
Reports made	1	1695
Vacation watch checks	107	27,958
Traffic citations	1	26,506
Verbal warnings	0	5319
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>100,995</b>

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### WHAT?

Paper/Cardboard

Newspaper, White paper, Computer paper, Catalogs, Magazines and Cardboard/box (corrugated box, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, cardboard, etc.). *No Telephone Books.*

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 off 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 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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**June Calendar**

June 6	Civic Club Meeting	7 p.m.
June 8	Garden Club Meeting	6:30 p.m.
June 10	Gazette Deadline	
June 10	Recycle Drop-Off/G.O. Theater	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
June 15	Positive Interaction Program	7 p.m.

**Celebrate 55 Years of Education**

**BUY A BRICK, BUILD A PATH**

To celebrate 55 years of education at Garden Oaks Elementary School the Garden Oaks Elementary School PTA and Friends of Montessori have embarked on a fund raising campaign to create a brick path to enhance the school grounds.

We are building a path of history for Garden Oaks Elementary School.

We are selling brick can have a special characters or less (a character), engraved lines. Some engraving the brick child's name, the Garden Oaks

School, or the year name of a special member, or even a immortalize a loved on. The pavers will be attractive walkway on



pavers on which you message, of 33 space counts as a in one, two or three suggestions include with your name, your years you attended Elementary you graduated, the teacher, family pet. Another idea is to one who has passed used to create an the school grounds.

Everyone is invited to join us in this lasting memory and add a step along the path at our neighborhood school.

The funds that are raised will be used to support the existing and new Montessori classrooms at Garden Oaks, and the PTA.

The pavers are on sale for a minimum donation of \$50.00. However, we have extended our school year sale through the summer and the pavers are available at a special price of \$40.00 per paver or two pavers for \$75.00.

**For further information**

**please call Joan Harmon at 695-8318 or Karen Benson at 697-2566.**

A portion of your donation will be tax deductible because Friends of Montessori is a non-profit organization.

**ORDER NOW**

Please make your checks payable to Friends of Montessori and return them and the order form to:  
Garden Oaks Elementary School, Attn: Montessori, 901 Sue Barnett, Houston, TX 77018

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