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JULY CIVIC CLUB MEETING

The next Civic Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM in the Garden Oaks Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. There will be several amendments to the by-laws which will be put forth for voting approval by the membership.

Member's of the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees will also be present to discuss the ongoing litigation, it's possible ramifications to our Deed Restrictions, and the Board's future course of action. If you support the Deed Restrictions or not, this is a meeting that you will not want to miss.

If you have never been to a Civic Club Meeting, we strongly urge you to come out on Tuesday, July 6th! You can make a difference. If you regularly attend meetings, or just haven't been for a while, set aside Tuesday evening. As always, quality child care will be available for $1 per child so don't worry about not having a babysitter to look after the little ones.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



The other day I mentioned to a neighbor that I was going to rent one of those power washers to clean the dirt and mortar sand off my driveway from the recent garden construction project. She excused herself and returned a short time later with a power washer in tow. Cool, I thought. I can have this done in no time. What a fool I was!

First, the power washer sat in the garage for a while because we hit a rainy spell which always seemed to coincide with my days off. When the rain finally broke, I wheeled the washer out and set off to work. I figured I would practice on the driveway behind the house in order to learn how it operated. Low and behold, I discovered that our black driveway was really tan in color. The drive just happened to have countless years of dirt, grime and paint covering it. So instead of just power washing the section of driveway closest to the street where all the debris had accumulated, I was now going to have to clean the entire drive from back to front because my small practice patch made for a noticeable difference. It was obvious, this project was going to take a little longer than I had originally intended.

While I was power cleaning the driveway, I got distracted and accidentally aimed the spay nozzle at the house. Now mind you, my house is covered in aluminum siding (why couldn't we have had a deed restriction against that?) but I was amazed at how much dirt was washed away in the area which had been hit. So now, I not only had to power clean the driveway but the house as well. Will this never end? And so it continued, the house, the windows, the patio door and of course the driveway. Unbelievably, I still haven't finished the part of the driveway which I had originally set out to do because something else keeps coming up which prevents me from getting outside. But it will get finished one of these days. And Marcie, if you need your power washer back anytime soon, just let me know. I'll be happy to let you borrow it.

I came home from work one evening to be greeted by the Other Half who announced, "I've spent the entire day redoing the house". Oh god, I thought. Momentary panic set in because I just walked through the house and didn't notice anything different. As the Other Half continued talking, my mind whirred into reverse as I began scanning the house, feigning interest in what the Other Half was saying, trying to see what was different. New furniture? No, that's been here. I don't smell fresh paint. The flooring looks the same. (Total lapsed time 15.8 seconds but it seemed like eternity.) Much to my relief, it than became evident that the changes were ideas on how to remodel. Whew, o.k., now I can breath and listen to what the Other Half came up with. We began our virtual tour in the living room and continued on room by room as the Other Half pointed out this wall which would be removed, the archway which would be added, the fireplace that would go over there and the flooring that would be replaced here. Let me give you a piece of advice folks. Don't greet your significant other with the words "I've redone the house". It strikes terror in our hearts and fear in our minds, not to mention the checkbook.

I think I'll just hang out on the front porch admiring the garden while I sip on an iced mocha latté. Care to stop by and join me?

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PRESIDENT FLOWERS

My Mother will soon be moving into the neighborhood in Section Two. She will be renting a beautiful duplex at the corner of Sue Barnett and 39th Street. After we had looked at the place, and she decided she'd like to move in, I told her that she would only have to walk across the street to attend the Garden Oaks Civic Club Meetings. She was shocked and declared, "I will be renting, I can't join the Civic Club!" And so, this brought to mind part of what I would like to address in this month's letter.

For those who are not homeowners in Garden Oaks, but still have a residence here, I would like to extend an invitation to you to come to the Civic Club Meetings. You are more than welcome to become a member and get involved in your neighborhood. Why we have one Civic Club member who rents a home and volunteers for just about every committee established to make our neighborhood a cohesive and comfortable place to live. So, I challenge you, as I have challenged my Mother, to come to the Civic Club Meetings and get involved in the community. We would be happy to have you join us.

And for those of you who already belong to the Civic Club, a reminder that the next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6th. If you have never been, please plan to attend. I'd like to see some new faces in addition to the stalwart group that always seems to attend. It is a good place to meet some of the folks that head up the various committees in the neighborhood and a good time to volunteer to get involved if you so chose.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Robert De Veau for filling in for me at the last Civic Club Meeting on rather short notice. I hear that Robert did an excellent job conducting the meeting. Thanks Robert!

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MINUTES OF JUNE 1ST CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Felicia Adams, Secretary

Second Vice President Robert De Veau called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. President Flowers was detained out of town and unable to attend. New attendees and neighbors were introduced.

A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes from the May meeting.

Officer Reports

VP Membership: David Bell said that just under 20% of the neighborhood has paid dues. Membership renewal forms will continue to be inserted in the *Gazette* to encourage dues payment. The new neighbor "Welcome Packet" is still in the works.

VP/*Gazette* Editor: Robert De Veau stated the policy for printing "Letters to the Editor" must contain resident names and addresses. No letters will be published anonymously. If you are hosting a block party for National Neighbor's Night Out, contact the *Gazette* by July 10th for inclusion in a listing of block parties.

Treasurer: Jay Slemmer provided a financial report for the first five months of the year. Total income received through May 31st was $36,402.45 and total expenditures were $19,058.15 resulting in a net surplus of $17,344.30.

Committee Reports

Beautification: Brenda de Alba had nothing to report.

GOCOP: Carl Waters reported five crimes occurred in April. Only two of these were residential. August 3rd is National Neighbor's Night Out. Contact Carl at 713-864-1892 if you are planning a block party and he will arrange for the police to stop by and visit.

Constable Program: no report available.

Garden Club: It was reported there is no meeting in June.

Old Business

Bike Trail: Shelley Rogers reported a decision is still pending on the necessity of widening 33rd Street for the proposed Bike Path. She has contacted Ken Yarborough's office.

Sound Wall: Representative Ken Yarborough was present at the meeting. He stated he has a strong commitment from the Texas Department of Transportation for funding the construction of Sound Wall Barrier but was awaiting a letter of confirmation.

Constable Patrol Expansion: Terry Jeanes reported the information packets will be available in about two weeks.

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New Business

Home and Garden Tour: Chairperson Meredith Jenkins submitted a proposal for distribution of net proceeds. The 1999 Home Tour had gross receipts of $19,135 and a net surplus of $11,348 which was $1,000 over budget. The Home Tour Committee's proposal called for a disbursement of: 10% to the Garden Oaks Elementary School, 10% for Neighborhood security, 5% to the Garden Club, 15% for the 2000 Home Tour Operating Fund, 20% for the Garden Oaks Civic Club General Fund and 40% to the Garden Oaks Board of Trustees. After clarification of the Neighborhood Security disbursement (The 10% will go the Constable Program providing a comprehensive patrol of all five sections is in place by December 1st, 1999. Otherwise, 2% will be given to the Constable Patrol and 8% will be given to the Citizen's on Patrol operating budget.) Upon receiving a motion to accept the proposal, it was seconded and voted on by the members present.

It was noted that Meredith Jenkins will again Chair the 2000 Home and Garden Tour. If you are interested on serving on a committee, please contact Meredith.

July Civic Club Meeting: It was announced there will be a meeting in July but there will be no guest speaker. Several amendments to the Civic Club By-laws will be put forth for membership approval.

Yard of the Month: Rick Englert of Haute Groceries will now donate two free dinners to the monthly recipients of Yard of the Month.

Guest Speaker: State Representative Ken Yarborough provided a recap of this year's legislative actions. If you would like to be on his mailing list, contact his office at 1-800-995-0648.

Program

Susan Grant, an investment counselor with Edward Jones provided information on "The Roaring 2000".

Announcements

A volunteer is needed to coordinate the children's bicycle parade for the Fourth of July. Please contact President James Flowers if you are interested.

There being no further business, 2nd Vice President Robert De Veau adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

SOUND WALL WINS APPROVAL

Editor's note: The following letter was received from Ken Yarbrough's office. It was sent to him by Gary Trietsch of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Dear Representative Yarbrough:

The barrier wall, which you requested for IH 610N from T.C. Jester to Yale has been funded as a project for construction in September of 2000.

Prior to the letting, we must conduct a utility investigation to determine what utilities will require relocation and a noise workshop with adjacent property owners to inform them that a wall will be erected and to select a wall texture and color.

The time required for the investigation, public meetings and design is approximately one year, which will allow us to program FY 2000 funds for financing construction.

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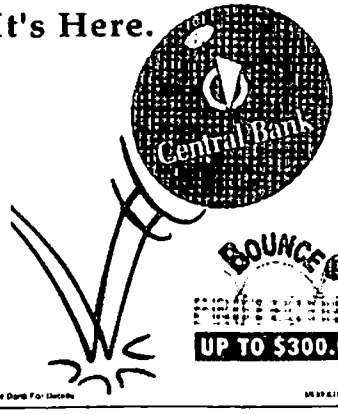
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GARDEN OAKS DEED RESTRICTIONS

Harry James, Section 4 Trustee

The recent issues concerning Victor Moore, and other similar Deed Restriction violations, currently in the courts, present our neighborhood with several possible futures. If Mr. Moore is successful in his bid to nullify our Board of Trustees power to enforce the Deed Restrictions, it would lead to profound changes in the way our neighborhood would look and feel as time goes on. For example, if the Board is unable to enforce commercial encroachments, then speculative ventures such as the recent Sticky Sheet Motel's attempt to build on the vacant lots on 30th and Yale would have met little or no resistance. We would have this business operating now in that location. Imagine, if you will, prostitutes strolling through Section One soliciting business at their little neighborhood Motel next door. Imagine, once again, that you are selling your house and your Realtor is explaining the Motel's residents to a possible buyer. This conversation is a reality that could happen in a future that is here, and not far away in a distant galaxy.

Prospective Buyer: I love this house, but I have to ask you, what exactly is that woman doing out there?

Realtor: Well, she may be going to work.

P.B. Hmmmm....What kind of work does she do? She looks like a prostitute to me.

R: Well, I wouldn't worry about it, she probably doesn't live in the neighborhood, she may be staying at that Motel.

PB: I did not think they allowed sticky sheet operations near neighborhoods. Especially areas like this.

R: Oh well, ummm, well, you see, Garden Oaks used to have Deed Restrictions that were enforced by our Board of Trustees, but the Board was destroyed with a ruling by a judge that did not seem to consider what would happen to our property values and quality of life.

PB: How could that happen? Seems unbelievable.

R: Well, I could not believe it either. You see, we have a resident that wanted to build towards his neighbor without regard for his neighbor's property rights. So, he started an action that ended up basically ruining the look of the neighborhood. A lot of weird structures began popping up all over the place, as some people started building in all directions without any sense of respect for the character of the neighborhood.

PB: Not to change the subject, but, tell me, where do you live?

R: Well, I used to live right here, but moved to the Woodlands where they enforce the Deed Restrictions. I really hate the drive, but at least my house and my investment are protected, and they are not going down the drain. The Woodlands is doing great, even out there in the sticks, partly because they enforce

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their Deed Restrictions.

PB: What could have been done to preserve this special little place. Surely people would not want their property values to be jeopardized by allowing people to do whatever they want with their property, and with no regard for their neighbors? I have driven around neighborhoods without Deed Restrictions, streets like Dubarry in Oak Forest. I was appalled by what I saw there.

R: Well, for generations the Garden Oaks Deed Restrictions were enforced by volunteers known as the Board of Trustees, who were acting on behalf of their neighbors to uphold and enforce the Deed Restrictions set before us by the founders of our neighborhood. Just recently, a neighbor intentionally violated a Deed Restriction, and when the Board of Trustees moved to enforce the rules, it ended up as a lawsuit. His lawyer found a technicality dating back to 1952, which a judge ruled on, in essence making the Deed Restrictions enforceable only by individual neighbors suing each other.

PB: So, let me get this straight, so instead of a group of volunteers enforcing the restrictions that worked for the last 50 years to make this neighborhood strong, as evidenced by the high property values, do you mean that the judge's decision essentially resulted in a system where property owners were on their own? Wouldn't that mean hundreds of lawsuits going on all the time as people get ticked at each other about whatever they perceive as a violation? Man, that's crazy, isn't it? I mean, how can that work out? The neighborhood would be in chaos.

R: Well, it does seem unbelievable, doesn't it?

PB: Your going to have to explain to me how this judge could to make such a decision. I thought judges were supposed to protect neighborhoods, and not allow them to be devastated by an individual's selfish pursuits.

R: It was a result of a murky documentation error dating back over 45 years ago to 1952, and not challenged until now. He also presented his argument of waiver—which means there are other violations existing around him. He felt that it is not fair for him to be singled out.

PB: Well, if others have done something that should've been restricted, and he can't, then that does seem unfair. Let's get down to it here.....is he the only one who has been cited for violating the Deed restrictions? What is his violation, and when was it discovered? Can you answer three questions at once?

R: A Trois? I'll try. There are other violations that were not discovered by the Trustees, or called to their attention by neighbors, so nothing was done about them. However, the Trustees have enforced others with violations that they discovered and were enforceable under the rules. His side setback violation was brought to attention when noticed by a Trustee *before* walls were erected. Also, these other alleged violations he cites could date back over 50 years, and there is nothing the Trustees can do because the rules grandfather existing violations over 4 years old. The Trustees are only looking to try to preserve the integrity and value of the neighborhood as it now stands, and into the future.

PB: I can see how violations could go unnoticed with fifteen hundred homes and a lot of big trees to hide stuff, but shouldn't the Trustees have done a better job at enforcement?

R: You have to remember, they do not get paid for their *job*, as you put it. They are volunteers, who in many cases have full time jobs, families, or mates that they are beholding to. They are not on constant patrol, and they do the best that they can.

PB: I see, I guess it is a thankless job. Isn't there a responsibility undertaken when someone moves into a deed restricted neighborhood? I don't think that they should seek to destroy the restrictions that help preserve the neighborhood's charm.

R: So, would you like to put a contract on this home? It's a heck of a deal! These homes were selling for $30,000 dollars more just a few years ago.

PB: Ummm.....let me think about it and get back with you.

But, seriously folks, my intentions here were to reeducate you on how a Deed Restricted Neighborhood works, without lulling you to sleep. We are, in reality, entwined by community, duty, and civility. The Deed Restrictions, The Board of Trustees, and the Property Owners, are a collective body working in cohesion towards maintaining a decent neighborhood. We are now facing an all-to-simple ruling that will have grave consequences to your property values. It is simply a falsehood that the Board of Trustees has shown preference or favoritism to any individual. We have exercised reason in pursuing the most vital of the Deed Restrictions, these being the Building Lines (commonly know as setbacks). I personally feel that this is one of the unique aspects of our neighborhood that make it so valuable. My only *in-*

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GOCOP REPORT

Carl Waters, Jr.

Summer's here and the heat is on. While most of us head indoors to air conditioned homes, criminals still hang around outside hoping we will be less diligent in our efforts to protect our property and our neighbors. Please try to remain aware of who is in the area of your homes or hanging around your neighbors' homes. Report any suspicious activity to the police. I don't like to think negatively of children, but some of them, too, can use the heat and idleness of summer to perpetrate crimes such as bike thefts. Be wary if you see kids riding two to a bike. They may be coming back with a neighbor's bike.

In last month's *Gazette*, Brenda de Alba mentioned that thieves had returned to the esplanade and taken three trees. I heard at last month's PIP meeting the Lazybrook neighborhood is experiencing similar problems with landscaping items and lawn furniture being stolen. Marking your lawn furniture may help prevent it being stolen or help get your property returned to you if it is stolen.

April Crime Statistics (5)

Robbery (1)
3000 block of Durham on April 2nd at 11:25 p.m. (Restaurant)

Burglary (2)
4200 block Alba on April 3rd at 7:15 a.m. (Vacant Residence)
700 block W. 42nd St. on April 29th at 8:00 a.m. (Garage)

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2)
2900 block of Shepherd on April 13th at 11:00 p.m. (Other parking lot)
3100 block of Shepherd on April 30th at 11:30 a.m. (Restaurant parking lot)

In April, patrollers and bases were in operation for 72 ¼ hours. Thanks to all for their efforts. I would also like to thank Randy and Claudia Pruitt who have completed their HPD training program and will begin patrolling soon.

For anyone else interested in joining the program, monthly training is provided by the Houston Police Department at the North Command Station 9455 W. Montgomery Rd. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and on the 4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m. In July, those dates are the 8th and the 22nd. Please call me or check with HPD before going to classes as occasionally they are canceled.

Don't forget National Neighbor's Night Out is August 3, 1999!! (There will be no Civic Club Meeting in August.) The command staff at HPD is very interested in which neighborhoods have parties and how well they are attended. There is quite a battle between the North Region and The Clear Lake area each year. Please call me at 713-864-1992 if you are planning a block party. Let's beat the Clear Lake area for the most block parties.

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tention when joining the Board of Trustees was to preserve the quality and value of our neighborhood. In doing so, I find myself being threatened by Victor Moore's attorney for personal liability, and I find my Deed Restricted neighborhood being jeopardized by nothing less than a malicious, destructive legal mechanism. Other Board members have become intimidated by these threats and tactics and may resign, but I feel it is my duty to my neighbors to stand our ground on this. The only other alternative would be to grant a variation for Victor Moore and other neighbors who have pending lawsuits for similar violations. This type of action would waive setbacks and make us virtually ineffective at ever being able to enforce your Deed Restrictions. Other alternatives would be to form a Property Owners' Association (which would require a 60% majority to agree upon), or amend the Deed Restrictions (which would require a 75% majority to agree upon). I have been advised that this may be an insurmountable goal that could take up to 7 years or more, and require an enormous amount of work with no guarantees. Things are sometimes a little upside down in our world, because if Victor Moore doesn't like the elements of our Deed Restrictions that many of his neighbors have abided by and complied with, then he should have taken the proper actions to organize 75% of his neighbors to amend them.

GARDEN OAKS BABYSITTING COOP

Craig Lee

Say you're like me. You've got children. You want to go out Saturday night. And you don't have a babysitter. Here's a great idea for you to think about. Become a member of Garden Oaks Babysitting Coop. The coop members trade babysitting time among themselves in exchange for plastic "tokens" which represent time. You get the tokens when you join and pay the $5 annual fee. The coop program has been working very well for many years. It is well organized with very responsible parents in its membership.

A fun and successful program of the coop is "Kids Night Out." (Well, that's what we let them think.) Parents, you leave you kids with a designated member from 6-10:30 approximately every other Saturday night. The kids enjoy pizza and playing. And the grown-ups...

Well let's just say the program is very popular with both kids and parents. There's also a "Dad's Night Out" and a "Mom's Night Out" for the parents only. This is usually a trip to a restaurant for dinner, maybe a drink or two, and enjoyable conversation among friends which you will quickly become. There are other interactive programs, too, like parties, bowling, skating and swim outings.

Oh, and some of our members are single including yours truly. So don't be afraid to call if that's your situation.

If mom's nearby to keep you kids, or you have a favorite babysitter, we understand. But for the rest of you, if you want to know more about the coop, give us a call. We're looking forward to the opportunity to tell you more. Call Chandra Bartlett. She may be reached at 713-861-2155.

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JULY GARDENING GUIDE

Tina Sabuco

Summertime and the livin' is easy and so should your gardening. Think cool thoughts, think fall and plant pumpkins early in the month to have them ready for Halloween. Choose small or medium sized varieties. Envious of your neighbor's crape myrtle? You can still plant your own. Purchase named varieties, in full bloom to ensure color selection, so that you can replicate your purchase later should you decide to add a few more. Since we're on the subject of fall, get those seed pots ready and set seeds for fall annual flower transplants of marigolds, zinnias, celosias and cosmos. It's not to late to set out transplants of cooper plants, firebush, begonias and Joseph's coat.

Pruning seed heads off crape myrtles immediately after the petals fall will stimulate additional flowering before autumn. Shrubs and vines will need an occasional pruning of errant growth to maintain a tidy appearance. Remove dead, diseased or otherwise damaged branches as you see them from trees and shrubs. Prune trees to allow more light to reach the grass beneath. Seal the cut ends of oak branches with pruning paint to prevent the spread of disease. Remove old roses, pruning to second 5-leaflet leaf. Reshape plants gently to promote good growth before fall flowering. Trim your overgrown or lanky annuals back to stimulate new growth and flowers.

Wisteria, azaleas, camellias, Carolina jasmine, gardenias and holly may be showing signs of an iron deficiency (yellowed leaves with dark green veins, most prominent at the ends of the branches). Apply an iron/sulfur additive. Keep the plants off bricks and concrete. Withhold fertilizer from your St. Augustine grass in summer to lessen the chance of disease. Continue using a 20-20-20 or similar analysis with each watering to container plants.



Water is the key to surviving the summer. Protect your landscaping investment by watering deeply as your plants show signs of need. Mulch heavily and keep weeds out of your beds.

MAIL POUCH



This is a reply to the "Open Letter to Section One Residents - Deed Restrictions Threatened" in the May 1999 issue of the *Garden Oaks Gazette*. The article Shelley Rogers wrote does not represent the views of all residents and greatly exaggerates the consequences of what is to follow if Victor C. Moore wins his case.

How some of us feel about the Deed Restrictions and the Board of Trustees is expressed by a resident who is willing to take the time and effort to pursue his case. The Board of Trustees must come to the realization that its beliefs and attitude does not represent all the residents of Garden Oaks.

Alex Horvath
304 W. 34th

Somehow I managed to miss the May issue of the *Garden Oaks Gazette*. I have just read the June issue and add my voice, and that of my husband, to the chorus of those concerned by Mr. Moore's suit. I agree with the other correspondents: neither Mr. Moore nor his attorney has permission to speak on my behalf and I wholeheartedly support the position taken by the Board of Trustees.

If Mr. Moore likes the look of Tanglewood, West University or River Oaks, he should move there. We moved to Garden Oaks specifically because it was NOT that kind of neighborhood—where the small homes are torn down and the big, beautiful trees are ripped out to construct the lot-line-to-lot-line boxes which loom over adjacent property. There are dozens of neighborhoods in Houston which now look like Tanglewood, West University and River Oaks—but there is only one Garden Oaks. I for one want to keep it like it is.

Helen Taylor Theaker
308 W. 33rd

BIKE PATH CHOOSES EASY ROUTE

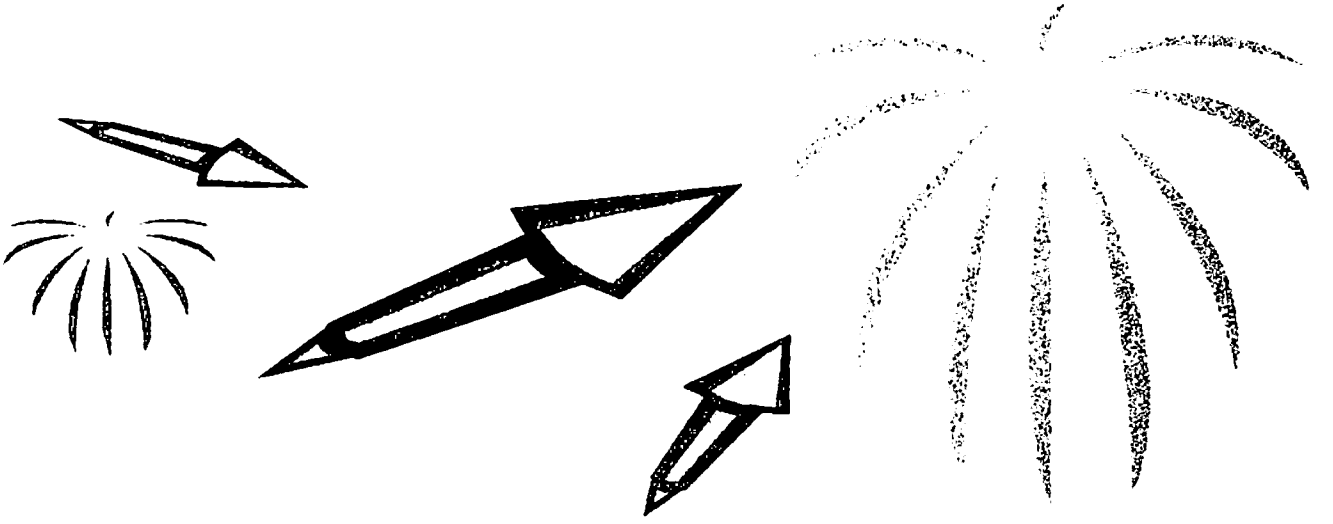
Shelley Rogers

Everyone's hard work has paid off. W. 33rd between Lawrence and Yale will not be widened, but will remain part of the city's bikeway network, with signs to be erected identifying it as such.

TxDOT agreed to allow the city to elect to break out certain street sections of the route and for the city to be responsible for the design of those sections. TxDOT will not require the city to widen those street sections.

The city made such an election as to W. 33rd, and TxDOT has stated that it has no objection, according to Mignette Dorsey, the city's bicycle/pedestrian coordinator. Dorsey credited the pressure put on TxDOT by the W. 33rd residents, Council Member Bruce Tatro, State Senator Ken Whitmire and State Representative Ken Yarbrough as leading to TxDOT's change of position.

Thanks to our elected representatives for their help. More importantly, thanks to all the neighbors who wrote letters. In a land where the squeaky wheel gets the grease, our squeak became a roar heard loud and clear.



Happy 4th of July

HEAVY TRASH

1st Tuesday
Sections 1 & 1A

2nd Tuesday
Sections 2 - 5
South of West 41st St.

3rd Tuesday
Sections 2 - 5
North of West 41st St.

RECYCLING

1st and 3rd Tuesday
North of West 43rd St.

2nd and 4th Tuesday
South of West 43rd St.

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JULY EVENTS

6th: Civic Club Meeting, 7:00 PM
G.O. Elementary School

8th: Garden Club, 7:00 PM
Call for location 713-869-6534

1999 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4  Independence Day	5	6 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8 Garden Club 7:00 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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"The summer looks out
From her brazen tower,
Through the flashing bars
Of July."—Francis Thompson