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 Houston 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.

You can register online at runsignup.com/hhabicyclerally now through 5:00 PM on September 28 or at Marmion Park on Sunday, October 2. The registration fee for the 20-mile ride is $20 online, then $25 on event day. The 5-mile ride is $10 through September 28, $15 on event day.

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.
Help Wanted

Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt
The 11th annual Heights Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt will take place on Sunday, October 2. Volunteers are needed to help on ride day with:
• check in
• packet pickup
• staffing the water stations
• assist with scoring and prizes at the Rally Party
Volunteer shifts are 3 hours between 7:45 AM and 4:45 PM. To volunteer, please email volunteer@houstonheights.org.

Reading Tutors Needed

Have you been trying to find something to do with your Tuesday or Thursday mornings during the school year? Do you want to give back to the community? Well, there is something you can do with your time that is both rewarding and beneficial to others.

Joyce Worthington is organizing volunteers to tutor first-graders who need additional help in reading at Harvard Elementary here in the Heights. The program is called “Project Read.”

All the instructional materials are provided for the tutors. If you are interested and can commit to tutoring one morning per week between 8:15 and 10:00 AM, please contact Joyce at 713-862-4647 or joyceworth@aol.com.

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Monthly Meeting from page 1
K9 Couture truck will be outside, along with the entire team of pet docs from Heights Animal Hospital, who will share tips for pet health.

Your family pets are welcome to come with you to learn about the Houston Heights Association, its parks and activities!

This is also the meeting at which members may nominate each other to serve on the HHA Board. See the article on page 4.

Meet new neighbors and friends every second Monday of the month at the historic Heights Fire Station at 12th and Yale.

Coming Soon:
October 10: HHA Land Use hosts TABC [See page 3.]
November 14: HHA Business Member Showcase
December 12: Holiday Fun
January 9: Heights School Fair
Urban Forestry Day — September 18

“The best time to plant a tree is 30 years ago, the next best time is today!”

On Sunday, September 18, the Houston Heights Association celebrates its remarkable urban forest and signature tree canopy gracing our neighborhood. Don’t miss the activities and events at the historic Houston Heights Fire Station.

From 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, it’s our annual Urban Forestry Gift of Trees Day. Trees for Houston and the Houston Heights Association will distribute 150–300 three- and five-gallon native trees from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Adopting your trees is simple! Email your name and the address of the location your trees will be planted to urbanforest@houstonheights.org. Trees can be planted anywhere: your home, your business, or in the right-of-way. The adoptions are open to anyone in Houston. Come early for the best selection with assistance from Houston and Texas urban foresters.

At 1:00 PM, the “Yale Green Corridor” will be dedicated as Houston’s very first official green corridor. This corridor has been 30 years in the making. Many of the trees you enjoy today were originally planted in the late 1980s by Heights volunteer group Trees For Yale together with Trees for Houston and the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce. You are invited to celebrate with Houston dignitaries over refreshments.


Local Option Election Called For Heights “Dry Area”

TABC To Explain State Law At October 10 Meeting

A local option election will be held on November 8 to determine if “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only” will be allowed within the current “dry area” of Houston Heights.

Representatives from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC), the state agency that regulates all phases of the alcoholic beverage industry in Texas, will attend the October 10 HHA General Meeting to explain state law as it pertains to “dry areas” and as it pertains to areas designated to allow beer and wine sales for off-premise consumption only.

Questions posed by attendees will be addressed by TABC in the context of state law. The TABC website is www.tabc.state.tx.us. If you have specific questions that you would like TABC to address, please submit them to landuse@houstonheights.org by September 12.

The Houston City Secretary has verified the signatures on the local option election petition which Texas Petition Strategies began circulating in May on behalf of the Houston Heights Beverage Coalition, a special purpose political action committee. As required by Texas Election Code, Title 17, the issue was presented to Houston City Council on August 10 and will be placed on the November 8 election ballot. The issue will be on the ballot only for residents living within the boundaries of the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918.

A map of the approximate boundaries of the “dry area” and links to the Texas Election Code can be found on page 5 of the June 2016 issue of The Heights, which can be viewed at www.houstonheights.org/newsletter/2016/06/HHA201606.pdf. The City of Houston has prepared a FAQ (frequently asked question) document concerning the local option election, which can be found at www.houstontx.gov/legal/heightslocaloption-faq.pdf.

In accordance with its non-profit organization structure, by-laws, and articles of incorporation, the Houston Heights Association is not taking a position on this issue.
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 and 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 page 2 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.

Note from the Election Chair

I invite you to seriously consider running for one of our six open positions on the Houston Heights Association board. We are an ever-changing and diverse small town community, and our board represents us all. The board is focused on ensuring that our community continues to be recognized as one of best neighborhoods in Houston for overall quality of life. Serving as a board member is a wonderful opportunity for you to help direct the activities of the Association.

Your particular area of interest may be our schools or our parks and public areas or our financial management or getting even more of our neighbors actively involved in our community. If you may be interested in serving on the board, I would be happy to discuss the opportunity with you. You can reach me at sharon.dearman@gmail.com.

Sharon Dearman, Nominations and Election Committee Chair
Heights Garden Club News

August Yard of the Month: 813 Key Street

Homeowner Gabrielle Butler moved to Houston from Calgary three years ago. Due to Calgary’s cool climate and limited number of plants that grew there, she was not much of a gardener. Her home’s yard and garden here in the Heights was put in and designed by Bedolla Lawn. There are a few older trees which dictated that a lot of the plants needed to be tolerant of shade. Included in the plants are Foxtail fern, Wheeler Dwarf Pittosporum, and Chinese Witch Hazel that work well in the shadier areas. Where there is some sunlight, there are begonias, Lily of the Nile, and pentas, which add some nice color, and in the front curb area one of Houston’s definitive and favorite trees — Crape Myrtles. Take some time and drive by this shade loving garden.

We want to thank Zone 9 Tropicals for donating a gift certificate for the August Yard of the Month.

September 10 Garden Tour: 309 E 13th St. at 10:00 AM

Gottfried and Anne Schiller moved to Houston over ten years ago from Europe, where they were both avid gardeners. Gottfried is from Dresden, Germany; Anne is from the states but spent 21 years in London. Gardening here in Houston has been an ongoing experience for them, but they have enjoyed the process.

The front yard is a shade garden with many varieties of trees and shrubs including hydrangeas, camellias, hostas, a fig tree, and even a blood orange tree where there is sun. There is a raised stone pond built by Gottfried and loved by the fish, toads, and frogs alike. The birds love to visit as well. The sunny backyard includes a Queen palm tree, an angel trumpet tree, yews, and a plumeria among several other plant varieties, and raised beds for growing vegetables. There is also a European sauna and a stone pizza oven also built by Gottfried!

October 8 Garden Tour: 711 N Emile Street at 10:00 am

We will be touring the Last Organic Outpost, which is a “project based non-profit organization created to develop community resources through urban agriculture.” They are located on Japhet Creek in the Fifth Ward. If you are interested in carpooling, we will meet in the church parking lot directly across from Boulevard Realty on 16th and Heights Blvd. at 9:15 AM. Please email Dee Melancon at cityart51@sbcglobal.net if you would like to carpool with us.

Scout Planning Signpost Restoration

The Houston Heights Association has been named a beneficiary of an Eagle Scout project by Nic Valero of Troop 20. Nic is planning to restore ten of the block address concrete posts to their original look. Once approved by the Boy Scouts, Nic’s concentration will be around the Halbert Park area.
Donations

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

Amanda & Rich Anhorn — Boulevard
Nick Bedford — Boulevard
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Brijesh Gill
Carvel Glenn — Boulevard
Martin Hajovsky & Theresa Gregory — Flower Gardens
Donald & Madeline Henderson
David King — Boulevard
Henry & Jennifer May — Boulevard, Donovan Playground
Mitch & Sue McFarland — Boulevard
Terri Moleski — Donovan Playground
Monica & Steve Nagel — Flower Gardens
Marcia Pampe — Parks & Boulevard
Jonathan & Meredith Parker — Flower Gardens
Katie Pearson & Chevron Matching Funds — Donovan Playground
Chris & Jen Pipkin — Boulevard
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Gary & Lisa Thomas

Analise & Andrew Thompson — Donovan Playground
Allison Witt — Boulevard
David & Joyce Worthington – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

Susan & Larry Aune
Valerie & Mark Ausborn
Erika & Roman Belotserkovskiy
Carol Boehler & Greg Campbell
Nancy Bonds
Adriana & Justin Boudreaux
Lucia Cantu & Anders Storaune
Alfred Cervantes
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Ellen Reid & Doyle Adams
Matthew Sayler & Sapna Kumar
Melissa & Ryan Schmidt
Tiffany & Tyler Schneider
Katie Smith
Sunset Heights Studio, Sharon Willcutts
Jonathon Syrek
Saeed & Thais Tellawi
Gary & Lisa Thomas
Analise & Andrew Thompson
Christopher & Emily Thornhill
Robin Vickers
Paula & Tom Wells
Allison Witt
Damon Yerian & Alex Regaldo

At The Properties

Scary Stories in Marmion Park

Get your scare up for Halloween! Come and listen to some of Houston’s best storytellers share scary stories on Saturday, October 29, at Marmion Park, located on Heights Boulevard at 18th Street. This annual FREE event is cosponsored by the Houston Storytellers Guild and the Houston Heights Association.

Bring a blanket or chairs, bug spray, and some snacks, and hear scary stories from a variety of storytellers. The storytelling begins at 7:30 PM.

For more information, call 713-643-8478 or check the Guild website, www.houstonstorytellers.org.
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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](mailto:Meghan.olds@gmail.com).

First and third Thursdays, 7:30 PM, English Country Dancing in the Heights. For more information, email [jnjbloom@gmail.com](mailto:jnjbloom@gmail.com) or visit [http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecd](http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecd).

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](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

### Business Directory Errata

Please make the following two corrections in the printed copy of the Business Directory printed with the August issue, or download and print a corrected copy from [www.houstonheights.org/newsletter/2016/08/HHA201608bd.pdf](http://www.houstonheights.org/newsletter/2016/08/HHA201608bd.pdf)

1. Under **Insurance**, please replace **Superior Used Vehicles** with the following entry:

   SUV Insurance Services
   333 N. Loop W., 713-321-2765
   [www.suvtexasinsurance.com](http://www.suvtexasinsurance.com)

2. Under **Landscapers & Lawn Services**, please correct the phone number as shown:

   Home Turf Texas Landscape & Design LLC
   832-303-0833
   [www.hometurftexas.com](http://www.hometurftexas.com)

### Future History

**Beyond the calendar grid...**

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, 2017, Fun Run
October 1, 2017, Bicycle Rally

### 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](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>