

# T H E H E I G H T S

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## General Meeting “Nature of The Heights”

*Refreshments courtesy  
NEWTON Nursery*

### PART ONE

Presentation by City of Houston  
Urban Foresters

Jeremy Burkes - GIS update on  
the results of Our Tree Counts  
presented by Chris Meyer - City  
Tree Trimming / information &  
recommendations

Dallas Singleton Code

Enforcement / Right of way Trees

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## Houston Heights Association Restoration/ Historical Committee Meeting at 611 West 22nd Street, Thursday, July 17th

The next Houston Heights Association Restoration/Historical Committee meeting will be held at 611 West 22nd Street on Thursday, July 17th from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. This meeting will be in the old Oriental Textile Mill building at the corner of West 22nd Street and Lawrence. This is the 1894 building easily recognized by locals for its clock tower. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Properties and has been utilized over the years as a mattress factory, a  
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## Public Safety Reminder

Public Safety is an important issue in our community. We invite you to attend our next Crime and Security meeting scheduled the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. A guest to be determined will provide insight regarding these issues.

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**San Jacinto Stone**

## Recycling Reminder

As editor of the newsletter, I received this email, and think its worth printing. Still notice very few "green tubs" in our neighborhood. We can all do our part!

"It would be nice to remind everyone the importance of recycling. Having moved to the Heights from Cambridge, Mass. we called the city and they promptly delivered the green tub. Unfortunately, we have not been able to figure out what the City of Houston recycling folks will and will not take. We have resorted towards driving to the fabulous self-dump, recycling site near Heights and the railroad track (South of I-10) which takes junk mail, plastics, glass, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, flattened cardboard boxes, etc."

## Urban Forestry June Meetings & Activities

Join the HHA Urban Forestry committee for a walk through history.

Bart Truxillo invites you on a private tour of his gorgeous gardens & original Heights Victorian Home.

Tuesday, June 3rd  
6:30pm

Meet Bart Truxillo and Tour his extraordinary Gardens bring some gloves, clippers, shovel & bucket to gather clippings!

While his Home has been published in many books & Magazines--and the Gardens have been featured twice!

1802 Harvard (1 block east of Marmion Park from Heights Blvd.)

The Home is on the national Registry of Historic Places  
Everyone is Invited!

For Gardens large or Small, Inside / Outside  
Saturday, June 14th  
9am to 9:45am  
Joshua speaks about Native Plants take a guided tour through his Green House.

Inside Outside  
502 West 18th Street  
at Nicholson

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## PART TWO

Guest Speaker

Eddie Holik

Eddie is the former director of the Cockerell Butterfly Center. He is director of horticulture of the Museum of Natural Science and owner of Florascapes, a premier landscape gardening firm.

Eddie is an expert on Butterfly and Hummingbird gardening. Newton Nursery will bring refreshments.

## “Grand Dames of the Heights”

You are invited to attend a celebration of the milestone birthdays of two of our favorite Heights notables and members at a tea in their honor.

Come by to extend your wishes to Melvalene Cohen and Libby Lee between 2 and 5 pm on Sunday July 20th Houston Heights Woman's Club 1846 Harvard Street, Houston, Texas

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mill and later as a Venetian blind manufacturing plant. Kraftsmen Baking has now found a new home in the Heights' Old Oriental Textile Mill building.

As founder of Kraftsmen in 2002, Chef Scott Tycer stresses the company mission of “sustainable local artisanship,” products that represent true artisan-style production, and an absolute commitment to quality. Kraftsmen goods are carefully made from high quality, often organic ingredients. Many breads are wholesaled, however all items are also available to locals through their retail café at 4100 Montrose, Katering department, or Baker's Dozen Bread Club. Native Houstonian Chef Tycer was named one of the top 10 new chefs in America by Food and Wine magazine after opening Aries Restaurant in 2000. Kraftsmen currently supplies baked goods to well known Houston restaurants including Mark's, Americas, Benjy's, Brennan's of Houston, Da Marco, Café Annie and the Four Seasons Hotel.

The trend to renovate a local historic building follows a national trend to use historic buildings for mixes-use projects for saving the environment as well as historical preservation. Kraftsmen will utilize 10,000 of the 60,000 square foot building. Other occupants in the building are an antique store, a software company and several “live-work spaces.” Tycer's vision of transforming the mill space into a

modern bakery and offices with historic flare has flourished and will be sure to attract visitors for years to come. The structure, owned by Grenader Properties, is the 9th oldest building in Houston and with new interest and incoming business is sure to withstand certain tests of time. Visitors are welcome to schedule a time to tour the bakery, to do so, please contact Nikki Eliason or Brandy Black at (832)209-7174.

This meeting will highlight one of the oldest industrial buildings in Houston as an example of recycling a historic Houston Heights property from days past with discussion of updates for current use. Overall the original exterior beauty and character of this historic property will be kept intact. For those interested in history or how a historic industrial property can be modified, this meeting will be a must. Also, for those wanting to meet some neighbors and have an enjoyable evening, do attend.

The Houston Heights Restoration/Historical Committee meetings are open to the public quarterly to learn about history and restoration in keeping with the appreciation of the historic nature of the Houston Heights. Please let Committee Chairman, Dean Swanson, know if you have a restoration project, historical structure under restoration or historical information or photos pertaining to the Heights to share at future meetings. Contact Dean at [restoration@houstonheights.org](mailto:restoration@houstonheights.org) or telephone him at (713) 880-2832.

## MAGGIE'S STORY

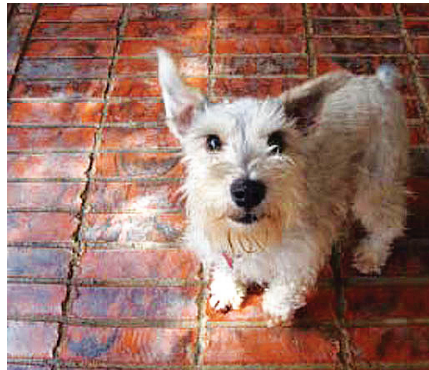
by Sherry Eitel of Miniature Schnauzer Rescue Houston (MSRH)

Five year old Maggie first came into the MSRH rescue family in 2002 after being adopted by a couple on Valentine's Day that year. After four years, they could no longer care for the strikingly beautiful dog with big black eyes that brimmed over with love and boundless enthusiasm. Upon an initial routine checkup, a large mass was found just below the elbow which was eventually found to be cancerous. It was determined that the right front leg would have to be amputated at the shoulder in order to save Maggie's life. All went well and Maggie made a remarkable recovery surprising everyone. She made the adjustment to having only three legs much better than her foster mom did. She was independent! Maggie's prognosis was good and by summer, she was ready for adoption. Who would want a dog with three legs, I thought? When Janet and Gary Griffith came to look at my fosters in hopes of adopting one, I showed them several but Janet smiled and asked, 'Do you have any more?' As I descended the stairs, carrying Maggie, Janet said "She's the one!" Janet took Maggie into her arms and it was love at first site. Gary was smitten too. Today, Maggie lives happily with her adopted fam-

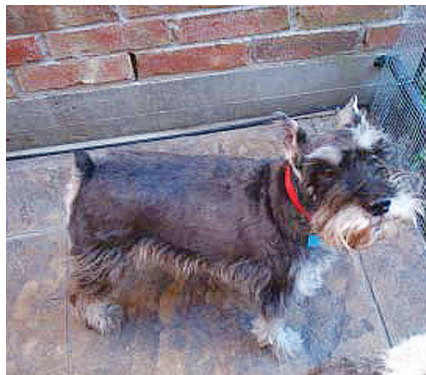
## Currently Available for Adoption



Kirby



Billy



Frankie Dee

ily and continues to bless their hearts. Saving one Schnauzer may not change the world but it will change the world for that one Schnauzer!

This year alone, MSRH has had several bone surgeries with pins/plates, a gallbladder removal, split diaphragm, a portal shunt, five puppy mill dogs with pneumonia, along with countless cases of heartworms and funds are needed immediately to pay for medical services. MSRH is an all-volunteer, donation-sponsored 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the overwhelming task of saving the lives of abused, abandoned and unwanted Miniature Schnauzers who have lost their homes. Adoption fees run between \$250 and \$350 which rarely covers the cost of standard services like vetting, spaying/neutering, yearly shots, heartworm test and/or treatment, & teeth cleaning if needed. An adoption application is required of all persons interested in adopting a dog from MSRH. Adoptive and Foster homes and families are screened to assure no animal is placed in an unsafe environment. Visit our website at [www.msrh.org](http://www.msrh.org) for more information on adoption, fostering, or donating and to view some of the available dogs or call Karen Gayeski-Coleman, President at 832-277-4904 or Sherry Eitel, Vice President at 281-358-7303.

## Houston Storytellers Guild Honors Our American Heroes

The Houston Storytellers Guild will host a free concert to honor our American Heroes. Come gather around the Gazebo at Marmion Park on Heights Blvd. at 18th, June 28th at 7pm to hear a variety of stories. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and patriotic spirits.

For More Information Call: Scott @ 713-981-0599, email [hsginfo@houstonstorytellers.org](mailto:hsginfo@houstonstorytellers.org), and check out their web site: [www.HoustonStorytellers.org](http://www.HoustonStorytellers.org)  
Tentative subjects include: past leaders, soldiers, especially ww2 soldiers and current conflicts, heros in medicine, heros in civil rights or freeing slaves etc.

## Heights Women's Club Needs (lady) Bridge Players

The Houston Heights Women's Club is sponsoring a new bridge program, including lessons and play. This program is for any interested women who would like to learn, play and make new friends. Members, as well as those who might like to come, play and become Club members are welcome.

They meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the HHWC clubhouse at 1846 Harvard. Future meetings shall be on Dec. 5-6, and on, so please come join them or contact for details. For further information call Diana Van Duzer (713)426-3320 or e-mail at [dvanduzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dvanduzer@sbcglobal.net).

## Hey Kids! The Fun Run is For You Too!

Put June 7th on your calendar and plan to come do what kids love to do - RUN! The 23rd Annual Heights Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2008 and kids even get their own start time at 8:30 AM. Join other Heights children for this special 1K event which begins at Heights Blvd. @ 18th Street. Stopping point for all participants is Marmion Park where you will enjoy a great family friendly party celebrating fun and fitness. There will be food, juice and music while awards are announced and door prizes are given! This event promotes several of the 40 Developmental Assets determined necessary for youth to succeed in a community including:

- \* Planning and decision making by giving the youth the opportunity to plan ahead and make decisions.
- \* Constructive use of time in sports, clubs and community organizations.
- \* Empowerment by showing that our community values youth.

Entry fee for kids is only \$10 before June 1 or \$15 thereafter.

*HHA members: Please pass this membership form along to a friend or neighbor who is not a member. You can also use it to update your email or postal address should either have changed.*

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### Houston Heights Association Membership Application

Please indicate Membership Category on reverse.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with a check made to Houston Heights Association or HHA to:  
Houston Heights Association – Membership  
P.O. Box 70735  
Houston, TX 77270-0735

There are many opportunities for volunteer service. Please indicate your interests on the reverse of this form.

## HEIGHTS FUN RUN

Calling All Volunteers!

This is a “fun” Saturday morning volunteer opportunity, being held this year on June 7. The Heights Fun Run attracts more than 1,000 runners from all over the state, and we need your help with this important HHA fundraiser.

Sign up to help with:  
Brochure Distribution  
Set Up  
Registration  
Food & Refreshment Service  
Finish Line Monitors  
And...My All-Time Favorite—  
After Race Clean Up!!!

It really is a great way to get involved, help your community, and meet your neighbors.

To volunteer or for more information, please call our hotline and leave a message @ 713.861.4002, option 4, or e-mail us at [funrun@houstonheights.org](mailto:funrun@houstonheights.org). We are looking forward to hearing from you!

## 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. Call 713-522-0542 or visit their web site [www.historichouston.org](http://www.historichouston.org).

## New Members

The Glass Anvil Art Foundry,  
Diane Tovey  
Christy Hitchens  
Leann Mueller  
Jared Polak

## Donations

Martha Alexander—  
Flower Gardens  
John Cianca—  
Boulevard Maintenance  
William & Deborah Schroeter

## Future History

October 5, Bicycle Rally  
December 5-7, Holiday Home Tour  
February 22, 2009, Awards Dinner  
April 3-5, 2009, Spring Home Tour  
June 6, 2009, Heights Fun Run

## Christmas in July?

No, not really.



But the 2008 Heights Holiday Home Tour Committee is working as if it will be! We are still looking for beautiful homes dressed for the holidays to include in the tour, which is scheduled for Friday December 5th from 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday December 6th from 3 - 9 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering your home for this fundraiser or if you just know your neighbor or friend really should - let us know! Please contact Trudy at 713-802-0773.

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### Houston Heights Association Membership Application

#### Membership Categories

- Individual (\$20)
- Household (\$25)
- Nonprofit/Church (\$50)
- Small Business (\$65)
- Standard Business (\$150)
  
- New membership
- Change of name or address
- Change of email address

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- Events
- Spring Home Tour
- Heights Fun Run
- Heights Bike Rally
- Holiday Home Tour

#### Committees

- Boulevard Beautification & Flower Gardens
- Business Community
- Crime & Security
- Education
- Friends of the Parks
- Historical Preservation
- Land Use
- Membership
- Newsletter

# Calendar (continued from back cover)

## Calendar of Events for July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HHA Urban Forestry Group 6:30 PM Fire Station	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Heights 1st Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Flag Day Urban Forestry Meeting 502 W. 18th
13 Father's Day	14 HHA General Meeting Topic	15 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i>	16	17 Restoration/ Historic Comm. 611 W. 22nd	18	19
20	21 recycling HHA Board Meeting	22 Crime and Security Meeting 6:30 Fire Station	23 PIP Meeting 7:00 pm, 1600 State Street	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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15 Father's Day	16 HHA Board 6:30 PM Fire Station	17 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i>	18	19	20 Summer Begins	21
22	23 recycling Education Comm Mtg 1545 Heights Blvd. 7:00 PM0.	24 Crime and Secu- rity Meeting 6:30 Fire Station	25 PIP Meeting 7:00 pm, 1600 State Street	26	27	28 Storytellers Guild 7pm, Marmion Park
29	30	1 July	2	3	4	5 <i>continued within</i>

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

HHA web site: <<http://www.houstonheights.org>>