



Garden Oaks Gazette

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NO AUGUST CIVIC CLUB MEETING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 1

CORRECTION!!!! In last month's *Gazette* it read that National Night Out was August 2. This is incorrect. **National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, taking the place of our August Civic Club meeting.**

This is a great opportunity for neighbor to meet neighbor. Lots of people I've talked to have parties planned for their block. Here's some history about how National Night Out started.

National Night Out was founded in 1983 by Matt Peskin in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania and sponsored by the Nat'l. Association of Town Watch (NATW). It has since grown to become a national event observed in all 50 states of the U.S., Canada, and military bases throughout the world. NATW is a member of the Crime Prevention Coalition and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC).

The city of Houston first participated in National Night Out in 1985. By 1988 Houston/Harris County was awarded the #1 area nationally for "Best Participation." In the years 1989 and 1990, Houston was awarded #4 nationally, in addition to the "All Stars Award" presented in 1990. Not a bad achievement for our city!

The Houston/Harris County National Night Out Committee became the Gulf Coast National's Night Out Committee in 1991 and placed #3 in the nation that year. Each year the committee encourages area law enforcement agencies to join in the collective effort to participate in the annual event. Extensive publicity campaigns have broadened the awareness of the event and the need for neighbors to meet...which will hopefully result in a deterrence of crime.

FIRST ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE A SUCCESS!!

Wow! Thanks to the hard work of several volunteers, the First Annual Garden Oaks 4th of July BBQ and Bicycle Parade was wonderful fun. It was nice that the weather was reasonable too. While it was overcast, it didn't *rain on our parade!*...just after. And only enough to cool things off.

We had some of the best BBQ in town along with kids, bikes, snow cones, games and lots of fun. Channel 13's, Elma Barerra, was even on hand to get some camera shots of our celebration.

This event brought in about \$1,100.00, to be distributed between the Montessori and Constable Programs. Thanks to everyone who made this first year a fun event for all! About 100 children decorated their bikes and rode in the parade, led by three fire engines and Constable vehicles. The Constable's Department made sure the parade route was safe by halting traffic on Alba. It was great to see people coming out of their houses as the parade passed by.

A special thanks to our parade organizer, **Janice Walden**, who coordinated the entire event, and the following community business owners and residents that volunteered their time and energy to make this event possible:

- **Bryan Foyt** for arranging for us to have BBQ
- **Gabby's BBQ** for cooking the BBQ
- **Rick Englert** who provided the inspiration for this event and helped pay for the BBQ
- **Emafarms and Luke & Halley Collins** for donating part of their sales proceeds today
- **Engine 31 & the crew of the Houston Fire Dept.** for leading the parade
- **Bill Chastain & GO-COPS** for serving the BBQ
- **Frank Stautberg** for our marching parade music
- **OD's Printing** for providing the flyers and raffle tickets for this event
- **Doyle's and Miller's Cafe**, two great neighborhood eating spots, for donating gift certificates for our raffle
- **Deputy Dick Matthias** for safely patrolling our neighborhood, helping to make Garden Oaks a better, safer place to live, and for being a true **peace officer!**
- **Civic Club Officers: Ed de Alba, Craig Lee, Ray Housley, and Sheila Briones** for helping with event set-up and serving food
- **And, last but certainly not least, to all of you who sold raffle tickets to help make this event possible.**

Special thanks goes to **Ed and Brenda de Alba** and **Janice Walden**. **Ed** served as the Town Cryer the night before the parade driving around in the back of **Janice's** truck with **Janice** at the wheel and wife **Brenda** in the cab for support. **Ed** sported his Uncle Sam outfit and a megaphone traveling down every street in Garden Oaks,...yes all five sections, to tell residents about the event. This is just another special touch that gives Garden Oaks that *hometown flavor* not seen just anywhere these days!

Thanks again to all the people that made this special event possible.

Please Recycle this Gazette!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR...

I'm still not getting much feedback from residents regarding special events and/or changes in their lives.

The *Gazette* is designed to be a forum for neighborhood news. Whether it be historic, current, or futuristic, I'd love to hear about it so it can be shared with the community.

Below this very short article is a fill-in-the-blank box which can be clipped and mailed to me for use in notifying me of such neighborhood news. Please only send me these forms when the date of an event is coming up. Otherwise this procedure could become too overwhelming for me to keep up with. So please limit notices to events that will take place the month that that edition of the *Gazette* comes out. I will do my best to list this information in the *Gazette*. Thanks for your support!

Name: _____

Section: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Special Event: _____

Special Event Date: _____

Mail to: Carol Meyer, 1019 W. 41st St., Houston, TX 77018

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

There are some residents who are physically unable to consistently keep the papers and loose trash that flies around picked up. And we have those that ignore papers and trash. It would be a nice jester by some conscientious residents if they would help keep our area clean, and take it upon themselves to see that such trash is picked up. It doesn't take too long once the first big mess is picked up. When a piece of paper is picked up before mowing, it does not become several little pieces. Show other you care about how your neighborhood looks,...even if there is someone that does not! (NOTE: This letter will probably not offend anyone that lets trash pile up because they are the type that does not read the *Gazette*!)

No Name, Section 5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great parade July 4th! The First Annual Garden Oaks Bar BQ and Bicycle Parade was a lot of fun and an unqualified success. Led by a Hook and Ladder, a Pumper Truck (BIG and LOUD FIRE TRUCKS!), an ambulance, and Constable Dick Mathias playing patriotic music through his loudspeakers, our posse of 60 or so festooned bicycles, wagons, and strollers with attendant big people pedaled the parade circuit in fine style. Scores of well-wishers (ok... several dozen) thronged 41st and 42nd streets and cheered us on... It was a blast! We even made the 6 o'clock news! For a first year effort I thought the attendance and the participation were super. And next year the event will only get better!

Like most everything that gets done in a neighborhood, this parade was made possible by volunteers. People who give up some of their free time to make things happen, to make things better. Lots and lots of people helped make this parade a success. So to the parents and kids who gussied up their bikes, our young lemonade vendors, the raffle ticket sellers, our brisket cooks and slicers, the servers, the organizer of the kids games, the businesses who provided prizes, the constables and the Houston Fire Department, and many others who I am forgetting, I give a very big thank you. And to Janice Walden, who had the idea and pursued the hundreds of details, and organized the host of people involved, and really made this event happen- All of Garden Oaks says, Thank You.

Ok!... Lets shift gears to National Night Out.

No formal civic club meeting on August 1st. Instead there will be several informal meetings all around the neighborhood. This is The Great Opportunity of the year to get out and meet your neighbors. So if you are not holding a get together yourself, grab some of your favorite refreshment, mosey around the neighborhood until you see a group of folks and introduce yourself. Meet and get to know your neighbors and let them get to know you. The strongest neighborhoods, with the least crime and the best quality of life are those whose neighbors know each other the best. We'll see you Tuesday night.

GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 1995-96 school year will begin on August 1st. The school year will begin on August 21st. This year there will be a slight change in the school hours. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. -3:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The teachers will use that hour on Wednesday to work together to maintain continuity within the curriculum.

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- Traffic Signs, Installation
and Repair 865-4005
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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
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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

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 August through October:

August 10:

Wildflowers

Presenter - Wildflower Research Center

September 14:

Plant Co-op

Presenter - Ann Kilgore

Janice Walden's house

September

Bulb Mart

October 12

"Arrangements from Your Yard"

How to use flowers and plants from your yard to make interesting and different arrangements.

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

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 (first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Garden Oaks Baptist Church on Shepherd.)

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.

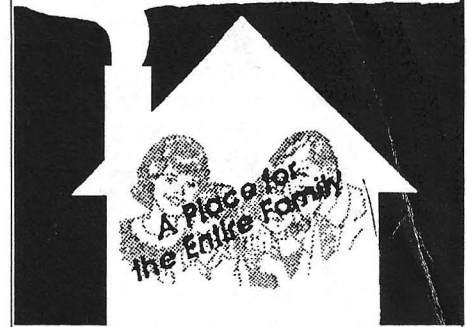
**Gifts to the Montessori program are tax deductible.*

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.

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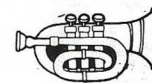


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GO-COP REPORT

by Bill Chastain

Garden Oaks had four burglaries in the month of May, with a patrolling time of 80 hours. Our **Patrollers of the Month are Carl and Leslie Waters**. Carl and Leslie we hope that you will enjoy your night out as a reward for your patrolling efforts! We feel a lot better knowing there are upright people such as you two looking out for our neighborhood.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new patrollers **John and Jennifer Joyce**. The Joyces' have been residents of Garden Oaks for about a year-and-a-half and have become very active members of our community. We are very pleased to have them join the GO-COP Program.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER: Keep a watchful eye out for youngsters that don't belong in our area, or any other activity by anyone that looks suspicious. **Please call 222-3131 to report any suspicious person hanging around.** Let the police handle the situation. There are many diversions used by thieves. One is to have two persons riding on one bicycle and stealing another bicycle. Then they both ride off on separate bikes. Know your neighborhood, your neighbors, and what is going on.

A COP CHALLENGE FOR GO RESIDENTS

Garden Oaks has been challenged by the COP patrollers from the 800 block of 42nd Street. There are eight regular COP patrollers that live in this 100 block of 42nd who keep a watchful eye out ten hours a week for our community. **NOTE:** This happens to be about 90% of the patrolling force for Garden Oaks. The 800 block of 42nd St. challenges residents of other Garden Oaks blocks to match or beat their quantity of patrollers. ANY TAKERS?!

INCIDENT REPORT

- June 28 Robbery - West 33rd St. @ Yale
- July 5 Robbery - West 34th St.
- ? Indecent exposure - West 34th St. @ Shepherd (twice)
- July 3 Car robbery - West 31st St.

Thought for the Month

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

Charles Dickens

SUMMER AND SAFETY...

A REMINDER

Summer is an active time when more and more people are away from their homes vacationing. As a result, burglaries seem to increase during the summertime.

As you can see from this month's incident report, Section One had quite a bit of activity in just a two week period around the beginning of July. If you're part of the Constable Program, please be sure to fill out and submit a vacation watch form before you leave on your vacation. The Constable Department requests a two week notice to adequately prepare for this watch.

If you're not signed up for the Constable's Program yet, please consider doing so. You'll be assured that while you are away, the Deputy will make routine checks of your property. You will also be contributing to the general safety of the neighborhood.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

None!!!! No one has sent me any of this information, but I know there are lots of residents out there having children.

How about announcing the birth of your child or children in the *Gazette*? Just send me a notice by mail or fax, or call and leave me a message on my answering machine. We'd all like to know about any new additions to our community!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
ADVERTISING IN THE GAZETTE,
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A LONG TIME HOUSTON ATTRACTION

Recently I was in the local library when I spotted a season schedule for what I consider to be one of Houston's best attractions...Hermann Park's Miller Outdoor Theatre. My husband and I love taking advantage of this great and free entertainment and feel that we as Houstonians are very fortunate our city provides this attraction. And when we drive there, we are reminded time and time again how lucky we are that we live in such a central location that this attraction is easy to get to!

For those of you that don't know, this Theatre features plays, musicals, operas, ballet, festivals and the Houston symphony and seats over 1,500 people under the canopy. Programs for the 1995 Season run from March through October. For those of you with children, they are now providing special performances just for kids and their families on selected Saturday and Sunday mornings beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting approximately 45 minutes to one hour. The brochure says that these programs are both educational and entertaining.

The most recent production that my husband and I attended was *Will Rogers Follies*, starring **John Schneider** of *Dukes of Hazard* fame. Humor coupled with dancing and frills made this show a delight! And remember,...it's free.

Tickets are required for the seated area and may be reserved for free the day of the showing at Miller Outdoor Theatre. They begin the ticket distribution at 11:30 a.m., but it is advised that you get there at least 30 minutes early to reserve a place in line. For updated program information call 520-3290, and for the easiest way to receive a Miller Theatre season schedule, look at the Oak Forest Library or send a self-addressed envelope to:

**MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE,
P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251.**

YARD OF THE MONTH AWARDED FOR JULY

Congratulations to **Candice and Don Marullo** who were awarded *Yard of the Month* for July 1995. They live at 232 West 33rd Street. Thanks for beautifying Garden Oaks.

RECYCLE RECYCLE RECYCLE RECYCLE RECYCLE

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Newspaper, White paper, Computer paper, Catalogs, Magazines and Cardboard/box (corrugated box, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, cardboard, etc.).
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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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AUGUST CALENDAR

NO CIVIC CLUB MEETING

August 1	Nat'l. Night Out	
August 12	Recycle Drop-Off	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
August 17	Positive Interaction Prog.	7 p.m.
August 10	Gazette Deadline	
August 10	Garden Club Meeting	6:30 p.m.

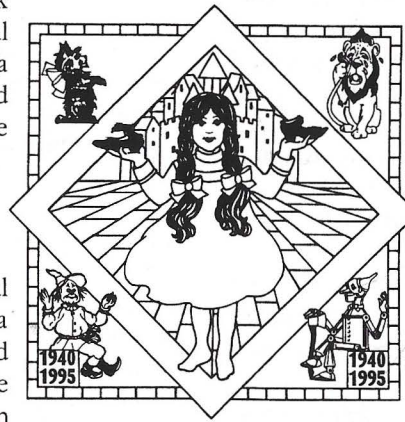
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BUY A BRICK, BUILD A PATH

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, they are currently available at the 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

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Address _____

Phone _____

Number of pavers _____

Engraved message(s) _____
