



Garden Oaks Gazette

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Happy Thanksgiving

GARDEN OAKS FALL FESTIVAL

Everyone should plan to attend the Fall Festival and Live and Silent Auction at Garden Oaks Elementary School., November 9th. The Festival will run from 11 a.m until 1:00 p.m. and the Auction from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. All of the proceeds will go to the classrooms and the new exploratorium. Please support your neighborhood school.

SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

For September the award went to Mark Hazelwood who lives at 1047 West 43rd Street. Congratulations Mark!



OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

For October the award goes to Dave and Susan Russell, who live at 725 Sue Barnett. Congratulations Dave and Susan!

HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Planning for the Garden Oaks Home and Garden Tour is underway with a tentative date of Sunday, April 27, 1997. The committee is looking for suggestions. If you would like to offer your home or garden for the tour, or would like to recommend a neighbor's, please call 691-6505. This years Chairperson, Laura Morgan, is already organizing subcommittees. If you would like to help with planning and/or implementation of the tour, give her a call at 694-1919. Area groups are encouraged to set up tables and sell goods on the afternoon of the event at Spark Park (anything from lemonade to garden plants) and can contact Laura Morgan for more details.

YARD SIGNS REPAIRED

In Section One, the two Garden Oaks entrance signs were repaired by Kermit Foster and painted by Rick Englert. They are looking good! Thanks to these neighbors for volunteering and seeing the job through in such a timely way! Good Job!

POLITICAL YARD SIGNS

Just a reminder that political yard signs are prohibited in the deed restrictions of Garden Oaks. Be a good neighbor and resist the urge. Thanks!

VEE GAINES

*by Susan McMillian
President, Board of Trustees*

One of the few things that bring sadness to a multi-generational neighborhood is the loss of a "cornerstone" resident. One of those treasured neighbors, Vee Gaines, passed away on September 5, 1996, at the age of 83. Many of you who knew Vee are probably rereading that last sentence and trying to reconcile 83 with the involved, an energetic smiling person who was Vee Gaines. Although she was quite proud of her age, her actions constantly denied its reality. She was a faithful member of the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees for many, many years representing Section Five. She seldom missed a meeting and never shied away from the more difficult duties of board membership. She loved Garden Oaks and demonstrated it daily in her care for her beautiful yard, her civic and garden club activities, her local church participation, and her membership in the trustees.

Her memorial service was a fitting tribute to her life, with attendance by family, Garden Oaks Baptist Church members, Royal Sunday School Class members, Garden Oaks Board of Trustees members, past Garden Oaks Civic Club presidents, Garden Oaks Garden Club members, 1500 block of Sue Barnett neighbors, and many others who have been forever touched by her life. She now joins the many others gone before her who have also left their mark on our beautiful neighborhood. We should each aspire to participate in the preservation of our community in such a way as to leave a mark similar to that of Vee Gaines.

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GO Sound-off

Dear Gazette Editor:

I attended the Civic Club meeting on October 1st. There was a large crowd and I was extremely pleased with the turn out.

The meeting started and discussion began about the proposed Exxon gas station in Section I. It was a lively and informative exchange of ideas.

The reason for my writing is to express my disappointment and embarrassment when the Exxon discussion ended promptly at 8PM as scheduled. Easily half of the people got up and left when it was time for the "invited guests" to speak. It reminded me of when kindergarten and lower grade parents would grab their kids and leave the school program immediately after their own kids performed. By the time the older children went on stage - the room was empty except for their own parents. (Who by the way were there from the beginning, cheering on the younger ones). HOW RUDE AND INCONSIDERATE!!

The invited guests included members of the U.S. Congress, State Senate and House, County Constable, Justice of the Peace, etc., etc., and of course their opponents in the November election. It shouldn't matter if it was someone talking about how to paint your garage door. They were your invited guests and accepted your invitation. They took time out of their very busy schedules to speak to "all of us". It's rude to get up and walk out!! It showed that the majority were there for only one single self-serving issue, Section I and Exxon. Either stay for the entire meeting or don't come. One more hour wouldn't hurt anyone. I've had young children, that's no excuse. Many seniors were there, much later than they are usually out. Hooray for them!!

Please - don't embarrass Garden Oaks with such behavior. We need to show respect for the invited guests, regardless of the topic, or don't ask them. We need to get out of the "me - me" syndrome and get in to the "we" attitude. If it hurts Section I, it will hurt all sections. And hopefully it follows that what is good for one is even better when it is shared. Garden Oaks unite, and stick it out for both hours.

Judith Scruggs, Section 5, Past President

Whoa! I think Section One residents just got chewed out by Judith Scruggs!

It happened pretty much the way she says it did too, but I'd like to explore a possible reason. Could it be there was just too much on the agenda for one night?

A major election, and the possible sale of beer and wine inside our neighborhood, are two very important issues. However, trying to have a captive audience for two hours or more is not easy. Maybe the Exxon proposal could have been placed at the end of the agenda to hold that captive audience. Or better yet, the Exxon proposal could have been placed on the November agenda or a special meeting called for Section One residents. That way we could have given each the attention they deserved, in the order that they will affect the community, because the election will affect us before the beer and wine will.

Editor

FROM THE EDITOR

Last month's five page Exxon proposal was a paid advertisement by Exxon and should have been duly noted. It was not intended for the advertisement to appear as an endorsement by the Civic Club or the Gazette.

As for the beer and wine variance, that's the real issue because the property is already deeded commercial. It's up to each property owner in Section One (and possibly Section 1A) to decide if they want to allow it. An approval of 51% of the property owners is required by petition. We could have anything from a 24 hour Tiger Mart, a junk yard, or an office building. The question is, do we want to allow the sale of beer and wine within our neighborhood?

Got an opinion?

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PROPOSED EXXON TIGER MART

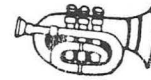
By: Secretary Lynn Sievers

Representatives of Exxon attended the October meeting of the civic club. Mr. Frank DeMartiaski, regional sales manager in charge of the 80 Exxon company operated operations in Houston, addressed the meeting. He said that if Exxon purchases the property at Yale and 30th streets, the Tiger Mart will be a 2,000 square foot convenience store with a car wash on the west side of the property. There will be six gas pumps and branded fast food. Mr. DeMartiaski said that today, customers want one stop service, including ATM's, etc. and a station that could not offer every type of service would be at a competitive disadvantage. The Garden Oaks deed restrictions for Section 1 prohibit alcohol sales. Over 50% of the section 1 residents would have to approve a variance to the deed restrictions.

After the Exxon opening remarks, the floor was opened up for questions.

- Q. Will there be a fast food drive through window?
A. Yes, on the 610 side.
- Q. Access to 30th Street?
A. Yes, want as much access to the property as possible. Large gasoline transports need enough cuts to move safely onto the property.
- Q. More traffic on 30th when transports are on site?
A. The cut on 30th may not be essential to the project.
- Q. Site barriers between station and residences?
A. Not in plans now. Don't know the costs and cost will have to be considered in the economics of the project. Will consider landscaping, fencing, etc.
- Q. Still build the station if alcohol variance is not granted?
A. Don't know.
- Q. How critical is the variance to the project?
A. Critical to the overall investment. Out of 80 company operated stations, 50 are convenience stores with beer and wine sales. Stores have 24 hour surveillance cameras and a carding program for customers under 25. No consumption is allowed on site.
- Q. Does Exxon own the property already?
A. No.
- Q. Exxon wants something (deed restriction variance) from us - can we get something in return, such as a contribution to the constable program or a traffic barrier for 30th street?
A. Exxon would contribute to the constable program for weekend evenings which would be a mutual benefit for Exxon and the neighborhood. If the cut on 30th isn't needed, it won't be put there. A barrier between the car wash and the house next door would be considered.
- Q. How much traffic will be required to make the project work?
A. Exact statistics weren't available, but the station would probably sell 175,000 gallons of gasoline per month. At 10 gallons per purchase, that means approximately 500 to 600 cars per day.
- Q. What percent of profits are alcohol sales?
A. Beer and wine make up from 20 - 25% of inside sales. The beer and wine percentage of total sales is 5% or less because gasoline sales make up such a large percentage of total sales. Beer and wine make up about 15% of the total profit. Gasoline margins are smaller and less predictable. Ancillary sales (ATM's, fast food, phone cards, beer and wine, etc.) make up about 50% of the total profit of a Tiger Mart.
- Q. Would a non 24 hour facility be considered?
A. Probably not. Don't know how much night time business there will be at that location. There are some stores that are not economical at night and are closed then.
- Q. Would the variance be permanent if granted and the gas station fails? Could a bar or something else be built on the property in that case?

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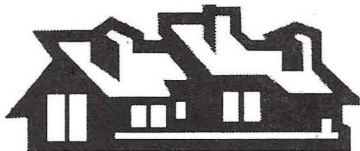
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A. Mr. Kent Newsome, attorney with Fulbright and Jaworski, answered the question. He said immoral purposes are prohibited and might make it possible to block a sexually oriented business but a bar would probably not be considered immoral.

Q. Could the variance be limited to the Exxon deal only?

A. Mr. Doyle, member of the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees, said "probably not". Would have to ask an attorney.

Several residents made observations about the effect of additional traffic on the neighborhood. The point was made that the lots are commercial property already and any business will probably need to generate traffic to successfully operate there. Jim Doyle said that no matter what, the board of trustees will have to review and approve the plans.

A committee was proposed to study the effect of two new Exxon Tiger Marts in the Sheperd Forest area.

G.O. CAROLING READY FOR 3RD ANNUAL BENEFIT

by Robert DeVeau

Those Garden Oaks residents and friends are at it again! Perhaps you witnessed Santa and his electric sleigh being led by 8 adorable (all-be-it, hot and sweaty) reindeer on bikes at the Forth of July Bike Parade, singing Christmas carols no less! That was just another reminder of our upcoming, beloved community tradition. Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 13th**, when carolers of all ages and walks of life will take to our neighborhood streets. Our goal is to entertain the residents with songs of the holiday season in exchange for donations of baby products and day care supplies. Once again, the benefactor will be the Loving Arms Foundation.

The Loving Arms Foundation is a non-profit organization designed to fill the gaps for the pediatric population infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Their mission is to meet the needs of these children and their families which other agencies cannot. All of their services are provided free of charge to the clients. **The heart of Loving Arms is the day-car center located at 4917 Jackson Street.** Audrey Gassama, Director of Loving Arms, has provided us with their 1996 "Wish List" containing items for use in the classrooms, infant and baby needs, housekeeping products as well as dietary and kitchen staples. **An abbreviated list with the most needed items will be attached to a shopping bag which all G.O. residents will receive on Saturday, December 7th.** In the true spirit of Garden Oaks generosity, we ask that each household donate a filled bag which carolers will **pick up between 7-9 p.m.**

The Angels of Azalea, a caroling group from last year, have issued a challenge to all residents. They would like to see residents of each street form a caroling group to participate. Where are the Sue Barnett Sleigh Bells, Forty Second Street Steppers, Apollo Astronauts, Lawrence Fa La La's. Gardenia Scent-sations, Azaleadell-ites, LaMonte Lumberjacks, Golf Birdies, and Forty-Third Street Elves? Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Largest Group and Most Multi-Generational. So start talking to your neighbors and friends and get a group together! (No singing experience necessary and song sheets are provided - what could be easier than that?!)

Here's the rain plan! We ask that you please bring your donation to Fellowship Hall at **St. Matthew's United Methodist Church between 7 and 9 p.m. on Friday December 13th.** The carolers will be there to give you a song or two and refreshments will be served.

We are pleased to announce the participation of several corporate sponsors. **St. Matthew's United Methodist Church** will be the host facility; refreshments have been underwritten by Prince Street Market (coffee) and Doyles Restaurant (sandwiches); Office Depot on Kirby has fulfilled our photocopying needs and grocery bags donated by Fiesta Mart on Shepherd.

For more information or if you wish to join the caroling party, call either **Jay Slemmer at 956-0465** or **Audrey Vallance at 686-0707.**

**MESSAGE FROM GARDEN OAKS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

By: Jeannie Daniels, Principal

As Principal of Garden Oaks Elementary, I would like to express our thanks to the Civic Club Recycling Program for their generous donation of \$1,000 to our new Exploratorium. What's an Exploratorium? Good question. It's the new name for an elementary level science lab! Students at this level explore their world and its environments. There are so many mysteries when children are young, even while growing up in the Information Age. A group of our parents, including Michael Abrams who is involved with the Recycling Program, have assisted us in obtaining donations of materials, money, speakers, and much more to make this project a success. Thank you, thank you! We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony soon. Watch our marquee for the announcement.

In other Garden Oaks Elementary news, I know most of you are aware of our tremendous TAAS scores last year. Overall, 87% of our students passed TAAS Reading, 90% passed Math, and 98% passed Writing! Only 5 Montessori students took the TAAS test last year, but we are also looking forward to great scores from them when a larger number of Montessori students test this year. We are truly working hard, with teaching and learning as our top priority!

We would love to have our neighbors visit our school. We always need volunteers and promise to make you feel very welcome when you come. Our children are your neighborhood children and you will find them well mannered and eager to learn from you!

Please feel free to call the school at any time if you have questions we can answer. **Our telephone number is 697-2930.** Hope to hear from you!

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CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

Angela Dickson, Constable Security Director

1) It's that time again! Those who chose the two payment option please remember that \$100 is due before November 15. The total amount of \$100 payments is a sizable chunk of our total contract amount, so please don't forget! You may mail the payment to me using the payment coupon in the Gazette. A member of the Constable Program Team will also be contacting you as a reminder.

2) The Constable Program Team will also be calling on new residents and on those who usually pay but have not paid for the 96/97 year yet. Some people have forgotten or believe payment time is around December/January. We are just trying to reach you to give you a reminder. Again, anyone who wishes to pay may use the payment coupon in the Gazette.

3) Car stickers are here and available for pick-up at my house. By November 1, stickers will also be with your Block Captain. If you aren't aware of your particular Block Captain, call me and I will fill you in.

4) As Ed DeAlba, Civic Club President, mentioned at the October meeting, there has been a 6% increase in the contract for next year which amounts to \$2400 (our annual contract is \$38,500). The increase to your payment for 97/98 will be \$15. This is a small increase and is in line with previous increases. Remember, the more members we have, the less our payments will be, so help recruit your neighbors and talk up the program whenever you can.

Remember, that in Section 1 and 1A, before the Constable Program began, there were robberies galore, gun shots heard at night, police helicopters flying over, and more. This year so far, we have had one robbery and one car roof slashed. There could be something I've missed, but this is still a far cry from where we were. The program also helps keep our property values high and our homes easier to sell. Realtors use the program as a selling point and often call me for our crime stats on particular sales. Our low stats often close deals.

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MINUTES OF THE GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 1, 1996

The meeting was opened by President Ed de Alba at 7:10 PM.

Ed stated that all community business would be deferred until next month, due to the last minute (urgent) addition of the Exxon proposal.

Vice President Alex Martinez objected, citing an already approved agenda by the membership, and the late start of the meeting. Martinez stated a new motion would have to be made to defer all community business in order to proceed. A motion was made and seconded. Martinez called for a vote and the motion carried.

Ed corrected his error in stating the two lots behind Conn's were commercial. They are residential.

Representatives from Exxon were at the meeting to discuss the Tiger Mart proposed for the corner of Yale and 30th street.

The slate of officers for 1997 will be as follows: President, no candidate as of the meeting. VP in charge of membership - Craig Lee. Secretary - Lynn Sievers. Co-editors of the Gazette - Sheila Briones assisted by Carol Smith. Treasurer - Ray Housely. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

The constable program in Sec. 1 and 1A costs have increased by 6% and will need funds to make up the short fall. People who have paid can pick up their stickers from Angela Dickson or Constable Mathias.

Exxon is interested in building a 24 hour Tiger Mart with a carwash on the three lots on the corner of Yale and 30th streets. They want to change the status of the lots to allow alcohol sales. The Exxon related guests were introduced. They included two members of the Crane family, Exxon employees, attorneys from Fulbright and Jaworski and representatives of Trammell Crow real estate. Mr. Frank DeMatias, regional sales manager in charge of South Texas operations addressed the group. A question and answer session was held.

The political forum was moderated by Terry Jeanes and included candidates for several races of interest to the residents of Garden Oaks. Each candidate was given three minutes to address the meeting and questions were asked after all the candidates for each race had spoken.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 - Dale Gorcynski and Sergio Trevino.
Constable, Precinct 1 - Jeff Pynes and Jack Abercia.
State Representative, District 138 - Ken Yarbrough and Dwayne Bohac.
U.S. Representative, District 18 - Sheila Jackson Lee, Michael Lamson, Larry White, George Young and Jerry Bailey.
State Senator - John Whitmire.
County Attorney - Michael Fleming.

Terry thanked all the candidates for their participation. and further noted that our deed restrictions do not permit political yard signs.

Next month's meeting will be on November 5, election day.

Refreshments were provided by Terry Jeanes and ReMax Metro.

The meeting was adjourned.

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President's Message by Ed de Alba

Before I get into last month's meeting I want to thank many members of the community. More than forty people sent letters to Jerry Dinkens and City Council Member Helen Huey about the lack of progress at Graham Park. Thank you, all of you, for getting involved. The city council voted additional funds to complete the park. I still do not understand why it has taken more than two and a half years and so much money to get such a small amount of work done, nor why it took so long for Parks and Recreation to listen to us and finally do what we asked them to do in June of '94.

Our October meeting was pretty exciting. Normal community business was suspended to give the maximum amount of time to the two major topics- Exxon's plans to build a gas station complete with Tiger Mart selling beer and wine and Car Wash at 30th and Yale, and a set of talks by politicians seeking our votes this next election.

The community's reaction to Exxon's presentation was understandably emotional. Here is a situation where a major commercial activity will encroach on a residential neighborhood and that activity will spawn three major negative consequences. The first is traffic. Exxon expects a minimum of 175,000 gallons per month to be sold at any location. Assuming about 8 gallons per fill-up this would have around 750 cars per day stopping at the station. While many of these cars would enter and leave onto Yale and the 610 feeder there will be additional traffic on 30th. The second impact is noise. This station will also sell fast food and other items through a drive up window. I can't wait to hear "What would you like sir?" and the shouted response at 3:00 AM. And third is the sale of alcohol. Do we really want this in our neighborhood with the potential for vagrants and petty crime?

There are some positives with Exxon coming to the neighborhood. This would be a company run store and Exxon would be a responsible neighbor that would keep vagrants off store property. Also, the other stations with Tiger Marts that I have seen are well run and some are very attractively landscaped.

Is it possible for the community's concerns noted above to be reconciled with a company interested in doing business in Garden Oaks? I think so. We must remember that this property is already commercial and since it is commercial it can be developed and used as desired by the owner. It is far better to have a corporation that is interested in working with us than one that doesn't care. Traffic concerns can be dealt with, sound can be stopped by walls, and vagrants controlled. I will ask Rich Stark to appoint a small committee to negotiate and discuss various options with Exxon and report back to the community.

As of this writing (October 13th) I do not know if we or Exxon will be ready to have a second community meeting in November.

Errata: In last month's message I incorrectly identified the two paved lots to the east of Conn's as commercial property. That is not the case- those lots are residential.

Garden Club News by Brenda de Alba

The next Garden Club meeting will be Thursday, November 14th, at the home of Janice Walden, 220 W. 34th St.. The slate of 1997 officers will be presented with general discussion following about 1997 plans. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM and all are welcome.

A special "THANK YOU" to Section 1 residents Kermit Foster and Rick Englert, for sprucing up and repainting the Garden Club sign in Friendship Garden. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Please call Brenda de Alba at 423-7137 or 694-5934 for Garden Club information.

CITIZEN'S PATROL
BY CARL WATERS, JR.

Edith Rider, who have decided to stop patrolling. Their dedication and commitment to the program will be missed.

The Garden Oaks and especially the Garden Oaks Plaza areas were hit very hard by crime in the month of August. There were 9 reported crimes by HPD which included:

A Sexual Assault in the 900 block of Althea on 8/4/96; an Assault in the 300 block of W. 31st on 8/6/96; 4 burglaries - 200 W. 34th on 8/5/96 (garage), 700 block of W. 43rd on 8/19/96 (residence), 700 block of Azaleadell on 8/20/96 (garage); 700 block of Azaleadell on 8/28/96 (residence); Burglary of a Motor Vehicle in the 700 block of Azaleadell on 8/21/96 and 2 auto thefts- 300 block of W. 31st on 8/13/96 and 500 block of W. 34th also on 8/13/96.

These numbers are alarming as they represent a 200% increase in the normal number of reported crimes each month. But good news is on the way. At the September PIP meeting it was announced that plans for the location of the Deferential Response Team were progressing well. The City of Houston and Weingarten properties are working on a lease for property located just east of the old Wyatt's Cafeteria on 43rd near Ella.

Patrollers and base station operators donated 78.5 hours of their time last month trying to keep our community safe. Bill and Mary Hines led the way contributing 32 hours of patrol time earning not only their 85 hour patrol T-shirts, but also their 100 hour jackets as well. We were also sadden to hear of the death of Bill's mother in mid-October

The Citizen's Patrol is losing the services of 2 charter members, Mildred Warhol and

November 1996

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Election Day Civic Club Meeting 7PM	6	7	8	9 G. O. Elem. Fall Festival 11AM-3PM Recycle 8AM-11AM
10	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14 Garden Club Meeting 6:30 PM	15	16
17	18	19 Heavy Trash Pick-Up	20	21 Positive Interaction Program 7PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30
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MAYOR'S ANTI-GANG OFFICE GRAFFITI REPORTING FORM

PO Box 1562 Houston, TX 77251
Kim Ogg, Mayor's Anti-Gang Director

PLEASE FILL-OUT WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, AND FAX TO 247-1340. CHECK THE FOLLOWING ANSWER THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE PROBLEM:

1. ADDRESS OF GRAFFITIED PROPERTY: _____

2. IS THIS GRAFFITI ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY?
PRIVATE: _____ PUBLIC: _____

3. WHAT KIND OF STRUCTURE IS THE GRAFFITI ON?
FREEWAY: _____ RESIDENCE: _____ BUSINESS: _____ SIGN: _____
BRIDGE: _____ WALL: _____ OTHER: _____

4. IS THIS PROPERTY VACANT, OR DOES IT HAVE OCCUPANTS?
VACANT: _____ OCCUPIED: _____

5. IF THE PROPERTY IS VACANT, IS THE STRUCTURE OPEN OR IS IT
SECURED BY A FENCE OR BY BEING BOARDED UP? _____

6. DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING EXIST IN ADDITION TO GRAFFITI ON
THIS PROPERTY? OLD TIRES: _____ DEBRIS: _____ TRASH: _____
HIGH WEEDS: _____ ABANDONED VEHICLES: _____ OTHER: _____

7. IS THIS A LOCATION WHERE YOU HAVE SEEN POSSIBLE GANG MEMBERS
HANGING OUT? YES: _____ NO: _____
LOCATION: _____

8. IS THERE A SCHOOL WITHIN 4 BLOCKS OF THE GRAFFITIED SITE?
YES: _____ NO: _____
NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

9. HAS THIS PROPERTY BEEN GRAFFITI-ABATED BEFORE? _____

10. HAS THERE BEEN A WAIVER FILLED OUT FOR THAT LOCATION? _____

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON REPORTING GRAFFITI TO THE MAYOR'S
ANTI-GANG OFFICE?
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

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For Office Use Only: Reported by: _____ Date: _____

NPT Work Order #: _____ Referred to: _____

Faxed to: _____ Dept. _____

Garden Oaks Elementary School
Fall Family Festival

Saturday, November 9

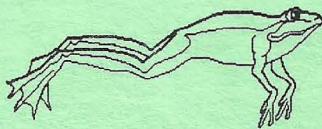
Games, Booths, and Food 11:00 - 1:00

Children's Sock Hop 1:30

Auction 1:30

Fun & Games

Confetti Eggs
Face Painting
Moon Walk
Putt-putt Golf
Tricycle Races
Computer Games
Chalk Walk
Boat Float



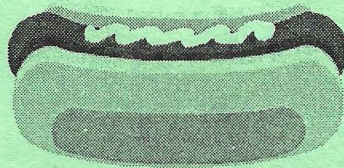
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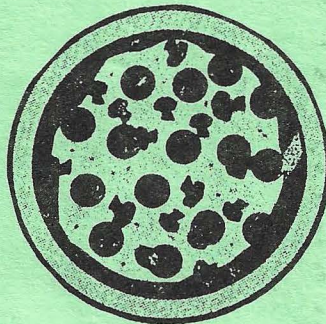
Balloons
Football Toss

Food

Bar-B-Que
Nachos



Hot Dogs
Pickles
Sodas
Iced Tea
Sweets



Dominos Pizza
by the slice

Auction

Houston Zoo
Houston Ballet
Space Center Houston
Rainbow Lodge
Alley Theater
Java Java
Northwest YMCA
Cafe Noche
TUTS
Tony's Mex. Restaurant
Catered Holiday Dinner

**Kid's
Sock Hop**

1:30-3:30
\$1.00 per child
Ages 4 - 12 years

Refreshments
Dancing
Chaperones
*In the Multi-purpose room
during the auction.*

Bring your kids or your grandkids for a fun afternoon
and support your great neighborhood school, Garden Oaks Elementary!



Drop into the

Fall Family Festival!

Saturday November 9

Games, Booths, and Great Food
Health Fair

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Live Auction Sock Hop for Kids

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Fun for all!
Garden Oaks Elementary