



Garden Oaks Gazette

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GO Caroling's New Leader

by Audrey Vallance

We have a new chair for Garden Oaks Caroling!

Tina Sabuco had just moved to Garden Oaks in mid-1994 and found herself busy the night of Garden Oaks Caroling. By next year, Tina was eager to participate and got a group of neighbors together to form their own caroling group, *The Angels of Azalea*. Because of her enthusiasm, we recruited Tina as part of the steering committee in 1996.

Tina has graciously agreed to take over my position as chair of Garden Oaks Caroling as I am moving to Malaysia.

GO Caroling accepts donations, household products and gifts to donate to organizations caring for children with AIDS. The committee has chosen a new organization to benefit this year. It is a joint venture of Hope for Children (Casa de Esperanza de los Niños) and Care from the Heart. Casa de Esperanza de los Niños provides a safe place for children in crisis due to abuse, neglect or HIV/AIDS. Care from the Heart offers family-centered health care for children and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS through The University of Texas Pediatric HIV/Hemophilia Program.

Plan on joining us as a caroler, or as a donor, or both on Friday, December 12. Call Tina Sabuco at 713-699-9933.

GO Elementary Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 18
8 a.m. - 10 a.m. @

Garden Oaks Elementary School

Esplanade Project Receives Proud Partners Award

Garden Oaks Esplanade Beautification Project won an award in the 1997 Proud Partners Awards Competition! The notification letter states: "On behalf of the Mayor and the Houston Clean City Commission, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Garden Oaks Civic Club, Inc. has been selected to receive an award in the 1997 Proud Partners Awards Competition for its 'Garden Oaks Esplanade Beautification Project.' Your project is an excellent example of what civic pride and hard work can achieve in beautifying and improving our environment. Your contribution to the community exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism which thrives in our city."

Brenda & Ed de Alba will receive the award on behalf of the civic club at the Mayor's Proud Partners Awards Luncheon on October 23 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

Attention: Section 1 & 1A Homeowners

Exxon Tiger Mart Update

An Exxon Tiger Mart, consisting of a 2700 square foot convenience store, six multi-product fuel dispensers, car wash, and a possible drive-thru fast food facility, is scheduled to open up October 20, at the intersection of Yale, 30th Street, and W. North Loop 610.

The property, located in Garden Oaks Section 1, though deeded commercial, is bound by deed restrictions imposed for Section 1 & 1A, which prohibits the sale of alcohol on commercial property. Chronological events leading up to the construction are as follows:

- **October 1, 1996:** Exxon Regional Sales Manager, Frank DeMatiaski, addressed the civic club, along with two members of the Crane family (owners of the property), attorneys from Fulbright & Jaworski, and Trammell Crow real estate. Exxon asks for a variance to the alcohol deed restriction. Exxon was told that they would have to obtain the okay from over 50% of the Section 1 homeowners for the variance.
- **January 17, 1997:** Exxon gets approval from the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees for the physical layout of the Exxon plan, but Board gives Exxon no approval for the alcohol variance.
- **May 14, 1997:** Exxon applies for construction permits from the City.
- **August 18, 1997:** Construction of Exxon Tiger Mart begins.
- **August 28, 1997:** Research begins, with the help of Helen Huey's office, to see if Exxon applied for an alcohol permit. No permits found. Huey's office red flags any future permits with the county and the TABC.
- **August 29, 1997:** Exxon invited to September 2 Civic Club meeting. Exxon declines.
- **September 2, 1997:** Helen Huey speaks to Dave Gardner, Exxon Media Relations, and gets verbal assurance from Mr. Gardner that "no alcohol would be sold at this location."
- **September 6-7, 1997:** Exxon questionnaire, developed by civic club, dropped off to Section 1 & 1A homes requesting input and announces September 10th meeting to discuss the Exxon issue further. Questionnaire asks: "Would you as a homeowner allow the sale of alcohol by Exxon in exchange for concessions benefiting Garden Oaks?"
- **September 10, 1997:** Section 1 & 1A homeowner meeting at GO Elementary. Sixty plus homeowners in attendance. Fifty six homeowners vote "no alcohol sales under any circumstances."



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President's Message

by Bennett Bartlett, 1997 Civic Club President

My tenure as president is drawing to a close. I've enjoyed the work and the friendships, but to quote past president Ed de Alba, "two years are too many." It's now time to hand over the reigns to the next administration.

Therefore, the call goes out to anyone interested in serving as an officer. If you are interested or if you want to suggest someone, contact me. The election of officers takes place in November.

Candidates for City Council. Various candidates vying for Helen Huey's seat will be at our October meeting.

New Meeting Place. Members voted at the last meeting to move our meeting location from GO Baptist Church to GO Elementary School. Move will take affect for the December meeting. The school is centrally located and offers the facility free-of-charge. Parking will be in the teacher's parking lot. The move has nothing to do with our current host, GO Baptist Church. The church has been very good to us and we thank them for their support.

Neighborhood Connections Conference. Conference was held at UoffH on Saturday, September 6. I attended the sessions on deed restrictions, fund-raising, and community-based organizations. There was also a nice write-up about the de Albas as our "Neighbors of the Year." The important thing I learned was: Neighborhood projects need lots of money. The key is dedicated people willing to work hard to make a vision a reality. The woman who envisioned and brought about the park at Heights @ 7th, spoke on how she and a small circle of volunteers raised \$90,000 for the park.

Section One Residents-Deed Restriction Issues. The two lots east of Conn's were sold to Mr. Conn. Lots are designated as residential, and I will contact Mr. Conn to see if he has any immediate plans.

On the other end, an Exxon station is being built, and they will not be able to sell alcohol unless

Section One homeowners grant a variance.

Homeowners were given a questionnaire and meeting notice on their doorsteps last month. The GOCC officers wanted to find out how many people were willing to vote for such a variance in exchange for concessions from Exxon, such as a donation for the constable program, higher walls between the station and the adjoining residences, closing 30th street where station begins, etc.

Before a variance is possible, 50% of Section One homeowners need to agree. I received 54 questionnaires, more than 10%. Of those, 24 were willing to allow alcohol sales in exchange for concessions, 26 said "no alcohol sales under any circumstances," and four either took no position or found the questionnaire confusing.

More importantly, of the 60 plus people attending the September 10th meeting at GO Elementary, only four (counting me), were in favor of such a variance. Everyone else was against it. **I'm convinced.**

The GOCC officers will meet with an Exxon representative in the next week and we will ask them as "good neighbors" to help the community with various things, but our marching orders on the alcohol issue are simple: **NO HOW, NO WAY.**

As for closing 30th street, that is a matter that may not concern Exxon at all. There are those strongly for it and those equally against it. I do not live on 30th, so it is not for me to take on that question. I will, however, put anyone interested in touch with people who know more than I about whether or not such a proposal is realistic, and if so, where to start.



Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

by Andrea Spiering, Secretary

President Bennett Bartlett called the September 2nd meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Officers present: Bennett Bartlett, Craig Lee, Andrea Spiering, Sheila Briones and Ray Housley. Council member Helen Huey was also present. There were 72 members in attendance.

Bennett opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the Exxon issue in Section 1. Exxon was invited to address the civic club but declined.

Speaker. Ralph Smith from the Near North Advisory Council spoke about the council role and the Differential Response Unit (DRU). First year was spent on building out the DRU facility. Officers at the DRU are Bart Jandal and Richard Hetmaniak and can be reached at 713-956-3152 or 713-956-3153. The main number is 713-956-3140. During Q & A, area gang activity was discussed specifically the graffiti near the tennis courts at Graham Park. The DRU and HPD Gang Unit are aware and watching it closely.

Exxon. In April 1997, the board of trustees and the civic club considered the Exxon station to be a dead issue as no waiver for alcohol was given for the deed restricted property. In August 1997, construction begun on permits given by the city for a 2700 square foot facility to include a gas station, car wash, convenience store and drive-through fast food restaurant at the corner of Yale & 30th street. No records of application for alcohol permits have been found to date. Construction is to be completed by Oct. 20, 1997.

Helen Huey stated that her office had found no record of any TABC permits filed with the state, local, county or city levels. Huey spoke with Dave Gardner, media relations for Exxon. Gardner stated that Exxon was not going to sell alcohol at this location. When asked to document "no alcohol would be sold" in writing, he did not decline but has not come forth with such documentation. Ms. Huey promised continued support to enforce our deed restrictions and to ensure the peace and morals of our neighborhood. Discussion followed concerning the board of trustees, traffic on 30th, legal requirements for deed restriction waivers, etc. The effect that Taco Cabana and Gabby's have on our legal rights was also discussed. Both sell alcohol for on site consumption and are in Section 1. The conclusion of the lawyers in attendance was that this would have no effect on our efforts to block the sale of alcohol by Exxon, if this is the desire of Section 1 homeowners.

An Exxon committee was formed at Bennett's request consisting of himself, representing GOCC, Ed de Alba representing the Board of Trustees, and Alex Martinez representing Section 1 homeowners. They will put together a flyer and contact Section 1 residents for a consensus and/or meeting to discuss this issue in depth.

On the recommendation of Helen Huey, the civic club will send a letter to Mayor Lanier and to the TABC reminding them of our deed restricted neighborhood and the violation of those restrictions by Exxon. This was approved by proclamation by those in attendance.

Treasurer. Ray reported \$7,400 was paid out for beautification; an unknown amount was received for trees and shrubs for the esplanade. A check for \$1,700 was presented to the Garden Club from proceeds of the home tour. Also checks for \$850 each will be given to GO Elementary and the Friends of Montessori from home tour proceeds.

Beautification. Brenda de Alba reported that paperwork is progressing on the city grant awarded for the GO Boulevard esplanade project. Thanks to the volunteers involved in preparing the site and installing the bollards and walkway. Work days are planned for October when trees will be planted from TreeSearch Farms.

Terry Jeanes offered a \$500 challenge. If the civic club raises \$500 in donations earmarked for Beautification, she will match it with

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Citizens on Patrol. Carl Waters reported four crimes in June and three in July. John Hessey was patroller of the month for July; Mr. & Mrs. Kelly were for August. Volunteers needed for mid-afternoon and early evening shifts.

Education Liaison. Jane Ann Roberts reported that a pancake breakfast to benefit the Montessori program at GO Elementary will be held in October. There are 616 students enrolled and most grades are capped. There are several new teachers, and a new librarian.

An Issues Forum will be held on Sept. 29 to discuss a Montessori Middle School format. Bennett noted that other schools with GO residents are welcome at civic club meetings.

Garden Club. Janice Walden reported that shumard oak trees are still available for purchase. Next garden club meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11 at Janice's home and the topic will be salvias.

Constable Program. Bennett reported that the committee approach will be used to run the constable program during the year.

New Business

Neighborhood Conference. Bennett discussed a conference to be held Saturday, Sept. 6, 1997, for neighborhoods to learn more about deed restrictions, safety, traffic, etc. Brenda and Ed de Alba have been nominated for Neighbors of the Year.

Property near Conn's. Mr. Pryor sold his two lots next to Conn's on 30th to Mr. Conn. Lots purchased with the full knowledge that they are deeded residential.

Change in Meeting Location. Garden Oaks Elementary has offered its multi-purpose room for our monthly civic club meetings. After discussion on parking, kid-care rooms, a more central location within the neighborhood, etc., a motion was made to move meetings to the school beginning with the installation of new officers at the December meeting. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the *Gazette* offers free advertising to GO Baptist Church where the meetings have been held and that this would continue as it does for all area churches.

Save Our Neighborhoods (SON). A representative from SON came to the last executive meeting of the officers of GOCC asking us to join. After discussion on the focus of this neighborhood civic group alliance - the removal of sexually oriented businesses in different areas of Houston - the officers turned down their request. If group should move to schools, safety, parks or traffic issues, GOCC would then reconsider its position. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Refreshments provided by Terry Jeanes.

Mail Theft Occuring in Area

The US Postal Service is seeking help to end the theft of mail from delivery vehicles in our area. Anyone seeing suspicious activity is asked to call HPD, 713-222-3131 or Postal Inspectors, 713-226-3600.

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Garden Oaks Civic Club Membership Form
Annual Dues (January 1-December 31):

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Children/birthdates: _____

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

Additional Support Needs:

GO Elem. Montessori* \$6 _____ Garden Club \$6 _____ All five of these
Gazette (Newsletter) \$6 _____ Beautification \$6 _____ \$30 _____
GO COP (Patrol) \$6 _____

* Gifts to the Montessori program are tax deductible. **Make Checks Payable to: Garden Oaks Civic Club**

GO Elementary Begins New Year

By Jeannie Daniels, Principal

Again, I begin my letter with a huge **thank you to the civic club**. The money recently donated will be used to purchase CD-ROM software for all classrooms. The money will also be used to help fund the *Arts Alive!* program for a bilingual kindergarten and a pre-kindergarten class. Their first class was this week, and the children had a wonderful time.

We sincerely look forward to hosting the meetings of the Garden Oaks Civic Club beginning in December. We welcome you to our campus and will do all we can to make your meetings pleasant and comfortable.

We were very excited the first day of school when Dr. Rod Paige, HISD General Superintendent, paid us a visit to one of our Montessori classes and a pre-kindergarten class. He was impressed with the teachers and remarked that, "It is only 10:00 a.m. on the first day and

already teachers are teaching and children are learning!"

Garden Oaks Elementary is a part of the Northwest District in HISD. On Saturday, October 4, the Northwest District will host a Children's Book Drive. All books collected in the community will go to Northwest District schools. If you would like to donate books to this project, please bring your donations to the school. Any new or used children's books would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, we have been working on a plan to improve the traffic situation in and around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. With the help of the members of the civic club, HPD and HISD, we have surveyed the traffic patterns and have made some changes.

We are off to a great start this year with a total of 616 students enrolled. As a result, we are very busy. We look forward to a great year!

St. Rose Welcomes Back Students

by Judy McCullough, Principal

Students were welcomed back to St. Rose Of Lima on August 13, Tour Day. From grades pre-kindergarten through five, 339 students met their new teachers, visited with old friends and made some new ones.

The 1997-1998 school year marks our 50th anniversary. In August 1948, Fr. Paul Pieri and the Sisters of St. Joseph promised a tradition of offering a high quality education with a strong Catholic identity. That promise has been faithfully kept.

Along with a strong basic formation in the core curriculum, all students benefit from computer, art, music, library and PE classes.

With supportive neighborhood families like those in Garden Oaks, this promises to be our best year ever. Come by and visit us!

Gazette Encourages Submission of Education Articles

Principals, students, parents or volunteers are encouraged to submit news about their schools for the *Gazette*.

Schools include Garden Oaks, St. Rose, Durham, Travis, Oak Forest, Black, Clifton, Lanier,

Hamilton, Gregory-Lincoln, Seton, HSVPA, Waltrip, Booker T. Washington, Bellaire, Lamar and St. Pius.

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October Civic Club Meeting
Tuesday
October 7, 1997
7 p.m.
Garden Oaks Baptist Church

Stay-at-Home Moms

Mothers Offering Mothers Support (M.O.M.S.) offers friendships, adult conversations, parenting tips and fun activities for women who stay at home with their young children.

First meeting is on Thursday, October 9, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 2003 W. 43rd Street, Room 203.

For information, call Carmalyn McCracken at 713-956-5376.

Garden Club Meeting

Next meeting of the Garden Oaks Garden Club is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, at Smith & Hawken, located at 3935 San Felipe, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The topic is: "What's new at Smith & Hawken!" Holiday gift ideas, metal furniture, bulb forcing will be presented by speaker, Kerri Pollard.

Everyone is welcome.

1998 Garden Oaks Home Tour Volunteers Needed!

Call Judi Morawski, Chair
(713) 956-8911
or Laura Morgan, Co-Chair
(713) 694-1919
to volunteer.

Next planning meeting is
Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m.
907 W. 42nd

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Beautification Update

by Brenda de Alba, Beautification Committee

At the September Civic Club meeting Terry Jeanes, Re/MAX Metro, stepped forward once more to issue a \$500 challenge to the neighborhood to be applied to the Esplanade beautification project. This is the second year in a row Terry has offered her beautification challenge. Before the meeting was over, I had already received \$100 from neighbors towards the challenge ... only \$400 to go! If you wish to make a donation, make out your check to the GOCC, and mail to me, 858 LaMonte, Houston 77018. Write *Beautification Challenge* on your check.

We took a break in August from physical labor, although Ed & I continued to be bombarded with requests from the city Planning & Development department for additional paperwork not required at the time of the grant submittal. Ed is becoming a pro at knowing who to talk to for obtaining the quickest results! The city never expected us to get started so quickly and to accomplish so much in such a short time. One additional requirement was for all grant winners to sign a contract with the city before disbursement of the funds could occur. Essentially the city tied our hands on spending any more money until the contract was signed, which hadn't occurred as of this writing (Sept. 7).

September accomplishments included a trip to Treeseach Farms to select and tag the trees and shrubs that will be planted in October. Thanks to Shawn Forney and Keiji Asakura for assisting in this task. September plans also include marking where the trees will be planted on the Esplanade.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18! Trees and shrubs will be delivered and many able-bodied volunteers are needed to accomplish the planting. Bring shovels, rakes, forks and wheelbarrows clearly labeled with your name. Don't forget water and sunscreen! There's still time to send in a donation ... just use the coupon below. The following donations have been received since last month:

- Section 1 resident Lucy Lopez donated two shrubs in honor of her grandchildren, Atticus & Graham Lopez.
- Section 1 resident Sheila Briones donated two shrubs in memory of E. Mead Johnson.
- Section 1 residents Paul & Dawn Bick donated one tree and two shrubs in memory of Woodie and George.
- Section 3 residents Brenda & Ed de Alba donated one tree in memory of Evelyn Pritchard.
- Section 5 resident Mrs. W. E. Barton donated a tree in memory of Winston E. Barton.
- Section 5 residents Angela & Craig Pennington donated three shrubs in honor of their parents Mr. & Mrs. George M. Thomas III and Mr. & Mrs. B.F. Pennington and also to honor their recent marriage.

Thanks to Elizabeth and Louis Runge, Jane Ann & Marc Roberts and to Suzanne & Gilbert DePaul for getting us started toward meeting Terry Jeanes's \$500 challenge.



Donate a tree or shrub for the Esplanade Project!

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Don't Let Your Dogs Roam!

by Kenan Branam and Jan Knight

"Sweet Merlin is dead!"
That is how my wife woke me.

At 3:00 a.m. one morning, two dogs invaded our backyard by breaking through the gate. Merlin, our very loving, ten-year-old cat, was surprised as he slept in his favorite lawn chair. With their big teeth, the dogs broke his back and dragged him across the yard. He had already lost his back-left leg in a previous mysterious event.

A neighbor said that one of the dogs was tan, hefty like a bull dog, with short hair. It was too dark to see the other dog but she did see a collar on the tan one. We think they must have been from the neighborhood rather than strays, which means people are allowing their dogs out at night.

If you are the care-taker of these animals, have compassion for us, and understand how very invaded we feel. Our backyard is very sacred to our family. We have lost a member of our family in a cruel act of violence.

Please, please don't let your dogs roam! They are not responsible for their behavior - you are!

Residents Can Help Prevent Criminal Acts

by Deputy Constable Ana de la Fuente-Herrera, Section 1 & 1A

We have had a couple of criminal acts this month. Either late September 2 or early September 3, two vehicles were reported burglarized. No forced entry was used and cellular telephones and other items were taken. If your car is parked in the driveway, lock the doors and use a club. Do not, for any reason, leave valuables in your car. Install an audible alarm, if you can afford it.

To the residents who have a gate across your driveway leading into a garage or back yard area: if the gate is constructed of wood or anything that I can not see through, secure the gate with a lock. Burglars will and do open the gate, pull their vehicles in, close the gate and wipe you out. You can either secure it closed or opened, as long as the burglar can not hide behind it.

Those who have dark spots around their homes' exteriors: install lights. Best ones are motion detector lights that turn on when someone or something passes in the light area. Lights can be purchased at Home Depot and are not very expensive.

All residents in Section I and IA are eligible for the Constable Program and its many benefits. Contact Bennett Bartlett to sign up for this valuable service.

GO-COP Readies for Holiday Season

by Carl Waters, Jr., GO-COP

How time flies! Here it is October and we're moving into cooler weather and the holiday season with Halloween kicking it off. Because Halloween comes on Friday this year we can probably expect more activity than usual. Please take extra care while motoring through the neighborhood that evening.

I've received reports that two dogs were killing cats in the area of Lamonte and Alba. They're described as a small black shepherd and a tan boxer, both with collars. If seen, call animal control or HPD as they appear to be vicious and have turned on one resident.

HPD crime stats for July reported three crimes in Garden Oaks: burglary of a motor vehicle on July 1 in the 400 block of W. 34th at 11:00 a.m.; burglary on July 8 in the 400 block of W. 30th at 8:30 a.m.; and an auto theft in 700 block of W. 43rd on July 8 at 1:30 p.m.

In July patrollers and bases operated for 79.5 hours. GO-COP welcomes two new members: Bob and Jo Bewley. They completed orientation in June and began patrolling in September.

This month our spotlighted patroller is David Bell. David lives in Section 3 with his wife Gail and two children and has been a patrol member since 1991. Thanks David for your efforts!

Baby-sitting Co-Op Expands

Garden Oaks Baby-sitting Co-op is expanding! Co-op members are Garden Oaks families with children ranging in age from 9 years old to under a year old. We have families with one parent at home; families where both parents work outside the home; single parent families. If interested, call Amy Broad at 713-957-8075.

Time to Plant Shumard Oak

Now is the time to plant those lovely little shumard oak trees you may have bought from the garden club last spring. The shumard oak grows tall - about 100 feet - and wide. It prefers our acidic soil, and is deciduous: its leaves turn red in autumn and releaf in a couple of months.

The oaks are being cared for by garden club member Evelyn Anderson at her nursery, Emafarms, in Tomball. The trees were originally provided through a Champion Paper re-leafing program.

Shumards are still for sale at \$5 and \$10 each. Buy one of these splendid trees for your yard or as a gift for a friend. Call Janice Walden at 869-6534.



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October 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 Gazette Deadline	7 Civic Club Meeting 7 p.m. Garden Oaks Baptist Church	8	9 M.O.M.S. 9:30-11:30 a.m. St. Stephens, Rm. 203 Garden Club Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Smith & Hawken 3935 San Felipe	10 No School St. Rose	11 Yom Kippur
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15 1998 Home Tour Meeting 7 p.m. 907 W. 42nd	16 PIP Meeting  Curbside Recycling	17	18 GO Elementary Pancake Breakfast Work Day for GO Esplanade Project
19	20 No School St. Rose	21 Heavy Trash Pick-up	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30  Curbside Recycling Parent/Teacher Conferences St. Rose	31 Halloween No School St. Rose	

Remember:
The third Tuesday of each month is **Heavy Trash Day**.
Put out heavy trash no sooner than the weekend before.

1997 Garden Oaks Civic Club
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Esplanade Tree Day

Saturday, Oct. 18

We're planting 70 trees and 50 shrubs and need some help! So bring your shovels, your garden forks, wheelbarrows, and rakes.

We'll start about 9 AM after the trees are delivered. We'll supply lunch but be sure to bring water and sunscreen.

Let us know you're coming! Call Ed or Brenda at 694-5934.

Pancake and Taco Breakfast

- Garden Oaks Elementary
Saturday October 18
8:00 - 10:30

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The Texas Tap Ensemble

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Tom Stell, Account Executive
I help people achieve their financial goals.

Hi! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tom Stell, and I'm your neighbor. My family has lived for the past 2 years on West 42nd. I take a lot of pride in our community. In fact we may have already met while caroling, working on the Garden Oaks Boulevard esplanade project, or coaching your son or daughter at the YMCA.

I am also a full service financial advisor, which includes investment advice, and planning for college or retirement, as well as complete brokerage services. As a neighbor, I have two free offers for you:

1. A free personal portfolio evaluation and retirement planning session.

This no obligation evaluation and planning session includes:

- projecting future value of your current investments vs. projected needs,
- analyzing risk and diversification of current investments given economic and market conditions
- personal goal setting, and
- a list of investment types to balance and optimize your portfolio

Even if you never take advantage of my further services, the evaluation and plan will be valuable tools to help you achieve your financial goals.

2. Free seminar: *Wealth Building Strategies for the Next Millenium*

INCLUDING: Recent tax law changes and how they affect your financial planning.
General discussion of current investment opportunities.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Tony's Mexican Restaurant, 2222 Ella Blvd. at 23rd

Dinner will be served. Space is limited, so reserve your place now!

To reserve your place for the seminar or to schedule your free personal planning session:

★ Call (713) 850-1440 *or* ★ Mail or Fax the reply card below (Fax: 713-960-7760).

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