



Garden Oaks Gazette

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Automated Refuse Collection Comes To Garden Oaks

On Thursday, July 24th, our trash disposal method is going to change with the start of automated refuse collection. Each household will receive a 90-gallon trash container that will be emptied every Thursday.

This program saves the city a considerable amount of money. The majority of savings come from three sources:

- Grass clippings and lawn waste, which are about 35 per cent of the total waste volume, are bagged and collected separately and given to Living Earth Technologies for composting. This saves a considerable amount of landfill space and lots of dollars in dumping fees.
- Fewer injuries. Containers are lifted mechanically, not manually.
- More productive. Only one person on the truck, not two or three.

Currently, more than a third of all Houston households use automated pickup. By the end of summer more than half will, and by next year, every household will have automated pickup.

Delivery of the 90-gallon containers is scheduled for July 21st through July 23rd. Manned trash pickup will end that week.

**June
Yard of the Month
goes to
Tina Sabuco &
Shellye Arnold
859 Azalea
Congratulations!**

City Awards Matching Grant to Garden Oaks!

by Ed de Alba, Beautification Committee

Garden Oaks was one of seven finalists for funding in Houston's first Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grant Program. Our Esplanade Project received \$4,999 in matching funds out of \$30,000 that was awarded to seven civic organizations throughout the city. Forty-five projects applied for funding.

The grant was awarded during the June 10th City Council meeting. Many thanks go to Keiji Asakura for his advice and creative design work and to my wife, Brenda, for her many hours of work on the grant application.

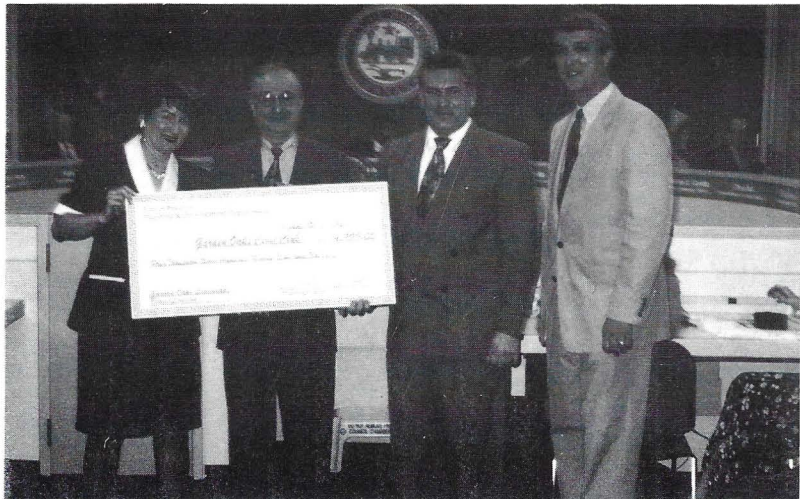
Now with the additional funding, we must get to work right away to get the construction phase of the plan completed before school starts. This work includes the design and placement of the

bollards to reduce parking on the esplanade, repair and extension of the watering system, and layout and building of the crushed granite path. It is a lot of work and lots of volunteers are needed to make this happen. Call 694-5934 to volunteer.

We are still taking donations for the purchase of trees and shrubs for the Esplanade Project (see coupon on page 5). Our thanks to the following Garden Oaks residents who have recently sent in their donations:

- David & Carla Hoyer, Section 2, one tree
- Joanna & David Bohmbach, Section 2, one tree
- Rebecca Carpenter, Section 5, two shrubs in memory of Tye Carpenter

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GO Beautification Committee Chair Ed de Alba (third from left) accepts \$4,999 check from (left to right) Helen Huey, Councilmember District A; Bob Litke, Director of the City of Houston Planning and Development Department; de Alba; and Chris Bell, Councilmember-at-Large, Position 4.

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President's Message

by Bennett Bartlett, 1997 Civic Club President

From all reports, the June civic club meeting was quite productive. Business obligations took me out of town, so vice-president Craig Lee presided. Much of what I have to report is relayed from Craig and probably appears in the minutes as well. Many thanks to him for his time and efforts.

City Beautification Grant. First, something not in the minutes. Brenda and Ed de Alba have done it again. Our civic club was awarded a \$4,999 city grant to help with our beautification project planned for the esplanade on Garden Oaks Boulevard. I just wanted to add that of the at least 40 neighborhoods that applied for the \$30,000 to be awarded, we were granted 1/6th of the money. The beautification committee deserves to be proud. To Brenda, Ed, and the rest of the committee, good job and thanks! And my shovel is ready.

Sound wall. The bill we wanted died in committee. This goal will have to wait for another day.

Funds for Education. We have voted to donate a portion of the profits from the Home Tour to an arts program for Friends of Montessori and to help purchase computer software that Principal Daniels wants for Garden Oaks Elementary. These sorts of gifts make me very proud of what our civic club does.

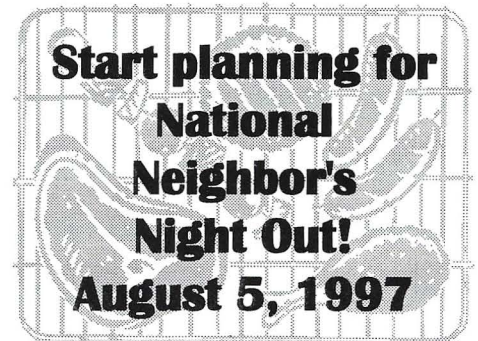
Differential Response Unit. Bill Chastain, a long-time Garden Oaks resident who did a great deal to help the officers of the DRU (even though he knew he was moving), will be pleased to learn that the civic club voted to donate \$1,000 to the DRU. The DRU has moved into their storefront on 43rd Street and can now be reached at (713) 956-3152. One or both officers assigned to our area, Bart and Lisa Jandal (whose baby arrived early June for those

interested), may come speak to us at an upcoming meeting.

Containerized Garbage Pick-up. We are to receive large plastic garbage barrels for city pick-up.

Section One Constable Program. The Constable Program in Section 1 & 1A is alive and well, but we still need someone to head up fundraising. Many thanks to outgoing directors, Angela and Charles Dickson for their service. They have set up a committee system to manage the program and it looks like most of the positions are filled except the fundraising position. Anyone interested, even a little bit, call me at (713) 861-2155.

Next Civic Club Meeting. We will not have a civic club meeting in July or August, so the next meeting will be on September 2nd. On July 4th, we will again have a bicycle parade. Please come join us if you are in town. The first Tuesday in August is National Neighbor's Night Out. Anyone hosting a get-together on Neighbor's Night Out is asked to register with Carl Waters, Jr., GO-COP Committee Chair. A registration form needs to be filled out. Call Carl at (713) 864-1992. Hope to see you September 2nd, if not sooner.



Garden Oaks' Latest Addition

Micah Lee Miller born April 22, 1997; 8 lbs., 1 oz., 20 1/4". Proud parents: Johnny & Connie Miller, 702 W. 41st.

Civic Club Meeting Minutes

by Andrea Spiering, Secretary

Vice - President Craig Lee called the June 3rd meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Officers present: Craig Lee, Andrea Spiering, Sheila Briones and Ray Housley. There were 52 people in attendance. New members were welcomed and invited to mingle after the meeting.

Gazette. Susan Kostelecky has taken over billing for advertising in the *Gazette*. Currently we have billed at least \$1,800.

Treasurer. Ray reported a balance of \$32,605 including Home Tour proceeds. The constable program account has \$24,259, with June paid (approximately \$3,400 a month).

Graham Park. Ann Spiering reported that calls to Helen Huey's office and the HPD Differential Response Unit resulted in the removal of graffiti from the playground equipment within a week of notification. Drainage and dead trees are still being pursued with Parks and Recreation. Anyone noticing problems with the park, contact Ann Spiering.

Beautification. Brenda de Alba reported that there was no answer yet on the grant submitted to rejuvenate the Garden Oaks Boulevard esplanade. Donations have been received for eight trees and four shrubs to be planted in the newly designed esplanade totaling \$440.

Citizens-on-Patrol. Three crimes were reported in March; 8 crimes in April. There were 86.25 hours patrolled during April. The Differential Response Unit (DRU) on West 43rd is holding an Open House on Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Don't forget National Night Out on August 5th- start planning now! There have been several scam artists working in our neighborhood. Be aware of strangers asking for cash for any reason; please watch out for your neighbors. Report any suspicious activities to the Constable Program, HPD or the DRU. May Patrollers of the Month: Megan and Doug Barlow. June Patroller of the Month: Susan Kostelecky.

Education Liaison and Garden Club. No reports given.

Constable Program. Warren Walden discussed the Constable Program in Sections 1 & 1A. Officer Dick Matthias has been reassigned to court house duty by Judge Nuchia. He was given a plaque to commemorate his service to Garden Oaks as well as a "thank you" from all present. Captain Joe Scott, Precinct 1, introduced our new Constable, Officer Ana de la Fuente-Herrera, who will take over Monday, June 9. Officer Ana has worked the Upper Kirby District for 3 years and looks forward to getting to know Garden Oaks. Some services available from the Constable Office are free home inspections to decrease home insurance

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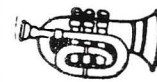
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The positives far outweigh the negatives of this container service. We are allowed to put unbagged grass, leaves and branches up to 1/2" in diameter in them as long as the lid closes. We are still able to put additional bags of yard clippings and garbage at the curb if necessary if placed

several feet away from the container. Cats and dogs cannot access the trash. Noisy garbage trucks are in our neighborhood only once a week.

The containers are far less unsightly than bags of trash and are occasionally broken open. The containers are easily rolled to the street - even when quite full. And anyone who is unable or disabled can request backdoor service for their containers from the city's Office of Solid Waste.

I'm sure that the garbage containers will soon become a favorable addition to our beautifully kept neighborhood.

Walt Tarpley
1054 W. 42nd



Pictured here on the last day of the GO Recycling Program are (back row, left to right): Mike Abrams, Gilbert King, Ed "Muffin Head" de Alba, Marie Gregory, Tina Nieto; and (front row, left to right): Graham and Natalie Abrams.

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City Matching Grant

- Ron & Pat Evenson, Section 4, one shrub in memory of Tigger
- Mildred Warhol, Section 4, one tree in memory of Albert & Emma Adams
- Connie & Jeff Satterwhite and Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold, Section 3, one Dogwood tree in memory of Trout Satterwhite
- Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold, Section 3, one shrub in honor of Patrick Willis's recent birth.

Reminder about Recycling

NO cardboard, computer paper or junk mail will be accepted by the city recycling program.

Cardboard and computer paper can be dropped off at Garden Oaks Elementary.

Junk mail is accepted **ONLY** at a city recycling center.

Matthias Receives Appreciation Plaque



Officer Dick Matthias (far left) accepts plaque from Civic Club representative Warren Walden (second from left) for his years of service on the Constable Program in Section I & IA. Also pictured are Ana de la Fuente-Herrera, who's replacing Matthias and Captain Joe Scott, Precinct I.

Babysitting Co-op Welcomes New Membership

by Caroline McMurrey

Would you like to get to know other Garden Oaks families? The Garden Oaks babysitting co-op can help. This is a club organized and run by Garden Oaks parents who wish to exchange babysitting hours for free time during the day, in the evening or on weekends.

Quarterly meetings as well as family parties allow members and children to become better acquainted and encourage the exchange of babysitting between member families. Recently, the Co-op added Parents' Night Out to our activities. This allows parents to count on two Saturday nights'

babysitting each month, hosted by a different member family each time. It has been a great success for the kids and the parents!

Other new activities are Mothers' Night Out and Fathers' Night Out. These are held periodically at area restaurants giving us a chance to get out with other parents in a social setting.

Though membership is limited to 30 families, we have several openings in the co-op at this time. If you would like further information or are interested in joining, please call Chandra Bartlett at (713) 861-2155 or Andrea Spiering (713) 862-6138.

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rates, vacation watch and general piece of mind. Warren asked all Section 1 & 1A residents to join the program if they have not already done so. Our per household rate could decrease if more neighbors joined up!

Star Market/Mall. Mr. Hardam Azad, one of the owner-investors of Star Mall came to talk to the civic club. He spoke about the mall development, a \$500,000 renovation of the 10 acre area. He would like to be a good neighbor and addressed concerns about the noise resulting from a recent Tejano music competition held on the property. Police were dispatched after several complaints about the noise levels; the noise levels were found to be within the law. Mr. Azad stressed that the function was put on by a promotional company and that he had not been made aware of the problem. The manager on site at the time is no longer with his company. After discussion, Mr. Azad asked for input concerning promotional events to be held on the property in the future; none are currently scheduled. He hopes to be involved with Garden Oaks and to earn the support of the neighborhood.

Old Business

Home Tour Proceeds. Last month a motion to disburse the last 20 % of Home Tour profits was tabled. A new motion was made to donate 20 % (approximately \$1,660) to Garden Oaks Elementary with 10 % marked for computer software and 10 % for the pre-primary Arts in the Schools Program for the Montessori Program. After discussion, motion carried.

Differential Response Unit (DRU) Donation. A motion had been tabled from an earlier civic club meeting to donate \$1,000 to the DRU. This motion was reopened. After discussion on the benefits of the HPD Unit and the contributions of other neighborhood groups to DRU, the motion carried unanimously.

Sound Walls. Ed de Alba reported that the bill concerning sound walls passed in the Texas House but was defeated in the Senate. There may be future legislation for a comprehensive bill about sound walls. Now is the time to exert political pressure on our need for a sound wall.

New Business

Road/Ditch Construction. Discussion on the construction underway in Garden Oaks was quite lively. The city is currently replacing the water mains on W. 31st and W. 33rd Streets in Section 1. New fire hydrants have been added to W. 31st - some in the middle of front easements and not between properties. There was discussion on the role of the civic club in addressing these concerns. Phone calls will be made to Huey's office. Problems or concerns may be directed to Larry Bryant at Utilities Maintenance or Huey's office (713-247-2010). Also, the 900 block of W. 41st has had visits from the city regarding culvert and ditch repair scheduled for the next month. If you have drainage problems, contact the city or Huey's office for inclusion in this project.

Garbage Pick-up. A letter was received concerning containerized garbage pick up. It could begin as early as June 26th. A motion was made to notify the city of our interest in this; it was seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion passed. A letter will be sent to the city requesting Garden Oaks be included in containerized garbage pick up.

Petition. A petition was available for signatures regarding removing the requirement for minority contractors on city jobs. The petition, if successful, would place this issue before voters in August.

No Civic Club Meeting in July or August. Instead: There will be a



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Kathleen Stivender & Susan Swan

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Beware of Scam Artists

by Carl Waters, Jr., GO-COP

During the past month I received calls from area residents with stories of scams being run in the neighborhood. Please be leery of anyone coming to your house asking for money. ALL solicitors in the city of Houston are required to be licensed and anyone without the license is probably just keeping your money.

Also be extremely cautious with anyone coming to your house wanting to fix your driveway, cut trees or offering other repairs. Most likely all this person wants to do is separate you from your hard earned money. These people usually target elderly victims who can least afford to have their money taken.

Eight crimes were reported to HPD in April. They consisted of one assault, four burglaries, two burglaries of a motor vehicle, and one auto theft.

The assault occurred in the 200 block of W. 31st on April 24, 5:30 p.m. The burglaries occurred in the 700 block of W. 39th on April 6, 5:10 a.m.; the 700 block of

W. 42nd on April 18, 7 a.m.; the 800 block of W. 34th on April 19, 4 p.m.; and the 200 block of W. 31st on April 22, 7:50 p.m.

The motor vehicle burglaries occurred in 1300 block of Sue Barnett on April 4 at 7:00 p.m. and the 800 block of LaMonte on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. The auto theft occurred in the 900 block of W. 41st on April 6 at 10:45 p.m.

In April patrollers and bases were operating 86 1/4 hours protecting our neighborhood. HPD has increased its presence in the neighborhood opening the Differential Response Unit on W. 43rd near Ella Blvd. A grand opening is scheduled for June 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patroller of the Month is John Hesse. John is serving his second tour with the program returning to us in September of 1995. John serves as a base station operator and also has been trying to computerize our records. John is also active in his church. John, his wife Margie and children live in Section 5 on W. 41st.

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Fourth of July Parade at 10 a.m. on July 4th, starting at the Spark Park. Prizes for best decorated bicycles and strollers will be awarded. Sag wagons will be available for those who can't make the entire parade route. Come join the celebration with your neighbors!

National Night Out is August 5th. Plan a Block Party!
September Civic Club Program will be given by representatives from the HPD Differential Response Unit on W. 43rd St.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Refreshments provided by Terry Jeanes.

"When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves."

William Arthur Ward

ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH: RECYCLE



Enjoying the christening of the new sanctuary at GO Baptist Church on June 1st are (left to right): Guy & Lisa Hoffman; Bennett Bartlett, GO Civic Club President; Lisa & Dan Hertweck; and Pastor Jeffrey Rees.



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13	14	15 Heavy Trash Pick-up	16	17 PIP Meeting	18	19
20	21 Delivery of new 90-gallon trash containers	22 Delivery of new 90-gallon trash containers	23 Delivery of new 90-gallon trash containers	24 1st Automated Refuse Collection Curbside Recycling	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Support the July 4th Bicycle Parade!!	

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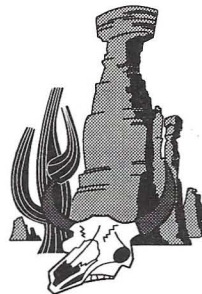
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