

University Oaks Newsletter

January 2003

The next meeting of the University Oaks Civic Club will be **Wednesday, January 8th** at the home of

Tom Burton and Andrea Preisinger, **4395 Harvest, at 7:30 P.M.**

Hello and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another year is upon us and it is hard to believe that it is 2003. I can remember when I was younger that each year seemed like an eternity, but here we are about to experience the year 2003.

We are living in an ever-changing world and at times it looks so complex and frightening. Yet, there is an aura of peace, safety, and togetherness here in University Oaks. At times I feel that I live in a make-believe place, because it is so unusual and has all the qualities that most of us look for in life.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK ALL OF YOU for helping to make University Oaks such a wonderful place. Especially those of you who have recently remodeled, painted, and have done other great things to improve your property and the community as a whole.

As one year closes and another begins, let us remember those who we have lost in our community and also welcome those who are new.

A special thank you goes to Tom Whitaker and all those who helped make our traditional luminarios a success. Also we must not forget Pat Wycliff for her efforts on the activities committee--especially for the Christmas Eve caroling. Thank you all.

I encourage all of you to make a New Year's Resolution---LET'S DO ALL WE CAN TO CONTINUE TO MAKE UNIVERSITY OAKS THE GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IT IS.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I along with the Board of Directors wish all of you and your families a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sincerely,

Larry N. Bahn, President

University Oaks Civic Club

Security Advice from ADT:

YOUR BEST SAFETY ALLY? NEIGHBORS!

Having a good relationship with your neighbors is one of the most effective and least costly ways to help protect against crime and reduce fear. It makes good safety sense to get to know your neighbors. Here's what neighbors can do for each other:

KEEP AN EYE ON THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE AREA--knowing who belongs in the neighborhood and who is a stranger.

BE A PRESENCE--thieves don't like an audience.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE AUTHORITIES--police rely on citizen reports to prevent and /or solve crimes.

TAKE IN MAIL, NEWSPAPERS, AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE TRAVELING so unknown delivery people remain unaware that the home is not occupied.

WATER PLANTS, TEND LAWNS to make a home look lived in.

HAVE A HOUSE KEY FOR EMERGENCIES, thus eliminating the need for a "hidden key"--burglars are well aware of all the best hiding places and gimmicks like fake rocks.

BE ON YOUR NEIGHBORS' HOME SECURITY CALL LISTS to contact homeowners who are away in the event of a security call from your security company.

KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE HOMEOWNER IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY such as a severe storm or broken pipes.

In the event that your particular neighbors are not interested, be sure to let someone know when you will be gone and how to contact you, and always make arrangements to halt deliveries and take care of yard work.

UH's BLAFFER GALLERY

Visit "blaffergallery.org" on the Internet, or call 713-743-9530 for a list of upcoming events and artists whose work is on display.

BABYSITTER NEEDED

A babysitter is needed for a toddler on Monday days for the following dates:

27 January, 24 February, 24 March, 14 April, and 12 May. If you are interested in these dates and other additional daytime hours please call

Gina on (713) 741-8877.

The UOCC NEWSLETTER is now posted online: www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/uocc

under the 'Community Hotlinks' section.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

This is the schedule of UOBC meetings through February 2003. Anyone in the neighborhood interested in sharing discussion of any of these books, please join us. Meetings begin at 8 PM.

January 15, book: *Pope Joan* by Donna Cross. The host will be Rosemary Gray.

February 5, book: *The Death of Vishnu* by Mahil Sari, host TBA.

- **Contact Robyn Webb for more information.**

- **Civic Club meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is January 8th at 4395 Harvest, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Recycling: every other Tuesday (next pickup January 7th)**
- **Garbage pickup: every Tuesday**
- **Heavy trash pickup: 2nd Tuesday of each month.**

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE HEAVY TRASH ITEMS ON STREET MORE THAN 3 DAYS BEFORE PICKUP (**Next pickup is on January 7th**)

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"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

[-Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

NOTE:

Look for upcoming articles of interest from the University Oaks Garden Club and Tree Committee...

As always, anyone in the community is welcome and encouraged to submit items for publication