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SPRING FESTIVAL BEGINS BUDDING

Kristen Joel, Spring Fling Chair

Since last year's Spring Fling was such a big hit, we would like to do it again. With your help, we can have an activity to benefit our community as well as attract attention to our wonderful neighborhood. Be sure to mark your calendars—the Garden Oaks Spring Festival is planned for Sunday May 21st from Noon to 4 P.M. at the Garden Oaks Elementary Spark Park. There will be activities to interest all residents of Garden Oaks - kids, pets and people - including food and fun. Local businesses are being approached to help underwrite the event. We would love to hear from those wishing to be volunteers to help with event organization as well as any residents who would like to be craft or food vendors.

Come have some fun with us while we plan this great neighborhood party! The next Spring Festival meeting is on Sunday, February 6th at 2:30 PM at 807 West 41st Street. We would love to have you there or you can call Kirsten Joel at (713) 613-5200 Ext. 127 to volunteer or for more information.

Save the Date

Garden Oaks Spring Festival
Sunday, May 21st
Noon-4 P.M.

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BUG DELAYS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Robert De Veau, Editor

Well, it wasn't anything as dramatic as the Y2K bug that delayed the publication of the January issue. It was your humble editor being struck with the flu bug. After churning out twelve issues on time, I missed the deadline when I was laid up with the same flu that has inconvenienced so many of you as well.

I was surprised at the number of phone calls I received from residents wanting to know where their *Gazette* was! Please accept my apologies to any of you who may have missed a community event because the issue was distributed so late. My deepest thanks to the faithful delivery volunteers who rushed to get their copies distributed so late in the month and now have to deliver another issue so soon after. The *Gazette* really fills a void and serves to keep us all in touch with the place we call home.

For those of wondering what has happened to the "Living Well Naturally" column contributed by Dr. Michael Swartztrauber, be advised that

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EDITOR'S CORNER

January 8th was a day just like any other day, at least it had started out to be that way. But something happened that deeply touched my soul. It wasn't earth-shattering news for the masses of humanity and it appeared in the obituaries of the Space Coast edition of *Florida Today*.

To really understand, I would have to begin the story 89 years ago to December 22, 1910. William Howard Taft was President and Henry Alexander Fournier was born in a house in Everett, Massachusetts. He was one of seven children. When Henry was just six years old, the U.S. entered into World War I. Forward ahead to August 31, 1931 when this brash 21-year-old man married an 18-year-old girl named Germaine Rose Genest. In 1931, a new home could be bought for \$3,000. A man's suit cost about \$10, a shirt less than 50¢, and a pair of shoes about \$4. Milk was 10¢ a quart, a pound of steak only 29¢ and a loaf of bread 5¢. For a dime one could go to the movies and buy a bag of popcorn. But that was for people who had dimes. Not many people lucky enough to be working had much change to spend after paying rent and buying food because it was the middle of the Depression.

Despite that, they raised four children -- one girl and three boys. In 1941, the United States was engaged in World War II and would remain in battle until 1945. Henry would also live

to witness the Korean War, McCarthyism and the U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Other historical events in Henry's life included the first mass television broadcast of the 1947 World Series; the assassinations of both John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King and the fall of the Berlin Wall. He lived through 15 Presidents: Taft, Woodrow Wilson (twice), Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt (4 times), Harry Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower (twice), John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon (twice), Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan (twice), George Bush, and Bill Clinton (twice).

During his lifetime, Henry worked as an auto painter for Ford Motor Company in Massachusetts until his retirement. He never accumulated a lot of wealth but he was rich with love. He provided well for his family and his marriage endured for 68 years! He had a very quick wit and was never at a loss for words. He and his wife built a camp in the woods of New Hampshire. Situated on a lake, it was their retreat. Every Friday after work they would drive the 2 hours north of Boston, sometimes alone, sometimes with children and grandchildren in tow. By that time in his life, his children had married and had children of their own. In total, their four children provided Henry and Germaine with 16 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. In 1997, they sold the camp in New Hampshire and their duplex in Everett and retired to Cocoa, Florida where this unassuming man and his wife lived out the rest of his life. On January 8th, the greatest man I ever knew passed away, at home, with his wife of 68 years by his side. This is not meant to mourn his death but to celebrate his life. I was blessed to be one of his grandsons. And at a time in his life when he had finished raising his own children, he took on the duty of raising my four brothers and me when our father left. He was more than a Grandfather, he was my hero. Hey Peperre, let's have a cup of coffee -- black, just the way you like it.

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PRESIDENT FLOWERS

New Year's resolutions — have you made any this year? I've got several; not the least of which is losing a few pounds. Back in January of 1998 I ran the Houston Marathon. While training for the big 26.2 mile event, running 10 to 15 miles on a Saturday morning was like child's play. Now it's a major feat to run 1 to 1 ½ miles. It's amazing what a difference two years of inactivity can make. So, the first New Year's resolution is to start running again, get in shape, and lose a few pounds. I've got a decent start running at least three miles, four days a week through the streets of Garden Oaks. Not a bad view and I've managed to meet a few more of my neighbors.

My second resolution is not only to lose weight, but also to eat better overall. Currently, my favorite lunch and/or dinner is the Whataburger Valu-Meal, with cheese please. I have taken steps to curtail this abundant consumption of fast food by downgrading to ordering the Whataburger *Junior* Valu-Meal. Within the next month, I hope to wean myself off of Whataburger completely.

Okay, there are a couple of my resolutions. So how about you? Got any New Year's resolutions? Here's a few you can add to your list that are pretty painless and will make you feel good about your contribution to the community in which you live. First, we are kicking off a campaign to get more of our neighbors contributing to the Constable Program. Over the next couple weeks, some of your neighbors will be visiting your home to ask for your assistance in funding this very important program in the event you have not already contributed. Please make it a New Year's resolution to pay your share of the constable program. The modest cost will go a long way in making our community a safer place to live as we expand the program from Section One to the other sections of Garden Oaks.

Second, how long has it been since you've paid your Civic Club dues? And how long has it been since you've attended a Civic Club Meeting? Our neighborhood can not thrive on the good intentions of the modest number of people who annually pay their dues and consistently volunteer their time for the betterment of our community. Please take the time to pay your dues, and I urge you to attend the meetings held on the first

Tuesday of every month. Make it a resolution in 2000.

Off the subject of New Year's resolutions, we note that surveyors have visited the property at the corner of 30th Street and Yale. We have found that an interested party has put a contract on the property and hopes to close within 8 weeks. We are currently working to determine what is proposed to be built on that property and hope to have a report at the Civic Club Meeting on February 1st.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Kim Salls, Garden Club Secretary

The Garden Oaks Garden Club is very excited about the upcoming year. Our January meeting was held at the home of our new President, Brenda de Alba. The members discussed the tentative activities, programs, and goals for the year.

We have some great ideas for field trips and activities this year. One idea is a Plant Swap where neighbors can exchange interesting and successful plants from their gardens.

Possible programs include butterfly gardening, shade gardening, hibiscus plants, day lilies, water and bog gardening, and plumerias. Look for the scheduled dates and locations for these programs in the *Gazette*.

One of the goals of the club this year is to reach out and involve more members of the Garden Oaks community. Our current members range in gardening experience from novice to expert. The meetings are always open to anyone with an interest in gardening.

The next meeting will be held at 851 La Monte on February 17th at 7:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Donald Burger, a consulting rosarian with the Houston Rose Society. His topic will be an introduction to growing roses in Houston. This will also be a "Bring a Friend" meeting when all the current members are encouraged to introduce someone new to our group. Whether you come by yourself or with a member, we hope you are one of the new faces. Meetings are open and you do not have to be a member of the Garden Club. For further information, call Susan Spooner at (713) 861-1336.

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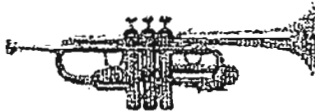
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 4TH CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Amy Shaughnessy, Secretary

President Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Due to a delay in the *Gazette* delivery, the minutes from the December meeting were not published prior to the meeting and were not available for approval.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Jay Slemmer was not present.

Vice President: Robert De Veau had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Gazette editor: Robert De Veau reported the January *Gazette* would be late due to the holidays and having the flu.

Beautification: Brenda de Alba gave her final report for 1999. She reported that the Art Park workday on December 11th was woefully under-attended. Two new benches have been installed in the Rose Garden and one in the Art Park. Everyone is urged to think of the beautification program, as a memorial to honor loved ones.

GOCOP: Carl Waters gave an overview of the program for first time Civic Club meeting attendees. Some theft and vandalism of Christmas decorations were reported. Patrolling hours were down in November, largely due to flu. Crime is down in our area for the latter part of 1999. This is especially good news in view of the fact that one year ago Garden Oaks saw a big jump in crimes for December 1998. But we need more patrollers! Contact Carl Waters at (713) 864-1992.

Constable Program: Deputy Green was unable to attend the meeting, but President Flowers gave the report. In December, Deputy Green patrolled 971 miles. [Note: His patrol now includes all of Garden Oaks.] He gave 24 verbal warnings, 4 written, and issued 21 citations. Green made 14 arrests and 19 park checks. There were no alarm calls or accidents reported. Deputy Green made 112 citizen contacts and 14 vacation watches.

Deed Restrictions: Shelly Immel reported that members of the Deed Restrictions Committee met with a lawyer recently. Dave Thomson gave the report on this meeting. The next meeting of the committee is January 12 at 7:00 in the Garden Oaks Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. The deed restrictions committee is still very interested in getting the Deed Restriction Survey back. If you need a copy, contact the committee at the hotline number (713-341-3737) or download it from the Garden Oaks listserv.

Senior Helpers: Sharon Lauder was not present.

Membership: David Bell was not present.

Home Tour: Meredith Jenkins was not present.

Unfinished Business

None



New Business

Applications are now being accepted at Garden Oaks Elementary for the Montessori Program.

There being no further business, President Flowers adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Jay Slemmer, Chair

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DEED RESTRICTIONS RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Shelly Immel, Chair

As we reported in the January Civic Club meeting, a member of our committee, Dave Thompson, met with our attorney, Reid Wilson, for legal guidance. Dave outlined our goals of creating a new enforcement agency for our deed restrictions and also updating our deed restrictions to reflect majority opinion.

The attorney advised us to use Section 204 of Texas law. This law was enacted by the State legislature to give communities in Harris County the ability to revive and enforce deed restrictions. Using this law, we would follow a two-phase plan:

1. Create an organization with the power to enforce our existing restrictions. (Our proposed name is the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization.)
2. Update our deed restrictions under the rules of the new organization.

We can give the Maintenance Organization very broad or very limited powers, depending on what community members want. Obviously one of the things we'd want this organization to be able to do is enforce deed restrictions. In creating the organization, we'd set down how the members of the enforcement committee would be elected, how long their terms would be, how often the committee must have public meetings, etc.

Another example of a power we can give to the organization is the power to raise funds. There are several ways to fund the Maintenance Organization. Over 70% of people who responded to the deed restriction survey wanted to make the fee a percentage (.2% - .75%) of property price collected at closing and paid by the purchaser when a property changes hands. This would work very much like our old method of the title company collecting a fee at closing and forwarding the funds to the Board of Trustees. There are other options, such as annual fees, but less than 25% of survey respondents favored that. When we create the Maintenance Organization, we can set up the funding mechanism however we want.

Another important point is how much power we grant (or limit) to collect such fees. Some property owners associations—and the GO Maintenance Organization is legally termed a POA—were created with very broad powers, so that they could even put liens on properties if the owner failed to pay annual dues. This is not something that most of us favor, according to the deed restriction survey results and according to the opinions voiced at the January Civic Club meeting. The solution is simple—we won't grant that power to the GO Maintenance Organization when we create it. If we don't give the Maintenance Organization the legal power to place liens on property, the organization simply can't do it. We can specify exactly which powers and which limits we place on the organization when we draft its bylaws, and every property owner will have the chance to review these critical points when he/she votes whether to approve formation of the Maintenance Organization.

So, based on the legal advice we have received, our basic plan of action and timeline are as follows:

1. Determine which power property owners want to grant to this organization, and which power people want to limit or withhold entirely. This will be done via a

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- survey, hopefully as an insert in the April *Gazette*. We'll be doing a phone campaign and door-to-door follow up on the surveys, so we'll be calling on you volunteers to help with this in March and April.
2. Tally the survey results and draft the Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO) bylaws. Get our attorney to finalize these in May.
 3. Kick off voting on whether to create the GOMO at the Spring Fling on May 21st. At least 60% of property owners (determined by square footage) must vote to approve the formation of this organization. If 60% vote "yes", then the rules and powers of the organization will be binding on all property owners. Voting will continue after Spring Fling, but this will be our best opportunity to get lots of people voting at one time. (Since each voting signature has to be notarized, it's a lot easier to do it in groups than it is door-to-door!) We don't know how long the voting will take, but we'd like to finish it up by fall. We must finish it within a year to satisfy legal requirements.
 4. Once the GO Maintenance Organization is established, elect members of a deed restriction enforcement committee according to the rules established when we formed the GOMO.
 5. Draft updated deed restrictions according to survey results.
 6. Vote on updated deed restrictions.

Several people have asked if forming the GOMO would somehow combine the deed restrictions for the 5 sections. The answer is "No." We can have a single Maintenance Organization that all property owners in all 5 sections would belong to. But the deed restriction enforcement committee would still be dealing with 5 separate sets of deed restrictions. If people want to combine the deed restrictions, that's part of Steps 5 and 6 above, not part of forming the GOMO.

In summary, we were advised to create an organization that all property owners would belong to, with only the powers that we as property owners choose to grant the organization. After that's done, we'll be able to update the deed restrictions themselves.

I'm sure many of you have questions and ideas about the path that we have been advised to take. I invite you to come to the Civic Club meeting every month to find out more details and to discuss what's going on.

Thanks for your participation and ongoing support.

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

Jeff Benjamin, Chair

The parks and gardens of Garden Oaks need your help! Volunteers are needed to assist in maintaining and replanting seasonal color for the neighborhood parks. As the new Chair of the Beautification Committee, I'm hoping that those with green thumbs, who like getting their hands dirty, and have an interest in landscaping, will volunteer to assist with the various projects for which the Beautification Committee is responsible.

Our first work day is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Rose Garden Park on W. 34th Street. Our job will be to prune the roses, clean the beds and relocate soil from the paver project. Everyone is welcome, and any amount of time you could provide would be appreciated. Please bring your pruners, rakes, shovels, a wheel barrel, and garbage bags to assist with the clean up. If you can help with the Rose Garden, or are interested in volunteering on the Beautification Committee, please call me at (713) 695-7953. Spring is approaching fast! I'm looking forward to working with you this year.

Suzanne Anderson

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GOCOP REPORT

Carl Waters, Jr.

Last month I mentioned that I would be taking a look back at the start of the COP program as it went into the next century and millennium. With a little research, I discovered that the program will actually be celebrating its tenth anniversary this July.

My sources told me that in response to rising crime, and, in particular, to a rather nasty string of home invasions, several spirited ladies in the neighborhood started a drive to join the Citizens On Patrol program which had been started in the city about five years earlier. The first Coordinator was Teresa Coleman. Ms. Coleman moved to Ft. Worth shortly after getting the program started and Rita Donaldson took over for five months before Trish Webb became the second coordinator of the COP program. Trish turned the program over to Bill Chastain who placed it in my hands in 1996.

Back to the beginning. In May 1990, the first meeting was held with the Houston Police Department to discuss implementation of the program in the Garden Oaks and Garden Oaks Plaza neighborhoods. A follow up meeting was held for volunteers wanting to help in program and on June 28, 1990 the first training session for citizen patrollers was held with 93 people in attendance. By late July, patrollers hit the streets and we have been out there ever since. I was given a copy of the original roster and several original members are still in the program. They include: David Bell, and V. D. and Laverne Kelly. Soon thereafter Lucille and Woody Mehrkam joined the program.

What did they find on the streets? I spent some time going over old crime bulletins from 1990 to the present. In the early months of the program, double digit crime numbers were the rule rather than the exception. For the last nine months of 1990, 81 crimes were recorded by HPD in our neighborhood and things got worse before they got better. In 1991, 137 crimes were reported; followed by 85 in 1992; 59 in 1993; 51 in 1994; 74 in 1995; 49 in 1996; 46 in 1997 and 82 in 1998. The final numbers for 1999 will appear in the *March Gazette*. According to the records left by my predecessors, patrollers averaged about 100 patrol hours a month. In May of 1992 a peak number of 249 patrol hours was attained.

Perhaps a victim of its own success, the patrol program is now greatly reduced in numbers of patrollers and hours patrolled.

November crime statistics (2)*

- Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (2)
- 500 block of W. 34th on November 28 at 10:00 a.m.
- 700 block of W. 34th on October 20 at 12:56 p.m.*

In November patrollers were active for 4 1/2 hours. Thanks all for your time.

If you'd like to join us, all you need to do is complete a training session with HPD and a take an introductory ride with one of our active patrollers and then you are on your way. The training sessions are held on the second Thursday of each month at the North Command Center at 9455 W. Montgomery Road at 10:00 a.m., a second session on the fourth Thursday of each month is held at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.



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we have been experiencing technical difficulties. Dr. S has submitted two columns but I haven't been able to open his files and decipher the contents. We are working on correcting the problem and hope to have the good Doctor back in print with the March issue.

With this issue, we have also lost our resident gardening author, Tina Sabuco. Tina has been sharing her gardening knowledge with us for the past year and would like to retire her trowel. If you or someone you know, would like to contribute your "seeds of wisdom" with the rest of the community, please contact me.

On a final note, I am actively searching for someone to take over my role as editor of the *Gazette*. After producing the newsletter for the past year, the time has come for me to pursue other interests in the community. I will continue in my capacity until a replacement has been found and will work with the new editor during the transition until he or she feels confident to take the reigns. The requirements are pretty minimal. Of course, access to a computer is a must and knowledge of a page layout program is helpful. I use Microsoft Publisher 2000 for the PC and will provide the template for your use. Access to an on-line service is beneficial, as many contributors like to submit their articles via e-mail but it isn't required. You should also have access to a current version of a word processing program in order to open files submitted for publication. Most contributors are using Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works. A Hewlett Packard Office Jet (fax/scanner/copier) is passed from editor to editor. A separate phone line is not needed but you'll want to change the fax setting to "manual receive" so as to not give all your callers an earful of that annoying "fax whine". In the past year, I have probably had two articles faxed to me and have never used the scanner. A wonderful committee provides all the support you need: Christine Stevens handles all the advertisers and gets their ad copy to the printer; Jay Slemmer handles all the billing and Sheila Briones is a proof reader *par excellence*. All that's missing is you. Interested? Give me a call at (713) 686-6012 and we can discuss the details.



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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR G.O. MONTESSORI PROGRAM

We in Garden Oaks are fortunate to have Houston's only neighborhood public Montessori Program right here at Garden Oaks Elementary! Now in its sixth year, the Montessori Program provides our children with an opportunity for an exceptional education alternative usually found only in private school settings. We are very proud to have a public Montessori School program.

How is Montessori different from traditional education?

- Students usually begin school at age 3.
- The classrooms are multi-aged: 3 to 6 year olds are grouped together; likewise, 6-9 year olds and 9-12 year olds.
- A rigorous scientific approach was used to develop, test, and implement the curriculum. The curriculum has proved effective and has been in use worldwide for over 70 years.
- Montessori students receive early, systematic instruction in the Base-10 number system and phonics-based language instruction.
- In addition to the traditional "3Rs" of elementary education, children study algebraic concepts, life sciences, chemistry, geology, geography, and history in the early grades on up.
- Garden Oaks Elementary Montessori students also receive formal Spanish instruction and enriched art programs.
- Montessori is not just an instructional method - it is a philosophy. Parents learn to appreciate new ways of parenting which can last a lifetime.

How do I get my child into the Program?

1. The first step is to fill out the short application form inserted in this *Gazette*. The form can also be obtained from the school office. The completed form can be dropped off or mailed to Garden Oaks Elementary, 901 Sue Barnett, Houston, Texas, 77018.
2. For first consideration, applications must be submitted between January 5 and February 15 for the 2000-01 school year.

3. All applicant families will be offered school and classroom tours as well as informative orientation meetings.
4. If there are more applications than available spaces (which has occurred every year to date), each child will be assessed for school readiness by the Admissions Committee, which will make a recommendation for acceptance into the program. Firm parent commitment to support the Program will play a large role in all considerations for acceptance into the Program. Parents will be notified of acceptance on or before April 15, 2000.

So, what's the Catch?

- * There really is no catch, per se.
- * There is no charge for children entering the program who are 5 or older as of September 1, 2000.
- * Children who are 3 or 4 as of September 1 will pay a nominal tuition. Need-based scholarships are available by application through Friends of Montessori.
- * Children must be zoned to attend Garden Oaks Elementary School.
- * The Program's success (and even its existence) depends on parent involvement. Parents are partners with the School in overseeing and raising funds for the Program.

For more information about the Montessori Program, contact Garden Oaks Elementary at (713) 696-2930.

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1999 CIVIC CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT
submitted by Jay Slemmer, Treasurer

	2000 Budget	1999 Budget	1999 as of December 31 (unaudited)
Revenues			
Gazette	\$9,100.00	\$7,000.00	\$9,004.75
Beautification	2,100.00	2,500.00	3,569.75
Home Tour	17,350.00	18,650.00	19,410.31
Home Tour Profit Distribution			(11,373.00)
Membership Dues	6,725.00	7,000.00	6,900.00
Deed Restrictions Committee	1,000.00	0.00	4,599.00
GO COP	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,109.00
Senior Helper Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Garden Club	900.00	0.00	845.00
Montessori Program Donations	0.00	0.00	7.00
Computer Rebate	0.00	0.00	50.00
Constable Patrol Program	48,000.00	38,654.44	43,594.55
Interest Income	804.00	500.00	914.31
TOTAL REVENUE	\$87,079.00	\$75,304.44	\$78,630.67
Expenses			
Gazette	\$9,100.00	\$9,174.00	\$8,967.84
Beautification			
Esplanade	2,050.00	2,350.00	1,933.90
Triangle Park	750.00	1,350.00	1,263.18
The Rose Garden	250.00	3,200.00	5,348.74
Gazebo Park	700.00	600.00	100.73
Art Park	500.00	400.00	86.25
Misc	200.00	2,100.00	1,160.27
Spring Fling	0.00	0.00	1,242.50
Gazette	0.00	0.00	210.00
Utilities	504.00	0.00	443.22
Home Tour	7,346.02	9,020.00	8,036.60
Membership	1,500.00	700.00	724.83
Monthly Meetings	0.00	700.00	578.34
Deed Restrictions Committee	9,262.00	0.00	550.00
GO COP	900.00	800.00	73.81
Constable Patrol Program	46,700.00	38,654.44	43,239.63
Elder Committee	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
Garden Club			568.50
Executive	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,108.33
Friends of Montessori	0.00	600.00	1,137.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	83,762.02	71,148.44	\$76,773.67
TOTAL SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	\$3,316.98	\$4,156.00	\$1,857.00



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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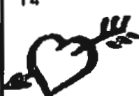
1st: Civic Club Meeting, 7:00 PM
 G.O. Elementary School

17th: Garden Club, 7:00 PM
 851 La Monte

19th: Rose Garden Work Day

21st: Home Tour Committee, 7:00 PM
 729 W. 38th Street

February 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Civic Club Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14  St. Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Garden Club 7:00 PM	18	19 Beautification Work Day Rose Garden 9:00—Noon
20	21 Home Tour Committee 7:00 PM Presidents' Day	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	<p>"A February face, so full of frost, of storm, and cloudiness." —Shakespeare</p>			