

# T H E H E I G H T S

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## 2012 Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt

It's not too late to register – you have until October 3 to register on-line, or you can sign up at Marmion Park on Rally Day, Sunday, October 7.

This is not a race. Open to riders of all ages, the Rally is designed as a casual self-paced ride. Choose between a 20-mile course through the Heights and nearby neighborhoods or a shorter 5-mile ride designed for kids and their adult companions – or do both!

The Rally starts and ends at Marmion Park, 18th Street & Heights Boulevard.

Here's the schedule for the day:

8:00 AM: day-of registration begins; rally packet pick-up begins; water bottles distributed to first 300 rider entrants; 20-mile rally starts.

2:00 PM: 5-mile rally starts.

3:30 PM: Bike Rally Party in Marmion Park; music; food; fun.

4:00 PM: Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt ends; last chance to submit rally cards & clue sheets for prizes.

4:30 PM: Awards Ceremony; door prize drawings. (You must be present to win.)

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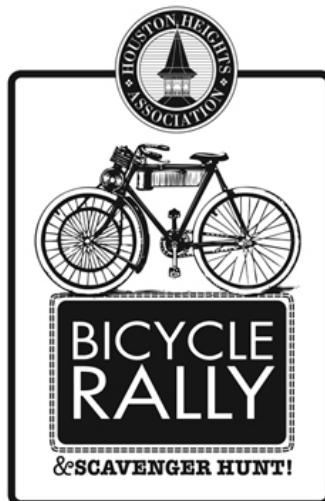
## General Meeting

On Monday evening, October 8 at the Houston Heights Association monthly meeting, enjoy musical selections performed by the Houston Heights Orchestra led by new HHO director Kris Chapman. We'll also hear from the candidates in the election for seats on the HHA Board of Directors. Come early, the music starts at 6:30 PM!

The Houston Heights Orchestra, a neighborhood orchestra open to all, is dedicated to sharing the joy of making and listening to symphonic music. Concert programs include standard and contemporary repertoire, with a focus on music that is gratifying to play and exciting to hear.

Meet Kris Chapman, the new Music Director of the Houston

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### Bicycle Rally from page 1

So get ready to test your trivia skills. There are fabulous prizes for the riders who correctly identify the most mystery sights along the route. And all kids who participate receive an award ribbon.

Full details are on our website: [www.houstonheights.org/bicyclerally.htm](http://www.houstonheights.org/bicyclerally.htm).

So air up those tires and come enjoy a great day in the neighborhood. Don't forget your helmet – we want all riders to be safe!

### Constable Statistics

	July	Aug
Total Arrests	8	18
Citizen Assists	0	2
Citizen Contacts	51	58
Vacation Watches	165	103
Court Citations	101	102
Alarm Responses	10	9
Suspicious Vehicles	41	48
Park Checks	116	108
Disturbances	2	5
Major Accidents	1	0
Criminal Offenses	10	12
Miles patrolled	3,398	3,071

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Heights Orchestra. Kris currently serves as Director of Bands and Lead Faculty at Lone Star College – Montgomery, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and the Jazz Big Band in addition to teaching courses in Music Appreciation, Music Literature, and Music Theory. Mr. Chapman also serves as Artistic Director/Conductor of the Kingwood Pops Orchestra and was recently named Music Director of the Houston Heights Orchestra.

Everyone is invited. Doors open at 6:30 PM, the HHA meeting commences at 7:00 PM.

Very special thanks to Donna Bennett, Kelly Simmons, and Keith Crane for their gracious contributions of refreshments to the Fall general meetings.

### Ghost Tales Under The Stars

The Houston Storytellers Guild offers its free performance of Ghost Tales Under the Stars at Marmion Park (Heights Boulevard at 18th Street) on Saturday, October 27, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

Bring your snacks, lawn chairs or blankets, bug spray if it's warm or coats if it isn't, and listen to favorite Guild tellers share scary stories for all ages. This event is FREE, cosponsored by the Houston Heights Association.

For more information, call 713-643-8478 or check the HSG website ([www.houstonstorytellers.org](http://www.houstonstorytellers.org)).

### Fire Station Open House Postponed

The open house previously announced for October 28 at the Houston Heights City Hall & Fire Station celebrating the 2012 phase of renovation has been postponed. When a new date is scheduled, we'll let you know in a future issue.

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## Director Election Schedule

Seven of the fifteen positions on the HHA Board of Directors will be filled by election over the next two months. Five positions are opening due to normal expiration of terms; members elected to these five positions will have three-year terms. Two positions are for the remaining final year of terms ended prematurely.

The five nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes will fill the three-year terms; the nominees receiving the sixth and seventh highest vote counts will fill the one-year vacancies. See the right column on this page for a list of current Directors and see page 3 for the 50-word campaign statements submitted by the candidates nominated at the September General Meeting.

The remaining schedule for the election of Directors to serve terms starting in 2013 will be as follows, in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies of the Association.

- October 8 at the General Meeting, nominees or their representatives may speak on their qualifications for 3 minutes. They will also draw for ballot positions at the beginning of the meeting.
- On or before the Friday following the General Meeting (October 12), 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 10, at the close of the U.S. Post Office, with control numbers intact.
  - November 12, 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.

## Education Committee News

HHA Education Chair Stephanie Babb addressed the General Meeting on September 10, highlighting the committee's mission and focus on Search Institute's "40 Developmental Assets" ([www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org)). Heights-area schools and programs the committee supports were discussed, along with current plans and a solicitation to the audience to submit ideas and suggestions for committee involvement.

The HHA Education Committee hosted its annual Principals' Welcome Back to School reception on Monday, September 24 at the Fire Station. With a robust turnout, the reception afforded Heights-area principals and committee members the opportunity to socialize and share collaborative ideas for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Holiday Story Contest will be held again this fall. Look for details in the November HHA newsletter, but for those of you who might want to share your holiday-themed story for judging, start those creative juices flowing! This year the contest will be expanded to include fourth- and fifth-graders in addition to middle and high school students and adults.

## 2012 HHA Directors

Bill Baldwin (2012), VP  
Finance, VP Operations  
Matt Bedingfield (2014),  
Treasurer  
Donna Bennett (2013)  
Keith Crane (2013),  
VP Community Affairs  
Mike Easley (2013)  
Rob Hellyer (2014)  
Lindsey Lee (2012), President  
Bill Pellerin (2012)  
Gilbert Perez (2012\*)  
Alan Ratliff (2014)  
Andrea Sharp (2014), VP  
Community Relations  
Becky Standridge (2012)  
Dave Steitz (2014), President-  
Elect, VP Events  
Bart Truxillo (2012)  
Mark Williamson (2012\*)  
(Number in parentheses is  
last year of term; \* marks interim  
appointees or terms ending early  
for other reasons.)

## Candidate Statements

The candidates listed below were duly nominated at the September 2012 General Meeting of the Houston Heights Association, agreed to serve if elected, and supplied the following statements. The statements are unedited and appear in a random order determined by the Election Committee.

### **Becky Standridge**

Becky Standridge, a 20-year resident of the Houston Heights, co-owns OurBlok Heights, an advertising and media firm whose focus is connecting small business with the neighborhood. She has been a member of the Heights Association for a number of years and her home has been on the Spring Home Tour.

### **Mark Williamson**

Since moving here in 1991, I've served HHA as President, Director, Newsletter Editor, Holiday Home Tour Co-Chair, Super Neighborhood Delegate, and general volunteer. I would be proud to serve again as the Board faces the continuing challenges of keeping our "small town in the big city" vital, neighborly, and historic.

### **Bill Baldwin**

I've been both honored and humbled to serve on the Board of Directors for the past five years. During 2011, I served as President.

I've tried my best to represent all the members and homeowners of the Houston Heights. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve.

### **Bill Davis**

Resident of the Heights since 2008. Active in the Spring Home Tour, Fun Run and boulevard maintenance. Finance executive with extensive experience in problem solving and team facilitation. Will work hard to maintain the special character, charm and diversity of the Heights in an inclusive manner.

### **Bill Pellerin**

My goal as a HHA board member is and will continue to be to keep the Heights the best neighborhood in Houston. As chair of the Land Use Committee I will continue to make information available to Heights citizens and to coordinate committee activities with the board.

### **Addie Spicer**

I am Addie Ann Spicer and I want to be a HHA Board Member. I believe & support HHA's missions. I believe you "vote" by volunteering - I have chaired 5 events - 2 HHT, 1 SHT & 2 Fun Runs as well as numerous subcommittees. Join me by voting.

### **Leann Mueller**

I'm Executive Chair of 2012 Holiday Home Tour and a homeowner since 2007. Degree in Political Science and History. Former expat. Experienced community organizer, event planner and communicator. Open minded, good listener and committed to a successful harmonious neighborhood where great ideas, people and businesses thrive!

## Carols by Candlelight – 2012 Holiday Home Tour

Mark the calendar now for “Carols by Candlelight,” the 2012 Houston Heights Association Holiday Home Tour, set for Friday, November 30, and Saturday, December 1. Six Houston Heights neighbors will welcome visitors into their homes that will be all decorated for the holidays. The experience will be complete with the joyous sounds of carolers at each home and at the Heights Fire Station, where local food trucks will be available for visitors to enjoy.

On Friday, November 30, the tour will run from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. On Saturday, December 1, the hours will be from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.



Free shuttle buses will operate during the tour on both Friday and Saturday. Patrons may board the shuttle buses at the Holiday Home Tour Headquarters, where parking is available, and at each home..

### 2012 Holiday Tour Homes

- Reed home, 606 East 8 1/2 - Traditional Louisiana cottage filled with antique furniture and unique collections, including blue and white Delftware.
- Parrish/Bublewicz home, 528 Arlington - Renovated 1920s cottage nominated for a HHA Community Improvement Award.
- Hurd home, 946 Arlington - 1894 Queen Anne Victorian cottage, updated and expanded in 2010.
- Wise/Taylor home, 433 West 24th - Circa 1915 Craftsman Bungalow listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Ross/Reuter home, 1008 West 15th - Contemporary with stained concrete floors, exposed ductwork, and framed by trees, so prevalent in the neighborhood.
- Pressley home, 1522 Alexander - 1920s Bungalow restored to create an eclectic style using reclaimed materials in the house and furnishings.

See our November issue for photos and detailed home descriptions.

Holiday Home Tour Headquarters will again be the Houston Heights City Hall & Fire Station, 107 W. 12th Street at Yale. Ticket sales, parking, the shuttle stop, and food trucks will be located there, in addition to entertainment by neighborhood carolers.

Advance tickets will be available online at [www.houstonheights.org](http://www.houstonheights.org) beginning October 31 and at various Houston Heights locations closer to event date. Tickets will also be available during tour hours at the Holiday Home Tour Headquarters and at each Holiday Home Tour home. Tickets are \$20 in advance for all six homes or \$25 on tour days. \$5 per-home tickets can also be purchased during tour hours at those particular homes. Bundles of 10 tickets will be available online for \$175 through November 28.

For more information, visit [www.houstonheights.org/holidayhometour.htm](http://www.houstonheights.org/holidayhometour.htm), call the Houston Heights Association at 713-861-4002 and select option 7, or e-mail [holidaytour@houstonheights.org](mailto:holidaytour@houstonheights.org).



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*Ornaments with the design above, based on an original work by local artist Anne Reese Hernandez, will be available for purchase during the Holiday Home Tour at the Fire Station, the Reed home, and the Wise home. This boxed Limited Edition will be offered at \$12 each, tax included.*

## **Carolers, Choirs, Harpists, Handbell Choirs Needed**

Music is in the air as Heights residents gear up for the Houston Heights Association's annual Holiday Home Tour "Carols by Candlelight" scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2012. Carols by Candlelight revives a favorite dimension to the annual event by featuring live entertainment at each of the six tour homes.

Event chair Leann Mueller is seeking carolers, choirs, harpists, handbell choirs, as well as string and brass ensembles, to perform holiday music on the lawns or porches of each tour home. Children and adult performers are welcome. Each performer will receive a complimentary ticket to the Holiday Home Tour.

Harvard Elementary School Choir is already booked to perform on Saturday at 4:00-4:45 at the Fire Station. Now is the time to contact Leann if you are interested in having your school or Church choir participate in the Holiday Home Tour!

For more information, please e-mail [holidaytour@houstonheights.org](mailto:holidaytour@houstonheights.org). Please include all pertinent contact information. Deadline for volunteering to participate is October 31, 2012. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Before The Holiday Home Tour: The Patron Party**

The Patron Party is an annual festivity that will take place Thursday, November 29, 7:00-10:00 PM at 941 Cortlandt, the beautifully redesigned and renovated 1920s bungalow home of Leann Mueller, this year's Holiday Home Tour Executive Chair. Classical music group WindSync, Ensemble in Residence with the Da Camera of Houston Young Artist Program, will provide entertainment.

Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual tickets are \$125 and include an exclusive preview of the Homes on Tour from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. To purchase tickets, visit [www.houstonheights.org/patronparty.htm](http://www.houstonheights.org/patronparty.htm).

## **Spread Some Cheer: Help With Holiday Food Baskets**

The Heights Rotary Club and the Houston Heights Association annually underwrite, prepare, and distribute food baskets to local families in need. These families are chosen by area charities. You can help assemble and distribute the goodies on December 11 and 12. One hundred baskets (actually sets of six bags) will be assembled on the first floor of the Fire Station on the evening of Tuesday, December 11, starting at 5:00 PM. Volunteers will be sorting bulk groceries among the baskets for about two hours; come by whenever you can. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to give back to the community.

Delivery starts after lunch (approximately 11:30-12:00 noon) on Wednesday, December 12. Come by the Fire Station to pick up a set of bags and the name and address of a family to receive them; if you have a large car or van, pick up several! Delivery should be completed that afternoon. If you are interested in lunch, BBQ plates are available for \$10 (cash only) beginning at 11:00 AM. Typically, delivering three baskets takes an hour to an hour and a half.

This is a great way for the whole family to volunteer some time to a very worthy cause. Previous participants can assure you, the smile and sometimes joyous tears on the recipients' faces makes the true meaning of this holiday season truly memorable.

Please help us make the holidays brighter for local families in need. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours of time or would like to learn more about this project, contact Scott Lester at 281-894-3270 or email him at [scott.lester@allegiancebktx.com](mailto:scott.lester@allegiancebktx.com).

Happy Holidays!

## Donations

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

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Steve & Linda Rogero – Boulevard  
Brittany & Gregg Russell – Boulevard  
Aaron Serraino – Donovan Park Playground  
Pamela & Rod Skaufel – Boulevard  
Ruth Thornton – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration  
Meredith & Matthew Villere – Donovan Park Playground  
Maureen Weyel – Boulevard  
Bruce Wilcoxon & Elena Coates – Boulevard

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the Houston Heights Association.

Mandy Ahr  
Brigitte Burke  
John & Kelley Cerasuolo  
Joseph Earthman  
Nicole & John Gallagher  
Kathleen & Peter Hays  
Michael & Diane Hallman  
Kirk Hickey  
Karen & Andrew Johnson  
Larry & Zandra Keast  
Tristan Longino & Elisabeth Netherton  
Eric Reyer  
Brian Richard & Catherine Hunter  
Texas Elite Travel, Buddy Welter  
Marlene Weyand  
Will Cook Builders, Will Cook

## November General Meeting: HHA Business Member Showcase

**Monday, November 12, HHA Fire Station, 12th & Yale**

Mark your calendar. For this one night only, Heights Business Members will be on hand to showcase their services and wares. It's a great way to familiarize yourself with the grand variety of local businesses and retail shops in our Heights neighborhood. Bring your wallet to pick up some great holiday items from our local Heights merchants, and preview what they are featuring in their Heights locations.

Doors open at 6:30 PM for Mix & Mingle, general meeting commences at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend!

### HHA Business Members

Sign up now to reserve your space for the HHA Business Member Showcase. Tables are available with advance reservation, on a first come, first served basis. This is a highly attended evening, and complimentary to HHA Business Members.

Reserve by November 1 to 2012 Business Showcase Chair Becky Standridge of OurBlok Heights [becky@ourblokheights.com](mailto:becky@ourblokheights.com) to get all the details.

# Heavy Trash Pick-Up Schedules Are Changing In November

Information provided by the City of Houston Solid Waste Department

Continuing its efforts to maximize cost savings, provide efficient service delivery, and engage in proactive customer service, the Solid Waste Management Department has taken your feedback and is improving your heavy trash (tree waste/junk waste) collection service.

Effective Thursday, November 1, 2012, the monthly heavy trash (tree waste/junk waste) pickup date for your neighborhood will change. Tree waste and junk waste collection will still occur in alternating months, odd-numbered months for tree waste (January, March, May, July, September and November) and even-numbered months for junk waste (February, April, June, August, October and December), but on the new heavy trash (tree waste/junk waste) pickup day designated for your neighborhood. Please note that collection day schedules for other Solid Waste services such as garbage, yard trimmings and recycling collection *will not* change.

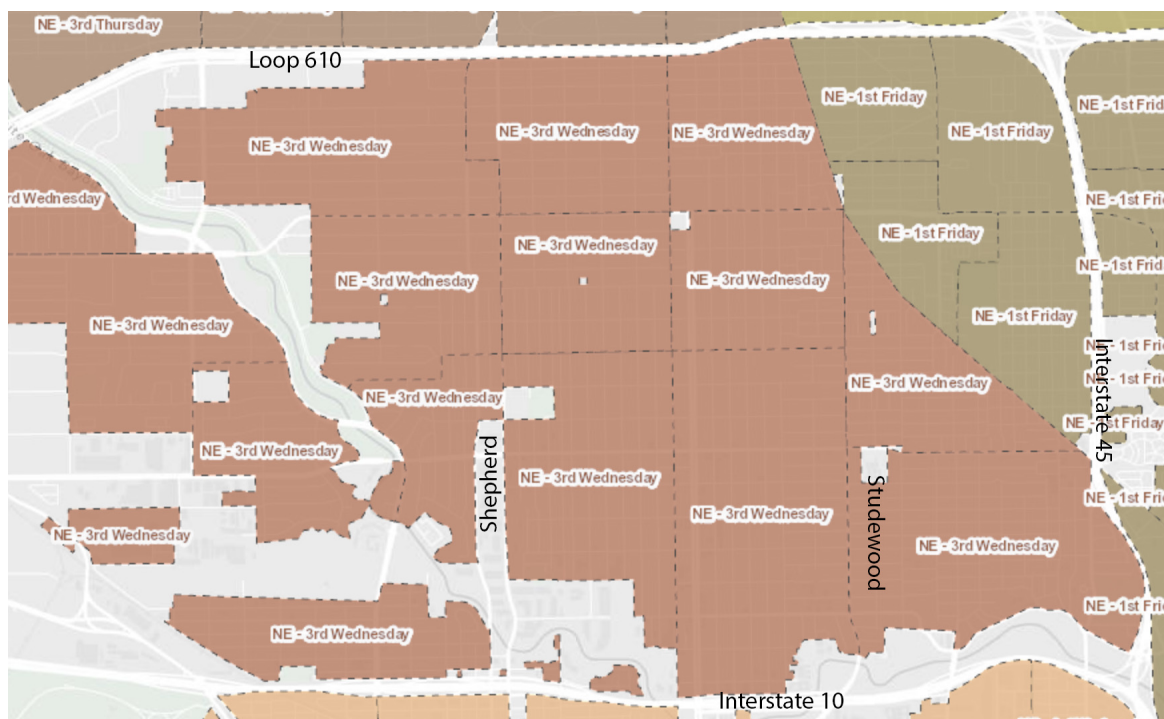
The service date change aims to achieve the following:

- Less confusion with neighborhood collection schedules
- A single service day for major community areas
- Easier to read/interpret service maps for customers and 311 operators
- Easier management of routes
- Budget savings in fuel and maintenance
- Greater availability for department support for community-based beautification projects

Remember, this change only affects your heavy trash (tree waste/junk waste) service day. [For most residents in the HHA service area, the new day will be the third Wednesday if we read the map correctly. –Editor]

Thank you for your support as we continue to maximize your savings.

To see the improved service maps with your new neighborhood schedule collection date, visit [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/2012\\_heavytrashreroute.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/2012_heavytrashreroute.html). For questions, contact Sandra Jackson at [Sandra.jackson2@houstontx.gov](mailto:Sandra.jackson2@houstontx.gov).





## Calendar (continued from back cover)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 - <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends; Deadline for next newsletter (tomorrow)</i>	5 HHA Land Use 6:30 PM Fire Station	6 - <i>Election Day</i> PIP Meeting 7:00 PM 1602 State Street	7	8 - <i>garbage and recycling</i>	9	10
11 <i>Veterans Day (nominal)</i>	12 <i>Veterans Day</i> HHA General "Business Showcase," 7:00 PM, Fire Station	13	14	15 - <i>garbage</i>	16	17 <i>electronics recycling, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Center at Harvard</i>
18	19 HHA Board 6:30 PM Fire Station	20 Greater Heights SNC (SN15) 6:30 PM Fire Station	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	23 - <i>garbage and recycling</i>	24
25	26 HHA Education 6:30 PM Fire Station [odd months]	27	28	29 - <i>garbage</i> Holiday Tour Patron Party 7:00 PM <i>See page 6.</i>	30 HHA Holiday Home Tour 6:00-9:30 PM <i>See page 5.</i>	December 1 HHA Holiday Home Tour 3:00-9:00 PM <i>See page 5.</i>

### Community Calendar

Events planned by other community organizations.

Every Saturday, 7:00 AM, Heights Running Club meets on the Heights Blvd jogging trail at 7th Street.

October 3-6, 8, 10-13, Big Head Productions presents *Evil in Justiceberg* at Obsidian Art Space, 3522 White Oak. See [obsidianartspace.org](http://obsidianartspace.org).

October 4-7, Opera in the Heights presents the Houston premiere of Rossini's *Otello* at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information, visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

October 6, Rotary Club of Houston Heights annual book sale benefitting Heights Neighborhood Library, 1302 Heights Blvd.

October 7, 11:30 AM, Opera in the Heights southern style jazz brunch at an undisclosed location. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

October 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, UpStage Theatre presents *Much Ado About Nothing* at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information, visit [www.upstagetheatre.org](http://www.upstagetheatre.org)

October 18 - Nov. 3, Standing Room Only Productions presents [title of show] at Obsidian Art Space, 3522 White Oak, [obsidianartspace.org](http://obsidianartspace.org).

October 21, 1:00-4:00 PM, Immanuel Restoration Project Open House at the corner of 15th and Cortlandt. Visit the historic building, enjoy cookies and lemonade, and learn more of the restoration plans.

November 27-29, Opera in the Heights presents Bellini's *I Capuleti e I Montecchi* at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information, visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

### Future History

December 10-12, Holiday Food Baskets

2013:

February 24, Awards Dinner

April 5-7, Spring Home Tour

June 1, Heights Fun Run

October 6, Bicycle Rally

December 6-7, Holiday Home Tour

### Heavy Trash Notes

October is a "Junk Waste" month; November is a "Tree Waste Only" month. For dates in your area, visit the City Solid Waste site [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html).

### At The Properties

Events at the Houston Heights City Hall and Fire Station, Donovan Park, and Marmion Park

Heights Tai Chi Association meets Saturdays 9:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Marmion Park, Heights at 18th.

# Yale Street Bridge Load Limit Further Reduced by TxDOT

## City of Houston Takes Proactive Steps to Monitor Bridge Usage

*a message from the City of Houston*

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has reduced the load limit on the Yale Street Bridge just south of Interstate 10 from 8,000 lbs. per single axle to 3,000 lbs. per single axle. A standard passenger car with two single axles and a maximum weight of 6,000 lbs. (3,000 lbs. x 2 axles) would meet the new limit, but certain pick-up trucks and sport utility vehicles may exceed the new limit.

The change is not indicative of any recent deterioration in the bridge’s physical condition. It remains safe, but should be used within the new posted load limits. All required signs are now posted, north and south of the bridge, establishing the new load limit.

The Houston Public Works and Engineering Department is exploring options for additional signage to better notify motorists of the new limits. The Houston Police Department will continue to monitor traffic in the area to assure the load limits are enforced. Additionally, the City of Houston will, initially, monitor bridge traffic using a donated camera to assess compliance with the new limits.

The Yale Street Bridge is on a TxDOT prioritized list for statewide funding for replacement, with construction anticipated to start in late 2016. In the meantime, the Houston Public Works and Engineering Department will continue to routinely inspect the bridge for any change in conditions and intends to perform low-cost rehabilitative actions that will allow the bridge load restrictions to be raised back to those previously posted.

With the completion of Koehler between Heights and Yale, there is now an easy alternative route around the Yale Street Bridge via the Heights Boulevard Bridge for northbound and southbound truck traffic. The Heights Boulevard Bridge does not have load limits.

## Calendar of Events for October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HHA Land Use 6:30 PM Fire Station	2 National Night Out (Texas Ed.)on your block or nearby	3	4 - <i>garbage</i>	5  <i>Deadline for next newsletter</i>	6
7 HHA Bicycle Rally & Scaven- ger Hunt, 7:00 AM, Marmion Park	8 <i>Columbus Day</i> HHA General “Heights Orch.” 7:00 PM Fire Station	9	10	11 - <i>garbage and recycling</i>	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25 - <i>garbage and recycling</i>	26	27 Ghost Tales in Marmion Park 7:30–9:00 PM <i>See page 2.</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	November 1 - <i>garbage</i>	2	3  <i>continued within</i>

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

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