President’s Message
by Stacey Courville

Happy New Year! This year, I have the honor of serving as President of the Houston Heights Association. I look forward to working with the 2016 Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs, and members to carry on the HHA mission to “foster a sense of community among the diverse segments of the neighborhood... in an atmosphere of friendliness, cooperation, and fun.”

As I consider the year ahead, I have thought much about the many and varied HHA projects and programs that make our neighborhood the truly special place that it is. None of these would be possible without the tireless efforts of the thousands of HHA volunteers working together over the past 40+ years since the Association’s founding.

While our neighborhood and the lifestyles of our members have certainly changed during the past four decades, one thing has remained constant: Neighbors continue to volunteer and work together as part of the Houston Heights Association to create and sustain projects and programs that benefit our entire community.

In 2016, as we continue to build on our neighborhood’s rich history of volunteerism and all we enjoy today because of it, I urge each of you to get involved and help by donating your time, skills, and resources to keep our Association strong, vibrant, and responsive as we continue to:

• Maintain our properties (the historic Fire Station, Donovan

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immediately after.

The HHA program topic is different each month and reflects the local activities and passions of our area. Recent program topics have included Bikes, Memorial Park, Meet Your Local Schools & Principals, Business Member Showcase, Local Theaters and Entertainment, Wedding Showcase, and more.

The monthly meetings are a great way to learn about your neighborhood at the HHA Welcome table. The meetings are open to everyone and free. The HHA Monthly Mixer & Meeting takes place at the Heights Fire Station on the second Monday of every month.

The Houston Heights Association gratefully acknowledges the support of our Winter 2015–2016 Sponsors:

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Constable Patrol

We’re now accepting Heights Constable Patrol subscriptions for the period of January 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.

For more information and to download the subscription form, go to: www.houstonheights.org/html/constable.html

Questions? Send them to heightspatrol@houstonheights.org

CIA Deadline

Reminder! Submit your nominations for the Community Improvement Award by January 8 to CIA Chair Brie Kelman at awards@houstonheights.org with the property address and before/after photos (outside only!). The 4 categories are: Commercial New Construction, Commercial Renovation, Residential New Construction, and Residential Renovation. We need your submissions, so shoot us an email the next time you see a building and think - wow - that looks so much better!

Follow up with an official nomination form (printed with our November issue and available online at http://www.houstonheights.org/pdf/15CIAform.pdf), or start there if you prefer.

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**Ways You Can Get Involved and Help in 2016**

Have fun working on something you enjoy, meet neighbors, make new friends, and help your neighborhood — all at the same time — when you volunteer! Here are areas where we need your help as we kick off 2016:

**Constable Patrol Committee** — work with our chair to prepare marketing materials to explain the program or help distribute program signs and stickers.

**Sponsorship Committee** — work with our chair and generous HHA sponsors to insure that our Sponsorship Plan runs smoothly.

**Social Media Coordinator** — work with our committee chairs and help insure that HHA information is up-to-date on our Facebook page and in other social media.

**E-Mail Coordinator** — work with committee chairs to write and prepare e-blasts about HHA events and projects to help members stay informed.

**Spring Home Tour Docents** — help introduce tour goers to the unique aspects of beautiful homes in our neighborhood with a 3-hour volunteer shift between noon and 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 2, or Sunday, April 3.

**Copywriters/Graphic Designers** — work with committee chairs to create marketing materials for our highly visible annual fundraisers — Spring Home Tour, Fun Run, Bicycle Rally, and Holiday Home Tour.

**Photographers** — work with committee chairs to photograph homes on our Tours, items in our Candlelight Dinner auction, and candid shots of our volunteers for marketing materials and publication in the newsletter, on the website, and in social media.

It’s easy to get started. Laura Menefee, our HHA volunteer coordinator, is always willing to help! Just email her at volunteer@houstonheights.org, and she will connect you with the right folks to help you get more information and get started. Thank you for helping to support our neighborhood projects and programs in 2016!

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**Holiday Food Baskets**

Dozens of HHA and Heights Rotary volunteers gathered at the Fire Station on December 14–16 to assemble [left] about a hundred food baskets and distribute [right] them to the families of area students identified by Family Services of Greater Houston.

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**Meeting Dates**

The monthly General Meeting will continue to be on the second Monday of the month. The stated meeting time has been changed to 6:30 PM to better reflect current procedure; the program will remain at 7:00 PM following a social half hour. The HHA Board will continue to meet on the third Monday at 6:30 PM.

**Awards Dinner**

HHA annually recognizes outstanding volunteers and community improvements during a fun evening at the Fire Station. This year’s Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner will be on Sunday, February 28. Doors will open to the Fire Station at 5:00 PM for a happy hour, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. During the program, which will begin at approximately 7:00 PM, winners of the Community Improvement Awards, Citizen of the Year, Marcella Perry Award, and Corporate Citizen will be announced. Bill Baldwin and Andrea Sharp are chairing the dinner portion of the event.

Seating is limited for this surprise-filled event that will once again be catered by Butter and Company. Tickets are $25 per person and will be available online beginning around February 1. In the meantime, more information about the Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner will be posted on the HHA website and Facebook page as details become available for this fun event.
Holiday Home Tour Wrap-Up
Tour Featured Homeowners, Unique Décor & Architecture, and Holiday Spirit!
by Marianne & Kenny Terrell, 2015 Holiday Home Tour Chairs

The 2015 Houston Heights Association Holiday Home Tour “I’ll Be Home for the Holidays” drew rave reviews and over 1,200 visitors and neighbors through this year’s featured homes.

This year’s tour highlighted four beautifully unique Heights homes bedecked for the holidays with musicians and special treats for all of the tour goers’ enjoyment. A special thanks to the Reagan High School Jazz Band for volunteering to make this year particularly memorable by playing on Mosby Circle.

We are estimating this fun and festive fundraiser raised over $25,000 for the HHA, which supports the Heights community, parks, education initiatives, and more!

Congratulations to our featured homeowners: Kathryn Hodge Sartor, Daniel Sartor, Gayle Klaybor, Michael Klaybor, Chris Silkwood, Gary Milnarich, Heather Whitfield, and Colby Whitfield. All the homes looked stunning! Thank you for opening your doors and welcoming the HHA supporters into your homes.

A big thank you to our designers that participated: Buchanan’s Native Plants, Whole Foods - Montrose, Pottery Barn - Highland Village, Anna Sandburg - A + U Design Studio, and Kay Whitfield. Also, we’d like to highlight Buchanan’s Native Plants, Jubilee, and Another Place in Time for pre-selling tour tickets.

Most of all, heartfelt appreciation to all of the volunteers that helped make this event a success! Stacey Courville, Janet Buchheit, Laura Menefee, our head docents Jesse Soto, Jihye Deveau, Rich and Amanda Anhorn, and Kelly Simmons, and all of our volunteer docents!

Happy Holidays!
[Thank you, Marianne and Kenny, for organizing the tour! —Editor]

Patron Party Wrap-Up
by Marianne & Kenny Terrell, 2015 Patron Party Chairs

The annual Martinis and Mistletoe patron party on the evening of December 3 was a hit! This year was a real treat for ticketholders as G Gallery and Redbud Gallery on 11th street opened their doors to welcome the HHA for this exclusive event. The musical stylings of the local Black Band Jazz Ensemble (comprising incredibly talented music students organized by Jaylon Black) kept guests entertained all evening. Attendees enjoyed passed hors d’oeuvres, delicious libations, and, of course, red and green martinis.

Guests were able to enjoy a fun evening while supporting our neighborhood through the silent auction including donations from Marianne & Kenny Terrell, Realtors; Jesse Soto, Texas American Title; Chris Silkwood, Artist; Gus Kopriva, Owner/Curator of Redbud; Hoity Toity Grooming & Doggy Daycare; and a limited edition framed print of this year’s Home Tour artwork by Thomas Wheaton. Our featured homeowners were honored with a 2015 Holiday Home Tour commemorative plaque, and all guests received a special edition 2015 Home Tour Ornament featuring the gazebo at Marmion Park.

We are so thankful for all of our Winter Sponsors: Boulevard Realty, Circa Real Estate, Lucas Craftsmanship Inc., Sonoma, 2125 Yale, Bayou City Aire, LLC, & Houston Methodist Primary Care Group. And special thanks to Wayne Gilbert and Gus & Sharon Kopriva for the party space in their galleries; it definitely made the evening a success!
[Thank you, Marianne and Kenny, for organizing the party! —Editor]
Donations

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

Another Place in Time – Boulevard
Mary & Cody Arnold – Flower Gardens
Priscilla & Patrick Blossom – Donovan Playground
Peter Brown – Fire Station Restoration
Ashley & Jeff Day – Parks, Boulevard
Rachel & Yvette Feay-Cazier – Donovan Playground
Michael Gardner & Nora Doyle – Boulevard
Carvel Glenn – Boulevard
Gregory Gregson – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration
Stephanie Horeis & Rod Anderson – Heights Constable Patrol
Marguerite O’Neill – Boulevard
Katie Pearson & Chevron Matching – Donovan Park
Henry Pogorzelski & Blair Woodall – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration
Jim Prock & Jeff Brown – Boulevard
John Sullivan – Boulevard
Cheryl Tibbits – Flower Gardens
Becki & Debasish Tripathy – Boulevard
Jose Solis & John Truax – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration
Cara & Brian Stewart – Donovan Playground

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

Laura & Ted Christiansen
Jusleen & Lokesh Chugh
Glenn & Beth Cozzone
Lesley & Tom DiBello
Michael Gardner & Nora Doyle
Gelazzi, Leigh Rubino
Olivier Germain
Lucas & Emily LaVoy
Connie Lockhart
Karen Painter
Sina Raouf
Julia Retta
Robert & Carole Sorley
Amanda Wood

Heights Garden Club

On February 13, the Heights Garden Club will be touring a Plant it Forward Farm at their University of St Thomas location at 1318 Sul Ross Street. Plant it Forward partners with several organizations to help refugees who settle here in Houston and come from farming backgrounds. More details to come.

Spring Home Tour Weekend

2016 Candlelight Dinner, Silent Auction, and Home & Garden Tour April 1, 2, and 3

Planning is underway for the 2016 Spring Home & Garden Tour that kicks off with a Candlelight Dinner and Silent Auction. Candlelight Dinner Chairs Heather Thompson and Laura Parkan will need volunteers to help them set up for the dinner on Friday, April 1.

The Silent Auction Committee will need volunteers to seek out donated auction items, do creative packaging, and to set up the day of the event. Silent Auction Chair Janet Buchheit has scheduled a kick-off meeting for Wednesday, January 6 at a location to be determined. The Live Auction is being chaired by Bill Baldwin and tends to be a very exciting part of the evening with a limited number of items to inspire spirited bidding.

The Spring Home & Garden Tour is being chaired by Ashley Day, and she will be looking for Head Docents and volunteers to docent in the featured homes. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the tour to sell tickets at the Heights Fire Station and to ride the shuttle buses.

We’d like to have you join our volunteer team by contacting us at volunteer@houstonheights.org, and please put these dates on your calendar. Seating is limited for the Candlelight Dinner and Auction, so check your newsletter and the website in March to see when tickets go on sale.
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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 jnjbloom@gmail.com or visit http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecd. February 5–13, Opera in the Heights presents Rossini’s La Cenerentola at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Boulevard. For more information, visit operaintheheights.org or call 713-861-5303. April 8–16, Opera in the Heights presents Gluck’s Orfeo ed Euridice at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Boulevard. For more information, visit operaintheheights.org or call 713-861-5303.

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 has been moved (again!) to http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html.

Future History

April 1–3, Spring Home & Garden Tour weekend
June 4, Fun Run
October 2, Bicycle Rally
December 2–3, Holiday Home Tour
December 13-14, Holiday Food Baskets [tentative dates]
February 26, 2017, Awards Dinner

Mark Your Calendars

For Free Trees
The Urban Forestry Committee will present the Heights Annual Gift of Trees on Sunday, February 21 at Historic Heights Fire Station. More information will be available in next month’s newsletter.
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HHA web site: <http://www.houstonheights.org>