

# Garden Oaks Gazette

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## GO Neighbors Gather for National Night Out



Section 1, 32nd Street residents come together for National Night Out. From left to right are: Jean Walke, Charlotte Hayes, Karl Engelmann, Barbara Russell, Deputy Constable Ana de la Fuente-Herrera, Ralph Hayes, Sylvia Tatum and Ellen McCoy.

**Next Civic Club Meeting**  
**September 2, 1997**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Garden Oaks Baptist Church**  
*On the agenda:*  
 Officers from the  
 Differential Response  
 Unit (DRU) &  
 Mr. Russell Pryor, Owner  
 of the two lots  
 east of Conn's

**Garden Club News**

**Next meeting is**  
**September 22, 1997**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**220 W. 34th**  
 Topic: Salvias

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**October meeting date:**  
**October 9, 1997**  
**@ Smith & Hawken**  
**3935 San Felipe**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
 Topic: What's new at  
 Smith & Hawken!  
*Holiday gift ideas, metal furniture,  
 bulb forcing, etc.*  
 Speaker: Kerri Pollard

Garden Oaks residents were out in force for this year's National Night Out held Tuesday, August 5. Residents turned on their porch lights and held block parties and cookouts for the sole purpose of meeting their neighbors.

National Night Out gatherings were held at the following locations: 1019 W. 41st, 523 W. 32nd, 701 W. 31st, 859 Azalea, 1519 Sue Barnett, 907 W. 42nd, 963 Althea, and 220 W. 34th.

National Night Out (NNO) was begun in 1983 in the state of Pennsylvania and has grown into a national, yearly event. Estimates are that some 27 million people world-wide participated in this year's event.

The event helped strengthen neighborhood spirit and offered residents the opportunity to meet their area's law enforcement officials and also served as a training ground for everyone to be more civic-minded.

One of the highlights of the

night came to the residents on W. 34th Street. They were treated to a helicopter demonstration by HPD. Herb Parr, an HPD officer who grew up in Garden Oaks, communicated with the helicopter hovering above the crowd doing some "fancy footwork."

Herb, whose grandmother is Katherine Hardin (a Section 1 resident and a founding member of the Garden Club) explained that the helicopter works in conjunction with the HPD ground unit to identify and secure suspects involved in criminal activity.

Thanks to all residents who hosted parties! (Additional photos on pages 3, 4, and 5).

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## President's Message

by Bennett Bartlett, 1997 Civic Club President

After a two month hiatus, the civic club is meeting on September 2. We have much to cover.

### Meet our DRU officers.

Sergeant Hewitt from HPD spoke to us in February about the Differential Response Unit (DRU) office that was to be installed on 43rd street. The DRU office is now up and running. Officers assigned to our section will join us at the September meeting to discuss their role in our community.

**Neighborhood Connections Conference.** The city of Houston is sponsoring this conference on Saturday, September 6. The conference will provide ideas on topics of interest to community organizations such as deed restrictions, fundraising sources

and other resources available through the city. I'd love to have a volunteer attend and bring back ideas to our next meeting. A free lunch will be provided!

**Election Time.** We often have political candidates come to a civic club meeting in the fall to discuss issues. This year, we have been asked to join a collection of local civic clubs in co-sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates Night."

Sponsors will invite candidates in the race for mayor and for the District A seat to speak on October 20 in the Garden Oaks Baptist Church.

**Section One Residents: Deed Restriction Issue.** Russell Pryor, who owns the two lots just

east of Conn's would like to address the civic club and seek our thoughts on what sort of structure would work on his property. He has nothing in mind and no specific offers on the table, but he would like some parameters to use when approached with purchase offers.

**Garden Oaks Boulevard Esplanade.** If you have not stopped by the

esplanade, do so. The beautification committee did an exceptional job. Look for work days this fall--and join the fun.

I've enjoyed a little time off these past two months, but I'm now ready to get back at it. Whether you come to the civic club meetings to volunteer, to offer ideas or simply to listen, your presence is appreciated. Hope to see you at the next meeting.



Civic Club President Bennett Bartlett (center) presents a \$1000 check to HPD officers Debbie Hewitt and Bart Jandal for use at the DRU facility.

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

### Garden Oaks Civic Club Membership Form

Annual Dues (January 1-December 31):

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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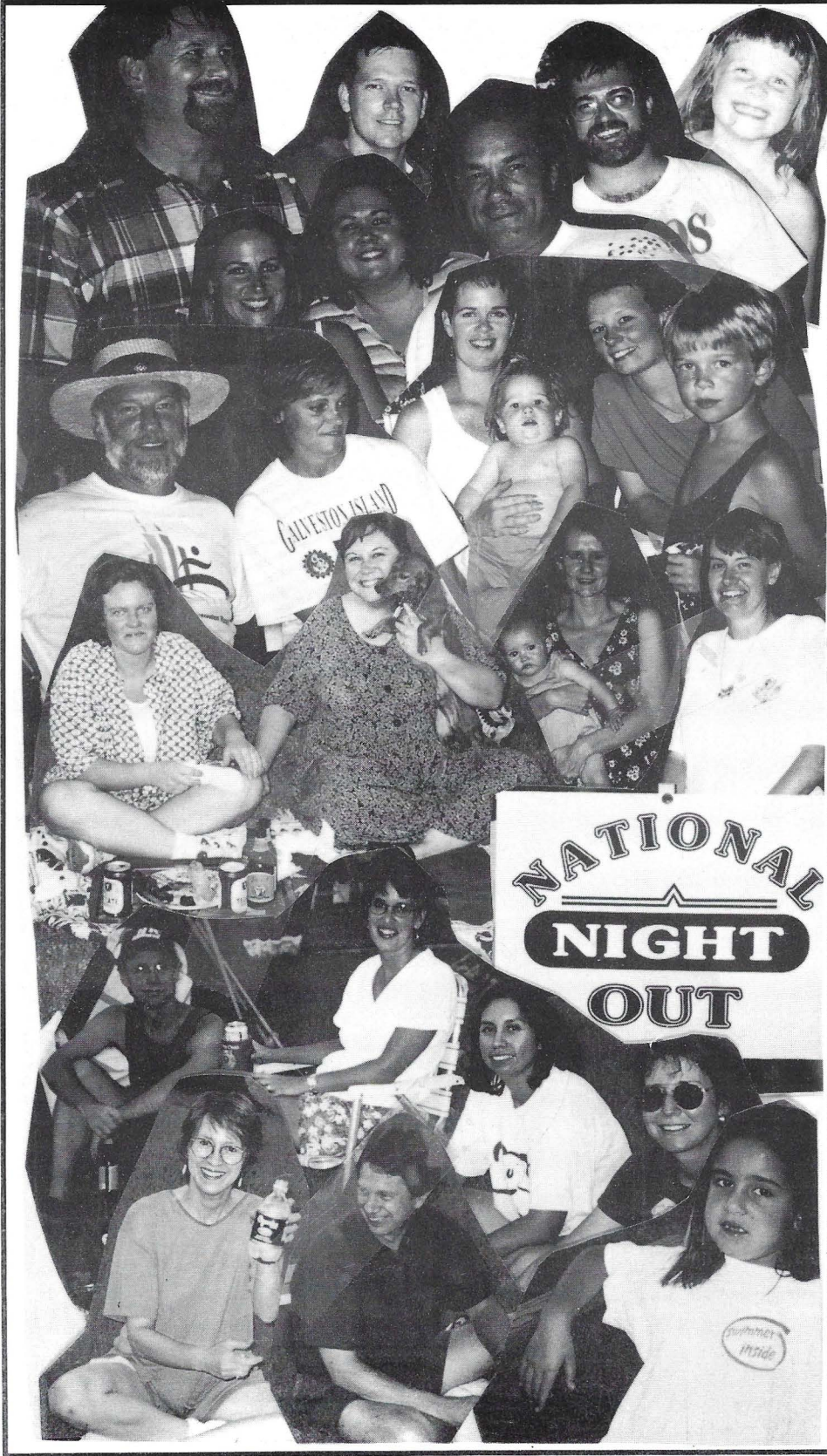
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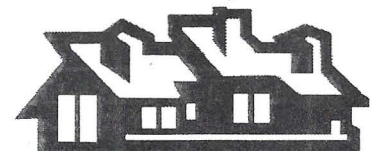


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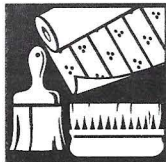
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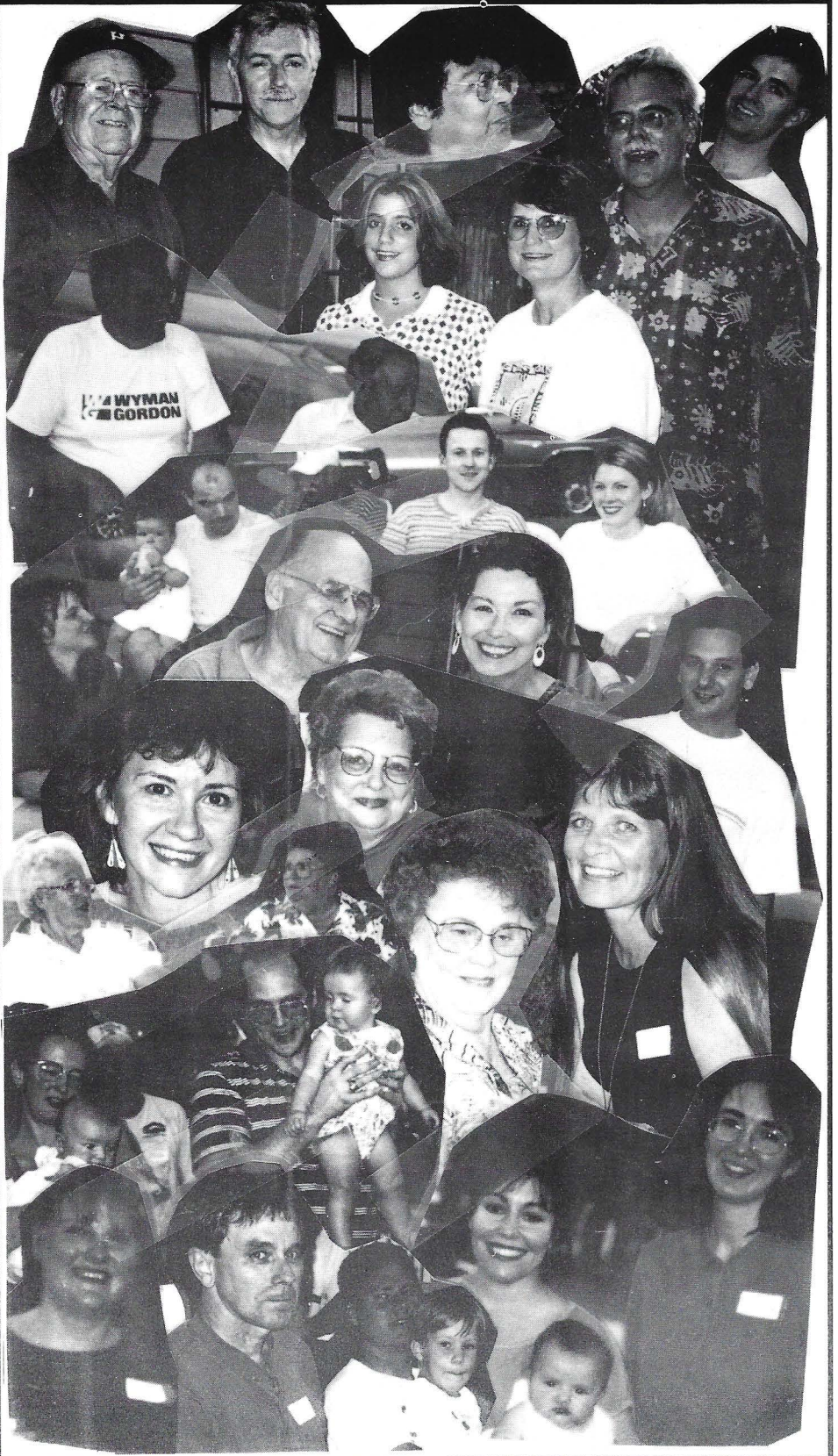
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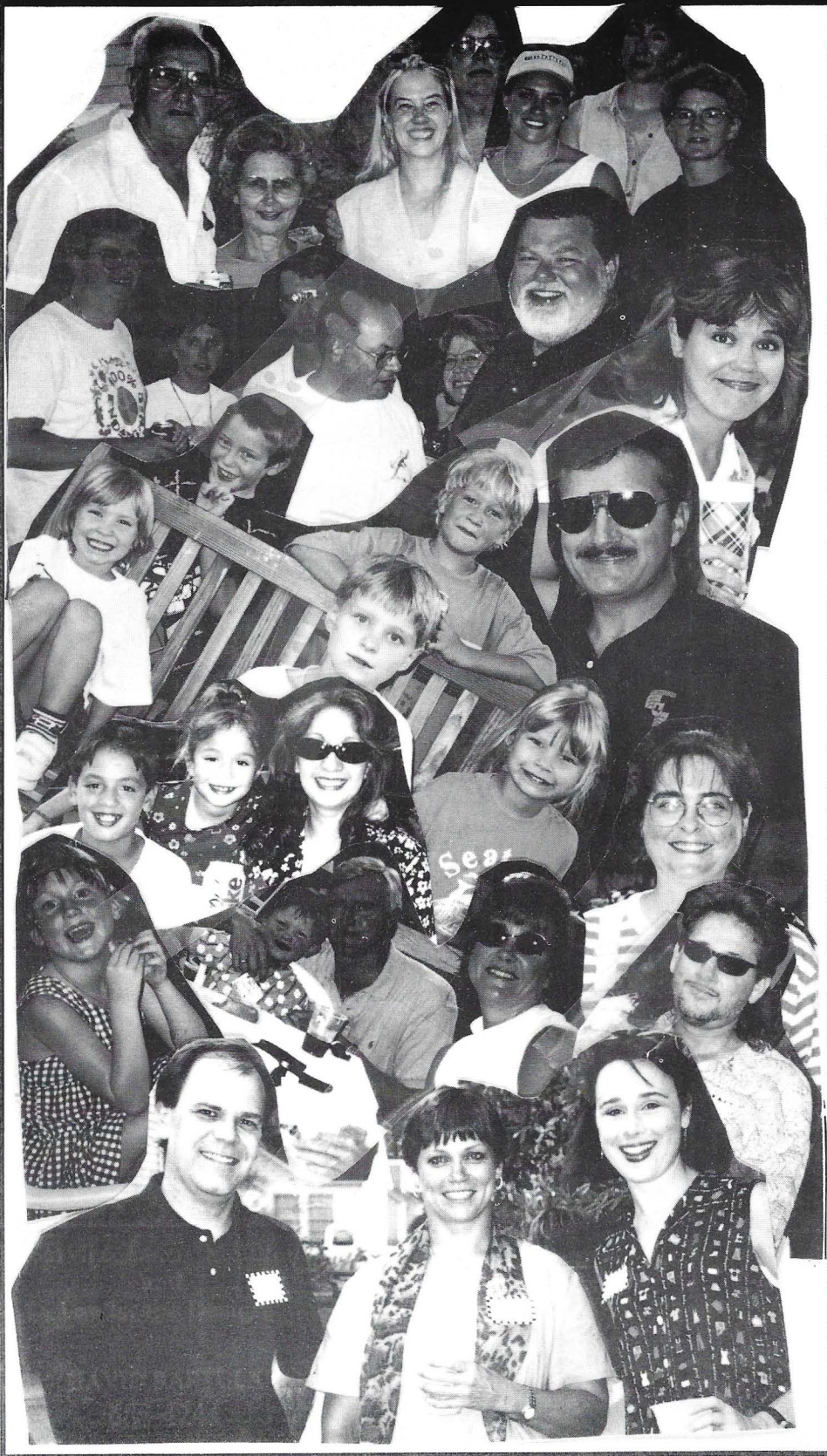
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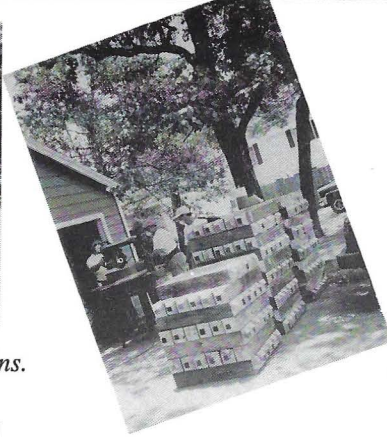
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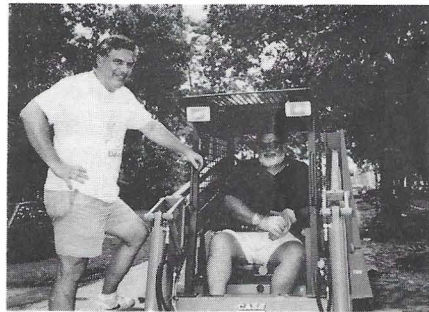
# 1997 Garden Oaks Boulevard ESPLANADE PROJECT



*GO Boulevard before construction begins.*



*Bobcat used to drill holes for bollards*



*Ed de Alba & Warren Walden discuss esplanade progress.*

*Bollards being cut.*



*Volunteers tackle pile of crushed stone.*



*Stakes outline walkway.*



*Placement of crushed stone with bobcat.*



*Crushed stone being spread on walkway.*



*Putting finishing touches on the completed walkway.*



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## Volunteers Brave Hot Weather to Beautify Esplanade

by Ed de Alba, Beautification Committee

We made a huge amount of progress on the Garden Oaks Boulevard esplanade in July. The bollards are in place; the irrigation system is all new and irrigating away; and the path is completed.

A very hardy group of volunteers braved three hot, humid July weekends to set the bollards, install the irrigation system, and fashion 73 tons of crushed granite into a meandering path down the center of our esplanade. If I try to name everyone who helped, I know I will end up accidentally omitting someone. To all those who volunteered, Brenda and I offer our humble thanks! When we started planning this endeavor back in February, we both worried we would never receive the neighborhood support a project this size would require. Those fears have been put to rest!

In addition, I also want to recognize the following businesses for their help: Sears North Shepherd, Aztec Rental, San Jacinto Stone, Lone Star Rentals and Grogan Lumber.

We're going to take a long, needed rest until late October. We will start planting trees and shrubs then. There is still time to send in a donation. Just use the coupon on Page 6. The following donations have been received since last month:

- Section 5 residents Robert & Carmalyn McCracken donated a tree to honor the birth of Madison Lou McCracken, June 3, 1997.
- Section 4 resident Edith Rider donated three shrubs in memory of her husband, Ivan T. Rider (1907 - 1993). The Riders moved to Garden Oaks in 1942.
- Section 2 residents Rodney Seiler and Lynn Hlanak donated two trees in memory of Katherine Kendall Seiler and Susannah Paige Seiler. A third tree was donated in honor of Lindsey Elizabeth Seiler.
- The Issues & Faith Sunday School Class of St. Matthew's Methodist Church donated a tree in memory of Norma Jean Carter.
- Section 3 resident Gwen Owens Syzdek donated one tree and one shrub in memory of Gloria Owens.

←----- Photos of esplanade project progress!! -----→

## HPD Reports Four Crimes in July

by Carl Waters, Jr., GO-COP

In July, HPD reported four crimes in the neighborhood. They were: 1) An assault in the 400 block of W. 33rd on June 23 at 5:15 p.m. 2) Three burglaries. They occurred in the 1000 block of Gardenia on June 9 at 5 p.m.; 1000 block of Sue Barnett on June 13 at 8 a.m.; and the 800 block of W. 30th on June 14 at 8:18 a.m.

GO-COP patrollers and base stations were active for 70 hours for the month.

Patroller of the month is Woody Mehrkam, a long time member of the patrol unit. Woody was one of the first patrollers to earn a helicopter honor with HPD

as a reward for his extending service with the program. Currently Woody has over 650 hours of patrolling and works as a base station operator three days a week. Thanks Woody for your time and commitment to making Garden Oaks a safer community for all of us!

In closing, I hope everyone had a safe and happy summer. With the ending of summer comes the beginning of the school year, so please watch out for children in the crosswalks and check your speed in school zones as the neighborhood children return to school.

## GO Elementary News

by Jeannie Daniels, Principal

The school year has begun and we're busy at Garden Oaks Elementary. Thanks to all who participated in our "Welcome with a Hug" program. The smiles on the faces of our small children was well worth our combined efforts!

Garden Oaks Elementary recently received a \$5,000 grant from Southwestern Bell Telephone to begin a bilingual Family Reading and Family Math Morning. This program is an extension of the successful Family Reading and Family Math Nights begun last year. We enjoy having the whole family participate in activities and stories surrounding great children's literature. Families also learn fun ways to make mathematics a natural part of family life.

Our school will also continue the Families Count program. This will be the final year of a \$500,000 grant that involves three elementary schools. The program provides family counseling and support programs to help students succeed in school. Through this program, we have additional staff on campus to meet with parents and provide home-based family counseling, classes and workshops for parents. A Garden Oaks networking group of local business and community representatives meets monthly to assist with the school and the program. Anyone interested may call 696-2930 for more information.




We need help with our Adopt-a-Student tutoring program. If you can spare one or two hours per week to assist students in reading, writing or mathematics, your help is needed. Our goal is to double the number of volunteer tutors from last year. This program is instrumental in helping low achievers gain success in learning.

Finally we are proud to again be an HISD Exemplary School! Thanks to the civic club and the GO community in helping make this possible.



Feel free to post on refrigerator or in a conspicuous place!

## September 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 Civic Club Meeting 7 p.m. Garden Oaks Baptist Church	3	4  Curbside Recycling	5	6 <b>Gazette Deadline</b> Neighborhood Connections Conference
7	8	9 PTA & Scout Night 7 p.m. Garden Oaks Elementary	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Heavy Trash Pick-up	17	18 PIP Meeting  Curbside Recycling	19	20
21	22 Garden Club Meeting 6:30 p.m. 220 W. 34th	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Issues Forum (Montessori Program Grades 7-8) 7 p.m. Garden Oaks Elementary	30				

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