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Fire Station Purchased

by Chris Silkwood, 2009 HHA President

The Houston Heights Association is proud to announce the completion of our plans to purchase the Fire Station at 12th Street and Yale. The Fire Station has long served as our neighborhood community center. The monthly general meetings and board meetings, committee gatherings, special events, fund raising activities, and so much more are held with great pride in this extremely important historic landmark building.



The HHA has enjoyed a long-term lease for \$1 per year from the City of Houston for the past fifteen years. Recent appraisals and changes with the City's long-term lease policy were about to change the structure of our contract. With these changes, the HHA would soon be assessed a considerable monthly rent based on the appraised value of the building. It quickly became apparent that now was the time to move forward with a hopeful purchase.

As a result of ongoing fundraising efforts over years of hard work, the HHA was able to make a solid cash offer without the need for instituting a large-scale capital campaign. It is through these efforts and the support of our many HHA members that we are able to make such a substantial purchase. It is the intention of the HHA to have the Fire Station continue to serve our great neighborhood as an ongoing community center for decades to come. In addition, we are looking forward to the possibility of continuing renovation efforts and further restoring the building to its full original character.

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On Monday, December 14, we closed on the purchase. We celebrated the closing on Monday evening at the monthly General Meeting. In the near future, you will hear about hopes and plans to recoup the money spent on this purchase through a variety of fundraising efforts. The purchase price for the Fire Station was \$350,000. At our suggestion, the Mayor has designated the funds to go to the City's Historic Preservation Fund. Our good relationships with the Mayor's Office, our City Council Members, and various City of Houston Departments has allowed this transaction to take place, and we are immensely grateful.

Community Improvement Award

Please help us select and honor deserving property owners for their hard work and vision in our neighborhood by nominating them for Community Improvement Awards. The winners will be announced at the Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Dinner on February 28 and in the Newsletter.

Nominations must be submitted by Friday, January 15. A copy of the nomination form and instruction sheet is included in the print edition of this issue. It is also available online at <http://www.houstonheights.org/pdf/09CIAform.pdf>.

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The following officers were elected at the December 7 organizational meeting of the 2010 Houston Heights Association Board.

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- VP Historic Preservation: Bart Truxillo
- VP HHA Property Management: Paul Carr
- VP Financial Affairs: Mike Easley

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Letter From the New President of the Houston Heights Association

Dear HHA Members,

We have an exciting year ahead! As you may know by now, the HHA has purchased the Heights Fire Station from the City of Houston, so we finally own our own home! Like all new homeowners, we have dreams about improvements we'd like to make so that it can serve our whole Heights family better. Our fundraisers will be more important than ever this year. Likewise, increasing our membership is a top priority!



So many people are drawn to our neighborhood because of its historic charm, the beautiful trees, the parks, the jogging trail, the playground, and the esplanade on Heights Boulevard, as well as our wonderful restaurants, unique businesses, and small town ambience.

Not as many people, our own residents included, realize how much the Houston Heights Association plays a part in all this! Over the years, the HHA has bought, built, maintained, protected, or promoted much of what we love about the Heights.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the HHA and to get involved. When they ask why, tell them, "BECAUSE IT'S FUN!" And then ask them if they know that the Heights Association owns and maintains Marmion and Donovan Parks; that it reforested the esplanade and built the jogging trail; it planted the rose garden and installed the Heights entryway on the Boulevard. It was the driving force behind getting the historic street lamps and the preservation of the old bridges on Heights just south of I-10. The HHA organized deed restrictions and sponsors the Constable Patrol program. It built the playground in Donovan Park and maintains the gazebos on the Boulevard. It gives grants to our schools, supports graffiti removal, and promotes our local businesses. It strives to preserve the history of the neighborhood while moving forward into the future. And most recently, the HHA bought the old Fire Station, which it has lovingly cared for over the years, so that the HHA will always have a home.

Please come to the General Meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Fire Station – and bring a friend "home" with you. I look forward to seeing you there, and together we'll make the year 2010 another great one for the Heights!

All the Best in the New Year,

Anne Culotta, 2010 HHA President

Awards Dinner

Please mark your calendars now for the upcoming HHA Volunteer Appreciation & Community Improvement Awards Dinner to be held on Sunday, February 28, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Heights Fire Station (12th and Yale). In honor of our wonderful Heights community, the theme will be "The Art of Volunteering."

It's been said the Heights boasts the largest concentration of professional artists in the State of Texas. This could be true, but we also have an amazing variety of volunteers who represent one of the most collaborative "mixed media" pieces – the Houston Heights Association. It takes the efforts and talents of many to keep our neighborhood one of the most fun and exciting areas (you know, the 'small town cool' feel that attracted you). So come celebrate the many ways our Heights landscape is beautified by the array of talented and giving individuals in our community. If you are not contributing your own strokes to our masterpiece, grab a brush and come join the effort!

Beverages for those "of age" and a delightful menu will be artfully presented. And, of course, Citizen of the Year and Corporate Citizen of the Year will be crowned, and the nominees and winners of the Community Improvement Awards will also be announced. Stay tuned to the newsletter and the Awards

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Spotlight on Heights Business Member: Master Car Care

We continue with the newsletter feature "Spotlight on Heights Business Member" – this month spotlighting Master Car Care. You may have noticed that recent newsletter issues have been focusing on a local business. These businesses are drawn from business cards collected at the Houston Heights Association Business Mixer. The next mixer is January 13 at 6:30 PM at the Fire Station.

Byron Rusk owns Master Car Care. He acquired the property at 2305 Yale in December of 2008 and has been making improvements to the building and upgrading the equipment ever since. Master Car Care's mechanical shop is managed by Ruben Martinez. Blake Rusk, Byron's twin, oversees the paint and body shop. They have a crew with strong, broad technical capacity with expertise in areas from paint and body to large trucks to European cars. Scott and Arthur are Master Certified auto technicians. They have several bays for automotive repair and an adjacent building with larger bays to accommodate truck and bus repair.

Byron was born in San Antonio and grew up in Houston. He studied business administration at the University of Houston. As a student, he founded a moving and storage company, Rusk Moving, which he operated until 1984. Rusk Moving specialized in office moving and storage for businesses. Byron has been in the car care business since 1980, when he started RMS Auto Care at Westheimer and Woodhead. Since then he has also become an Accredited Automotive Manager and continues to take advantage of all learning opportunities for himself and his staff to improve his business.

Away from Master Car Care, Byron and his fiancée, Ginger, are building a new custom home here in the Heights on Cortlandt Street. They look forward to becoming Heights residents in the summer of 2010. They have two dogs: a beagle and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Byron enjoys reading, cooking, golf, and opera. They have season tickets to both the Houston Grand Opera and Opera in the Heights. Ginger serves on the Board of Trustees for Houston Grand Opera. Some favorite Heights area haunts for the Byron and Ginger include Opera in the Heights, Shade, Penzey's, Carter & Cooley, Big Mamou, and Heights Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Next time you need your vehicle repaired, please support Heights business member, Master Car Care. The folks at Master Car Care are also excited to have been selected as the venue hosting the Houston Heights Association Spring Tour Candlelight Dinner on April 9. If you're a business member, remember to come out to the next mixer on January 13.



1950s photograph of 2305 Yale, then Master Auto Service

Holiday Home Tour Recap

by Katrina Price Stilwell, Chair of the 2009 Holiday Home Tour
Hope You Made It “Home for the Holidays”!

This home tour was festive as ever and packed with one surprise after another. If you missed hanging out with about 2,000 of your closest friends and neighbors, you sure missed a good one. Perhaps reading about it will get you out there next year. Always feel free to volunteer – it’s never too early to start thinking about ways to contribute now!



Here’s a recap of what was probably being said by tour-goers at Waldo’s on Sunday morning (I was asleep so am surmising to some degree.):

“WOW on the Pumpkin House. How did the Beardshalls do all of that and decorate that many trees?! Well, with a lot of help from that mastermind at Eclectic Home – what DON’T they have for home or holiday?! – Colby Weems. PLUS, Tamara at the Heights Floral Shop did the floral arrangements. And, no, it is NOT an old house. Uh-uh, nope. New, built to look old. Well, it fooled YOU! Of course, the house held about 100 people at a time since it was the size of about three of the bungalows on the tour! So nice of them to put out hot chocolate by the outdoor terrace and fireplace where the flutists played on despite the icy weather. I wanted to stay...

“And wasn’t the Longstreth Maloney home just so French New Orleans lovely? KILLER dining room display by Krispen. Did you see what Jesse Aguirre did to that already amazing chandelier??? And the music playing there was actually recorded by their own children, who are jazz musicians by trade. What a fun bunch of volunteers, too. I saw Marilyn Maloney handing out glasses of wine at 8:58, declaring it to be 9:01... I think they all DID stay afterwards!! Say, did you pick up one of those recipes for Café Brulot? NO, that was not another arson at the house that caught on fire across the street. Shut down White Oak DURING the Tour! I heard that the organizers were shuttling people in their own cars until those super swift thinkers, Angelos and Carol Sofianopolous, re-arranged the shuttle route with the help of those super sweet drivers from Carey Limo. Man, no one seemed to get ruffled!

“I NEVER would have guessed how much both the Sanchez and the Gonzalez homes had to offer. That Sanchez Bungalow is the most precious and faithfully restored home I have ever seen. Love those antiques, too. I think they said that Maura Cannon at Homestretch Antiques did the entire front two rooms!! Bless Elizabeth Sanchez’s heart. She fell and broke her arm on Friday night and was showing folks through her home with that arm in a sling on Saturday. Unbelievable. And how about the Gonzales’ being the SECOND OWNERS of a 111-year-old home?! Amazing condition of all of the original moldings and fixtures, and yet what a perfectly gourmet kitchen. Did you see the fully plumbed ‘outhouse’?! What fun. Good thing they had that parking lot next door. It was a VERY popular home.

“Do you think that the thousands of us who walked through scared off the herons outside of the Watkins Home? I think if I could pick a house to just move into, it might be that one, especially if I could talk Kriss Killion at Killion’s Milam Florist into bringing flowers that pretty every month! So comfortable and a seamless redesign by Bungalow Revival... Loved the Pottery Barn dining room at the Booth Home, which was the perfect backdrop to their holiday style... I hear that the super cute holiday onesies hanging in the front office were designed by Kelly Booth. But I’d love to retire to Fort Robert. After a soak in that new tub that’s half the size of my pool, and a rustle through my cherry closets for something super comfy, you could just lay me in that grassy looking rug under the beams from Wisconsin with some of that wine from Block 7... Amazing murals on the walls of his son’s room, too (actually, his son was clear that it was not a room but a JUNGLE). *Sigh* It all just puts me in the holiday spirit!”

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The “Sponsor a Room” and floral decorations at each home were managed with grace and flair by Elizabeth Poirrier, who managed to make it all look easy and organized though she works, keeps a lovely home (and, indeed, an entire block of friends from forgetting about one another!), and is attending culinary school at night! With assistance from Anne Nguyen, who is a self-described Fan of the Heights, wonderful room furnishings, art, and/or decorations thrilled both homeowners and tour-goers. In addition to the sponsors mentioned above, I’d like to give special thanks to Waldo’s for replenishing my supply of hot water for the hot chocolate I felt it necessary to shuttle to the ticket takers and front porch docents, and for helping get boxes of coffee to go with all of the fixin’s for the homeowner and Head Docent tour on Saturday morning. (A private affair – definitely sells you on putting your home on the Tour, huh?)

Thank you, too, to the other businesses that acted as Ticket Sales locations. We always appreciate a good excuse to stop by these Heights favorites: Another Place in Time, The Artful Corner, Buchanan’s, Eclectic Home, Koelsch Gallery, and Waldo’s. Special thanks to Regions Bank on 11th Street for loaning its parking lot as overflow parking.

Even the HHA volunteers at the Fire Station pulled out all of the stops. Tour-goers could buy tickets, hear carolers, buy awesome crafts and refreshments (and let me tell you, those sandwiches were LIFESAVERS and I really felt that I DESERVED every sweet I ate, too. Yum...) from the Houston Heights Woman’s Club, Anne Sloan’s new book on Heights history, and take the free shuttles around to see the homes. Likewise, the Heights Branch Library had entertainment including carolers, Santa for kiddos of all ages, and a mélange of sources of Heights history for the buffs on the Tour. We hope you made it by to see all of their special efforts, which were overseen by Sue Wheeler.

If you just couldn’t get enough of the Holiday Home Tour, you were not alone. We now appear in Southern Living’s online calendar as an event not to miss. Features on homes were done on the Otto House by Going Green; the Watkins Home for the Chronicle Neighborhood; the Longstreth Maloney Home by Envy Magazine, and Fort Robert for the Chronicle Design section. This is actually good press for all of the Heights, so congratulate yourself once again on such a wonderful choice for a place to live, and especially for spending your time – and your money – here in the Heights for the holidays!!

“Say, pssst, who are those three propped up over there in the corner? One of them is snoring! Ooooooh, yes, those two leaning against each other are Katrina Price Stilwell and Amy Brooks. I heard they were the Chair and the Co-Chair of the Holiday Home Tour this year. That other one’s nametag says ‘Darla Fanelli, Volunteer Coordinator.’ Oh my. I heard there were over 250 volunteers... The sign taped to the table in front of them says ‘BRING COFFEE AT 10:00.’ Least we could do, huh? Wake up... wake up and smell the Waldo’s coffee...”

Donations

Please thank the following donors for their generous support of the programs of the Houston Heights Association.

June L. Adair, Appraiser – Boulevard

Cynthia Felde & David McLean – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens

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Robert & Cheryl Ketchie – Boulevard and Historic Preservation

Georgina Lavalley

Joseph & Rebecca Leahy – Flower Gardens

Bells Are Still Ringing...

Jingle Bells, Sleigh Bells, and Silver Bells rang loudly on December 3 at the first-ever Preview and Patron Party for the HHA's Holiday Home Tour. Patrons were thrilled to see the holiday-decked homes before the tour opened to the general public. Several "bells" mentioned the holiday hosting homeowners welcomed them to sit down and even stay awhile! Alas, there were other homes beckoning the bells.

Following their preview of the homes, patrons got a "bonus" home as the ever-gracious Patty Worthington opened her stunning Heights Boulevard home to us once again. (It's so absolutely grand, we just had to go back!) Patrons were able to partake in a self-guided tour of the home and step outside to the tented area where an array of delectable delights awaited.

MAJOR THANKS to the incredible food and beverage sponsors for the party: melt-in-your-mouth white chocolate bread pudding from **Glass Wall**, risotto balls, mushroom tarts, and bruschetta from **Stella Sola**, scrumptious pumpkin custard from **Textile**, amazing pepperoni pizza rolls from **Candelari's**, simply divine shrimp diablo and roasted pepper soup from **Berryhill in the Heights**, finger-lickin' ribs and chicken roll ups from **Pizzitola's**, truly smokin' duck gumbo with andouille sausage and wild rice pilaf from **Rainbow Lodge**, mouth-watering cookies from **Shade**, spicy blackened chicken salad from **Tony Mandola's**, an eye-boggling array of mini-desserts (which to choose?) from **Dacapo's Pastry Café**, and on-site prepared meat pies and boudin balls from **The Big Mamou**, the seasonal delight of **Saint Arnold's** Christmas Ale, the oh-so-smooth red and white wines via **BevCo International/Stephanie and David Baird**, and champagne from the *fa-shizzlers* themselves **Artful Corner**, **Boulevard Realty**, **Kelly Simmons** and **Keith Crane**, **Marianne and Tim Sulser**, **Anne and Ken Culotta**, **Amy and John Brooks**, and **Trudy Nelson**.

There were truly sparkles provided by **Jubilee in the Heights** for all patrons (wine stoppers with etched-glass tops) and bells of different tones received autographed copies of Anne Sloan's new book, *Images of America: Houston Heights*.

Thanks to all the Jingle Bells, Sleigh Bells, Silver Bells, and especially our fabulous sponsors – who went above and beyond – and provide us their culinary treasures all year – and right in our neighborhood! Hmm, aren't you hungry now? You know where to go ;)

[And finally, many thanks to our wonderful Patron Party Chairs, Trudy Nelson and Marianne Sulser, for putting together the party of the season and raising money for the 'hood in the process. –Editor]

New Members

Please welcome the following members to the Houston Heights Association.

June L. Adair, Appraiser
Mary & Cody Arnold
Rosemary Boros
Edward Jones Investments,
Ray Schottie
Megan Faust
Lacey Felechner
Jerome Fjeld
Laura Guzman
Joseph & Rebecca Leahy
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Rebecca Marraffa
Bill & Beth Pugh
Alison Rensink
James M. Roach
Elizabeth & Ryan Smith
Eric Sullivan
Burke Taylor
Zelko Bistro, Jamie Zelko

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Dinner page on the HHA website for more information.

Reservations will be accepted after January 1. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$175 for a reserved table of 8 via our website. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please act fast!

Restoration/Historical Committee

The next Houston Heights Association Restoration/Historical Committee meeting will be held at 1317 Arlington on Thursday, February 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Note that this meeting is on the first Thursday instead of the third Thursday; this is a permanent change in the committee's schedule.

What do you do with a 1950's gameroom/laundromat/washateria building across the street from Reagan High School to make it into a nostalgic home and artist studio for an engineer husband and an artist of national and world renown? Do you want to see what the Home and Garden TV Channel (HGTV) found so interesting when they filmed a property transformation in Houston Heights? Did you miss going on the Houston Heights Home Tour to visit this home in 1988? If these thoughts pique your interest to see a multi-year renovation from a one-story commercial building to a 1950's modern "Santa Fe funky box retro style two-story home," then this meeting is for you.

Meeting attendees will see first-hand the results of tearing up asbestos flooring then raising floors 6 inches to eliminate flooding and excavating a giant hackberry tree filled yard from tropical rain damage. Also punching holes thru asphalt to plant plants, drilling holes in concrete ceilings and walls to hang art works, using stucco in a Victorian neighborhood, and battling ferocious termites all were some of the challenges in this work of love. Then hear how nervous the couple were when they moved from a country club suburban home to a washateria building in a questionable neighborhood in the 1980's and how the captivating building with beauty and character unlike any other, demanded preservation.

This meeting will highlight a most unusual example of a one-of-a-kind home in the Houston Heights. Overall, meeting attendees will see what beauty and character can be maintained in the Heights historic neighborhood using modern construction techniques. Also, for those wanting to talk with a couple that recall their neighborhood and school memories, this will be a most enjoyable evening activity.

The Houston Heights Restoration/Historical Committee meetings are open to the public bimonthly to learn about history and restoration in keeping with an appreciation of the historic nature of the Houston Heights. Membership in the Houston Heights Association is encouraged, but not mandatory to attend these events.

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. Dean can be contacted at swansonad@sbcglobal.net or 713-880-2832.



Save The Date

...for the 2010 Spring Home & Garden Tour! It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11 from noon to 6:00 PM and feature six wonderful homes. The Candlelight Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, April 9. It promises to be a fun and exciting event. Check next month's newsletter for more details.

Volunteers and Auction Items Needed for Home Tour

If you would like to volunteer for the Spring Home & Garden Tour or donate an item for our auction, we would love to have your help! To find out more about volunteer opportunities, contact holalolo2@yahoo.com or janet.buchheit@centerpointenergy.com. To donate an auction item, contact pkunkemoeller@yahoo.com.

Constable Patrol Program News

Our initial patrol area on the east side has been in force for six months now and getting positive comments from residents about the quick response. Now the HHA Board has approved a contract for patrols on the west side starting in January (or as soon as the county approves it). We are evaluating whether a third patrol area on the north side would be possible; that depends on whether there would be enough participation to pay for it.

East Side Constable Patrol Results:

Officer Aaron Muñoz, our East Side constable deputy, has reported the following results from his patrol during November:

Miles patrolled	970
Alarm responses	10
Citizen contacts	92
Vacation watches	21
Park checks	18
Disturbances, suspicious vehicle calls, etc.	13
Total calls	190

Thank you, Officer Muñoz, for helping keep our neighborhood safe.

West Side Constable Patrol Status

The contract has been submitted to the Commissioner's Court for approval. The West Side area covers approximately the area from Yale west to Shepherd between I-10 and W 20th.

Registration remains open for all those who want to participate. You can pay online with a credit card at <http://www.houstonheights.org/westsidepaypal.htm>, or you can mail a \$255 check payable to "Houston Heights Association-West Side" with the form below to HHA, PO Box 70735, Houston, TX 77270-0735. All payments need service address, phone number, and email address.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Englet at tracy@webextra.com or 713-301-3296.

Houston Heights

Woman's Club News

The Houston Heights Woman's Club will open the new year with a general meeting on Thursday, January 21. All members and guests are invited.

The following Tuesday, January 26, will be Cork and Fork, a new group formed last fall that explores different wine regions and enjoys sampling both wines and food from that region. The fun starts at 7:00 PM.

On Thursday, February 11, the club hosts the annual Valentine potluck and silent auction to which spouses and friends are invited. The drawing for the beautiful quilt sewn by HHWC members will be held at this party.

All of these events will be at the HHWC clubhouse at 1846 Harvard and start at 7:00 PM. Please contact Leah Braden at leahslandscaping@sbcglobal.net or 713-862-5038 for information about the general meeting and the potluck dinner. Please contact Shea Sandefer Hill at tou_shea@yahoo.com for details about Cork and Fork.

Houston Heights Association Constable Patrol Enrollment Form

Name(s) _____

Service Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Descendants of Rev. B. A. Rogers Visit Houston Heights

Houston and Houston Heights received some very special visitors in mid-November when Jerry Rardin, his wife Sue (Lowry) Rardin, Judy Lowry, and Dr. Temp Lowry came to visit the old stomping grounds of their great-grandfather, Rev. Benjamin Andrew Rogers. Rev. Rogers, an eminent Episcopal rector, moved to Houston from Liberty Hill in Williamson County, Texas in 1892 and was instrumental in establishing St. Stephen's Mission, which held the first non-denominational religious services in Houston Heights.

Family members, guided by Houston Heights historian Randy Pace, visited many historical locations in Houston Heights and around the city, including:

- The Houston Heights Woman's Club building on Harvard (Rev. Rogers's daughter, Susan Rogers Tempest, was a founding member of the Houston Heights Literary Club that later evolved into the Woman's Club.)
- Christ Church Cathedral, where Rev. Rogers was rector Pro-tem from August through December, 1892,
- 1435 Heights Boulevard, which with its neighbor 1437 Heights Boulevard was built in 1903 by Rev. Rogers as income property for his widowed daughter, Susan,
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (the current name of St. Stephen's Mission)
- 2009 Harvard, the home of their paternal grandparents, Fayette C. and Myrtle Cooke Lowry, and
- 1348 Heights Boulevard, where their grandmother, Elizabeth Tempest, had lived as a child.

More information about the history of this Houston Heights family and their tour of Houston Heights can be found in an extended article by Randy Pace, which can be located [here](#). Members without access to the web site may obtain a printed copy by writing to the Editor at the address in the box on page 2. It's well worth reading, but we did not have enough room to print the entire article here.



Houston Heights Association Constable Patrol Enrollment Instructions

Mail the form on the reverse with a \$255 check made to Houston Heights Association - West Side (or East Side, as appropriate) to:

Houston Heights Association
P.O. Box 70735
Houston, TX 77270-0735

Calendar (continued from back cover)

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January 31	February 1 HHA Land Use 6:30 PM Fire Station	2	3	4 - <i>garbage and recycling</i>	5 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i>	6 Heights 1st Sat
7	8 HHA General Topic TBA 7:00 PM Fire Station	9	10	11 - <i>garbage</i>	12	13
14	15 HHA Board 6:30 PM Fire Station	16 Greater Heights SNC (SN15) 6:30 PM Fire Station	17	18 - <i>garbage and recycling</i>	19	20
21	22 HHA Education 6:30 PM 1545 Heights	23	24 PIP Meeting 7:00 PM 1602 State Street	25 - <i>garbage</i>	26	27
28 Volunteer Ap- preciation and Awards Dinner 5:00-9:00 PM Fire Station						

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.

Every Monday, 7:30 to 10:00 PM, Houston International Folk Dancers introductory lessons at Oddfellows Hall, 115 E. 14th.

January 9, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Solid Waste Management Department Electronic Waste Neighborhood Collection Event at HCC's Northline Campus parking lot in the 8300 block of Fulton. TVs, computers, monitors, cell phones, VCRs, and other electronics accepted. For more information, call 832-393-3226 or 281-999-5879, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/esc-south.html

January 12 through April 15, Neighborhood Tax Centers provide Houston area residents and families earning less than \$50,000 with free, fast, and accurate tax preparation by IRS-certified tax preparers. Convenient day, evening, and weekend hours at 21 locations throughout the Greater Houston area. Call 2-1-1 or visit web site www.neighborhood-centers.org/tax for more information.

January 28 through February 6, Opera in the Heights presents Giuseppe Verdi's Un Ballo In Maschera at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. "Ballo in Maschera - love and politics - they cannot mix. Despite good intentions, this ill-fated combination can only spell a bad ending." Visit www.operaintheheights.org for more information.

Future History

April 9-11, Spring Home Tour
June 5, Heights Fun Run
October 3, Bicycle Rally
December 3-4, Holiday Home Tour
February 27, 2011, Awards Dinner

At The Fire Station

Events at the Historic Houston Heights Fire Station, 12th and Yale
Every second Monday, 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and every fourth Monday, 8:00 AM to noon, the City Council District H Satellite Office is open.

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

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