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Pie Contest Results

The promise of pie brought a good crowd to our July 11 monthly meeting. Five celebrity judges compared 17 pies in three categories. Jay Francis was judged to have brought the best pie in the first category, Mile High Pie. Peggy Coleman's Lemon Ice Box Pie was then awarded Best Old Fashioned Pie. Anna Eastman took Most Creative and then Best Overall awards for her savory tomato tart. Some of the winning recipes appear below.

Thanks to judges Greg Buchold, Lee Ellis, Cleverley Stone, Bart Truxillo, and Jill Brown. Thanks to all the competitors who brought a wide array of pies.

Thanks also to the audience, who

helped finish the leftovers. Plans are already in the works to repeat and expand the contest next year. Start planning your entries today!

Best Mile High Pie: Chocolate Pie (simplified) by Jay Francis

1 oz. (2 Tbs.) unsalted butter, melted; more for the pan
8 oz. Italian chocolate wafer sandwich cookies, such as Nabisco Famous
9 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped (about 1½ cups); more for garnish
1½ tsp. pure vanilla extract
pinch kosher salt
3¾ cups heavy cream
Butter a 9-inch springform pan

Grind the cookies in a food processor until they resemble wet sand, 20 to 30 seconds; you will have about 1¾ cups. Transfer to a small bowl and mix in the butter. Spread the crumbs in the pan, cover with plastic wrap, and press evenly into the bottom. Refrigerate.

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MONTHLY MEETING & HAPPY HOUR

Attendees at the July 11 meeting watched the judging of the first Heights Great American Pie Contest and got to share the entries (after the judges shared one slice of each). See article at left for results, pictures, and two of the winning recipes.

August 8: Heights Bikes – News, Events, Rides

Join us for news you can use about bikes in and around the Heights at the Monthly Mixer, Meeting and Program at the Heights Fire Station. Meet neighbors and friends over refreshments starting at 6:30 PM.

Bike Houston will be there, with the Heights Annual Bike Rally chairs for 2016 Bill and Hannah White. The Heights Bike Rally is on the first weekend in October; hear about what's new for 2016!

Thinking about a new bike, light, or lock? Heights local bike gurus will steer you in the right

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direction, from Critical Mass to safety and signals on Heights Hike and Bike Trails.

Park your bike at the Heights Fire Station, and come on inside where it's cool to learn about the Houston Heights Association parks and activities at the HHA welcome table. It's a casual evening where everyone is welcome.

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Our thanks to these donors for their generous support of the programs of the Houston Heights Association.

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2016 Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt



The one and the only original Heights Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt will be what's happening at Marmion Park located at Heights Boulevard and 18th Street on Sunday, October 2.

This is not a race and is open to riders of all ages. The Rally & Scavenger Hunt is designed as a casual, self-paced ride. Choose between a 20-mile course through the Heights and surrounding neighborhoods or a shorter 5-mile ride designed for children and their adult companions – or do both.

Here is the timeline:

8:00 AM: Rally Packet Pick-up begins, Late Registration, 20-Mile Rally Starts

2:00 PM: 5-Mile Rally Starts

3:30 PM: Bicycle Rally Party in the Park starts – Music, Snacks, Beverages, and Fun

4:00 PM: Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt ends – Last chance to submit rally cards & clue sheets for prizes

4:30 PM: Awards Ceremony and door prize drawings (must be present to win). So wear your helmets, and begin and end your day at Marmion Park. For more information, visit the website at www.houstonheights.org and click on the Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt Tab or call 713-861-4002, option 6.

Did You Know? Kroger Community Rewards Program

Did you know that you could ask Kroger to donate to the Houston Heights Association every time you use your loyalty card when shopping there? If you did know and have been participating, thank you!

Did you know that you have to tell them annually that you still want to participate? If you did not know that and have not renewed your designation, it may have been dropped, and your purchases may not be counted when Kroger decides how much to send us each quarter.

Did you know that August is the month to renew your choice of beneficiary organization? Now is the time for all of us to renew!

Enrolling or Renewing

You must have a digital account to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you don't have one, visit Kroger.com, select the "Register" button, enter your information including your Plus Card number, and click "Create Account".

After you have a digital account, visit Kroger.com, select "My Account", scroll down to the "Community Rewards" section of your account page, and select "Enroll Now" or "Edit", and select us from the list of organizations by name ("Houston Heights Association") or by organization number (81249).

For more information about the program, visit www.kroger.com/topic/community-rewards-5.

Houston Heights Constable Patrol Program

Mid-Year Subscriptions Now Open – Join Today!

The Houston Heights Association is seeking new subscribers for the Houston Heights Constable Patrol

program for **July 1 through December 31, 2016.**

All residents and business owners are strongly encouraged to participate, as the program, which benefits the entire neighborhood, is funded solely by paid subscriptions.



The Constable Patrol Program:

- Supplements law enforcement resources in our neighborhood
- Acts as a deterrent to crime by having a greater law enforcement presence
- Helps reduce response times
- Provides additional services like vacation watches and home security inspections to subscribing residents and business owners

Mid-year subscription rates are \$155 if paid online or \$150 if paid by check. To learn more about the program and to sign up, go to www.houstonheights.org/html/constable.html.

If you are already a subscriber, no action is required; your subscription will continue through the rest of the year. If you are not sure whether you are a subscriber, please email info@houstonheights.org.

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Combine the chocolate, ½ tsp. of the vanilla, and the salt in a large bowl. In a small saucepan, bring ¾ cup of the cream to a bare simmer. Pour the cream over the chocolate, let sit for 1 minute, then whisk until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for about 30 minutes to cool.

Beat 1½ cups of the cream in a medium bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high speed to stiff peaks, about 2 minutes. Whisk the chocolate mixture to loosen it, and fold it into the whipped cream with a large silicone spatula until no streaks remain.

Carefully peel the plastic wrap off the crust and scrape the mousse into the pan, gently spreading it to the edges. Cover and refrigerate for at least 6 hours.

Just before serving, beat the remaining 1½ cups cream and 1 tsp. vanilla in a medium bowl to medium-stiff peaks. Run a knife around the pie to loosen its edges and then remove the side of the pan. Slide a spatula under the crust and transfer the pie to a serving plate. Mound the whipped cream over the mousse and top with chocolate curls, shards, or shavings. To serve, dip a knife into hot water and dry it before slicing.

Best Old Fashioned Pie: Lemon Ice Box Pie by Peggy Coleman

(adapted with minor changes from a recipe printed in The Houston Chronicle a few years ago)
4 9 whole graham crackers, broken



into 1" pieces
3 Tbs. sugar
5 Tbs. unsalted butter, melted
2 cans (14 oz. ea.) sweetened condensed milk
3 large egg yolks
¾ cup plus 2 Tbs. lemon juice (5 lemons)

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Process graham crackers and sugar in food processor until finely ground, about 30 seconds. Add melted butter and pulse to combine, about 8 pulses. Transfer crumbs to a 9" pie plate. Using the bottom of measuring cups, press crumbs into bottom and up sides of the plate. Bake until crust is fragrant and beginning to brown, about 15 minutes.

Let crust cool completely on wire rack, about 35 minutes. Increase oven temperature to 375 degrees.

Remove 3 Tbs. of the condensed milk and discard or use for other recipes.

Whisk remaining condensed milk and egg yolks together in a bowl until smooth. Slowly whisk in lemon juice. Pour the filling into the cooled pie crust. Bake pie until edges are beginning to set but the center still jiggles when shaken, about 15 minutes. Let cool for 1 hour on wire rack. Refrigerate until chilled and set, at least 3 hours and up to 24 hours.

National Night Out 2016 hosted by Heights Odd Fellows Lodge #225

Tuesday, August 2, 2016,
5:30 - 8:00 PM 115 E. 14th. St.,
Houston, TX 77008

Heights Odd Fellows Lodge #225 will celebrate its First Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2 with a family-friendly meet and greet.. Bring the kids as the free event offers something for the whole family.

Hot dogs, snacks and refreshments provided

Free fingerprinting and child identification kits

Houston Fire Department representative and apparatus (Firetruck!)

Houston Heights Association representative

Tours of the historic Odd Fellow Lodge

Neighborhood Art Cars

Moonwalk for the kids

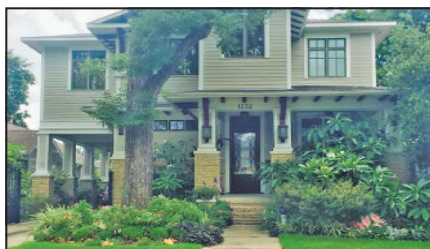
Horseshoes for the adults

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. The lodge invites you to celebrate our neighborhood with them on a national level.

For more information contact:
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[Watch for other Texas NNO events coming up in October. –Editor]

Heights Garden Club
July
Yard of the Month
 1232 Rutland



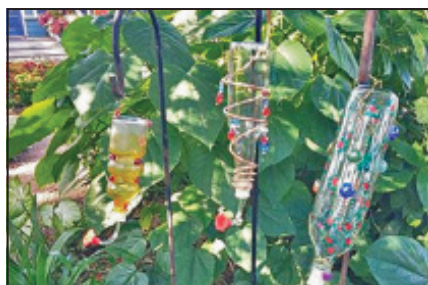
Judd Hansen and Carolyn Atkinson have a love for tropical plants, as you can tell by their beautiful yard. There are several varieties of plumeria with a variety of bloom colors including a distinctive variegated one called pink maya. The plumerias all have their own unique fragrance as well. Other plants in the front yard include a bottle brush tree, pentas, a cigar plant, caladium, and a purple potato vine. Because of all the birds, bees, and hummingbirds that visit the garden, Judd and Carolyn use no insecticides.

They have a plant-filled back yard as well with a small swimming pool and a koi pond that fit in naturally with more plumeria, fruit trees, and several unusual plants including a bright orange flame plant with a deep purple wisteria peeping through the orange blooms. Plumbago covers the back fence with its sky blue blooms. Purple martin birdhouses, also along the back fence, were filled with babies learning to fly when we visited.

We would like to thank Joshua's Native Plants for donating a gift certificate for the July Yard of the Month.



August 10th
Craft Project with
Heights Garden Club
Hummingbird Feeders



Save a small decorative bottle and join us at the Heights Fire Station at 7:00 PM on August 10 as we craft hummingbird feeders. Learn about how you can help feed hummingbirds during the upcoming fall migration. We will provide beads, flat sided stones, tiles, hummingbird feeder tube, wire, and pliers for bending the wire. Feel free to bring any of your own embellishments and pliers if you have them. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

If interested, please RSVP to Dee at cityart51@sbcglobal.net to be sure enough supplies will be on hand.

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

- Deana & James Amendolia
- Bill & Bonnie Arnold
- Ellie & Terry Austin
- Elizabeth Carlson & Rodrigo Ortiz
- Christine Catudal
- Margaret & Kenneth Coleman
- Sam Delisio & Abigail Schuh
- George Edwards & Celia Sims
- Soniya Ekici
- Brittany Elliott
- Pamela Ferguson
- Chase & Emily Ferrell
- Taylor & Tiffany Galloway
- Gypsy Girls, Isabel Sigala
- Anne Gogola
- Elizabeth Hanks & Steven Schroder
- Gerald & Iraydha Hazen
- Brian Houstoun & Alexandria Crouch
- J. J. Molasion, Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Gary Greene
- Paul & Deborah Johnson
- Dorothy Laub
- Law Offices of Frank E. Mann, P.C.
- Bill & Kathy Lawrence
- Joel Lutringer
- Shona Mathie
- Nicole & David Mordy
- David Morello
- Ginny Morrison
- Michael Rudel
- Superior Used Vehicles
- SUV Insurance Services
- Travis Thomas
- Matthew & Sarah Tucker
- Matthew & Lauren Varnado
- Jennifer & Bryan White
- Kate Withall
- Scott, Alysia & Jackson Wilhide

Director Election Schedule

Six of the fifteen positions on the HHA Board of Directors will be filled by election over the next few months. Five of the positions are open due to normal expiration of terms, one by expiration of an interim appointment. The five nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms; the nominee receiving the next-highest number will serve a one-year term. See the right column for a list of current Directors.

The schedule for the election of Directors to serve terms starting in 2017 will be as follows, in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies of the Association.

- **September 12 at the General Meeting**, the floor will be opened for nominations to the Board of Directors. Nominators and nominees must be current members of the Association. Nominators may speak for two minutes. Please be sure before you nominate someone that your nominee will commit to serve. Individuals may not nominate themselves, nor may nominees speak on their own behalf at this meeting. Seconding speeches are no longer necessary.
- **By September 14, the Election Committee** will distribute election packets to all nominees 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 5:00 PM on the Friday following the General Meeting (September 16)**, signed statements from nominees are due, as well as a 50-word (maximum) statement from each nominee for publication in the October newsletter and on the website. Statements longer than 50 words (as counted by Microsoft Word) will be truncated after the fiftieth word when published.
- **October 10 at the General Meeting**, nominees or their representatives may speak on their qualifications for three minutes. They will also draw for ballot positions at the beginning of the meeting.
- **By the Friday following the General Meeting (October 14)**, the Election Committee will mail a ballot with a control number to each member in good standing whose dues are currently paid as of October 1. (Members invoiced by August 15 and not paid by October 1 are deemed not in good standing.)
- **Ballots must be received by November 12**, at the close of the U. S. Post Office, with control numbers intact.
- **November 14, before the General Meeting**, polls will be open for secret balloting in person from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM sharp. The Election Committee will tabulate ballots and announce the results during the meeting. The results will also be published in the December newsletter.

2016 Directors:

Rich Anhorn (2018)
Bill Baldwin (2018)
Matt Bedingfield (2017)
Janet Buchheit (2016)
Neal Cannon (2016*)
Stacey Courville (2016)
Sharon Dearman (2018)
Angela DeWree (2018)
Laura Menefee (2017)
Damian Ogier (2018)
Bill Pellerin (2016)
Kenny Terrell (2017)
Carol Welter (2017)
Mark Williamson (2016)
Robert Woods (2016)
(The year each Director's term expires is shown in parentheses.

*Asterisk indicates interim appointee.)

Gift of Trees and Yale Green Corridor Event

Join the HHA Urban Forestry Committee at the Fire Station on September 18 as we celebrate our urban forest. Starting at 9:00 AM, we will have trees to give away and experts to help you learn how to care for them. You can reserve up to two trees by sending email to urbanforest@houstonheights.org letting us know how many you want and where you propose to plant them. At 1:00 PM, we'll celebrate and dedicate the recently approved Yale Green Corridor from 6th Street to 19th Street. Speakers and refreshments are being planned. Everybody is invited.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| September 4 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i> | 5 <i>Labor Day</i> NO Land Use meeting | 6 PIP Meeting 7:00 PM 1602 State Street | 7 | 8 - <i>garbage and recycling</i> | 9 | 10 Heights Garden Club 10:00 AM (varies) |
| 11 <i>Patriot Day</i> | 12 HHA General Topic TBA 7:00 PM Fire Station | 13 | 14 | 15 - <i>garbage</i> | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Heights Urban Forestry Gift of Trees Day Fire Station | 19 HHA Board 6:30 PM Fire Station | 20 | 21 - <i>heavy trash (tree waste in odd months)</i> | 22 - <i>garbage and recycling</i> | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 - <i>garbage</i> | 30 | October 1 |

Community Calendar

Events planned by other community organizations

Every Saturday, 8:00 AM, Heights Running Club will meet on the Heights Boulevard jogging trail at 7th Street. To be added to the weekly distribution list, contact Meghan.olds@gmail.com.

First and third Thursdays, 7:30 PM, English Country Dancing in the Heights. For more information, email jnibloom@gmail.com or visit <http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecl>

August 31, 6:00-8:00 PM, Opera in the Heights kicks off its 2016-2017 season with Overture! at Tommy Vaughn Ford, 1201 N. Shepherd Drive. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit www.operaintheheights.org.

September 16-24, Opera in the Heights presents *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss II "the Waltz King" at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit www.operaintheheights.org.

November 11-19, Opera in the Heights presents Puccini's *La Bohème* at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit www.operaintheheights.org.

Recycling Reminder No Glass In The Bin!

Under the City's new curbside recycling rules, glass is no longer allowed in the green recycling bins. Glass is still accepted at neighborhood depositories and recycling centers, such as the one at 9003 N. Main.

Future History

Beyond the calendar grid...

October 2, Bicycle Rally
December 2-3, Holiday Home Tour
December 13-14, Holiday Food Baskets
February 26, 2017, Awards Dinner
April 7-9, 2017, Spring Home & Garden Tour weekend
June 3, Fun Run (*tentative date*)

Heavy Trash Notes

The heavy trash pickup date is the third Wednesday for most of the HHA coverage area. Service schedules, including collection dates and information, tree waste and junk waste collection, and the Neighborhood Service Maps page can be viewed at http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html

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| | 1 HHA Land Use 6:30 PM Fire Station | 2 PIP meeting 7:00 PM 1602 State Street | 3 | 4 - <i>garbage</i> | 5 <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i> | 6 |
| 7 | 8 HHA General "Heights Bikes" 7:00 PM Fire Station | 9 | 10 Garden Club Craft Project 7:00 PM Fire Station | 11 - <i>garbage and recycling</i> | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 HHA Board 6:30 PM Fire Station | 16 | 17 - <i>heavy trash (junk waste in even months)</i> | 18 - <i>garbage</i> | 19 | 20 |
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HHA headquarters: The Fire Station is on the corner of Yale and 12th Streets.

HHA web site: <<http://www.houstonheights.org>>