Heights Fun Run Wrap-Up

Weeks of record rainfall and area flooding didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of runners from all over the Houston area who showed up and had a great time at this year’s Heights Fun Run. The Heights hosted 1,352 registered runners and walkers along with their supporting family and friends in the early hours of Saturday June 4th for our 31st annual 5k Run & Walk and Kids 1K race. A host of local businesses and some dedicated volunteers supported the event creating a safe, exciting and fun opportunity for athletic victory!

We have many great community partners to thank for making the event a great success.

Our local Kroger store at Shepherd and 11th street continued to be a great neighborhood partner this year, suppling over 1,700 bottles of water. The Luke’s Locker store on West Gray hosted our volunteers for two days prior to the Run where runners picked up their registration packets and T-shirts.

Happy Fatz served their famous breakfast tacos and Katz Coffee...continues on page 6
Sunday Streets Wrap-Up

White Oak Drive was filled with neighbors and neighborhood visitors on Sunday, May 22, when the Cigna Sunday Streets event returned to the place where the program debuted in Houston. White Oak was closed to motorized vehicles from Heights Boulevard to Houston Avenue from noon until 4:00 PM. Walkers, cyclists, skateboarders, and roller bladers took to the street to enjoy the sights and sounds of the neighborhood. With live music, food, art displays, hula hooping, bean bag tossing, and activities at the Cigna stage, there was a lot to enjoy. There was also a lot to learn with local businesses and organizations (including HHA, represented by the Urbanites and Membership Committee) also participating. The afternoon, forecast to be filled with storms, turned out to be beautiful and sunny which certainly added to the fun.

The Sunday Streets program, sponsored by the City of Houston, is designed to encourage citizens to be physically active while enjoying and exploring neighborhoods and learning about communities. The program’s kick-off event was held on White Oak Boulevard in April 2014. Since its inception, Sunday Streets has been held in various neighborhoods throughout the city, returning twice to our historic 19th Street and now twice to White Oak.

The Houston Heights Association gratefully acknowledges the support of our Summer 2016 Sponsors:

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**Monthly Meeting from page 1**

Welcome table, Mix & Mingle over refreshments with neighbors & friends. Judging starts at 7pm, Pie eating immediately after. Open to everyone - Novice or Seasoned Pro. No fees, free to enter and attend.

Celebrity judges to date: Cleverly Stone, media personality on Fox 26’s “Cooking with Cleverly”; Jill Brown, scratch baker, hostess, and home design guru; Greg Buchold, pie blogger at pie-biting-frog.blogspot.com and member of the Houston Food Bloggers Collective.

Learn about your Heights Association activities and parks at the welcome table. The meeting is open to all - everyone is invited!
As we are all well aware, reconstruction of the historic Yale Street Bridge, built in 1931, began in late April and will span through the end of 2017. There has been a consensus for several years now that the bridge, which was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places, needed to be replaced due to age, condition, and increased traffic in and out of the Heights area.

While preserving the entire bridge through relocation was deemed infeasible by historians and engineers, a community-led fundraising effort has ensured that a significant portion of this landmark will indeed be preserved.

Through a partnership with the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, the Houston Parks Board, the Historic Preservation Office of the Planning Department, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Mayor’s Office, and others, HHA Board member Bill Baldwin organized an effort to privately fund the careful removal and storage of the historic paving bricks of the bridge (long covered by an asphalt overlay) by creating Friends of the Yale Street Bridge Bricks.

The initial goal of the project was to raise $100,000 for the bricks to be removed and used in infrastructure and beautification projects throughout the city. Fortunately, once the asphalt was removed, it was revealed that the bricks were perfectly intact and very well preserved in a sand base, making removal not only easier but more lucrative for adaptive re-use.

In less than two months, the goal has been reached to guarantee that the 40,000 plus bricks will be saved. State Senator John Whitmire was instrumental in working with TxDOT to ensure the success of Yale Street Bridge brick preservation efforts. In addition to $1,360 raised through crowdfunding, developers of an art-focused development in First Ward have purchased the majority of the bricks to be used to pave a prominent part of their project.

Another portion of the bricks will be used by the City of Houston in Bayou Greenway’s 2020 infrastructure near the Yale Street Bridge and in the McKee Street Bridge.

Through the crowdfunding dollars, these two noteworthy efforts, and additional underwriting by private sources, all the bricks will be saved at no additional cost to the city.
June Yard of the Month - 1519 Arlington
Philip Hartford moved to the Heights from Australia around 3 years ago. When he bought the house, it was new and provided him with a blank canvas. He loved having a project that he could make his own; from the initial knock-out roses and some low-growing gardenias, he expanded garden beds around the edges to frame the lawn.

There is citrus planted along the fence-line as well as climbing roses and sweetpeas, planted in spring, to capture the abundant Houston sunlight. Native plants are scattered throughout the garden beds to provide color and general ground cover. Philip loves to cook and entertain, so it was also important for him to have herbs and vegetables at his fingertips. On the house itself, he used a variety of climbers to provide a canopy of greenery and shield the house from the hot summer sun: a white flowering wisteria, stephanotis, and pink coral vine.

The yard has a deliberate growing-at-wild look. The plants are allowed to grow tall and provide people with a feeling of lush greenery and pops of color. Philip finds Houston a tough place to garden, but he is obviously up to the challenge. **Thank you to Buchanan’s Native Plants for providing the gift certificate for this outstanding June Yard-of-the-Month.**

Saturday, July 9th, at 10am
Cactus King Field Trip
The Heights Garden Club will visit Cactus King, located at 7900 I-45, at 10 AM on Saturday, July 9. They have an extensive nursery containing large landscape plants, hundreds of cactus species, and many succulent families. Cactus King has a huge variety of xeriscape succulents including a diverse selection of large sized and rare specimens suited for the Gulf Coast region. They grow many species native to Texas as well as species from other parts of the world-varieties that you won’t find anywhere else. Lyn, the owner, will be our tour guide and will be able to answer any questions you have. More details will come later as we may have folks wanting to caravan or car pool.

Save the date!
Create a hummingbird feeder craft project at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 10, at the Heights Fire Station. Save a small decorative bottle and join us in crafting a hummingbird feeder. Learn about how you can help feed hummingbirds during the upcoming fall migration. There will be refreshments and a door prize.
HHA Supporting Schools and Scholars  By Anne Sloan

On the morning of May 25, members of the HHA Education Committee attended the Hamilton Middle School annual Awards Day ceremony. We presented a check for $2,000 to the band director for instruments. I advised them it was the pleasure of the Houston Heights Association to be able to assist them. We also awarded the UIL writing awards to the various recipients. We had a great time, and I felt a great deal of appreciation and gratitude from the auditorium full of parents, students, and teachers.

Heights HISD Schools Teacher of the Year Winners:

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City Council Approves Yale Street Green Corridor

On June 22, with support from Council Member Ellen Cohen, the City Council approved Houston’s first Green Corridor for Yale Street from the intersection of Yale at 6th Street to the intersection of (and including) 19th Street.
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provided the early morning essentials serving over 40 gallons of hot and iced coffee. Houston Heights newcomer, Juiceland, located at 320 White Oak Dr., provided some incredible fresh juices for our runners with the help of Bill & Hannah White and members of Village Heights Church, while our newest year-round sponsor, Memorial Hermann Greater Heights, supplied a variety of fruit to our athletes.

Thanks, also, to so many local businesses who braved the rainy morning to bring their unique offerings to Marmion Park creating a festive atmosphere. A special thanks to Dory Blackey of Pure Barre and to Jason Cantrell State Farm Agency for their contributions of food and prizes.

The Fun Run is only possible through the help of many generous volunteers who arrive early on Saturday morning to support runners and guests. Very special thanks to Danae Stephenson who leads our registration and packet pick-up teams and Simon Eyles and his team who do the actual “heavy lifting,” setting up Marmion Park and the race course.

This year’s t-shirt featuring a painting by local Heights artist, Christina Kuehler, was a big hit. Many of Christina’s designs celebrate our hometown and home state and this particular painting, designed just for the Fun Run, celebrates running, the Heights area and its unique culture and place in Houston. More of Christina’s work can be found at www.facebook.com/COKuehler. We’re already organizing next year’s Fun Run event and are looking for enthusiastic volunteers; please e-mail funrun@houstonheights.org to get involved.

Race results and photos of the event and individual runner’s photos can be found online. www.raceshots.net

Event and individual runner’s photos:
http://www.raceshots.net/

Results by age group:
http://eztoregister.com/assets/Heights5K2016.HTM

Results by bib number:
https://runsignup.com/race/results/?raceId=10492

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

Christine Anderson & Herman Morales — Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens
Barbara Bahm — Flower Gardens
Walt Foody & Judy Irvine — Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens
Mary Scott Hagle & Daniel Komberg — Fire Station Restoration
Ken Hoge — Boulevard in honor of Jim Bennett
Jennifer & Stephen Kirk — Donovan Playground
Rebecca Marek — Flower Gardens
Simon & Carlotta Pedroza — Parks, Boulevard
Sharee & Dana Robertson — Parks
Greg & Mary Beth Thomas — Boulevard
Casey & Steven Torello — Donovan Playground
Robert Weber & Elida Phillips — Flower Gardens
Nancy & Phil Wedemeyer — Donovan Playground
Janet Youngker — Boulevard

New Members
Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

Molly Blanchard
Discover Dental, Hoa Tran
Erica & Jason Flaherty
Rubena Gracia
Kari Kaalstad & Dan Carr
Mary Kay, Stefany Feeney
Miguel & Olga Lopez
Diane McOmie
Mary & Weston O’Black
Faith Parker
Al Roberto & Alycia Welch
Titan Homes
Casey & Steven Torello

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.
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Community Calendar

Events planned by other community organizations

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

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.” 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.

December 16–18, Opera in the Heights presents ConciertOh! de Inviem.

February 3–11, Opera in the Heights presents Bizet’s Les Pêcheurs de Perles.

March 31–April 8, Opera in the Heights presents Adamo’s Little Women.

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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HHA headquarters: The Fire Station is on the corner of Yale and 12th Streets.  
HHA web site: <http://www.houstonheights.org>