

HEIGHTS

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Members of Houston's Historic Districts Gather

Mayor Bill White pledged his ongoing support for historic preservation during a first of its kind party for property owners from Houston's historic districts. The August 14 gathering at downtown Houston's Magnolia Ballroom, owned by Houston Heights resident Bart Truxillo, was held to celebrate Houston's 172nd birthday. It was the first time owners of historic properties in all of the city's historic districts had been invited to gather and meet each other. Mayor White, joined by his new Special Assistant for Cultural Affairs Minette Boesel, noted how far Houston has come in the area

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Bicycling The Heights

The September general meeting of the HHA will be about bicycling. Representatives from South Coast Construction will be present to talk about the construction of the Heights Bicycle Trail that will run from W.19th to downtown Houston via the old MKT rail right-of-way. Construction is scheduled to start in September. Representatives of the Heights Flyers Bicycle Club will discuss their organization. The owners of the heights bicycle shop, Blue Line Bicycle Lab on White Oak, will make a presentation on bicycle maintenance. The meeting will be held downstairs at the fire station. There will

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Houston Heights Association Restoration/ Historical Committee

Meeting at 1630 Harvard St., Thursday, November 20th 7:30 to 9:30 PM

The November Houston Heights Association Restoration/Historical Committee meeting will be held at 1630 Harvard St. on Thursday, November 20th from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

What do you do when you buy a home struck by lightning, caught fire and then stood vacant for months? Well if you are active builder of new homes and re-

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Bicycle Rally Needs Prizes and Volunteers

The Heights Bicycle Rally Committee is near accomplishing its goal of having a prize for every child that completes the rally. But they are very short of prizes for adults. They are looking for merchandise or gift certificates for services and entertainment. The bike rally also needs volunteers. There are two check point/water stations on the rally route. Volunteers are needed to work an hour & 45 minute shift. The check points are located at Braeswood Park (Kelving & Morningside) and Root Memorial Square on Austin St. near the Toyota Center. It is possible to work a shift and also ride the rally. Every volunteer receives a Heights Bicycle Rally T-shirt.

If you can volunteer or can contribute a prize, e-mail Rally Chair, Paul Carr at torturet@aol.com or call 713-869-0505.

Student-Volunteers Double Up

A group of Imanuel Lutheran School students will perform double volunteer duty on October 4th & 5th. The group, led by Cathleen Chevallier, will work at the school's annual fall festival from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, October 4th. Then on Sunday, October 5th, they will man the Heights Bicycle Rally check point/water station at Root Memorial Park from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Root Memorial Park is located near the Toyota Center. Imanuel Lutheran School is located at E. 15th & Arlington St. For festival information, call 713-861-8787. For Bicycle Rally information, go to www.houstonheights.org/bicycle.htm.

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be free refreshments and an opportunity to review trail plans starting at 6:30pm. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. This will be the last general meeting before the Heights Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, October 5th. For Rally info go to www.houstonheights.org.

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of historic preservation during his administration.

Truxillo donated the use of his ballroom for the event and the delicious food and beverage were generously underwritten by an anonymous donor. Another Houston Heights resident, Realtor Tim Womble, donated the birthday cakes.

Attendees included several members of the Houston Heights Association Board of Directors; residents from nine of Houston's 12 historic districts and two pending districts; Houston City Controller Annise Parker, who owns a historic home in the Westmoreland Historic District; members of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission; staff from the Houston Planning and Development Department and David Bush from the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance.

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PROPERTIES

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There are two City of Houston Historic Districts in Houston Heights and a third is pending for the Freeland area just south of White Oak Drive on Frasier and Granberry Streets. The Houston Heights Historic District East generally encompasses the area bounded by 11th, Heights Boulevard, 20th and Oxford Streets. The Houston Heights Historic District West is generally bounded by 11th, Allston, 16th and Ashland.

Despite the designations, demolitions are not declining. 14 historic structures, 12 in the east district and 2 in the west district, have been targeted for demolition or relocation since the new districts were established about a year ago. An in depth analysis of activity since 1994 shows a significant acceleration of demolitions and relocations in the last three years. A total of 84 original buildings, 32 in the west district and 52 in the east district, have been lost just since 2005. That is an annual rate of loss of 14 structures in the east and about nine buildings in the west, more than double the annual losses in the ten years prior to 2005. If the current rate of deterioration continues, it will be about nine years before there would no longer be enough historic inventory to qualify for City of Houston Historic District designation.

Holiday Home Tour 2008

Friday, December 5, 6 – 9 p.m.
Saturday, December 6, 3 – 9 p.m.

Docents will be available to point out the rich history, architecture and unique holiday decorations of each home. And, volunteers are welcome (and wanted) for the docent positions (and you get a free ticket for the home tour for being a docent).

Advance tickets will be available online at www.houstonheights.org and at various

Houston Heights locations at a later date. Tickets will also be available on tour days.

It is important to note there will be no tour on Sunday this year. This is in consideration of our gracious homeowners (hand-picked by Santa himself) and of the many obligations we all seem to have this time of year. Plan accordingly!

October General Meeting Features Art and Candidates

The October General Meeting will feature local artists. In addition, at the October meeting, the Houston Heights Association Board of Director Candidates will present their brief candidate statements.

Some featured local artists include Karla Cisneros - Blue Crab Studio - a creative-arts firm specializing in the design and creation of jewelry and coastal accessories that celebrate the beauty of seashells and the pleasures of seaside living; Karen Farrell - Farrell's Art Glass - specializing in custom stained glass for window and door applications, Duskin Hill - Images by Duskin - International award winning photographer focusing on nature, landscapes, abstracts and Portraiture; Michael Huggins - works primarily in acrylics on canvas with themes ranging from tranquil landscapes to colorful botanicals; Julie Pettit - Jewels by Jule - specializes in beaded jewelry and unique hand made fabric purses; Adine Rotman - Adines Watercolors - specializes in watercolor animal portraits and watercolor nature scenes; Pam Steward - specializes in photography of the motion of underwater objects; Naomi Smulian - specializes in abstract oil paintings and teaches children's and adult art classes at Studio on the Boulevard at 17th and Heights. Come join us for wine and cheese while you view local art and meet your candidates. Time: 7:00 p.m. Date: Monday, October 13; Place: Fire Station 12th and Yale. See you there!

THE GREAT CELL PHONE DRIVE

Helping the Children of Kabul, Afghanistan

The Houston Heights Association has joined forces with the Rotary Club of Houston Heights and the Greater Heights Area Chamber of Commerce in a goal to collect 5,000 used, inactive cell phones over the course of two days—September 13 and 14. Money raised will be used to buy desperately-needed medical supplies and equipment for a pediatric hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, which is staffed by our brave men and women of the Armed Forces, but tragically under-funded as to life-saving medical supplies and equipment. We commend R. G. Musgrove of the Rotary Club of Houston Heights for this endeavor and need your help to make this drive a success.

Please gather up your old and forgotten cell phones (no accessories or chargers, please) and take them to the following drop-off locations on Saturday or Sunday, September 13 or 14. Please consider asking your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers to donate their unused phones as well. If you do not have a cell phone to donate, you may drop off new, unopened, and current over-the-counter children's medications and supplies instead.

Many thanks to these local businesses that have generously volunteered to facilitate the cell phone drive:

Buchanan's Native Plants
611 E. 11th Street

Heights Funeral Home (Saturday only, 9 a.m. to noon)
1317 Heights Boulevard

Jubilee
321 W. 19th Street

Let's do our part in making the lives of these sick and injured children a little more bearable.

For more information, you may call R. G. Musgrove @ 713.992.1899, or Kelly Simmons @ 713.864.2474.

Educator to Judge Scavenger Hunt

Anna Pi, an instructor at the Kumon Math & Reading Center, located at 2500 Yale St. has volunteered to judge this year's Heights Bicycle Rally Scavenger Hunt. Over forty mystery objects or sights are scattered along the 20 mile course of the bicycle rally. The challenge is for the bicyclist/detectives to locate as many as possible. Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony at 4:00pm., at the fire station on Sunday, October 5th.

End of Bicycle Rally Celebration

The Heights Bicycle Rally and Scavenger Hunt awards ceremony will be a big party. Thanks to HHA member Mitch McFarland, entertainment will be provided by Big Al's Blues Band. The music should start about 3:30pm. Around 4:00pm, this year's MC, Martin Pike will start issuing awards and the drawing for prizes will begin. Every child (12 & under) that finishes the rally will receive a prize. There will be a separate drawing for adults.

The Heights Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt will start at 7:30am at the fire station, on Sunday, October 5th. It is not a race. Participants can start at any time, as long as they finish by 4:00pm. Over 200 entrants are expected this year. For info go to www.houstonheights.org/bicycle.htm or call rally chair, Paul Carr at 713-869-0505.

National Night Out

The Houston Heights Association, in conjunction with the Milroy Park Advisory Council and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department invite you to participate in National Night Out activities on Tuesday, October 7 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Milroy Park. Milroy Park is located at 1205 Yale, on the northwest corner of 12th and Yale Streets. Turn on your porch lights and come meet your fellow Heightsites in Milroy Park.

See page 6 for History of National Night Out

HEIGHTS URBAN FORESTRY DAY

Saturday October 4th
 Celebrate Our Heights Urban Forest! The Heights Association invites you to a fun & educational Urban Forestry Day at the Fire Station 8 am to Noon on Saturday, October 4th. Refreshments, Coffee Bar & Giveaways for all participants. Bring a sample from your garden for a plant ID by one of our specialists. The Heights has the greatest number of Champion Trees in Houston- Learn about stewardship of Our Heights Urban Forest. Did you know that our largest trees are 'over 100 years old.' Register your Champion Tree, and pick up a seedling to grow into a Champion Tree for future generations! Target, Trees for Houston, New-

ton Wholesale Nursery, Heights Community Garden, Heights area Landscape & Garden designers, Texas Forestry Service, City of Houston, Parks People and more will be there! On Heights Boulevard take a guided walk with an urban forester! You buzz by everyday~ this is a special opportunity to see up close the amazing native trees & plants that are cared for & nurtured by HHA Volunteers all year long, for our daily enjoyment! Learn the secret from a Garden Guru on how to choose the right site, properly prepare the area, plant and care for a tree. Tree planting on the Boulevard follows!

Sign-up for Trees for your garden or right-of-way at the Fire Station.

Experience a family fun day in Our Heights Urban Forest!

Produced by the Heights Association, Everyone is invited!

New 20 Mile Route for Heights Bicycle Rally

This year's Heights Bicycle Rally, scheduled for Sunday October 5th will travel a new 20 mile route. The new route will take riders on city bike trails through the Heights, Montrose, South Hampton, Morningside, Braeswood, Texas Medical Center, Herman Park, Midtown, Downtown and Norhill. Unlike last year when there were 16 and 24 mile routes, there will only be one route this year.

Mystery sites for the scavenger hunt will be located along the entire route. This years rally maps will also include food and drink options along the route.

The September General Meeting of the Houston Heights Association will be dedicated to bicycling. There will be presentations on bicycle trails, types of bicycles, bicycle maintenance and the Heights Flyers Bicycle Club. For details on the Bicycle Rally go to www.houston-heights.org or contact Rally Chairman, Paul Carr at 713-869-0505.

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.

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.

New Members

Bliss on 19th St.
Mitchell & Susan McFarland
William Shaw & Associates
Supreme Air, Joe Libios
Windfern Pest Control, John Villarreal
Janet K. Wagner

Donations

The Barone Family
Simon & Linda Eyles—Boulevard
Denise Martin & Anita Goff-Parks
Kevin Grice-Boulevard
Mary & Ross Murdoch—Boulevard
Trudy Nelson—Boulevard
Maria & Mike Onufrow—Parks
Allen G. Pike—Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens
Noelle Reed—Boulevard
Susan Schorre—Graffiti Abatement

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.

The History of National Night Out

National Night Out was founded in 1983 by Matt Peskin in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). It is expected that National Night Out 2008 will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 11,310 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, 35.4 million people participated in NNO 2007.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) Send a message

to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The National Association of Town Watch was pleased to announce that for the first time in its twenty-five year history, they will be instituting an alternate test date in 2008 for the State of Texas. This date will enable law enforcement agencies and communities to officially participate in NNO 2008 during a cooler time of the year and remain a part of the NATW team. Along with the traditional display of front porch outdoor lights and front porch outdoor vigils, National Night Out will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, cook-outs, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth programs and visits from local police.

The city of Houston first participated in National Night Out in 1985 as part of the Houston/Harris County team. Over the years, Houston/Harris County has obtained numerous awards and placements from NATW.

See page 4 for local NNO info

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 October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Heights 1st Sat; Urban Forestry Day, see page 5
5 Bike Rally (See article pg 5)	6 HHA Land Use, Fire Station, 6:30 PM	7 National Night Out (See articles pg 4 & 6)	8	9	10	11
12	13 recycling HHA General Meeting Topic Local Art Fire Station, 7pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 HHA Board Meeting Fire Station 6:30pm	21	22 PIP Meeting 7:00 pm, 1600 State Street	23	24 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i>	25
26	27 recycling	28 Crime and Security Meeting 6:30 Fire Station	29	30	31	

2008 Habitat Highways Training Series:

Creating and Restoring Habitats for Wildlife in Urban Settings
Every year, more and more natural areas are being turned into urban landscapes. Right now the national estimate is 40 million acres, roughly the size of Pennsylvania. Wildlife habitats are being fragmented or even lost, leaving birds, butterflies and other creatures isolated with no place to turn for precious food, water and shelter. The good news is that our landscapes and green spaces can help to fill that gap by becoming habitat havens, creating ribbons of vibrant areas through which wildlife can continue their travels. The Habitat Highways Train-

ing Series, in its second year, will continue to train advocates to create and restore wildlife habitats 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 Chris LaChance of the WaterSmart Landscaping Program (a program of TX AgriLife Extension Service and TX Sea Grant Extension) and Mark Bowen of Urban Harvest, the classes will be held on October 9th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 9:00–3:30 each day at the United Way of Greater Houston, 50 Waugh Drive,

Houston, 77007. Two hands-on classes will be held on November 6th and 20th at a location to be announced. Cost is \$150, including materials and space is limited. Participants must be prepared to attend each session. Help give wildlife uninterrupted travel along habitat corridors with the Habitat Highways initiative. For more information, contact Chris LaChance at 281-218-0721, c-lachance@tamu.edu or www.watersmart.cc.

Future History

October 5, Bicycle Rally
December 5-6, Holiday Home Tour
February 22, 2009, Awards Dinner
April 3-5, 2009, Spring Home Tour
April 18, 2009, HHA Camp-Out
& Music Fest
June 6, 2009, Heights Fun Run

HHA General Meetings:

are on the Second Monday of each month at the Fire Station, at 7pm

The Heights Association is an extraordinary blend of Neighbors & Businesses. The General Meetings this year celebrate the diverse tapestry of the new & old in our Neighborhood. HHA members & guests have enjoyed Butterfly Gardens, Heights Antique Road Show, Sommelier & Wine Tasting, Area Medical Facility, Heights Crime Watch & the New Bakery in Town~ the programs have been fantastic thanks to each & every HHA meeting program chair.

Fabulous Fall / Winter General Meetings

September 8th
BICYCLES / 09 Board Candidate Nominations
Bicycles Galore on Display on the first level of the Fire Station, Sign-up for the 2008 Heights Bike Rally scheduled for Sunday, October 5th Learn about the Heights Bike Trail from Shepherd to Downtown! Join HHA to vote in the 09 Election.

October 13th
Heights Artists / 09 Board Candidates Statements
Discover the Art & Artists in our Neighborhood, at this special Showing for HHA members & guests. Read all about it in this month's newsletter!

November 10
Amazing Animals / 09 Board Candidate Election
If you are an animal lover in the

Heights~ this is a can't miss opportunity to learn about adoptions, vets, pets and more! Coffee Bar courtesy of STARBUCK's at Nicholson.

December 8
Lagers & Brews HHA Holiday Party
Mix & Mingle ~learn about HHA, Meet the Neighbors and the New HHA Board.

Changes Coming for Heavy Trash

Beginning in October of 2008, the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept will alternate the pick-up of Tree Waste and Junk Waste. The schedule is listed below. "Tree Waste" is defined as "clean wood waste", which consists of tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture or treated wood will not be accepted on the day designated for tree waste. "Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Collections will occur on your regularly scheduled heavy trash day, unless you are notified otherwise.

Month	Collection
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste
December	Junk Waste
January	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste

Opera in the Heights Announces their 2008-09 Season

Madame Butterfly

Sept 25, 26, 27,

Oct 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 2008

By Giacomo Puccini 8:00pm

A clash of cultures in an exotic locale is the backdrop for this story of the gentle geisha and the American naval officer. Everyone will feel the sorrow of "Poor Butterfly," betrayed and abandoned to some of the most heartfelt music ever written.

Two Faces of Donizetti

Nov 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 2008

By Gaetano Donizetti 7:30pm

Enjoy two helpings of Donizetti's most delicious music tonight: both comedy and tragedy are served with the magic of melody as only a master of bel canto can.

Macbeth

Jan 29, 30, 31,

Feb 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 2009

By Giuseppe Verdi 7:30pm

Shakespeare's drama interpreted by Verdi is a treasure trove of powerful music as well as incomparable poetry. This story of unbridled ambition, bloodshed, and sorcery is as timely today as it ever was.

Falsataff

Mar 26, 27, 28

Apr 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 2009

By Giuseppe Verdi 7:30pm

Falstaff is the supreme, ultimate, transcendental comedy in music. Maestro Verdi at 80+ years old wrote music for the ages. Enjoy seeing the tables get turned on old "Sir John" as, in the end, we will agree:

Images of America: Houston Heights

Arcadia Publishing has requested that HHA put together a book which will be titled Images of America: Houston Heights. Arcadia publishes regional histories (5,000 titles are in print), but they have published very little in the state of Texas. These are photographic records of community history. We are calling for anyone who has photos they would like to share or perhaps knows someone who might have photos to help us put together 180 photographs for this book. The enclosed release

form indicates that you give permission for the use of this photo (we will scan the original and return it to you) only for this book. It will not be used for any other purpose. You will still retain all rights to this photo. If your photo is selected, your participation will be acknowledged in the caption below the picture.

Requirements set for the book by the publisher are fairly specific:

- Black and white photos only
- No smaller than 3 inches by 4 inches (please contact us about smaller photos)
- Must be Heights residents, homes, businesses, clubs or streets prior to 1960

- No newspaper articles or newspaper photos accepted

Please identify all people, groups, businesses, and clubs, along with physical location and approximate date. If you have any history or stories to submit about the photo or persons, please include with your submission.

Please mail photos, release and description to Houston Heights Association Book, P. O. Box 70735, Houston, TX 77270. If you need items picked up, please contact one of the below. (Photo release below) If you have any questions please call Anne Sloan, 713-869-8281 or the Houston Heights Association, info@houstonheights.org.

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The undersigned has permitted Houston Heights Association, Inc. [compiler] to borrow or make copies of certain photographs of _____, _____,

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modeler of Heights homes Mike Journey, you consider it your next rehab project. Covered by a tarp over the burned-out second story, the rehabilitation looked promising. Then when the rest of the structure was found to be structurally unsound for remodel or addition purposes, you tear it down, and rebuild a new one on the same footprint that echoes the style of the former structure. This may not be the normal, most popular concept in the Houston Heights, however many times it is the only acceptable alternative.

While looking at the rehab/tear-down, Mike and his wife, Pat, decided to downsize from their much bigger house in Memorial Hunters Creek Village and to build in the Heights a residence and "model-home" for Mike to show to potential clients. Collaborating with Mark van Doren of APD, they designed a residence of 2,700 square feet., with an open, spacious first floor incorporating three living areas, parlor, dining/library, and kitchen/breakfast/family room

plus a master suite. The second floor design included two bedrooms with baths, a media room/office and front and back covered porches.

The interior features traditional crown moldings and classic trim and transoms, along with custom cabinets, granite counters, and porcelain and travertine tiles. Recycled materials included some porch decking, interior doors and oak flooring.

A feature of special interest is the garden, designed by The Backyard Gardener. It features an orchard as well as plumeria, orchids, and a number of favorite plants from their prior home. Native plants and an unusual "rock river" extends from the far corner of the back yard to the front yard. It provides visual interest and practical drainage.

For their efforts, in 2004, Pat and Mike were awarded the Houston Heights Association Community Improvement Award for Residential New Construction.

This meeting will highlight an unusual example of recycling a Houston Heights property from tear down to new construction. Overall, meeting attendees will see first hand what beauty and character can be added to the Heights historic neighborhood under adverse circumstances. For those interested in newly added features adding function to a property, this meeting will be a must. Also, for those wanting to talk with the people that made it happen and to meet some neighbors for 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 or telephone him at (713) 880-2832.

2008 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR "ENCHANTMENT" VOLUNTEER DOCENT

Name: _____

Contact information:

Phone: _____; Email: _____

If you know the general time you would like to volunteer, please indicate your availability:

Fri., December 5: ____; Sat. afternoon, December 6: ____; Sat. evening, December 6: ____.

Other comments: _____

Please return this form to: Eleanor Lane, 609 E. 10th Street, Houston, TX 77008.

Thanks so much for your interest!

Director Election Schedule

Seven 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. Two positions are for the remaining last year of terms ended by resignations.

The five nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes will fill the three-year terms; the nominees receiving the sixth and seventh-highest vote counts will fill the one-year vacancies. See the right column for a list of current Directors.

The schedule for the election of Directors to serve terms starting in 2009 will be as follows, in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies of the Association:

- September 8, 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, seconders 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 10, 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 13, signed statements from nominees are due, as well as a 50-word statement from each nominee for publication in the October newsletter.

- October 13, 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 20, the Election Committee will mail a ballot with a control number to each member whose dues are current as of October 1.

- By November 8 at the close of the post office, ballots returned by mail must be received with control numbers intact.

- November 10, 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.

Houston Heights Association 2008 Board of Directors

The following members are currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Houston Heights Association. The number in parentheses after the name is the last year of that person's current term as Director.

Paul Carr (2010)
Angela DeWree (2010)
Mike Easley (2010)
Chris Silkwood (2010)
President-Elect
Lanna von Baden (2010)
Bill Baldwin (2009)
Janice Evans-Davis (2009)
Mark Williamson (2009)
Jim DePitts (2008)
Mary Ellis (2008)
Denise Martin (2008)
Genie Mims (2008)
Martin Piké (2008)
Jim Potter (2008)
Kelly Simmons (2008)

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Calendar of Events for September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 recycling	3	4	5	6 Heights 1st Sat
7	8 HHA General Meeting Topic Bikes Fire Station, 7pm	9 Bike Rally Meeting 6:30 Fire Station	10	11	12	13
14	15 recycling HHA Board Meeting Fire Station 6:30pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Crime and Security Meeting 6:30 Fire Station	24 PIP Meeting 7:00 pm, 1600 State Street	25 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i>	26	27
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