

Decking the Heights for the Holiday Home Tour

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The trolley ride on Saturday is also included in the ticket price. Trolleys

will be running between the homes all day Saturday but will not be available on Friday night.

To purchase tickets for the 2004

Heights Holiday Home Tour or for more information, please call 713-861-4002 or visit www.houstonheights.org.



Can You Get Around to Decorating a Wreath?

Plans for the third annual holiday wreath auction are well underway, signaling the approach of what has become a major fund raising event for the Houston Heights Association. This is one event where friends and neighbors join with professional artists, designers and florists to create original masterpieces. HHA will provide you with a faux green wreath or a grapevine wreath; all you do is add your creativity and talent.

For those who lack talent or time, you may seek help from the

following:

- Church Groups
- Exercise Class
- Red Hat Society
- Garden Club
- Rotary Club
- Lions Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Hair Stylist/Salon
- Card/Domino Group
- Play Group
- School
- Day Care
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Walking Group
- Dinner Club
- Co-workers
- Friends
- Neighbors

Wreaths will be available for silent bidding during the Holiday Home Tour at the Heights Fire Station

Friday, December 3, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 4, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tour participants will also be able to bid on wreaths displayed at individual tour homes. Final bidding will take place at the Fire Station on Saturday, Dec. 4, 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. with complimentary drinks and party food.

To donate a wreath or volunteer to assist with this event, please contact Susan Marsh, Wreath Auction Chair, at 713-861-4002 opt. 7, or by email at susanmarsh@houston.rr.com.

New Members



Kathleen Anderson
 Leslie Barnes & David Leonard
 Mary & Jim Bentley
 Jay E. Bowen
 Theresa Bujnoch & Chris Cannon
 Rip & Caroline Case
 Elizabeth Cooper
 Ann & Aaron Dick

Bill & Rosanna Dooley
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 Caroline Schlemmer & Jason Homrighaus
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 Jeff & Jessika Smith
 Alia Vinson & Rob Icsezen
 Jill Wallace
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Land Use Call to Action Regarding Proposed Condominiums

Council Member Adrian Garcia met with concerned Houston Heights residents on Sunday, October 10 regarding Innerloop Condo's proposed Victorian-style condominium project on 1.3 acres of green space on 5th Street at Oxford. This property is adjacent to the approved Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hike and bike trail. Concerns expressed by the attendees included increased flooding (this property is in a flood zone), traffic congestion based on insufficient access, and safety issues due to increased traffic and lack of appropriate streets and sidewalks.

As a follow-up to the October 10 meeting, Council Member Garcia hosted a meeting between Houston Heights residents and InnerLoop Condos on Wednesday, October 13.

It was reported that TxDOT denied InnerLoop Condos vehicular access across the easement onto Frasier and Granberry streets, which feed from White Oak Street, due to the proposed hike and bike trail.

After this denial, InnerLoop Condos' only viable option is to either build a bridge at the current dead end of 5th Street or fill in the drainage swale and pave a street over it. The neighbors expressed their concerns and presented a list of questions. InnerLoop Condos said their plans are in the conceptual stage and they would meet again with Councilman Garcia and Houston Heights neighbors on October 27, with answers to the questions and the exact number of condos they plan to build. (Due to the timing for printing the November issue of The Heights, details of the October 27 meeting were not available at press time.)

The Houston Heights Association would like to thank Council Member Garcia and his staff for their rapid response to our concerns and support for our neighborhood.

Thanks for Your Generous Donations

Kathleen Anderson, Fundraising
Jerry & Kathleen Galbraith, Beautification
Sam & Mai Lindsey, Land Use & Deed Restrictions
Maria & Mike Onufrow, Beautification

Restoration/Historical Committee Meeting

The next Houston Heights Restoration/Historical Committee Meeting will be on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at 327 West 19th Street. This is the location of Gallery 19. The building in which the gallery operates has been transformed from empty retail space to an eye-appealing display area for multi-media art.

If you have a restoration project, historical structure or information pertaining to the Houston Heights neighborhood that might be of interest for a future meeting site, contact Dean Swanson at restoration@houstonheights.org or at 713-880-2832.

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The Latest on the Studewood Renovations

Council Member Adrian Garcia notified Heights residents and business owners that Studewood Street traffic routes would be temporarily detoured as of Wednesday, Oct. 20. For those of you who travel Studewood, traffic now flows one lane northbound between 11th and 20th streets. The southbound traffic is rerouted to Heights Boulevard. METRO northbound buses will remain on Studewood and the southbound buses have moved to Heights Boulevard.

According to Garcia, "The revitalization of the Studewood Street

has been long awaited. I have been asking the project manager and TxDOT to work closely with the surrounding neighborhoods in order to minimize inconvenience during the estimated 18 months of this project. I believe the coordination and ongoing dialogue with the community will help us keep the project on track and on time."

For more information on this specific detour, please contact the Public Information Office at Texas Department of Transportation at 713-802-5000.

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Calendar of Events for November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HHA Land Use Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 HHA General Meeting 7:00 PM Fire Station	9	10	11	12 Submission Deadline for November Newsletter	13
14	15 HHA Board Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28	29	30	December 1	December 2	December 3 Holiday Home Tour & Wreath Auction 6:00 - 9:00 PM	December 4 Holiday Home Tour & Wreath Auction 3:00 - 9:00 PM

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