

T H E H E I G H T S

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Podners, come join us at the chuck wagon

In olden days, outlaws would have been the guests at a "necktie social" (a.k.a. a hangin'). But when the Houston Heights Association hosts its 30th annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner, we'll be honoring law abidin' citizens at our necktie social, where cowpoke chic will be the required attire.

Our watering hole will be the Heights Fire Station on Sunday, Feb. 29.

Social hour begins at sundown (6 p.m.), and Hickory Hollow will serve grub at 7 p.m. You can enjoy all the fixin's with your lean brisket, smoked sausage and grilled chicken, and your fireside favorites (potato salad, cole slaw and beans). For tenderfoots, there'll also be tossed salad. Top it off with a slice of pecan pie during the recognitions and awards presentation that will begin at 8 p.m.

Reserved tickets to the shindig are \$15 for individuals or tables of eight are \$120.

Warning: Sheriff Mark Williamson will be puttin' all rustlers without a reservation in the jail, along with any city slickers who say pee-kan instead of pi-kahn or roh-day-oh instead of roh-di-oh.

Yee-haw! See y'all there.

A sweetheart of a meeting

"Share the Love" is the title of the HHA General Meeting for Monday, Feb. 9. Beginning at 7 p.m. in the Heights Fire Station, speakers will be on hand to talk about Valentine's Day gift-giving ideas for him and her. Local businesses will also have gift items and ideas available so you can purchase and/or order something for your sweetheart that night. Wine, art, jewelry, flowers, love potions – what's your pleasure?

Additionally, share the love with others by bringing a non-perishable food item that will be delivered to the Houston Food Bank. "Baby, it's cold outside" and those less fortunate will appreciate your donation!



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Spring Home and Garden Tour committee announces featured homes

Before you know it, spring flowers will be in bloom and it will be time for the Houston Heights Association to host its 26th Annual Home & Garden Tour, with events scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 2, 3 and 4, 2004.

Mark your calendar now and make your plans to tour the following homes and gardens:

- 1501 Cortlandt – Batterson Home
- 2003 Arlington – Mahlstedt Home
- 1541 Tulane – Freeman/Patterson Home
- 1605 Heights Blvd. – Poll Home
- 518 Harvard – Womble Home
- 729 Rutland – Harrison/Wehnert Home

More information about the homes and other scheduled events will be available in the March newsletter and online soon at www.houston-heights.org. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer, please call 713-861-4002, option 3, and leave a message for Jeff Cox, volunteer chair. But for now, save the date!

A VISION FOR HOUSTON HEIGHTS
To be a diverse, small-town community in the heart of Houston where neighbors and businesses thrive, children learn and play, and history lives



The Poll Home at 1605 Heights Blvd., once an all-girls boarding house, is one of six homes that will be featured on the 2004 Houston Heights Association Home & Garden Tour.

Vegas in the Heights

Have you ever considered renewing your wedding vows at "The Chapel of Love," complete with cheesy photos? It's possible if you attend the annual St. Andrew's Episcopal School Gala on Friday, Feb. 20. This fundraiser, benefiting the St. Andrew's school program, will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church (a la Flamingo Hotel) at 3606 Beauchamp. But wait, there's more.

Cocktails and auction preview begin at

6:30 p.m., with dinner, gaming and silent auction from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live music will be provided by Tony B., an amazing calypso, reggae, island musician.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door, and include a catered dinner, wine and beer, and \$100 (play) gambling money.

Please call 713-861-2954, ext. 10, for more information.

Learn about pedestrian safety

The Houston Heights Association is sponsoring a Pedestrian Safety Road Show for the Heights community and friends. Come join us at the Fire Station on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and hear how other communities across the nation are improving pedestrian safety in unique, innovative and effective ways.

Conducted by consultants from Trans Texas Alliance, the Pedestrian Safety Road Show consists of a two-hour presentation and discussion on how to develop a safe, pedestrian-friendly community by implementing accessibility and traffic calming strategies. Refreshments will be served.

If these walls could talk



Attend the February Restoration/Historical Committee meeting at 219 W. 11th Street to hear tales about the home and its owners.

The Restoration/Historical Committee meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the George H. Burnett house at 219 W. 11th Street. This National Register property will definitely be enjoyable for everyone to see, including those who saw it when we made an unscheduled visit last year before the property's recent transformation.

Built in the Queen Anne style in 1907, this Sears catalog design has a rich history directly linked to Galveston's "Great Storm" of 1900. There are also many stories to hear about its most recent previous owner, George H. Burnett, Jr., a concert accordionist who traveled in vaudeville in the early 1930s before settling down as a painter and professional wood worker. Join us at this fun and informative neighborhood meeting, and hear why the house was built so high off the ground.

2004 HHA Committee Chairs

Annual Banquet

Mark R. Williamson

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Laura Thorp

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Lauriel Hindman

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Spring Home & Garden Tour

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Pictured with recently elected HHA president, Mark R. Williamson (back row, center), are new members of the Board of Directors (l to r): Gus Kopriva, Tony Riedel, Robin Franklin (seated) and Gonzalo Camacho. Not pictured is Karen Derr.

Houston Heights Association 2004 officers elected

During a special meeting held on Jan. 7, 2004, the Houston Heights Association Board of Directors elected its 2004 officers. They are:

Mark R. Williamson
President

J. Kent Marsh
President-elect

Janet Buchheit
Secretary

Joy Stapp
Treasurer

Donna Bennett
*Vice President –
Community Affairs*

Kathy Butler
*Vice President –
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*Vice President –
Property Management*

Laura Thorp
*Vice President –
Historic Preservation*

If you have any questions or concerns about your community, you're encouraged to contact one of the HHA officers or other Board members. Simply call 713-861-4002 and leave a message, or email info@houstonheights.org.

New Members

Sash Cavin
Curves – Shirley Andries
Houston Zen Center –
Gaelyn Godwin
Jason B. Kinzel
Paul J. Lipp
Sara Maxwell
Kerry Mooney and Maggie Fuchs
Rafael and Maricela Pina
Rives Taylor and Lori Coonan

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HHA 2004 Board of Directors

2004 Board of Directors
Donna Bennett (2004)
Kathy Butler (2005)
Gonzalo Camacho (2006)
David Cassidy (2005)
Karen Derr (2006)
Robin Franklin (2006)
John Hennessy (2005)
Gus Kopriva (2006)
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Kent Marsh (2005)
Byron Pettit (2004)
Tony Riedel (2006)
Brian Tamplen (2004)
Laura Thorp (2005)
Mark R. Williamson (2004)
(The year each Director's term ends is in parentheses.)

Donations to Boulevard Maintenance

Annie Lee Kuehm
Bill & Janis Mosley

2003
 Houston Heights
 HOLIDAY
 HOME
 TOUR &
 Wreath Auction

**We just can't say
 'Thank You' enough**

Thanks to the many artists, craftsmen and good sports who made donations to our highly successful and fun 2003 Wreath Auction.

Another Place in Time
 Heidi & Lambert Arceneaux
 Yvonne Ashy
 Aunt Mike's
 Bryan Baughman
 Ramona Bomar
 Patricia Briones
 Joyce Broussard
 Buchanan's
 Sterling Campbell
 John Henry Childs
 Morgan Childs
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 Victoria Harrison
 Heights Antiques on Yale
 Viki Hennessy
 Cynthia Hill
 HITS Unicorn Theatre
 Lisa Hopman
 J. Harding & Co.
 Suzy Jennings
 John + Simpson
 Jubilee
 Kim Jozwiak

Sharon Kopriva
 Jeff Law
 Debbie Markey
 Susan Marsh
 Elaine & David Massey
 Richard McCarley
 Daniel McGee
 John Moriada
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 Joe B. Morrison
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 Venus Hair Salon
 Tom Villanueva
 Visker Computer Consulting
 Patty Walker
 Tracye Wear
 Witt & Lundy
 Sandra York

Also thanks to the volunteers and in-kind donors. How many times can we say that nothing would happen in this great organization without tremendous volunteer support and generous donations!

Editor's Note: Kudos to Katy Bomar Childs for her time and talents in organizing the 2003 Wreath Auction. You're the best!

Calendar of Events for February 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 HHA Land Use Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station	3	4	5	6	7 Heights 1st Saturday
8	9 HHA General Meeting "Share the Love" 7:00 PM Fire Station	10	11	12 Pedestrian Safety Road Show 6:00 - 8:00 PM Fire Station	13 Submission Deadline for March Newsletter	14
15	16 HHA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Fire Station	17	18	19 HHA Restoration/Historical Committee 7:30 PM - 9:40 PM 219 W. 11th Street	20	21
22	23	24	25 Spring Home & Garden Tour Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Fire Station	26	27	28
29 HHA Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner 6:00 - 9:00 PM Fire Station						

HHA Headquarters: The Fire Station is on the corner of Yale and 12th streets.

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