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Garden Oaks Recycling

Diane Pittman

The recycling article in the May Gazette brought out a lot of fervent recyclers in the neighborhood, all eager to keep our curbside recycling program. And there are a lot of them! Thanks to everyone who participates!

Ivan Mayers, civic club VP, contacted Councilmember Melissa Noriega to emphasize that our community is definitely interested both in raising recycling awareness and in continuing with our curbside pickup. In fact, we'd like Garden Oaks to be a model for the city. She was meeting with the director of solid waste just this past week; an update will be provided when available.

Several neighbors dug into the "recycling stats" for "Garden Oaks" and reported that the area in question included not only Garden Oaks per se, but also some surrounding neighborhoods. It appears that the areas outside of Garden Oaks actually brought our "stats" down to an unacceptable level. Garden Oaks by itself appears to be participating at an acceptable level (unofficially in excess of 25%). So, here's an opportunity for us to sort this out with the city, and to raise our recycling awareness even further!

Several people had trouble getting the green recycling bins. I ordered one via 311 online and it was delivered in about 16 days to my home. I have some extra bins to share. If you need one, please email your name and address to Dian at falingwterT@yahoo.com (or call me at 713-691-6505 and leave

your name and address on the recorder) and I will drop one off to you.

We have re-added the Recycling Dates to the calendar on the back of the Gazette (thanks to Jonathan Morgan). We also may be putting out signs to remind people of upcoming recycling dates. The June recycling dates are June 10 and June 24th.

July 1st Civic Club Meeting: Currently Kendall Baker, manager of the city's 311 information line, is our scheduled speaker. Ivan is also trying to get someone from the city's Solid Waste division (recycling) as well. Please plan to attend the July 1st civic club meeting and let's show the city just how interested we are in recycling!

Related opportunity: The parents at GOES Montessori program are offering us a great way to reduce, reuse, and recycle. As a fundraiser, they are offering sturdy, reusable grocery tote bags. All material is recyclable and can be used multiple times, helping to reduce your reliance on plastic bags. (FYI - Every 5 seconds a plastic bag is being consumed in the US and less than 1% of them get recycled. Tied end-to-end, that's enough to circle the earth 63 times.) Measuring 12.5 X 13.5 inches with an 8.5 side gusset and card insert bottom, the totes are deep brown with green artwork. The set includes 1 insulated bag with zip top and 4 standard tote bags for \$20. To reserve yours, contact Diane Pittman at diane.pittman@earthlink.net or 713-206-1140.

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Friendly Reminder

Deadline for Submission is the 15th of Every Month. **No exceptions.**

No submissions will be accepted after this date. This allows us to proofread, edit, and the printing to be done in a timely manner for delivery to all Garden Oaks Residents.

Next Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, June 3rd

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of GO Elementary, 901 Sue Barnett @ Garden Oaks Blvd. Babysitting services are available at a cost of \$1.00 per child.

Hope to see you there!

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Heard Under the OakTree

Terry Jeanes

Welcome new neighbors who recently joined the neighborhood.

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Congratulations on joining us. We hope to see you at a civic club meeting soon.

A special welcome to new arrival

Arya Eleanor O'Leary-Applying who was welcomed to the world April 23rd 2008. At birth she was 7 lbs 15.5 oz and 20.5" long. Proud dads **Brian O Leary** and **George Applying**, had quite an adventure as Arya was born in Cleveland Ohio. The new family departed Cleveland on Friday, 2:00am Friday via Amtrak from Cleveland to Chicago (7 hours) and then from Chicago to Longview, TX (19 hours). From Longview it was a rental car ride to Houston (4 hours) So Arya and her dads final made it to Garden Oaks.

Congratulations May Birthdays

06/01 **Andrew Joseph Balance**
06/04 **Stephen Wesley**
06/05 **Rebecca Stark**
06/05 **Tina Parks Rowe**
06/14 **Stacey Wood**
06/18 **Christopher Lee**
06/21 **Shawna Tatum**

Happy Anniversary

Janice & Warren Walden the 22nd

Added celebrations

Congratulations to **Brian O'Leary** who was recently honored at the 36th Annual SAVVY Awards on May 8th. Macy's in Conjunction with the Houston Chronicle saluted four outstanding volunteers for work in their respective

nonprofits. Brian had been a longtime tireless volunteer with Bering Omega Community Services. Congratulations Brian on a job well done!

Happy Retirement

Lynda Spinks, a lifelong resident of Garden Oaks, has retired from Houston Independent School District after a teaching career of 40 years the last 36 at Stevens Elementary School in Oak Forest. Her plans include having a more relaxed schedule, volunteering at her church, traveling, working on her genealogy, and spending more time with her family and friends.

Travels... Recovery Wishes

To **Marlene Caldwell** who recently had a horseback riding accident while vacationing in Portland Oregon. Marlene is now home but experienced two broken ribs, a broken collarbone and punctured lung. Sounds all too familiar to this author. Full recovery to your soon.

Condolences to **Diane Morish**, her mother, Willie Mae Morish, 85, April 25. Willie Mae owned Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique for 35 years.

To highlight an event, celebration, or other tidbit, contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.

Garden Oaks Civic Club Minutes

Cindy Bartos, Secretary

Welcome:

In the absence of President James Flowers, Treasurer Jerry Butler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April minutes as they appeared in the Gazette

Treasurer's Report:

Jerry Butler presented the current income and expense report for the Civic Club, including details of expenditures and profits of the recent 2008 Home Tour. His report also included a presentation of a comparison of the Home Tour results of 2006 to the 2008 Home Tour.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Beautification:** Brenda DeAlba reported on the work day on the Garden Oaks Blvd. esplanade in April. She also wanted to acknowledge the load of mulch donated by Luxury Lawns. There are no other work days planned until the Fall.
- **Constable Program:** Deputy Dell Valderas was introduced as the newly added deputy to the Constable program – a position funded by GOMO. This now brings the total number of deputies in the program to three. Deputy Mangano reported on various crime activities occurring in the last month. He asked that any suspicious activity be reported to the Constable's office. Deputy Hillman, part of Shepherd Park Plaza's Constable program reported on calls he answered in the Garden Oaks neighborhood. He reminded neighbors that one must have a City of Houston permit in order to sell door to door. He also encouraged residents to make sure their garage doors are closed and locked. Terry Jeanes reminded residents to include the Constable's phone number as well as HPD's number when registering your home alarm systems.
- **Garden Oaks Citizen's Patrol:** Carl Waters reported having 7 patrollers last month but would like to have

more volunteers. Crimes for the month of March included 3 burglaries and one DWI. This makes the total number of crimes reported at 13 for the year, compared to 28 at the same time last year. He described the qualifications for Citizen's Patrol and encouraged more residents to join. If interested, call Carl.

- **Membership:** Dian Austin reported a total of 313 Civic Club members. Carl Waters won the raffle drawing of a Lowes gift card.

Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization (GOMO):

Ed DeAlba announced there would be a meeting immediately following the Civic Club meeting. He also recognized the addition of the third deputy in the Constable's program, made possible through surplus GOMO funds.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Carl Waters announced that National Night Out, normally held in August has now moved (Texas Night Out) to the first Tuesday in October.

Program:

Sylvia Munson described the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and encouraged residents to take part in the training. The next 8 week training program will begin July 10, 2008. More information can be found at:

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Meeting adjourned: 7:55
Attendance: 35

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GO Kids News

Tonya Knauth

Moms' Night Out for May will be Thursday, June 5, at 7 pm, at Tecate on Ella.

The June Family Potluck will be Saturday, June 28, 4-7 pm, at the Johnson home, 734 W. 42nd. 2 1/2 year-old Elizabeth can't wait to host her neighborhood friends -- all are welcome! Please bring a dish -- drinks will be provided.

Our neighborhood seems to abound with joyful new additions frequently these days! We know how overwhelming a new baby can be to a family, so we provide several meals for the family during those stressful first weeks. If you are expecting or know a neighbor who is, please let us know!

Attention babysitters! We are currently taking information to post on our discussion group for babysitting services. We are looking for folks who live in GO who would be willing to have their contact information available for our neighborhood families. If you are interested, please send your name, address, phone and references if available to gwen_m_reed@yahoo.com. She will compile the list and have it posted on the GO Kids discussion group for use.

Please join us for our standing playgroups on Wednesdays at 10:00 at Graham Park, and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Candlelight Park. If you're interested in having a playgroup at a different time, please let us know!

GO Kids was started by a group of parents who want to build a family-friendly neighborhood where children and parents know each other and grow together -- all Garden Oaks families are welcome! Aren't on the GO Kids list serve? Want more information about GO Kids? Contact Tonya Knauth at (713) 628-8243, or tknauth@comcast.net.

Garden Club June Meeting

Patricia Mehrkam

Koi fish and ponds will be the topic discussed at the Garden Oaks Garden Club meeting on Thursday, June 12th, at 7 PM at the Kroger's Community meeting room. The founder of the Lone Star Koi Club and current Koi Health Advisor for the Lone Star Koi Club, Ms. Beth Grunden, is our speaker. She has a Power Point presentation on Koi history and heritage, plus information on starting your own Koi pond.

The weekend prior to our meeting, The Lone Star Koi Club in cooperation with HOUSTON POND SOCIETY present the Annual Water Garden and Pond Tour June 7th and 8th, 2008. This year they proudly present 25 koi ponds and water gardens on the popular annual self-guided tour. They have a few crowd favorites and many new spectacles. Ponds in the northern half of Houston will be open one day and ponds in the southern half of Houston will be open the other day. Tickets are \$10 each for adults, with children under 12 free. Tickets are good for both days of this self-guided tour. Advance tickets are available now at Nelson Water Gardens in Katy (281-391-4769). Tickets may also be purchased at any of the ponds on the day that pond is open. Booklets with detailed pond descriptions and maps for each of the locations is provided with your ticket purchase.

Hope you can make the Annual Water Garden and Pond Tour, and then join us Thursday, June 12, 7PM with all your questions about Koi at the Kroger's on 43rd -- upstairs in the meeting room.



Constable Program *YOUR WATCHFUL EYES ARE IMPORTANT* Terry Jeanes & Susan Love – Saranie

WELCOME DEPUTY VALDERAS

At our May civic meeting there was a lot of talk of how to make our streets even safer. The most important thing is for all neighbors to be alert and call at the slightest sense that something looks odd. Food for thought, if each neighbor was to take an extra moment or two to drive in a different way, taking a few extra blocks on their way home, being alert for anything unusual, armed with their cell phones and the constable dispatch number, we would effectively increase our patrol by our citizens. Carl Waters is still need of patrollers for the Citizens Patrol but if 20 parties a month drove an extra block or two per week we would have even more coverage of our neighborhood. This in turn would add our Deputies. So no matter the time of day, call 713 755 7628. Lately we have seen several quick in and out burglaries of residences. Quick kick in of back doors and likely in and out within 5 – 10 minutes with the fast grab electronics. It takes all of us being aware, if a vehicle is backed up in a drive and you do not recognize it write down the description and plate number. And of course call dispatch. The more vigilant we are about calling and letting the bad guys know we are all on our toes over here, the sooner they will go elsewhere.

Great News... We have added our third deputy.... Deputy Dell Baker Valderas, who joins us after 1 ½ years with Precinct One in the warranty division. Deputy Dell has connections to the area as she is a 1993 graduate of Waltrip High School. Prior to joining the county, she worked for TSA at the airport for 4.5 years. Deputy Dell is married to a Houston Firefighter who is currently on his first tour in Iraq, after previous service during Dessert Storm. Deputy Dell and her husband have two children, a boy 12 and a girl 6. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and spending time with her family and children. Be sure to welcome her to our neighborhood.

We still need assistance to keep our daytime officer on the streets. Currently we have funds for Deputy Mangano through the month of September and

need additional funds to keep him in Garden Oaks.

Take a moment Now ...and program in the Constable Dispatch Number in your cell phone or home phone....713 755 7628.

Constable Program benefits included in the \$180 per year donation:

- 40 hours of a designated Harris County Constable (in addition to the GOMO contract of 40 hrs. per week) A total of 80 hrs per week!!!!
- Vacation watch by Harris County Constable. Forms available at: <http://www.gardenoaks.org/Resources>
- Security Checks for insurance discounts.
- Alarm contact/ response by Harris County Constable
- Perceived value by prospective new neighbors considering buying in Garden Oaks because the neighbors work collectively to make the neighborhood safer
- Low Cost. The annual fee is \$180 per year (Jan-Dec), which is less than 50 cents per day. There are two payment options. An annual check of \$180 or a bank draft option of \$15 per month. Contact Terry Jeanes at 713-812-9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com with any questions

And remember you are an additional set of eyes and ears!!! Constable Dispatch at 713 755 7628. No matter the time of day. Your call could make the difference.

Those who may not yet have made a contribution please see the link with the form at

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Garden Oaks Sisterhood Dea Larson

Feels like summer is upon us so it must be time to meet new neighbors and renew old friendships. Please join the GO Sisterhood meeting on June 19th at the home of Anne Sellis, 1014 Lamonte Lane. We meet at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month at different homes in Garden Oaks. Our focus is making new friends, trying new wine (or other beverages) and exchanging stories about living in our wonderful neighborhood. All Garden Oaks women are welcome! Just bring a beverage or appetizer to share.

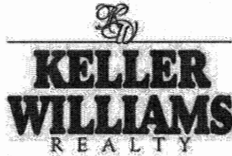
Many thanks to our May hostess, Beverly Jernigan for a fun Quince de Mayo gathering. Questions? Feel free to call or email Dea Larson at dealarson@aol.com or 281-920-0325.

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Garden Oaks Elementary Launches Perfect Attendance Award

Garden Oaks Elementary launched an attendance incentive to encourage children to come to school everyday till the end of the year. Running April 7-May 28 all students that had perfect attendance during this time period had their names entered in a drawing. The drawing was held on the morning of May 28, and over 40 large prizes were given out. This was made possible through a donation from Isela Villarreal and David Lorms of Farmer's Insurance.

Other happenings around campus were a completed and successful Beautification day to prepare for the Home tour. Over 30 people came to clean, weed and plant flowers and spring color for this event. Hope you stopped by on the tour and learned a little bit more about what we are working on at GOES!

The Rice Institute program visited the GOES campus in March and April. Fifth graders went through this innovative program that introduced students to college and shared opportunities for higher learning. This program concluded with a tour of Rice University.

Through the Urban Harvest After School program, students nurtured, harvested and sold vegetables and herbs at the Urban Harvest Farmer's Market. Students worked shifts at the market to sell what they had grown with hopes of earning money to buy new plants and seeds for the garden at GOES. The morning's bounty was sold out in record time, as shoppers were eager to learn about the experiences of such young gardeners. The children were even part of an Urban Harvest Gala video posted on YouTube...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qLVKRJgcKq>

The students would also like to thank Mike Dishberger and Sandcastle Homes for helping to expand our Vegetable and Herb garden. Masons came to campus and cut

limestone border rock to make these new raised beds (under Ms. Golts' design guidance!). This was the second year Mr. Dishberger contributed his expertise to our program. Thank you so much for your support!

The school is also getting ready to expand the Montessori program by adding a fourth Children's House classroom for the 2008-2009 school year. This will serve 3-6 yr. olds zoned to Garden Oaks Elementary. Through a partnership with Friends of Montessori and HISD, this growth allows more space for the neighborhood children interested in attending the program. Please contact the school at 713-696-2930 if you are interested in preparing classroom materials and/or carpentry projects.

And finally an announcement both of joy and sorrow, in her own words....Ms. Thomas, Principal GOES....."It is with mixed emotions that I inform you of my decision to retire from HISD effective August 31, 2008. Sadness, because I am leaving the children and community I have grown to love, and excitement as I look forward to beginning a new phase in my life. Let me take this opportunity to say that the past three years have been the most rewarding of my career in so many ways. I have put my heart and soul into this community and it has come back to me many times over. You all are definitely the best! Please believe me when I tell you that the children have been the motivating factor that has kept me going the past 33 years and who will now compose the wonderful memories of my rewarding career in public education. With me, it's always been about the kids!

I want to thank each and every one of you for all you do for the students at Garden Oaks Elementary School. It takes the parents, the students, the staff, and the community all working together to have a successful school. You have helped make Garden Oaks Elementary such a school!"

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Citizens Patrol Program

Carl Waters Jr.

The article I intended to have published in the Gazette last month was not the one which appeared. I have included the February Crime Statistics along with those for March in this month's article.

In other news the National Association of Town Watch, the organization which oversees National Night Out activities has come to their collective senses and agreed to move National Night Out for the State of Texas to the first Tuesday in October. I am sure most of us will feel more comfortable celebrating this annual event with temperatures in the upper 80's (hopefully cooler) than fighting the 100 degree temperature we seem to have each August. Y'all take advantage of this extra time and come up with some creative party themes for October.

Considerable time was spent on the Yahoo message board in April regarding crime statistics for the neighborhood and their accuracy. I went to the City Wide Positive Interaction Program (PIP for short) on May 13th and Chief Hurtt spoke on several issues before the group was allowed to tour the police department's new Crime Center. I asked the Chief if HPD shared information with other law enforcement agencies in Harris County and was surprised to learn HPD meets with the Sheriff's Department and the Constables regularly to share information. Here's a little more on the Crime Center. It is located at Police Headquarters downtown and is manned 24 hours a day seven days a week. Police officers and civilians with analytically backgrounds view calls for service as they are dispatched to police officers and among other things look for recent calls to the same or nearby addresses so they can let arriving officers know if there is a reason to be cautious about at the location. The center also has a display capable of location all the squad cars in the city and how fast they are traveling. This allows the staff to monitor pursuits and to better allocate resources in case of a large event or serious accident. According to the Captain in charge of the crime center a public version of the site will be available by the time you read this article. Citizens will be able to check calls for service for the day, the previous week and even the previous year. The Captain did advise you would only be able to the block number and street name of the reported crime.

March Crime Stats (4)

Burglaries (3)

3000 block of N. Durham DR on Monday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. (commercial build-

ing).

900 block of W. 41st ST on Friday, March 7th at 11:45 a.m. (residence).
200 block of W. 30th ST on Friday, March 21st at 2:00 p.m. (garage).

Driving While Intoxicated (1)

3100 block of Lawrence on Sunday, March 16th at 11:28 p.m. (public street).

February Crime Statistics (6)

Robbery (2)

900 block of W. 43rd ST on Friday, February 15th at 10:25 p.m. (street).
1200 block of Sue Barnett DR on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. (street).

Burglary (2)

700 block of W. 41st ST on Tuesday, February 12th at 8:30 a.m. (residence).
800 block of W. 41st ST on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 a.m. (garage).

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (1)

900 block of Gardenia DR on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 a.m. (garage).

Narcotics (1)

3000 block of Ashland ST on Saturday, February 2nd at 10:10 p.m. (street).

I realize we are just through the first quarter of the year, but so far there have been only 13 crimes reported. Last year through March 28 crimes had been reported. Currently we have over a 50% reduction in crime for the year. Let's hope this trend continues.

Inquires about joining the Citizens Patrol Program or about other community safety issues can be directed to me via neighborhood website GardenOaks.org or to the COP email account at GOCOP77018@AOL.com or by phone at 713-864-1992.

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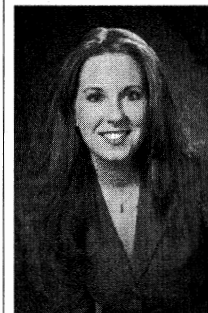
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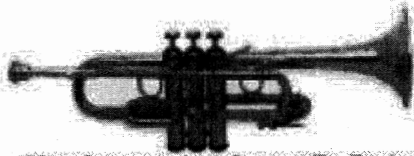
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Membership is open to all residents whether you own or rent. Please choose the level you feel most comfortable supporting. **While all memberships are voluntary, you must contribute a minimum of \$25 (or \$5 for Seniors 65 years+) in order to be eligible to vote on civic club matters.** Membership dues are for the calendar year.

Fill in Amount

- \$ _____ CREPE MYRTLE: \$25.00 (\$5.00 for Seniors)
 - Basic Household Membership
- \$ _____ THE MAGNOLIA: \$50.00 (\$10.00 for Seniors)
 - Intermediate Level – Household Membership
- \$ _____ THE GOLDEN OAK: \$75.00 (\$15.00 for Seniors)
 - Patron Level – Household Membership
- \$ _____ OTHER (Contributions other than the levels above)
 - Fill in amount you would like to contribute
- \$ _____ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 (non-voting membership)
- \$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO GARDEN CLUB
- \$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPARK PARK
- \$ _____ TOTAL

Membership dues support all Garden Oaks Civic Club Activities: Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, The Gazette, Home Tour, Membership Committee, and Website.

Please mail this completed form along with your check payable to:
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The Gazette's primary purpose is to disseminate information about Civic Club activities and community events.

Advertising rates are shown to the right. If you would like to purchase ad space, please contact the Editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

All articles must be submitted by the 15th of each month for publication the following month. Contributing articles will be printed at the Editor's discretion and edited according to space availability. Publication of any article not related to the Civic Club does not imply endorsement by the Garden Oaks Civic Club and is solely the opinion of the author.

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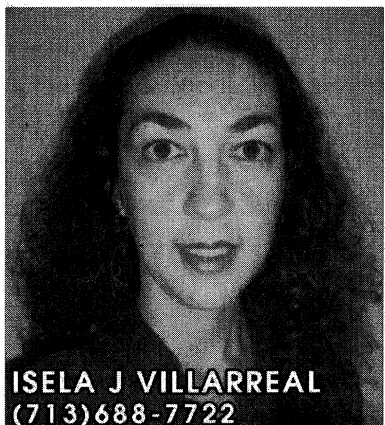
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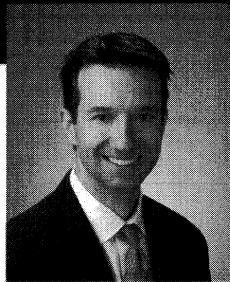
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Happy June! Summer and hot weather are here. Please remember to keep cool, fresh water available for your pets, and please do not leave your pets unattended in the car. If the outside temperature of your car is 93 degrees the inside temperature can soar to 125 degrees in 20 minutes and to 140 degrees in 40 minutes. Now and then I get a call from a neighbor who lives close to barking dogs so this month we will talk about why dogs bark and what to do if it becomes nuisance barking. Dogs have a right to bark, but within reason. Our pets of the month are one big ball of moving, talking fur.

Pet of the Month: "Misses June" is the Welty quartet. Gabby (Maltese) is one years old; Harley (Vizla) is seven years old; Fat Cat (Calico) is five years old; and Shade (Siamese) is 3 years old. They share their home with Amy and Peyton, along with their son, Preston who is 8 1/2 months old, and another human baby is due in December. This is one busy household. The dogs are constantly moving; they play so hard but so well together. Gabby is four pounds to Harley's 35 pounds but Harley is gentle and Gabby is tough. Fat Cat sometimes gets involved but Shade keeps watch from a distance. The dogs' favorite game is "gimme that bone" which involves a lot of barking, growling and chasing. This game does not seem to have an end and goes on inside and outside for hours. Baby Preston loves all the animals and they love him too. When Amy sits in the nursery holding Preston everybody wants to sit in the same chair with them. Amy says they are getting a bigger chair and a pet door because at any given moment somebody wants in or out. Harley and Shade are big buddies while Gabby and Fat Cat team up together. Amy says she stays real busy but Peyton is very helpful so it is all fun. Keeping it fun – the Welty Way! Please see photos on our website www.godogusa.com/PetOfMonth.html.

Critters 101: Barking Dogs

Dogs bark. They make noise. They use a variety of sounds to mention different things to different entities. They use their voices to protect their territories, protest confinement, announce physical needs or relieve anxiety or boredom. They bark when they want to play, or to just howl in harmony with other dogs at the moon. When they are in harmony yelling at them rarely works because they think you are joining in the communal communication. Ever notice dogs howling when a fire alarm goes off? They howl to announce their location to the pack. It's instinctual.

They make noises to communicate like humans do. We just have to understand, hopefully, and try different ways of alleviating the problem of continual barking or howling.

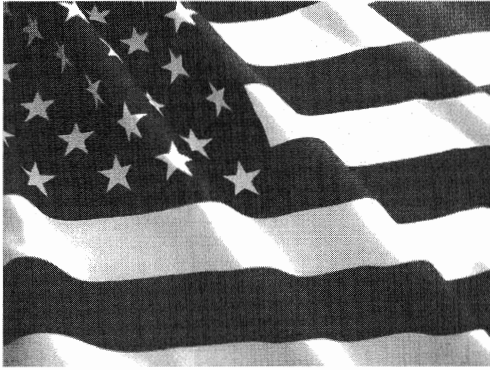
To prevent territorial barking, keep your pooch away from windows or behind a privacy fence. Check your dog's needs. Does it have the appropriate food, water, shade or warmth it needs for the day? Do not fuss over your dog when you leave for work, play or shopping. Leave it alone at least 15 minutes before you leave so he will not notice your absence as much. Give your dog adequate chew toys to play with so it will not notice your leaving the house as much. Exercise your dog on a daily basis or hire a dog walker. A little daily exercise will help alleviate nuisance barking, along with any other behavior problems. Sometimes, a dog barks just to release pent up energy. Look at human children and recess time. As they run outside for recess, they yell and talk and scream. They are releasing the pent up energy they must contain while in the classroom environment. Try some music. Leave a radio or TV on while you are away. That may keep it quiet as well as prevent some destructive behaviors. "Music does soothe the savage beast." Say "NO" when your dog is on a leash and growls or barks. Praise it when it stops barking. Obedience classes cannot be stressed enough for an obedient dog is a happy one. And, of course, spay or neuter your dog.

Dogs interact in similar ways as humans. They need to vocalize, but there are ways to help quiet the noise and give yourself and neighbors a peaceful time. Some of our neighbors have infants and/or small children and waking them can spell disaster for the parents and that household. Also, more and more people earn their living by working from home and continual barking can be very disruptive to one's concentration. If your dog is barking for long stretches of time, there is something wrong with his environment or routine. Remember dogs do have a place and right to bark, within reason.

Casey Farris is owner/operator of Bone Voyage Pet Sitting Services and Go Dog USA, Home of the Go Dog Social Club and Go Dog Academy @ Urban Tails. Mau Mau is owner/operator of Casey. Please forward your questions and pet news to Casey@GoDogUSA.com or call 713-688-6363.

2008 GO Red, White and Blue Bicycle Parade

Deanna Zugheri, 2008 Parade Chairman



Garden Oaks 2008 Red, White and Blue Bicycle Parade is scheduled for Friday, July 4th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Rick Englert SPARK Park on Sue Barnett, with pre-registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

With the enormous patriotic spirit that is in this community, it is expected that anyone who is not in the parade will be on the street cheering. Bring a lawn chair and find a seat along the parade route.

The parade begins at the Rick Englert SPARK Park, proceeds north on Sue Barnett, continues west on the 800 block of W. 41st, turns right on Alba, turns right and continues east on the

800 block of W. 42nd, where it will turn right on Sue Barnett before returning to the park.

There is a short parade route which also begins from the park, proceeds north on Sue Barnett, circles the Gazebo Park from the east, and returns south on Sue Barnett back to the park.

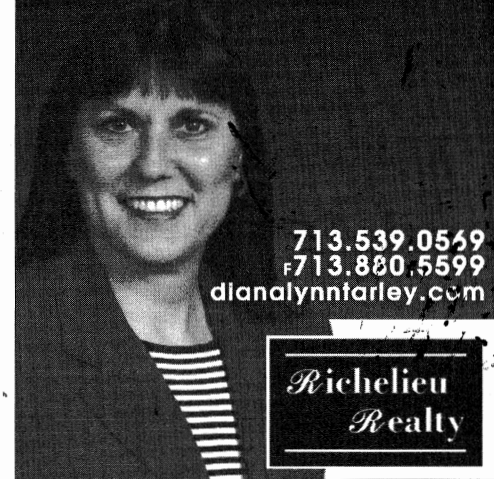
First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Strollers & Wagons
- Tricycles
- Youth bicycles (5 and under, 6-10 yrs., 11-18 yrs.)
- Adult bicycles
- Floats

Refreshments will be served right after the parade.

Volunteers are needed to work the registration table, serve as judges, parade marshals, and photographers. If you are interested in helping, contact Deanna Zugheri at Deanna@GardenOaksHomes.com or 281-658-4514.

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1	2	3 Civic Club Meeting 7PM GO Elm.	4	Moms' Night Out 7 p.m.	6	7
8	9	Recycling	GOMO Meeting	Garden Club Meeting 7 PM Kroger's Community Room	13	14
Deadline for Gazette Submissions No exceptions.	16	17	18	Garden Oaks Sisterhood Meeting 7 :30 P.M.	20	21
22	23	Recycling	GOMO Meeting	26	27	Family Potluck 4-7 p.m.
29	30					

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CONTACT INFORMATION

_____ **NEW** or _____ **RENEWAL**

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- Enclosed find my payment for 2008 of \$180. (Make checks payable to Garden Oaks Civic Club)
- I/We cannot contribute \$180 now; however, enclosed please find my/our check for \$_____.
- I/We will participate via bank draft. (Complete **DRAFT AUTHORIZATION FORM** below only if **NEW**)

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