

# 2008 Community Improvement Awards



The Community Improvement Awards program is sponsored by the Houston Heights Association. The awards are given to recognize residential and commercial restoration, renovation, and new construction efforts that serve as models to the community and to encourage similar restoration, renovation, and development.

The four categories of Community Improvement Awards are Residential Restoration or Renovation, Commercial Restoration or Renovation, New Residential Construction, and New Commercial Construction.

## Eligibility and Judging Criteria for Residential Restoration or Renovation

- 1) Any residential restoration or renovation project completed within the past three years and located in the area shown on the map is eligible. (The area is defined in the by-laws of the Houston Heights Association.)
- 2) The project must have received a City of Houston building permit, except where one was not required (such as in the case of cosmetic repairs).
- 3) Entries will be judged on built features sympathetic to the character of the neighborhood. These include such features as building scale, massing, proportions, setbacks, landscaping, and architectural elements.

## Eligibility and Judging Criteria for Commercial Restoration or Renovation

- 1) Any commercial restoration or renovation project completed within the past three years and located in the area shown on the map is eligible. (The area is defined in the by-laws of the Houston Heights Association.)
- 2) The project must have received a City of Houston building permit, except where one was not required (such as in the case of cosmetic repairs). It must also bear a City of Houston certificate of occupancy.
- 3) Entries will be judged on their visual, environmental, and/or economic contributions to the community.

## Eligibility and Judging Criteria for New Construction, Residential or Commercial

- 1) Any new residential or commercial construction project completed within the past three years and located in the area shown on the map is eligible. (The area is defined in the by-laws of the Houston Heights Association.)
- 2) The project must have received a City of Houston building permit. Commercial projects must also bear a City of Houston certificate of occupancy.
- 3) Entries will be judged on built features sympathetic to the character of the neighborhood. These include such features as building scale, massing, proportions, setbacks, landscaping, and architectural features. Commercial entries will be judged on their visual, environmental, and/or economic contributions to the community.

## Nomination Procedures

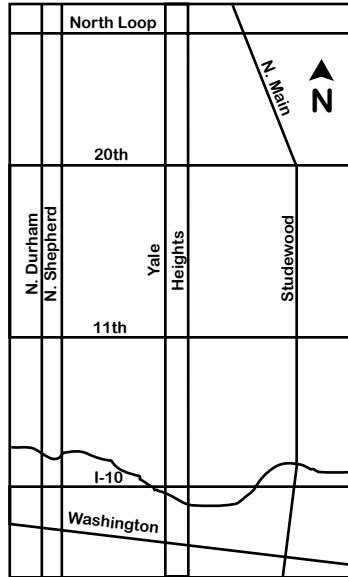
- 1) Determine that the property fits within the guidelines listed above.
- 2) Complete the entry form on the next page.
- 3) If available, please include a simple snapshot with your entry for identification. Before and after photographs are very helpful in the judging process. All photo-

graphs will be returned after the awards are presented.

- 4) Only one nomination per person per category will be accepted.
- 5) Nominations must be received on or before January 15, 2009. Mail in a sealed envelope to the address on the form.
- 6) The winners will be selected by a panel

of judges.

- 7) Decisions on the number of awards granted and whether to grant an award in every category is at the sole discretion of the judges, whose decisions are final.
- 8) Winners will be announced at the HHA annual Awards Dinner on February 22, 2009 at the Heights Fire Station.



**Eligible Geographic Area**

The geographic area shall be bounded by North Loop 610 on the north, North Durham Drive on the west, Washington Avenue on the south, Studewood on the east, and North Main on the northeast.

## Nomination for 2008 Community Improvement Award

Houston Heights Association  
 Attention: Community Improvement Awards Committee  
 P. O. Box 70735  
 Houston, Texas 77270-0735

Name of Nominee (Property Owner) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

My nomination is (Check one):

- Residential Restoration/Renovation       Residential New Construction  
 Commercial Restoration/Renovation       Commercial New Construction

Date project was begun \_\_\_\_\_ and finished \_\_\_\_\_

What was the prior condition of the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe work done \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Designer \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Has the project received the appropriate City of Houston certificate of occupancy (for commercial projects) and/or building permits (for commercial and residential renovation and new construction projects)? \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial only: How is this property contributing to the growth and development of the Heights community?

- increased interest from other parts of the city       increased property value  
 increased services to the community       increased jobs for the community  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

My relationship to the project is \_\_\_\_\_