

# T H E H E I G H T S

Newsletter of the Houston Heights Association



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## Obituary for 945 Heights Blvd.

The Doyle Mansion at 945 Heights Boulevard was bulldozed on July 18, bringing a two-week battle to save the historic structure to an unnecessary end. The house, built in 1906, was approved for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, but was never listed. It was built by William



A. Wilson, who also built many other houses in Houston Heights, Woodland Heights, and Eastwood. The property will be the site of a new Victorian reproduction to be built by Harry James Builders.

The Queen Anne style home with wraparound porch was unique in that it featured unusual paired, square wood front porch columns with vertical fluting. The porch also featured an unusual closed railing consisting of a series of inset paneled balustrades. The main entry door as well as the door to the side of the porch were canted, or set at an angle, another rare feature. There were large, oversized brackets under the eave overhangs and a decorative classical window in the gable front. The stair landing featured another classically inspired Palladian-style window, which was visible from the street on the

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## General Meeting: New Neighbors!

Did you know that in the last three years, the Heights has averaged two new families per day? "Meet Your Neighbor Night" is our second annual evening to get out and enjoy a nice evening of food and drink with new neighbors in the area.

So, you current HHA members, please extend an invitation to your new neighbors, knock on a door, extend an invitation, and join us in welcoming them. We're ready to tell them all the HHA accomplishments and how they can join neighborhood activities!

See you on Monday evening, August 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Fire Station, 12th at Yale.

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**San Jacinto Stone**

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north side of the house. There were two downstairs parlors, a dining room, reception hall, two fireplaces, a split staircase, kitchen, and five upstairs bedrooms.



The house was purchased by Patrick Francis Doyle in 1923. Agnes Bridget Doyle, the youngest of the seven Doyle children, lived most of her life at 945 Heights Boulevard except for the last few years, which were spent in Compassionate Hospice Care, where she died on July 27, 2004.

A contingent of Houston Heights Association board members, Lynn Edmundson of Historic Houston, City of

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Houston Historic Preservation Officer Randy Pace, Gilbert Perez of Bungalow Revival, Realtor Tim Womble, and two Old Sixth Ward Historic District residents met with Harry James on July 7 to tour the house and ask Mr. James if he would allow them time to find a buyer who would preserve and restore the house. The group left believing the meeting had been successful. However, despite finding several potential buyers, Mr. James did not respond to inquiries from members of the group after that first meeting at the house. On July 11, a demolition permit was issued for the property. Those who witnessed the demolition on July 18 reported it appeared there had been no attempt to salvage the shiplap, pine flooring, beadboard, doors, molding, and other historic architectural elements. It went down with everything in it, including clothes that could be seen hanging in the upstairs closet as the bulldozer ripped into the second story.



The HHA Board of Directors voted to remove the Harry James Builders logo from the HHA Web site and all future printed HHA materials. In addition, Mr. James' sponsorship donation

was returned to him along with a letter explaining that these actions were taken because Mr. James' business practices conflict with HHA's mission, which includes historic preservation of the community.

The Houston Heights is losing its historic architecture at the rate of 2.4 houses a week. More than 250 structures have come down in the last two years. If the current rate of destruction continues, 45 entire blocks will be wiped out in the next decade and the historic flavor of the neighborhood will be gone.

The HHA has been working to create two City of Houston historic districts in Houston Heights. The Heights West Historic District will encompass the area between 11th, 16th, Allston and Ashland streets. The Heights East District will be accomplished in two phases. The first phase includes the area between 11th, 20th, Heights Boulevard and the west side of Oxford. The second phase will cover the area between 4th, 11th, Heights Boulevard and the west side of Oxford. The west district is down to needing just a handful of signatures. The first phase of the east district needs 38 more signatures.

With historic district designation, property owners will be eligible for tax exemptions and discounted permit fees for appropriate preservation and restoration projects. There will also be a 90-day waiting period before a historic house within the  
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districts could be demolished.

The period of architectural significance for Houston Heights, which qualifies it for historic designation, is for buildings constructed only during the time period of 1891 - 1945. Any building, no matter how compatible, that is built after those dates, will not meet the time period for historical significance, and therefore is not historic. If Houston Heights loses the majority of buildings built in that time period, it loses not only its architectural and historical significance, but also the possibility of ever qualifying for designation as a National Register of Historic Places Historic District, which is awarded by the National Park Service (administered by the Texas Historical Commission), or a City of Houston Historic District designation. The HHA welcomes and encourages compatible new construction on sites that are classified as non-contributing or not historic. There are plenty of these sites available. Builders may contact the HHA for information about the classification of any building.

The signature pages for both districts may be found on the HHA Web site at [www.houstonheights.org](http://www.houstonheights.org). Use the pull down menu under "property issues."

*Historical information on the house and other assistance for this article were provided by Randy Pace, City of Houston Historic Preservation Officer.*

## August 7 Is National Night Out

The 24th Annual National Night Out is set for Tuesday, August 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. We encourage individual blocks or small areas to plan local events. Talk to your neighbors and plan an event on your block.

National Night Out (NNO) 2006 involved 35.2 million people in 11,125 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out 2007 is expected to be the largest ever.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of front porch outdoor lights and front porch outdoor vigils, cities, towns, and neighborhoods celebrate National Night out with a variety of special citywide and neighborhood events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, visits from local law enforcement, safety fairs, and youth events.

NNO is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in partnership with Target and the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The City of Houston and Houston Police Department have been taking part in National Night Out for 23 years and have won numerous awards for large-city participation.

Please visit <http://www.nationalnightout.org/> for national information and <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/nno07.htm> for citywide information.



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# WHITE *linen night* in the heights

## White Linen Night

Houston Heights, August 4, 6:00 to 10:00 PM, White Linen Night is the perfect opportunity to invite friends for a gathering to show off our unique Heights neighborhood. It's the best thing to showcase the Heights since the Spring and Holiday Home Tours and Lights in the Heights. A Whole-Heights event (not just Houston Heights, but also Woodland Heights and surrounding retail areas), the event will focus on art, galleries, businesses, outdoor markets, live music, fashion, and restaurants and bars featuring great food and cool summer drinks.

The eclectic nature of the neighborhood will be evident as the Victorian and Bungalow homes become the backdrop for the modern crowds and hot fine art gallery scene – an area that promises “small town cool in the center of the big city.” Visitors are encouraged to wear cool white linen and take to the Heights streets.

The Heights is a magnet for the quirky and offbeat, attracting businesses that visitors won't find anywhere else. White Linen banners will identify the participating galleries and businesses offering entertainment, shopping, dining, artist receptions, and white linen fashion. Antiques and home furnishings, the original draw to the Heights, are still in abundance up, down, and across the neighborhood.

“Hot southern nights just beg for this kind of thing,” said one of the event planners. The event, billed as a celebration of art, culture, and community, will offer signature White Linen drinks and recipes, entertainment, art galleries, boutiques and shops, some of the best restaurants in Houston, and funky bars – with pedi-cabs and shuttles for free transportation. Action Limousine, who provides the shuttles, is also a sponsor offering limos to hire for the event. Yellow Cab is a sponsor that will offer special rates for the evening. Spanish Flowers Mexican Restaurant and Eclectic Home are two of the major neighborhood underwriters, among more than 100 other sponsors, including the generous media sponsors – TRIBEZA Magazine, Envy Magazine, Houston House & Home Magazine, The Leader, and ArtsHouston Magazine.

See the White Linen Night website for all the details on what's happening where: [www.WhiteLinenNightHeights.com](http://www.WhiteLinenNightHeights.com).

## Local Author at Heights Library

The Houston Public Library presents romance author and Houston native Katherine Center as a part of its “An Evening with...” author series. The community is invited to meet and greet Center on August 2 at 6:00 PM at the Heights Neighborhood Library, 1302 Heights Blvd. Center will speak and read from her debut novel *The Bright Side of Disaster*. This event is free and open to the public.

Katherine Center has been writing since her childhood years at St. John's School in Houston. Later, while at Vassar College, she wrote short stories, lettered poems onto metal signs that she put up around campus, and wrote a novella which won the Vassar College Fiction Prize.

After college, Center was awarded a fellowship to the University of Houston's Creative Writing Program, where she taught Freshman English and earned an MA in Fiction. She also co-edited fiction for the literary magazine Gulf Coast. Center has served the Houston community by teaching creative writing to children through a program called Writers In The Schools.

Center lives in Houston with her husband Gordon, a teacher at a Houston area school, and their two young children.

Please come out and support a local author. For more information, call the library at 832-393-1810.

# Total Citizen Involvement Needed To SAVE The HEIGHTS

by President Jim Potter and Director David Beale

The recent demolition of historic homes, especially 945 Heights Blvd., may have prompted you to ask, “What is the Houston Heights Association doing to preserve the historic character of the Heights, other than not enough?” The short answer is that the HHA Board of Directors has recognized the problem and has a plan to reverse the trend to demolition, but extensive Heights talent and energy must be focused on this effort.

The demolition and removal of historic homes from our 115-year-old neighborhood and the loss of our tree canopy to new construction have accelerated in the last few years. 124 buildings over 50 years old were demolished or moved between June 2005 and June 2006, the equivalent of five full blocks of historic houses – 2.4 per week – being lost. This trend has not diminished in the last year.

The Board of Directors of HHA believes that the Houston Heights area is not an urban renewal project.

The Board’s attempts to combat this problem have not been universally approved – both by persons who say we do too much and by those who say we do too little. We have been accused of spending too much time on “land use” matters. We have been accused both of being under the control of builders and realtors and of trying to chase builders off.

We have been accused of being against new homes, of spending our time promoting old homes, and of not spending equal time on new homes. It is true that we do not spend equal time on new homes, but we are not against them. Some of our homebuilders have won our awards for their new home construction. However, it is the old homes and the historic character of our neighborhood that are in danger, so our time and effort are spent where they are needed – protecting old homes.

President Jim Potter has made sure that the Board completely understands that we represent all the people in the area of the HHA, which

includes subdivisions other than Houston Heights, including Sunset Heights, Houston Heights Annex, and Stude 2nd and that we represent new homeowners, old homeowners, renters, businesses, and builders alike.

The HHA Board is firmly convinced that the actions and policies we have undertaken are supported by the vast majority of people in the HHA and are in the best interests of the Houston Heights area. The Board has taken these actions, all by unanimous or near-unanimous vote:

- In 2005, under the leadership of President Kent Marsh, HHA bought 1414 Ashland to save the property from a builder’s plan to cut down the majestic oaks, home to several nests of night herons (a threatened species). HHA received favorable publicity nationally for this. 1414 Ashland was then deed restricted to save the trees and sold at no loss to HHA.

The HHA Board held a special “Save the Heights” meeting in July 2006. Then, and at other meetings, the Board:

- Started a program to meet with Heights-area builders to exchange ideas about preserving the historic character of the Heights. We need our builders not to be demolishers of historic buildings. Historic buildings can also be added onto, if larger buildings are wanted. HHA President Robin Franklin sent a letter to 40 or so builders inviting them to meet in one-on-one meetings. Several builders responded, and useful meetings were held. Incentives to builders to restore old buildings were discussed. This program has unfortunately not been as productive as we had hoped.

- Created a fund to preserve and maintain historic buildings in the Heights with programs to be developed. You can now go online to the HHA website and donate to this fund. You can earmark donations to the HHA “historic preservation fund.” It is the sense of the Board to treat this fund as an endowment and use income from it for historic preservation projects.

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- Decided to develop programs – both with and without using the historic preservation fund – to encourage restoration of historic buildings. (Possibilities to be discussed include obtaining low interest loans, grants for low income families for repairs and maintenance, grants for façade easements, taking out options on historic houses to direct sales to buyers who will preserve the property, and others.)

- Decided to try to partner with charitable foundations such as Houston Endowment to implement these programs.

These are ambitious projects, but they can have a real impact on the problem. The projects suffer from a lack of volunteers to work them. We need your help.

- Endorsed and supports the effort to create two City of Houston Historic Districts in the Heights. This ambitious and time-consuming project nears success. Applications should be filed with the City late this summer or in early fall. This, we hope, will stop – or at least slow down – the demolition of historic buildings.

- Helped the historic district process in the city at large. The historic district effort required 67% of property owners in the districts to sign the application. The Board by resolution and contact with City officials supported reducing that signing percentage to 51% and improving property tax incentives for restoration of historic buildings in the districts. Based on recommendations by a Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission committee chaired by HAHC member (and now HHA board member) Sharie Beale and including HHA Board members Janice Evans-Davis and Jonathan Smulian, Houston City Council (1) on April 1, 2007 reduced the percentage of signatures required to 51% and created a City historic preservation fund similar to the HHA Board-created fund in the Heights, and (2) in June 2007 created a 5-year lookback period to help with the existing partial property tax exemption for significant work on historic buildings in historic districts.

Under the leadership of Board members Angela DeWree and Joellen Snow, the Board:

- Supported three Tree Counts to inventory trees in the Heights to aid the City with future plans,

- Created a task force to work on a tree protection ordinance, and

- Supported Harris County Tree Registry Counts.

Led by Janice Evans-Davis (now Board member and Land Use V-P), the Board:

- Supported the Sunset Heights prevailing lot size initiative,

- Supports and acts as a clearing house of information for the new ordinance providing for prevailing lot size and front set back line initiatives, and

- Leads efforts to amend the prevailing lot size ordinance to eliminate the “condo loophole.”

The Board also continues to inform Heights residents on the issues through:

- Stories in the HHA newsletter listing demolitions, listing historic houses for sale, describing progress in the historic district process, and mentioning builders and developers who restore and add on to historic houses, rather than demolishing them, and

- Programs at monthly HHA membership meetings, including the benefits of historic districts, restoring and adding on to historic houses, mentioning builders and developers. (Such a builders’ program at the March meeting was very well attended.)

The Board also supports the idea of investor groups formed to buy and restore or preserve historic buildings.

If we are to save the Heights, it will truly take all of us to do it. To participate, call the Houston Heights Association.

### **WANTED:**

Energetic, committed visionaries to work with similarly motivated neighbors to develop and execute programs to Save the Heights. Call 713-426-3240 or email [landuse@houstonheights.com](mailto:landuse@houstonheights.com).

## September General Meeting Topic: US290/Hempstead Road Corridor Project

At a public hearing on July 16, hundreds of residents and business owners along the Hempstead highway corridor got a look at the transportation improvements planned for the area. You can see what they saw by visiting [www.my290.com](http://www.my290.com) and by coming to the September HHA meeting.

The US290/Hempstead Road Corridor project is a cooperative effort of TxDOT, the Harris County Toll Road Authority, and the Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of the project is to reduce traffic congestion in the US 290 corridor, improve roadway operation and traffic mobility on US 290 and Hempstead Road, and bring roadway facilities up to current design standards. Project costs are estimated at \$4 billion.

From Loop 610 to Beltway 8, Hempstead Road will be extensively widened, managed (toll) lanes installed, and a bike trail built. From Beltway 8 to the Grand Parkway, the project will be built in and adjacent to the US 290 right of way. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2011 and the public involvement process is near completion. Right-of-way acquisition is planned for late 2008.

Of particular interest to the Heights is the 50-foot right-of-way being reserved for future high capacity transit along Hempstead Road and US 290. No particular transit technology is proposed as part of this project, although the METRO Solutions plan envisions a commuter rail there in the future. Our concerns as a community have always been how a transit line could be built to serve – and not disrupt – Houston Heights.

At the September 10 General Meeting, a project representative will present the current plans, answer questions, and take our input on the plans.

This will also be the meeting for nominating members to serve as Directors starting next year. Please see the article on page 8 for a complete election schedule.

## Musicians Wanted

The Heights Holiday Home Tour Committee is seeking musicians of all kinds to add a little Holiday Cheer to the porches of our tour homes. If you are interested in performing, please call Marianne at 713-703-7658.



## The Holiday Home Tour Wants To Show YOUR House!!!

The Heights Holiday Home Tour Committee is looking for homes to feature in the December 2007 Heights Holiday Home Tour. The Holiday Home Tour is held in conjunction with the Holiday Market at the Heights Fire Station. The money raised from both events goes to fund various Houston Heights Association projects including maintaining, improving, and beautifying parks, streets, walkways, public buildings, and vacant and underdeveloped areas. All of these things make our neighborhood more beautiful and raise property values! This is an easy way to support your neighborhood and meet your neighbors.

The home tour will feature new and historic homes and will be held the afternoons of Saturday, December 1, 2007 from noon until 6:00 PM and Sunday, December 2, from noon until 5:00 PM. All you have to do is decorate your home for the holidays, which you probably do anyway! We take care of the rest and provide docents to attend to your home. Please contact Marianne at 713-703-7658 with any questions.

## Director Election Schedule

Six of the fifteen positions on the HHA Board of Directors will be filled by election over the next few months. Five positions are opening due to normal expiration of terms; members elected to these five positions will have three-year terms. The sixth position is for the last two years of a term ended by resignation.

The five nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes will fill the three-year terms; the nominee receiving the sixth-highest vote count will fill the two-year vacancy. See page 10 for a list of current Directors and Officers.

The schedule for the election of Directors to serve terms starting in 2008 will be as follows, in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies of the Association:

- September 10, Nominations for Board of Directors will be held at the General Meeting. Nominators and nominees must be current members of the Association. Nominators may speak for two minutes, seconds for one. Please be sure before you nominate someone that your nominee is willing to commit to serve. Nominees will not be allowed to speak on their own behalf during the September meeting.
- By September 12, the Election Committee will distribute to nominees election packets containing bylaws, policies, articles of incorporation, committee responsibility list, detailed election schedule, and a statement confirming that the nominee has read the bylaws and policies and agrees to serve in accordance with them if elected.
- By September 15, signed statements from nominees are due, as well as a 50-word statement from each nominee for publication in the October newsletter.
- October 8, nominees or their representatives may speak on their qualifications at the General Meeting for 3 minutes. They will also draw for ballot positions.
- On or before October 15, the Election Committee will mail a ballot with a control number to each member whose dues are current as of October 1.
- By November 10 at the close of the post office, ballots returned by mail must be received with control numbers intact.
- November 12, polls will be open for secret balloting in person from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM before the General Meeting. The Election Committee will tabulate ballots and announce the results during the meeting. The results will also be published in the December newsletter.

## Publicist's Work On Heights Spring Tour Garners Award

Susan Love Fitts of Susan Love Fitts Communications was honored by the Hermes Creative Awards 2007 Competition with a Gold Award in the publicity category. Ms. Fitts won the award for her campaign for "The Colors of Our Lives," the 2007 Houston Heights Spring Home and Garden Tour. Hermes Creative Awards is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, and design of traditional and emerging media. Judges from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals look for companies and individuals whose talent exceeds a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry.

A series of press releases and media pitches by Ms. Fitts resulted in an overwhelming response from the media, including a full-page Houston Chronicle feature article by design editor Maggie Galehouse. A pitch to Houston CBS affiliate KHOU-TV producers resulted in a major segment on local lifestyle show Great Day Houston, featuring an on-air walk-through tour of the historic home of Debbie and Don Broman with reporter Cristina Terrill.

Congratulations to Susan for her much deserved award, and our thanks to her for her outstanding work on this event.

## Demo Watch

Another 18 buildings were permitted for demolition or relocation in the Houston Heights between May 21 and July 18, according to data supplied by the City of Houston Code Enforcement Division. Included in this month's report is the Doyle Mansion at 945 Heights Boulevard. (See *related story*, page 1.) Since HHA began tracking demolition activity 2 years ago a total of 254 properties have been demolished or moved out of the neighborhood.

On average, 2.4 buildings are demolished in the Heights every week. At this rate, we will lose 45 entire blocks within ten years, virtually eliminating the Historic Houston Heights.

Below is the list of the latest demolitions or relocations.

1222 Allston  
2124 Gostic  
945 Harvard  
1504 Harvard  
803 Herkimer  
805 Herkimer  
806 Herkimer  
401 Heights Blvd.  
**945 Heights Blvd.**  
920 Lawrence  
1221 Omar  
2207 Oxford  
781 Waverly  
2125 Yale  
628 E 11th  
629 E 10 1/2th St.  
724 E. 19th St.  
714 W. 22nd

## WaterSmart Landscaping Program and Urban Harvest to Present Habitat Highways Training Series

*from Texas Cooperative Extension*

Where have all the flowers gone? And the song birds, butterflies, and frogs? Increased pressure from urbanization has created habitat fragmentation: when all that is left for wildlife are disconnected, widely-spaced "islands" of habitat that make it difficult or even impossible for wildlife to migrate to find food, shelter or water.

Habitat Highways: The Training will create wildlife habitat advocates whose goal will be to create habitat landscapes as a way to shorten the distances – "connect the dots" – between restored and existing habitats. As a project-focused group, participants will learn wildlife habitat basics, habitat landscape design and implementation, WaterSmart irrigation and rainwater harvesting for wildlife habitats, and eco-system specific landscape construction. Led by Mark Bowen of Urban Harvest and Chris LaChance of the WaterSmart Program, the classes will be held on four Tuesdays, September 11 and 25 and October 9 and 23, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM each day. Cost will be \$55, including materials, and the location will be the Houston Heights Woman's Club building, 1846 Harvard Street. General knowledge of basic gardening skills is required.

Participants must attend all four sessions. Once classes are completed, trainees will be ready to initiate projects of their own in their community as well as be part of a volunteer force that supports projects sponsored by WaterSmart and Urban Harvest.

Help give wildlife uninterrupted travel along habitat corridors with the Habitat Highways initiative.

For more information, contact Chris LaChance at 281-218-0721 or [c-lachance@tamu.edu](mailto:c-lachance@tamu.edu) or visit [www.watersmart.cc](http://www.watersmart.cc).

## Holiday Docents And Head Docents

Want to attend the Heights Holiday Home Tour for free? Volunteer to be a docent and receive a free ticket.

Experienced docents are also needed to act as Head Docents at the various houses. Interact with the homeowners, manage the docents, and keep the tourgoers flowing through the house.

Call Marianne at 713-703-7658 for details.

## Attention Heights

### Fiction Writers

This Holiday season, the Heights Association Education Committee will once again sponsor a "Holiday Read Aloud" at our Heights Library. Last year, Heights children enjoyed a private reading with published author Anne Sloan and received their own copy of her original story and refreshments. Your holiday children's story could be featured this year. Stay tuned for more details, or contact Sheila Tybor at [stybor@houston.rr.com](mailto:stybor@houston.rr.com) or Karen Derr at [Karen@KarenDerr.com](mailto:Karen@KarenDerr.com).

## Donations

Thanks to the following donors for their generous support of the projects of the Houston Heights Association.

Jane Bryant – Flower Gardens, Parks & Boulevard Maintenance  
Nancy Pittman – Parks Maintenance  
Troy Troxell – Flower Gardens, Parks & Boulevard Maintenance

## New Members

Please welcome the following new or returning members to the Houston Heights Association.

Bodyworks by Dwayne, Dwayne Sorrels  
Emily & Kenneth Cole  
Suzanne & Vaughan Counts  
Joseph Dumas & Jeffrey Brenner  
Embark Tree & Landscaping Services, Jeff Schroeder  
The Noble Lady Manor, Nabila Iqbal  
Robert Schuller & Julie Furnas  
Alisa Starbird, Greenwood King

## Houston Heights Association

### 2007 Board of Directors and Officers

The following members are currently serving on the Board of Directors and/or as Officers of the Houston Heights Association.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u> [1]	<u>Office</u>
David Beale	2007	Director
Sharie Beale	2009	Vice President of Sponsorship & Fundraising
Janet Buchheit	[2]	Secretary
Janice Evans-Davis	2009	Vice President of Historic Preservation & Maintenance
Jim DePitts	2008	Treasurer; Vice President of Financial Affairs
Angela DeWree	2007	Director
Suzanne LaBarthe	2007	Director
Gerald Melancon	2007	Director
Genie Mims	2008	Vice President of Information & Communications
Taylor Moore	2008	Vice President of Meetings & Membership
Jim Potter	2008	President
Jonathan Smulian	2007	Director
Joellen Snow	2007	Vice President of Community Outreach
Chris Synek	2008	Vice President of Property Management
Donald Tomek	2009	Director
Mark Williamson	2009	President-Elect

[1] Last year of term as Director

[2] Non-Director Officer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2	3 - <i>Labor Day</i> HHA Land Use 6:30 PM Fire Station	4 - <i>recycling</i> HHA Urban Forestry Group 6:30 PM Fire Station	5	6	7	8
9	10 HHA General "290/Hempstead Hwy Corridor" 7:00 PM, F.S.	11 HHA Bike Rally meeting 6:30 PM 1045 Ashland	12	13	14 <i>Deadline for Oc- tober newsletter</i>	15
16	17 - <i>recycling</i> HHA Board 6:30 PM Fire Station	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 HHA Education 6:30 PM Fire Station	25	26 PIP Meeting 7:00 PM 1602 State Street	27	28	29
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### Community Calendar

Events planned by other community organizations.

Every Wednesday and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Historic Houston's salvage warehouse is open. (Summer hours end August 1.) Call 713-522-0542 or visit their web site [www.historichouston.org](http://www.historichouston.org) for more information.

August 2, 6:00 PM, "An Evening With Katherine Center," Heights Branch Library, 1302 Heights Blvd. The community is invited to meet and greet romance author and Houston native Katherine Center, who will speak and read from her debut novel *The Bright Side of Disaster*. See page 4 for more information.

August 4, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM Greater Heights Area Chamber of Commerce Community Yard Sale at the Artful Corner, 3423 White Oak at Cortlandt. Call 713-861-6735 for more information.

### This Month in Houston Heights History

information from Sister Agatha's *History of Houston Heights 1891-1918*

110 years ago this month, S. D. Wilkins became the second postmaster of Houston Heights. Mr Wilkins served for ten years, almost half of the 21 years the community had its own post office. During his tenure, the post office was located in John L. Garwood's grocery and feed store on the southeast corner of Ashland and 19th, in a storefront on the southwest corner that had been Mr. & Mrs. W. C. McBride's store when Mrs. McBride was the first postmaster, then in a room in Ernest Long's store on the north side of 19th, midway between Ashland and Carter's park at the waterworks.

### Future History

October 7, Bicycle/Skate Rally  
November 30 - December 2,  
Holiday Home Tour  
February 24, 2008, Awards  
Dinner  
April 4-6, Spring Home Tour  
June 7, Fun Run

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## Calendar of Events for August 2007

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HHA headquarters: The Fire Station is on the corner of Yale and 12th Streets.

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