



Garden Oaks Gazette

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO GARDEN OAKS

That Santa Claus sure is a great guy. He called me all the way from the North Pole just to let me know when he plans to visit Garden Oaks this year. I told him the good news about our beautiful new gazebo being available for him to sit in this year and he gave me a jolly ho, ho, ho boy! I think that means that he is excited.

Santa told me he plans to be at the **Pocket Park on Sue Barnett and 42nd Street on Monday, December 18, and Tuesday, December 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** He will be visiting with kids of all ages, checking out their wish lists and his helpers will be on hand to serve cookies, candy canes, and wassail. **Santa said that anyone wanting to volunteer to assist his helpers in serving goodies could do so by calling Susan McMillian at 695-8245, or help decorate by calling Bill Chastain at 681-5151.** He wanted to make sure that I also told you that his visit is on a "weather permitting" basis. How about making one of your wishes on that list a wish for good weather during Santa's visit?!

GARDEN OAKS YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of the month for November belongs to **Pete and June Stamps, whose house is located at 1582 Sue Barnett.** It's a pleasure to drive by this beautiful landscaping filled with lots of variety.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Thanks goes to our Hospitality Chairperson, **Terry Jeanes of REMAX/Metro**, for providing the refreshments at our November Civic Club meeting. Also, I'd like to extend a special thank you to Board of Trustees President, James Doyle, and the other Board members present at this meeting who shared some very informative information with us. For all those present who wanted one, Board members made available deed restriction booklets for each of the five different sections in Garden Oaks. If you have never received the one that pertains to your section you may get your copy by contacting one of the Board members in your section. These representatives are listed on the back of the Gazette every month and they allow us to list their phone number because they want to be accessible and are happy to help their neighbors with information that falls under their jurisdiction. We must, however, be mindful that these people are volunteers and do not get paid for the many hours they spend serving their community. It is because of this that I feel it is appropriate to take this opportunity to compliment them on the job they have done which has kept our home values high and the neighborhood desirable.

The next Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church at 3206 North Shepherd.** As mentioned in last month's Gazette, we are having our traditional Annual Covered Dish Dinner and Social Event Night. The rule-of-thumb is to ask everyone who plans to attend to bring the item that corresponds with the first letter of your last name as follows:

- A - G: BREAD, APPETIZER OR DRINKS**
- H - K: VEGETABLE OR SALAD**
- L - S: DESSERT OR FRUIT**
- T - Z: MEAT OR MAIN DISH**

In addition, we are still in the process of taking nominations and voting for next year's Civic Club officers. The election will be held at the December Civic Club meeting. So far it looks like several familiar faces will return to serve their positions again for 1996, but we have two newcomers on the nomination slate. So far, the nomination slate includes **Ed de Alba for President, Craig Lee for V.P. Membership, Lynn Sievers for Secretary, Ray Housley for Treasurer and Alex Martinez for Editor of the Gazette.**

Please plan to attend the year-end meeting so you can socialize with your neighbors and get your vote in for next year's officers.



LETTER FROM EDITOR...

Well, it's December,...and one neighborhood issue that I haven't addressed yet but have been meaning to is the *Constable Program*. That's right,...the ever struggling Constable Program, currently only available in Sections One and One A.

You see, each Deputy can only cover a maximum of 500 houses. Because enough Section One residents felt that they were too vulnerable to crime, the Constable Program was implemented there, as well as in Section One A because these two sections together comprise 400+ homes. This was close enough to the maximum workable for any one patroller, hence the Constable Program is limited to a small portion of our overall neighborhood.

Residents who are provided with this service are able to enjoy a friendly and observant Deputy Dick Matthias, who not only watches their properties, but also has been known to return a few lost or wandering dogs back to their owners. In all the time this program has been implemented in these sections, I have never once heard any of its beneficiaries complain about it. Yet, month after month there seems to be a struggle to keep this program going because less than half the people who benefit from it actually support it financially.

It is my understanding that the cost to have a Constable Program in these sections is \$180 per year. This figure would be reduced significantly if at least 75% of the households in these sections were to contribute annually. And the cost is quite economical (\$17.00 per month) considering the cost of being burglarized! Something else that is nice about this program is that unlike a monitored burglar alarm company, the Constable's office does not charge you for false alarm calls.

In terms of crime in Garden Oaks, August was a great month with no crimes reported, and yet just one month later we had six crimes reported. It just goes to show you that you never can tell and you should never get complacent.

Personally, I would love to see the Constable Program implemented in all sections of Garden Oaks some day. We could take the money we save every year from having low annual Civic Club dues (price set in 1930s) and get one more deputy for Sections Two and Three and one more for Sections Four and Five. But this goal could not ever be reality if we didn't have enough contributors to support the program. That's what's happening in Sections One and One A right now, and pretty soon,...we may have none!

- Carol Meyer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed de Alba

Year end is a good time to stop and review the year just past. A time to review both the successes and the failures and assess why some actions worked while others didn't. The real trick is to figure out how to repeat the successes and make them more complete or succeed faster. And then, either not to repeat the mistakes of the past, or try again with a better plan—one that includes aspects of the successful actions and also learns from the past...

It's December and a good year for the neighborhood is coming to a close. Our beautiful gazebo is up and dedicated, we had a great 1st Annual July 4th Parade, three street sections have city funded speed humps approved, attendance is up overall at the Civic Club meetings, several new houses and lots of renovations are in the works, Garden Oaks Elementary's *Friends of Montessori* Program is expanding,... all of this is great and a testament to the hard work and intelligent efforts of many people in this community. And I am really proud to be associated with an ever growing crowd of people who care about where they live and spend some of their precious time to make their corner of the world a better place.

It's difficult to thank everyone for everything they've done. Mostly because I don't know by name, or even by sight, everyone that is active or even know of all of the myriad of things that get done by so many people. Please accept my apologies if I forget someone, an event, or an ongoing effort.

First and foremost I want to thank the people who bring you the *Gazette*. It's come a long way from the hand typed and photocopied sheet of not so very long ago. Carol Meyer did a splendid job crafting our *Gazette* this year. And Oscar and his troupe at OD's Printing did nice print work at a more than fair price. And let's not forget the deliverers. Almost 50 people hand carry each *Gazette* to every door in the neighborhood. And no... delivery isn't perfect... but we're working on it and aiming for perfection.

GOCOP, the Garden Oaks Citizens on Patrol, deserves a lot of thanks from everyone in the community. Their time and effort help keep us and our homes safe. We still experience crime in here and I don't mention this to put a blot on the record of the patrollers. They do a fine job- there are just too few of them to patrol the neighborhood at all times. More volunteers would help a lot.

And while on the subject of crime... the Section 1 Constable Patrol needs much more support from the residents of Sections 1 and 1A. Denise Epstein and Warren Walden have worked so hard to keep this program solvent. It makes a great difference in the quality of life in these Sections. I hate to see it end, but it will if we don't get additional support.

I need to move onto a success... Recycling. I love recycling. Just the idea of it sparks a sense of right in me. Over this last year, our hearty band, a group that varies between 5 or 6 and 30 or more, returned mountains of plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, aluminum, and steel to the source. Kudos to all of you that recycle and especially to those who are there working in the heat, the cold, and the wet, and do it all with a smile on your faces.

The ladies of the Garden Club. Thank you for making your park such a pleasant spot for so many to sit and reflect.

And Beautification. There was good progress last year and early this year on the Art Park thanks to a very small group of volunteers headed by Anne Kilgore. We're so close to completion and that park will be such a showpiece, I really look forward to finishing it soon. But we need some help.

I know I mentioned it earlier but I like our gazebo so much I have to say it again. That little structure has made a nice green space into a lovely park, one that will now get much more attention and TLC. Thank you again Earl Dragics and son. And thank you Bill Chastain and Harry James for making it happen.

I also want to thank the Civic Club officers. Ray Housley for keeping the books, Craig Lee for beating the bushes looking for new members, and Sheila Briones as Secretary par excellence.

And there is one last group- the people that make our meetings possible. Terry Jeanes coordinates refreshments and Deborah Cartwright scours the countryside bringing topical speakers to our meetings. Both of these women have done a great job. Thanks is also in order to the Garden Oaks Baptist Church. They provide us with a wonderful facility.

I know I'm forgetting many people who do much and do it unsung as they care for spots around the neighborhood. Again my apologies.

Have a fun and safe holiday season.

G.O. CAROLING FESTIVAL SET FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

by Robert DeVeau

"Here we come a caroling among the leaves so green, here we come a wandering, so fair to be seen. Love and joy come to you, and to you your wassail too, and God bless you, and send you a happy new year..."

The holiday season is fast upon us. The last remnants of Thanksgiving turkey have been consumed and the frenzied pace of shopping for "just the right gift" has us in a tizzy. However, a dedicated group of Garden Oaks' residents and friends, **led by Audrey Vallance**, has been laboring for the past four months coordinating the 2nd Annual G.O. Caroling Festival.

This is the time of year when we need to take a break from the hustle and bustle and give a little something back to those less fortunate. When you are at the market this week picking up your groceries, please pick up a few items from the Loving Arms Wish List and place them in the grocery sack you received from one of our volunteers. Then on **Friday, December 8**, gather with your family in your living room and listen for the melodious sounds of holiday music that is guaranteed to fill the night. When a caroling group passes by your home, we ask that you bring your donation outside to the waiting vehicle and enjoy listening to your neighbors and friends as they lift their voices in song. If you can't be home, please leave your donation in a spot which can easily be seen from the street and remember to turn on a porch light. **If you prefer to arrange for a pickup, please contact Jay Slemmer at 956-0465.** All donations to Loving Arms are tax deductible to the extent allowed under IRS rules.

Of course, it's also not too late for you to join us in caroling. Just come by the Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church between 6 - 6:30 p.m. and we will put you with a group or you can assemble your own group (no experience required, bring your own music and flashlights, and have a minimum of 10 people) and we will assign you a few blocks. This is a perfect opportunity for a block challenge — let's see which block can organize the biggest group!

No matter how involved you choose to be, we ask that you have fun, enjoy the music, and make the most of the holidays! **For more information, contact Audrey Vallance at 6860707 or Jay Slemmer at 956-0465.**

"We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door, but we are your neighbors' children whom you have seen before."

CONSTABLE JACK F. ABERCIA'S THIRD ANNUAL "TOY AND FOOD ROUND-UP"

On **Friday, December 8, 1995**, Constable Jack F. Abercia will be kicking off his third annual *"Toy and Food Round-Up,"* **benefitting Precinct #1 tots and their families.**

The kick-off is being held at the **Post Oak Ranch**, located at 1625 West Loop South between the hours of **5 p.m. and 9 p.m.** There will be a complimentary buffet during these hours and admission will be "bring a toy for a tot."

The toys and food that are donated during the round-up will be distributed on Christmas Eve by volunteer Deputies as part of our participation in *"Tour for Smiles."* During the tour, Deputies will be assisting Santa Claus in distributing the toys and food to Precinct #1 tots and their families.

Everyone is invited to come visit with Constable Jack F. Abercia and his staff at the "KickOff Party" and/or participate in the annual *"Toy and Food Round-Up."*

Arrangements can be made to have any donated items picked up by a volunteer Deputy by calling **697-3600 or 755-5200.**

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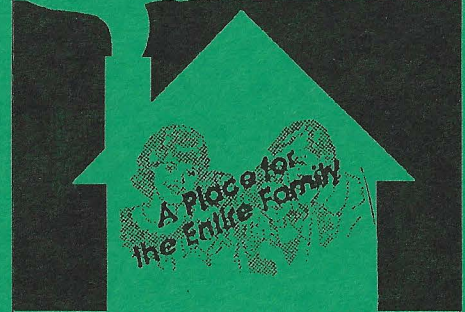
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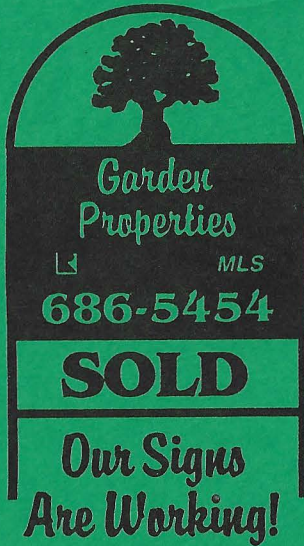
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GO-COP REPORT

by Bill Chastain

Crime stats are like a yo, yo. Last August we had zero crimes, and now for the month of September we had a total of six crimes in Garden Oaks. Three burglaries took place in the 700 block of Section Two. These all took place from 9 a.m. till noon. The other three were auto thefts and were spread around. One was in the 200 block of West 34th, one in the 600 block of West 34th, and one in the 800 block of Sue Barnett. All autos were parked either in the street or in the driveway. These all took place from 9 p.m. until midnight.

Thanks to Terry Jeanes placing a request for COPS volunteers on her recent company flyer, we now have six new patrollers! That's right,...six. This will make up four new teams. The new patrollers are: Susan Kostchesky, Bill and Mary Hines, Mitch and Nancy Weigand, and Tom Cronin. Garden Oaks will be a better and safer place because of the participation of these volunteers. They will be off and running as soon as they have completed their training.

Dear Garden Oaks,

Thanks for putting up with our buzz saws and hammering in the early mornings and late nights. We are glad to be a part of the renovating of the fine homes in Garden Oaks. We hope to see you in this next year, and we wish you a very safe, prosperous, and Fine New Year.

Thanks for the opportunity!

Harry James
Builder
523-5070

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM US TO YOU!

IS CHRISTMAS REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE IN DECEMBER?

by David Briggs
Associated Press

The date of Christmas was established in December partly to transform a pagan Roman ritual, but some 1,600 years later, finding the historical birthday of Jesus remains an epic quest for scholars.

After more than a decade of research each, two people in the field came up with the same year for Jesus' birthday — 6 B.C., but they also came up with separate dates.

Jack V. Scarola, author of a *Chronological Analysis of the Nativity*, suggests Jesus was born on Oct. 25; E.W. Faulstich, President of the Chronology History Research Institute in Spencer, Iowa, puts the date at May 14.

Even the early Christians were unsure of the date of Christ's birth, and the December celebration did not come about until the third and fourth centuries, as Rome endorsed Christianity and church leaders sought to give converts a more spiritual alternative to the pagan Saturnalia festival around the time of the winter solstice.

Scarola said he reached his Oct. 25, 6 B.C. date in part by counting back 40 days from the date he says Jesus was presented as an infant at the Jerusalem Temple. That date can be arrived at from evidence in the Book of Haggai.

No matter what the actual date, researchers say church officials are in no hurry to change the celebration date of Christmas. Since this is the case, it's okay by me because I don't think we stand a chance of having a white Christmas if the correct date is really in May!

NEIGHBOR NEWSLINE...

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Congratulations are in order for proud parents **Scott and Jaime Pierce** who, along with daughter **Lauren Alexandria**, welcomed the latest addition to their family, **Connor James Pierce** into the family on October 31, 1995. **Connor** weighed a healthy 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Board of Trustee President, James Doyle, made the birth announcement at the November Civic Club meeting and added that with a name so distinguished sounding, Connor may be a future President of the United States. Mom, Jaime, liked that idea!

GARDEN OAKS

GARDEN CLUB NEWS...

For anyone interested in becoming part of the Garden Oaks Garden Club, meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Garden Club's meeting schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

December 14

Christmas Party

For further information regarding the Garden Oaks Garden Club, you may contact **Evelyn Anderson at 864-3485** or **Janice Walden at 869-6534**.



Garden Club members kicked off the fall season with a work day at Friendship Garden October 14th. (left to right) Nan Kittell, Belle Katzer, Christine Winkelmann & Brenda De Alba.

MORE GAZETTE DELIVERERS NEEDED!!

by Brenda de Alba

The work which goes into getting the *Gazette* delivered to your doorsteps each month is far from trivial! The cost of mailing the *Gazettes* each month (even through bulk mail) is simply too costly for our meager Civic Club budget. Therefore we heavily rely on wonderful volunteers to do the task of hand delivery.

As a deliverer, the *Gazette* is delivered to your doorstep with the appropriate number of newspapers for your delivery route. Delivering the *Gazettes* on any particular block usually takes no more than 30 minutes. It couldn't be more simple!!

We are in **GREAT need** of substitute deliverers to help out in the event that our regular block volunteers are unable to deliver their normal route. Currently I only have one "official" substitute (for Lawrence in Section 1) and with several of our regular volunteers having recently moved away we are in dire need!!

Below are the blocks of the streets we currently need "regular" deliverers for...these blocks either have no one assigned or have good-hearted deliverers who live on another street. (SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED EVERYWHERE)

- 3000 Block of Randall
- 700 - 800 Blocks of W. 30th
- 700 Block of Sue Barnett
- 900-1000 Blocks of Sue Barnett
- 1300 Block of Sue Barnett
- 1400 Block of Sue Barnett
- 800 Block of 43rd
- 900 Block of W 43rd
- 4200-4300 Blocks of Alba
- 900 Block of Gardenia
- 900 Block of W 41st
- 1000 Block of Gardenia
- 1000 Block of LaMonte
- 4300 Block of Apollo
- 700 Sleepyvale

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING A REGULAR DELIVERER OR A SUBSTITUTE, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU....**PLEASE CALL ME, BRENDA DE ALBA, AT 694-5934.**

Please Recycle this Gazette!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am

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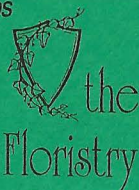
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AREA CHRISTMAS EVENT

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A local source says that Garold Andersen, pictured above in costume, is a wonderful actor who has performed in Europe.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ...

Can you guess which Christmas songs these descriptions pertain to?

1. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief
2. Nocturnal timespan of unbroken quietness
3. An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere
4. Embellish the interior passageways
5. Twelve o'clock on a clement night witnessed its arrival
6. The Christmas preceding all others
7. Small municipality in Judea southeast of Jerusalem
8. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders
9. Expectation of arrival to populated area by mythical, masculine perennial gift-giver
10. Natal celebration devoid of color, rather albino
11. The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of far eastern heads of state
12. Tintinnabulation of vacillating pendulums in inverted, metallic, resonant cups

Answer Key: O Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, Joy to the World, Deck the Halls, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, The First Noel, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Little Drummer Boy, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, White Christmas, We Three Kings, Jingle Bells

AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION...

Rita Donaldson of Section One recently called me to let me know that she had the answer to the question of which house is pictured as number 7 in the October Edition of the Gazette. According to Rita, it is located at 328 W. 33rd St. in Section One and it used to be her parent's house. Thanks for your help Rita.

Thought for the Month

To some people a tree is something so incredibly beautiful that it brings tears to the eyes. To others it is just a green thing that stands in the way.

William Blake

NEW NEIGHBORS

The following is a listing of recent area sales provided by **Terry Jeanes of REMAX/Metro**:

701 West 43rd
 3114 Lawrence
 813 West 32nd
 721 West 38th
 1070 West 42nd
 702 Azaleadell
 1058 West 42nd
 814 West 31st
 504 West 32nd
 1079 Lamonte
 855 West 41st
 726 Sue Barnett
 527 West 30th
 733 West 38th
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 954 West 43rd
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 935 West 42nd
 942 West 41st

RECYCLE RECYCLE

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.

Dear  Santa Claus,

how are you?
 I want to NO. how is mrs calus? I want to no, how are the reindcerand elvs.? is it cold in the north pole? what kinds of toys are in the bag.? how is rudolph? Did you NO That for are chr. smss consist That my friend Trinidad is Santa clus
 and I'm rudolph, a tree
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 and spend, charging all
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 till it comes time to
 pay!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Special thanks to **Dennis Clooney** for trimming the oak tree in Friendship Garden. Dennis is a Garden Oaks resident and operates a tree trimming business. You've probably seen him and his crew working in the neighborhood. We appreciate your efforts to keep Garden Oaks beautiful.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 5	Civic Club Meeting	7 p.m.
December 9	Recycle Drop-Off	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
December 10	Gazette Deadline	
December 14	Garden Club Meeting	6:30 p.m.
December 18 & 19	Santa in the Park	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
December 19	Heavy Trash Pick-up	
December 21	Positive Interaction Prog.	7 p.m.

CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP "DUES ARE DUE"

Civic Club dues are for each calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). For your convenience, we have enclosed return-addressed envelopes in this issue of the *Gazette* to facilitate your effort to join by returning a check for annual dues inside this envelope.

PLEASE PAY 1996 DUES NOW.

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: _____ Section#: _____

Paying Dues for calendar year: _____

ANNUAL DUES: Jan. 1-Dec. 31

Household: \$10 _____ Senior Citizen: \$5 _____ Business: \$25 _____

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

Beautification: \$6 _____ GO Elementary Montessori Program*: \$6 _____

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

Gazette (Newsletter): \$6 _____ Garden Club: \$6 _____

All of these: \$30 _____

**Gifts to the Montessori program are tax deductible. These are suggested minimum pounds.*

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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2nd Annual G. O. CAROLING Festival

A Community Service Benefiting The Loving Arms Foundation

The Garden Oaks Neighborhood will again be the site of holiday caroling activities on Friday, December 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Organized by Garden Oaks residents and friends, and chaired by Audrey Vallance, caroling groups from throughout greater Houston will take to the streets in song. Participants will include members of the Houston Grand Opera Chorus, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Heartsong, Garden Properties and other area organizations and churches.

The event will benefit The Loving Arms Foundation, a non-profit organization designed to fill the gaps of the pediatric population infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. All services are provided free of charge to the clients. The heart of Loving Arms Foundation is their day care center.

Last year, Garden Oaks' residents gave generously to this wonderful organization by donating enough diapers, baby wipes, baby food and other items to fill two vans. In exchange for their donations, residents were treated to seasonal music provided by carolers.

This year, we hope to double our donations with your help. Please clip the list on this flyer and place your items in the grocery sack you received over the weekend. When a caroling group comes by your house, bring your donation out to the street and enjoy our musical gift to you. If you would like to make arrangements for a pick-up of your donation, contact Jay Slemmer at 956-0465. All donations to Loving Arms are tax deductible to the extent allowed under IRS rules.

Of course, you may also join us on Friday, December 8 for caroling or bring your items to the Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Audrey Vallance at 686-0707.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 IS G.O. CAROLING

LOVING ARMS FOUNDATION WISH LIST

Infant & Baby Needs

Diapers (all sizes & pull-ups)
Baby Wipes
Formula (Similac with Iron)
Baby Food and Juices
Crib Sheets (fitted)
Latex Gloves (all sizes)

Classroom Needs

Child Development Textbooks
Cassettes tapes (children's music/stories)
Educational Video's
Video's with "G" rating
Glitter (all colors)
Stickers (various shapes)
Children's Scissors
Gift Certificates -
Southwest Teachers Supply

Dietary/Kitchen Needs

Paper Plates
Paper Cups
Plastic Silverware
Paper Towels
Clorox
Gift Certificates - Sam's Club

Housekeeping Needs

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Bathroom Tissue

Overall Center Needs

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