



Garden Oaks Gazette

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1997
**Garden Oaks
Home &
Garden Tour**
Sunday, April 27
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Stafford Home & Garden
328 W. 31st

Anderson/Hajek Garden
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Wiley Home
946 W. 42nd

Cohorn/Wilkins Home
850 Lamonte

Sabuco/Arnold Home
859 Azalea

Home & Garden Tour Around the Corner

by Janice Walden, 1997 Home & Garden Tour Publicity Committee Chair

Volunteers Needed

Home Tour day is upon us! You still have time to help with the 1997 Home & Garden Tour on Sunday, April 27. Volunteers are especially needed to take tickets, answer questions, and guide visitors through the homes and gardens. Volunteer a few hours from 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or 2:45-6:00 p.m. Call Brenda De Alba at 694-5934 to help.

Ticket Sales

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 the day of the tour; and \$3 for a single admission. Tickets are available at the April civic club meeting, Edward R. Jones Investments, 3818 N. Shepherd (694-6644), and Kaplan's-Ben Hur, 2125 Yale. Volunteers will sell tickets at Kroger's on 43rd on weekends before the tour. Call the information hotline for dates.

Transportation

Shuttles will deliver visitors to the tour sites. The Garden Oaks Plaza shopping center will be the parking lot depot.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now available from Tour Committee members and will be sold at the April civic club meeting and on the day of the tour. Some terrific packages will be in the raffle like *Don't Cook for a Day*, *Spring Fix-Up*, *Life in the Fast Lane*, and *Pamper Yourself*. Area businesses have really shown their support for Garden Oaks by donating these raffle gifts. Raffle tickets are 1 ticket for \$2, 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10. Drawings will be at the close of the tour, and the winners will be notified the following day on Monday, April 28th.

Preview Party

A preview party is in the works for the eve of the tour. Underwriters, committee members, and tour homeowners will have dinner and tour the homes and gardens.

Underwriters

These businesses and individuals generously have committed to underwrite our home and garden tour:

Terry Jeanes, Re/Max Metro
Judi Morawski, ERA Stephens Properties
Judy Camp, Prudential Properties
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President's Message

by Bennett Bartlett, 1997 Civic Club President

This month I write to those of you who regularly attend civic club meetings, hoping that those of you who do not, will also lend an ear.

Our meetings are attended month after month by a small, reliable core of regulars. Obviously, I am glad that those of you who come regularly do so. On the other hand,

the work that gets done by our civic club is done predominantly by those people who show up at our meet-

ings, so low attendance means fewer people amongst whom we can divide responsibilities. We always need more help (e.g., I still do not have a director of *Gazette* advertising), and we do not want to burn out those volunteers we do get, so I want you all to help me think about ways to increase attendance at our meetings. Low attendance is an endemic problem, I know, but worth addressing nonetheless.

Think with me for a minute about the first time you came to a meeting. If my first visit to a civic club meeting is any gauge, attending our meetings may be intimidating for newcomers. The first time I attended a meeting, I sat in the back and listened to people I did not know talk to each other about projects that were, at best, only vaguely familiar to me, and everyone seemed to be on a friendly, first-name basis with each other. I felt like an outsider looking in on a neighborhood clique.

Now that I am president, I find myself doing the same things that made me feel left out as a newcomer. I am surrounded by friends and neighbors, most of

whom I know now because they come regularly, and I enjoy the camaraderie of the meetings. That camaraderie is good and should not change. It makes the first Tuesday of each month a pleasure as opposed to a chore. The question to address, however, is how do we make new neighbors (or old

neighbors who do not regularly attend civic club meetings) feel at home in our midst?

One good idea is to bring and introduce a neighbor (a tip of the hat to Jane Ann

Roberts for the idea). As president, I can recognize newcomers during a meeting. But it would be even better to have a new member briefly introduced by another member.

Other ideas are welcome and I hope to hear from you. If new neighbors have moved in, bring them to the next meeting and introduce them to us (or to me if you'd prefer I made the introduction). Or look for an unfamiliar face at the next meeting and introduce yourself. Let's make newcomers feel welcome. (Newcomers, BIG HINT: if you have been thinking about checking out the meetings, the April 1st meeting will be a good one to try).

April Civic Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m.
Garden Oaks Baptist Church
3206 N. Shepherd

New Baby!

Congratulations to Ray and Coleen Housley! Rachel Allyson was born on March 3, 1997 at 1:57 p.m. She weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19" long.

"The question to address is how do we make new neighbors feel at home in our midst?"

Civic Club Meeting Minutes

by Andrea Spiering, Secretary

President Bennett Bartlett opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. on March 4, 1997. Officers present: Bennett Bartlett, Craig Lee, Sheila Briones, and Andrea Spiering. Residents: 34. Copies of the meeting agenda, annual budget and March *Gazette* were available. A motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published in the *Gazette* was made and passed by acclamation. The position of *Gazette* Advertising Director is still vacant.

Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$23,431 in the Garden Oaks accounts.

Vice-President's Report. Of Garden Oaks residents, 17% have joined the Civic Club for a total of \$4,879 this year. The Welcoming Packet Project was discussed.

Beautification. Brenda de Alba discussed the City's Matching Grant Program. Beautification of the Garden Oaks Boulevard esplanade is under development for submission to the city. Repair of bricks in the Art Park is currently underway. Brenda brought up the possibility of bartering for help with the Garden Oaks greenspaces - free advertising for landscapers donating time and manpower, etc. This was approved by acclamation.

GO-COP. There were four incidents in January including two in Section 1. We are down to about 12 volunteers; help would be welcome. Two of the GO-COP signs are missing. If anyone knows of their whereabouts, please call.

Constable Program. Last month 25 new members joined the program. Next year, a committee approach will be tried. Our new contract year begins June 1. There was discussion on the constable program, its efficiency, billing problems, etc.

Education Liaison. There are currently 54 registered students in the Garden Oaks Montessori Program for next year with 17 openings. Principal Daniels has recently returned to work half-days. Spring Break is March 22 through April 2. The GO Elementary Talent Show is scheduled for April 25 at 7 p.m.

Garden Club. None given.

1997 Home Tour. Tickets are now available for \$8 and \$10 on Tour Day. A raffle will also be held in conjunction with the Home Tour. More home underwriters are needed. This costs \$250 per house and may be split between two companies or families. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the wooden signs used at the tour homes, contact Laura.

Minutes continued on Page 7



Clip here and mail to: Craig Lee @ 212 W. 34th Street, Houston, Texas 77018

Garden Oaks Civic Club Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Children/birthdates: _____

Year moved to Garden Oaks: _____ Section# _____ Paying Dues for: 19 _____

Annual Dues (January 1-December 31):

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

Additional Support Needs:

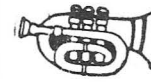
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Additional Speed Humps Announced

by Marc Roberts, Neighborhood Traffic Program

These streets will have speed humps installed by the end of June:

Lawrence Street (between 30th and 34th)

33rd Street (between Yale and Lawrence)

41st Street (between Shepherd and Sue Barnett)

41st Street (between Sue Barnett and Alba)

42nd Street (between Shepherd and Sue Barnett)

Sue Barnett (between 38th and 43rd)

Sue Barnett (between 43rd and Alba)

The purpose of speed humps is to slow the traffic in our neighborhood. Speed humps have been installed on portions of Alba, 34th, and 38th streets in Garden Oaks.

Any resident can initiate a request for speed humps to be installed on his or her street. The city evaluates requests for speed humps twice a year; the next deadline for the submission of requests is July 1, 1997.

To report problems with speed humps, to request more information, or to obtain a request form to initiate the evaluation of speed humps for your street call (713) 658-4300 or write to this address:

Speed Hump Program

Traffic Management and Maintenance Division

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City Completes Section 1A NTP Application

by Marc Roberts, Neighborhood Traffic Program

In late 1995 the City of Houston reactivated the Neighborhood Traffic Project (NTP). NTP requires the preparation of detailed traffic plan proposals. During 1994, Garden Oaks was involved in a highly publicized process of traffic plan preparation including petitions.

The purpose of the NTP is to reduce or better manage the problem of cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods by installing devices which physically change existing neighborhood streets. These devices are designed to alter the traffic circulation routes within the neighborhood without preventing public and emergency vehicle access to the neighborhood or causing traffic to be diverted through other residential streets. Examples of these devices include 911 emergency access only devices such as a street closure and entry/exit-only devices.

Following the reactivation of NTP, Garden Oaks Section 1A resident Rod Walker submitted the NTP application including petition documents for Section 1A to the city in February 1996. The NTP application for Section 1A calls for the closure of Randall Street at Durham and that an exit-only device be placed on 30th Street at Durham.

The city's legal department completed the review of the NTP application for Section 1A in the fall of 1996, and the city has indicated that the necessary traffic study of the area has recently been completed. The next steps involve a meeting with the Section 1A traffic committee headed up by Rod Walker to share the results of the traffic study. Then a public meeting will be scheduled.

The NTP application for Garden Oaks Section 1 has not been submitted to the city and remains on hold pending additional installations and experience with speed humps.

If you have questions or need more information, call Rod Walker at (713) 868-2469 or Marc Roberts at (713) 861-8512.

Constable Program Establishes Steering Committee

by Angela Dickson, Constable Program
News for the 1996-97 Program

The 1996-97 program year runs through May 31, 1997. As of March 1, ten more people need to join to fully fund the program year. If you have been living in Section 1 or 1/A since June 1, 1996 when the 1996-97 program year started and you have not paid yet, clip the coupon in the *Gazette* and mail in your payment. If you made a payment promise but have not honored it yet, please do so now.

News for the 1997-98 Program

Because we have faith that the last ten people will join for the 1996-97, we are planning for the 1997-98 program year which is June 1, 1997 through May 31, 1998.

All residents will be mailed an invoice in late April or early May. Last year block captains hand delivered invoices which saved mailing costs and allowed us to update the database of residents.

After serving as the Constable Security Director for a year, I recommend that more people are needed to run the program. Accordingly, a five member Steering Committee has been proposed to allow individual focus on the different aspects of the program:

Membership Director - works with the block captains to make sure all residents are aware of the program and are invited to join.

Constable Security Director - interfaces with the Constable Office, administers the contract, maintains interaction with the deputy.

Administrative Director - works with volunteers for invoice mail-outs and distribution of information.

Communications Coordinator - writes *Gazette* articles and any special communications.

Database Coordinator - keeps up with list of residents, phone numbers, and payments. Receives checks from participants and passes them on to civic club treasurer for deposit.

If you are interested in serving on the Constable Program Steering Committee for the 1997-98 program year, let me know in early April. Working on this committee will be very rewarding and with the new division of responsibilities should not be overwhelming.

If you would like to see anything improved for next year, call me at 802-0817 or volunteer for a Steering Committee position.

Garden Oaks Constable Program Enrollment Form

Yes, I would like to enroll in the Garden Oaks Constable Program serving Sections 1 & 1A only. (New enrollee's dues can be pro-rated).

Name(s): _____ \$200 annual dues

Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

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Golf Event Benefits Youth Campaign

Golfers are urged to join with the Northwest YMCA, 1234 W. 34th, at Longwood Golf Club on Friday, April 25, for the Third Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the "Partners of Youth" campaign. Funds raised help economically disadvantaged children to participate in YMCA's programs. Individual entry fees are \$100/person. For information, contact Bill Bijak, Section 5, at 688-2097 or the YMCA at 869-3378.

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Beautification Volunteers Step Forward

by Brenda de Alba, Beautification

I want to extend a big thanks to the following people who have stepped forward to serve as captains for our neighborhood green spaces:

Rodney Seiler, *Garden Oaks Boulevard Esplanade*

Tom & Carol Hazel, *Gazebo Park*

David & Gail Bell, *Triangle Park, Azalea & Alba*

We still need captains for the Art Park in Section 2, the Circle Park in Section 1, and the Triangle Park in Section 1A at Randall & 30th. The number to call is 694-5934. Join forces with your neighbors to care for the green spaces closest to your homes.

If you are willing to help with clean-up or planting, call me at 694-5934. You will be notified of upcoming plans. If you cannot donate your time, donate your money to show your support. Make your contribution to the Garden Oaks Civic Club and specify Beautification; you can earmark your donation for your favorite or closest park.

We still need someone with a nurseryman's license for discounts on plants and landscaping materials.

Section 1 resident, Keiji Asakura, has graciously volunteered to work with us on plans for the Esplanade. Keiji is well recognized in professional circles as an expert on Urban Landscaping Planning. Once the plans are available for review, we will schedule a meeting with Garden Oaks Boulevard residents and any other interested parties to present the plans and obtain your feedback.

David Bell, captain for the Triangle Park and Section 3 resident, plans to install a watering system in that park. City permits have been obtained, and it's full steam ahead! The big oak in the park will never have to go another summer thirsting for water.

Kermit Foster will repair the Garden Oaks sign in the Art Park. He made dramatic improvements to the Section 1 signs last year. John Goodman and Craig Lee will repaint both signs on 43rd St. - all before the home tour! My thanks to all three for stepping forward!

The next beautification meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th, 7 p.m. at 858 LaMonte. I will also be available after the Civic Club meeting on April 1st.



Oak Trees for Sale

The Garden Club will be selling two dozen oak trees at the April civic club meeting for \$3 a tree. Champion International, the paper corporation, made this possible. Garden Oaks residents Jerry Hajek and Evelyn Anderson have potted and cared for these Shumar Oak saplings.

The Shumar Oak (*quercus shumardii*) is a popular, fast-growing tree 80'-100' high and 3'-5' in diameter with an open, wide-spreading crown. Leaves turn reddish in the fall, and the tree is deciduous.

Reserve your tree at the April civic club meeting or call Janice Walden at 869-6534.

Garden Club Meeting

The next Garden Club meeting will be at the home of Jill Frazier, 1567 Sue Barnett. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10.

GO-COP Update

by Carl Waters, Jr., Citizens-on-Patrol

In January the Houston Police Department reported four crimes in our neighborhood: three burglaries and one burglary of a motor vehicle. The burglaries occurred on Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m. in the 900 block of West 42nd; Jan. 16, 8:00 a.m. in the 700 block of Sue Barnett; and Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m. in the 200 block of West 30th. The burglary of a motor vehicle also occurred in the 200 block of West 30th on Jan. 30, 9:00 p.m.

Our patrollers and base station operators logged 72.25 hours in January.

We are bringing back the Patroller of the Month Award. This month Bill and Mary Hines are being honored for the many hours of hard work beginning last summer. The pair have logged as many as 36 hours in a single month completing 139 hours of patrolling in 1996.

Bill and Mary are long time residents of Garden Oaks. They rebuilt their house in the 700 block of Sue Barnett a few years ago. Bill retired after 35 years in the Federal Aviation Administration. After retiring Bill and Mary served as local election judges for the precinct located at the Garden Oaks Elementary School. Long-time patrollers V. D. and Laverne Kelly urged them to volunteer as patrollers.

Typical of their devotion to serving the community, Bill and Mary suggested that their award of \$25 gift certificate be returned to the community specifically to the neighborhood beautification program. So, in their names \$25 will be donated from the Citizen's Patrol Program to the Beautification Program.

Women's Soccer

Yes, we are still playing on Sundays. And, no, we haven't improved much. But we have a lot of fun. New adventuresome souls join our ranks every month, so you come on out, too!

Every Sunday, YMCA on 34th, 1:30 p.m.



38th Street Sewer Project Meets Mandates

What about all the mess on 38th Street? According to the city, this is part of the Greater Houston Wastewater Program (GHWP), otherwise known as the Central West 1 Relief Sewer Project, No. 4462-1.

The purpose of the project is to control wastewater overflows that occur during heavy rainfall by providing increased capacity during wet weather. The project is part of a major program that is improving Houston's wastewater collection system to meet state and federal mandates.

Other streets being affected are Crosstimbers, Castor, Neyland, E. 43rd, Cortlandt, E. 38th, and Wakefield.

Residents on 38th will be happy to know that under the terms of the city's agreement with the contractor, all driveways, ditches, and grassy areas will be restored to its previous condition,

according to Mary Langford, customer service with GHWP.

"Work is expected to continue for another six months," states Curt Barber, city inspector, GHWP.

Important numbers: GHWP Citizens Response Center, 754-0600; Mary Langford, 659-4644; Curt Barber, 902-8588 (pager); Kingsley Constructors, Inc., 363-1979 (contractor).



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Kathleen Stivender & Susan Swan

Minutes continued from Page 3

Traffic. Marc reported that seven streets have been recently approved by the city for installation of speed humps. The Section 1A traffic project is in progress. Discussion continued on the effect of sewer and water main construction in the neighborhood. City Council member Huey's office will be contacted to determine if any road construction will interfere with Tour Day.

Recycling. Glass pick-up may be temporarily discontinued.

Old Business

Budget. Copies of the 1997 budget were available. After discussion on the Home Tour budget and the carry-over of unused monies from one year to the next, the budget was approved by unanimous proclamation.

Differential Response Unit. A motion from the floor was accepted to table discussion until the April meeting.


Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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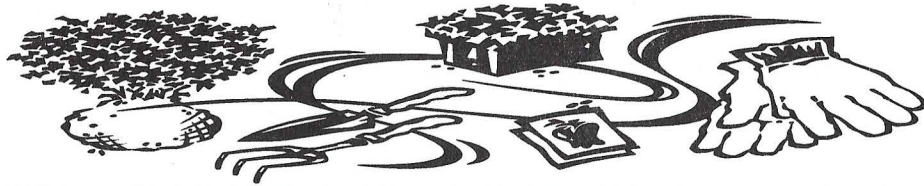
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| | | Civic Club Meeting 7 p.m. Garden Oaks Baptist Church | Home Tour Mtg. 7 p.m. Call 694-1919 for location | | | |
| Gazette Deadline Women's Soccer 1:30 p.m. YMCA 34th St. | | Beautification Committee Meeting 7 p.m. 858 Lamonte | Home Tour Mtg. 7 p.m. Call 694-1919 for location | Garden Club Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1567 Sue Barnett | | Recycling 8-11 a.m. |
| Women's Soccer 1:30 p.m. YMCA 34th St. | | Heavy Trash Pick-up | Home Tour Mtg. 7 p.m. Call 694-1919 for location | PIP Meeting | | |
| Women's Soccer 1:30 p.m. YMCA 34th St. | | | Home Tour Mtg. 7 p.m. Call 694-1919 for location | Longwood 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Call 688-2097 for information | | |
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Garden Oaks
Home and
Garden Tour
Sunday, April 27
12 - 6 p.m.

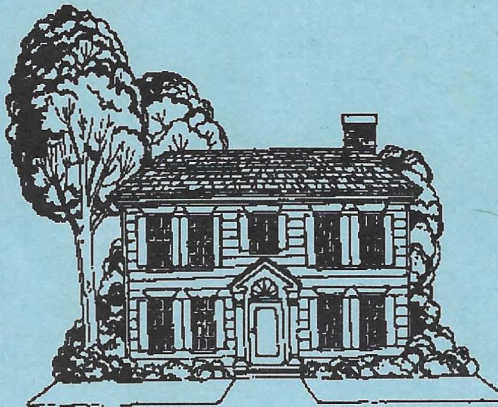
1 ticket for \$2
3 tickets for \$5
7 tickets for \$10

Available :

- from Committee members
- at the April 1st Civic Club Meeting
- Day of the Tour

Drawings at the close of Tour.
Winners notified on Monday, April 28.

Home Tour HOTLINE:
956-6641



The following items have been donated and will be placed in one of thirty raffle packages to be raffled off the night of the Hour Tour:

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| Mary Parks Massage Therapy | (3) one-hour in-home full body massages |
| Miller's Cafe | Dinner for two |
| Chassy's Yogurt & Ice Cream | (4) \$25.00 gift certificates |
| Binswanger Glass | Decorative framed mirror |
| Taco Bell | Border Box of tacos |
| Ace Hardware | Gift certificate |
| Gold, Glass and Wood Effects | Automotive gold kit or glass etching |
| Adrian's Restaurant | (5) \$10.00 gift certificates |
| Mister Car Wash | Free car wash passes |
| National Pet Center | \$25.00 gift certificate |
| Bally's President & First Lady | One free month club membership |
| Hickory Hollow | Dinner for two |
| Taco Cabana | 1 lb. fajita party pack-feeds 4 |
| Pizza Hut | Free large pizza |
| Garden Oaks Cleaners | (2) \$25.00 gift certificates |
| Popcorn Plus/Nuts Etc. | \$100.00 |
| House of Coffee Beans | \$70.00 Cappuccino machine by Krups |
| Mytiburger | 10 free hamburger cards |
| Legato Hair Salon | Haircut/haircare products |
| Wings N' More | Dinner for two |
| Carter & Cooley | Lunch for two |
| Roznovsky's Hamburgers | Dinner for two |
| Mi Sombrero Mexican Restaurant | Dinner for two |
| B&W Meat Market | Gift certificate |
| Sherwin Williams | Free gallon of their best paint |
| Original Pasta Co-43rd & 290 | (3) dinners for two |
| Atchafalaya | Dinner for two |
| Hofbrau Steaks | Dinner for two |
| Cavatore's | Dinner for two |
| Dirty's | \$15.00 gift certificate |
| Randall's | Free cake from bakery |
| ShIPLEY'S-Ella Blvd | (12) coupons for a dozen free donuts |
| Country Harvest Buffet | Free lunch or dinner buffet for 2 |
| Luby's-290 @ 34th | Dinner for two |
| Luxury Lawns | \$40.00 value lawn service |
| Pecos Grill | Dinner for two |
| N. Shepherd Bowling Lanes | 100 free bowling passes (\$200.00 value) |
| Happy Nails | Free manicure/pedicure |
| Barbecue Inn | Dinner for two |
| The Cat's Pajamas | (2) \$25.00 gift certificates |
| La Tour d'Argent | Dinner for two |
| Merry Maids | 2 hours/ housecleaning |
| Black-Eyed Pea | Dinner for two |
| Expressions in Glass | Stained glass window |
| Ritz-Carlton Houston | Hotel pass and/or dinner pass |

All of the raffle items will be placed in packages similar to the ones below:

Life in the Fast Lane-Fast food restaurant pkg(s)
Mexican Fiesta-Nothing but Mexican food gift certificates
Dessert of the Month Club-(Hope to have 12 different desserts donated for this)
International Dining-(Hope to have a package consisting of La Tour, Bombay Palace, etc.)
Pamper Yourself-Pkg(s) with massage therapy, manicures, pedicures, hair care products, haircuts, etc.
Golf Pkg
Don't Cook for a Day-Gift certificates for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
One-Day Kitchen Vacation-Gift certificates for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Barbeque Pkg-(Hope to have a Weber grill, B&W Meat gift certificate, and bar-b-que tool set)
Spring Fix Up-Paint, 5 gallon tree, maid service, etc.

These are just some of the raffle items, and many more businesses are planning on donating items. If you or your business would like to sponsor a raffle item, please get in touch with one of the Hour Tour committee members soon. The deadline for raffle items to be recognized on the program/tour day ticket is April 5, 1997.



Houston Firefighter Seeking Lawn Care Work

Dependable Reasonable

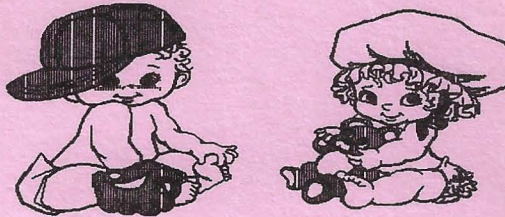
Commercial Residential

Since 1982

Free fertilizing for new customers
on the 3rd cut with this ad.

D.J.'s Lawn Care
699-0314

NEED A BABYSITTER THIS
SUMMER?



Becky Jeanes

• Garden Oaks Civic Club babysitter •
680 - 8550

Optima Mortgage Announces The Renovation & Repair Loan Program

HOW IT WORKS

This program allows the buyer to purchase or refinance an existing home and finance the cost of improvements in the same loan with one closing!!





ADVANTAGES

- **5% MINIMUM DOWN PAYMENT!!**
- **In addition to the purchase loan, a buyer can borrow an additional \$2,500 - \$100,000 for renovation & repairs.**
- **You can "customize" the home based on your specifications and select the materials and contractors to do the work.**
- **Avoid using your own cash and keep your monthly payments low by adding the costs of the improvements to a 30 year mortgage.**
- **You choose the loan type that fits your needs (ARM, Balloon, Fixed, etc..)**

EXAMPLE

Problem: Buyer wants to add a \$10,000 in cosmetic repairs to a house that costs \$100,000.

Answer: Renovation and Repair Loan program.

-  Home is appraised "as repaired" at \$110,000.
-  Buyer can get a loan up to \$104,500.
-  Contractors perform the work and are paid throughout construction.
-  Buyer has a completely remodeled home based on their specifications!!!

For Details Call TOM WILSON At:

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