Come Ride And Hunt With Us!

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:

1. 8:00 AM: Rally Packet Pick-up begins, Late Registration, 20-Mile Rally Starts
2. 2:00 PM: 5-Mile Rally Starts
3. 3:30 PM: Bicycle Rally Party in the Park starts — Music, Snacks, Beverages, and Fun
4. 4:00 PM: Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt ends — Last chance to submit rally cards & clue sheets for prizes
5. 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 at Marmion Park on the day of the event starting at 8:00 AM. The registration fee then is $25 for the 20-mile ride, $15 for the 5-mile ride.

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.

MONTHLY MEETING & HAPPY HOUR

Attendees at the September 12 meeting met area rescue and adoption organizations, pet care providers, and each other’s pets.

October 10: TABC

Representatives from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC) will 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. See page 4.

Candidates for the HHA Board will have the opportunity to deliver short campaign speeches. See page 3.

November 14: HHA Business Member Showcase

Meet local business owners and experience the abundance of services and shopping right in our neighborhood. See page 5.

December 12: Holiday Fun

January 9: Heights School Fair

Meet new neighbors and friends on the second Monday of the month at the historic Heights Fire Station at 12th and Yale.
Yale Green Corridor Dedicated As Part of HHA Urban Forestry Day

On Sunday, September 18, neighbors and local dignitaries gathered at the Heights Fire Station to celebrate the dedication of the Yale Green Corridor, the City of Houston’s first designated green corridor.

The creation of the Yale Green Corridor has been nearly 30 years in the making, beginning with the volunteer efforts of Heights neighbors, Trees for Houston, and the Greater Heights Area Chamber of Commerce who had the vision of creating a beautiful and beneficial tree canopy on this major thoroughfare in our neighborhood. The effort to secure green corridor designation was led by the HHA Urban Forestry Committee members Angela DeWree, Jonathan Smulian, Donna Bennett, and Mark Williamson. With the support and commitment of commercial property owners on Yale Street, and the support and approval by the Houston City Council, Houston Heights now has the first green corridor designation in Houston to help ensure that mature trees along Yale Street have additional protection in the years to come.

We were delighted to have City Council Members Ellen Cohen and David Robinson help dedicate the Yale Green Corridor and Debbie Broman (above right), a neighborhood volunteer who helped found Trees for Yale, and John Cutler from Trees for Houston explain the efforts which ultimately led to the creation of the Yale Green Corridor.

The Yale Green Corridor dedication was part of HHA’s 2016 Urban Forestry Day. Each year, the Houston Heights Association, in partnership with Trees for Houston, a nonprofit organization dedicated to planting, protecting, and promoting trees throughout Houston, provides hundreds of free trees to be planted by residents on private property as well as public rights of way.

A special thank you goes to the student volunteers from the Heights High School Eco Club who helped distribute 130 trees, to the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce for providing two 20-gallon trees to be planted in the Milroy Park right of way, and to Ravenscourt Landscaping for planting these trees. The trees are scheduled to be planted at Milroy Park later this month.

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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.

The remaining schedule for the election of Directors to serve terms starting in 2017 will be as follows.

- **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.

Candidate Statements

Neal Cannon
Neal Cannon has lived in the Heights for nine years and has been on the board of HHA for two years. He has previously been on the board of a homeowners association and he has been president of two non-profit corporations. He is interested in historic preservation.

Kevin Chenevert
I am a 13 year homeowner in the Heights and recently became a local business owner. I got involved with the HHA in early 2015 with the idea of making a difference and giving back to the Heights. I have been involved in or volunteered at nearly every event since.

Gary Eskelson
In 1979 Brenda and I bought a bungalow in the Heights. It was a rough neighborhood block with 3 murders and a gang drive by shooting. I have been active in improving the neighborhood and look forward to helping the HHA face the different challenges of today. more Eskelson.net

Danae Stephenson
I’ve lived in the Heights for +20 years and respect its history. I will add business acumen to the board. I’ve chaired the Holiday home tour, Candlelight dinner and auction committee, co-chaired the Spring Home Tour and live auction and I’ve been active with all of the other HHA events.

Heather Williams
As our “small town” grows, I strive to embrace positive change while ensuring that what makes the Heights unique is not lost. As a 10- year resident and active HHA member, I recently served as co-chair for the Candlelight Dinner and embrace opportunities to serve in more and varied ways.

Mark Williamson
Since 1991, I’ve served HHA as President, Director, Newsletter Editor, Super Neighborhood Delegate, various positions on many home tours, 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.

Robert Woods
Serving on the HHA board has been a great honor. It would be a pleasure for me to serve for another term. I have lived in the neighborhood since 2004 and I will continue to work to enhance our community, with a particular focus on our schools and fundraising.
State Alcohol Law To Be Explained At October 10 Meeting

On November 8, voters living within the boundaries of the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 will determine through a local option election if “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only” will be allowed within the current “dry area” of Houston Heights.

At the October 10 HHA General Meeting at the Fire Station, representatives from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC), the state agency that regulates all phases of the alcoholic beverage industry in Texas, will 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 submitted in September will be addressed by TABC in the context of state law. If you have specific questions that you would like TABC to address, you may also submit them on cards that will be provided at the meeting. The TABC website is www.tabc.state.tx.us.

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.

20 Years And Counting: The Heights Playground At Donovan Park

On any sunny day in our neighborhood, Donovan Park at the corner of Heights Boulevard and 7th is filled with the sounds of children enjoying a day of fun and play with family and friends. Donovan Park is the Cinderella story of a formerly underutilized park transformed into a unique fantasy play space through the power of community involvement.

For five consecutive days in October of 1996, Houston Heights volunteers rolled up their collective sleeves and built a lasting legacy for neighborhood children. Families, neighbors, craftsmen, teachers, students, local businesses, and friends of Houston Heights joined together in a monumental effort to construct what is now The Heights Playground at Donovan Park. They worked from early morning until late night. They sawed, drilled, hammered, and painted. They created an iconic private park owned and maintained by the Houston Heights Association for the enjoyment of all.

Today, thanks to the continued generous support of HHA members, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and participants in our fundraising events, Donovan Park continues to be a special part of our “small town in the heart of the big city,” enjoyed by neighbors and neighborhood visitors alike. Thank you for continuing to show the power of what neighbors working together can create and sustain for our neighborhood!
Heights Garden Club
September Yard of the Month
1007 W Melwood St – Kacey Knox grew up in the suburban northeast side of Houston but prefers the historic charm and architecture of the older Houston neighborhoods. She is a horticulturist by trade so she knows what plants works well in our Houston climate. Kacey and her husband purchased their home in Norhill in 2005 and have been steadily renovating during the last decade. Her garden is her passion and her joy. It is ever changing with each season. Kacey loves a whimsical combination of Texas natives, flowering perennials and vines, edibles and annuals. She especially loves to see all the butterflies, bees, and birds that frequent her garden.

We want to thank Buchanan’s for donating a gift certificate for the September Yard of the Month.

October 8: Last Organic Outpost 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 at cityart51@sbcglobal.net if you would like to carpool with us.

Upcoming Events
Thursday November 10, 7:00 PM – Harvest Potluck at Heights Fire Station
Saturday November 12, 10:00 AM – 5411 Braeburn Drive (Meyerland), Turner residence garden tour

HHA Means Business
Annual Business Member Showcase at the November 14 Meeting
Be a Heights local! On Monday night, November 14 at the Heights Fire Station at 12th and Yale, meet local business owners and experience the abundance of services and shopping right in our neighborhood. From physicians to plumbers, food to footwear, designers for home, web and business, decor for home or party, artisans of gifts to garden – it’s all in the Heights!

Everyone is invited to this popular evening. Come hungry; refreshments from local eateries will be served! Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Board Election Wraps Up
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.

Business Owners: Sign up now!
The annual HHA Business Member Showcase is free and open to all HHA Business Members subject to space availability. To sign-up for November 14, email business@houstonheights.org.

To learn about the vibrant business community, visit the HHA online business member directory at www.houstonheights.org/html/businesses.html and published twice a year in the HHA Newsletter.
Donations

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

- Mandy Ahr – Flower Gardens
- Fred & Danielle Barrera – Fire Station Restoration
- Steve & Eva Burke – Boulevard
- Euan Craik & Paivi Munter – Boulevard & Parks
- Anita Goff & Denise Martin - Boulevard
- David & Claudette Milner – Boulevard
- Maria & Mike Onufrow – Parks
- Steve Ouellette – Boulevard
- Glen & Carolyn Severs - Boulevard
- Martha & Robert Stein – Donovan Playground & Boulevard

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

- Renato Alarcon
- Fred & Danielle Barrera
- Bernadine’s
- Houston Weight Loss & Lipo Center, John Bergeron
- Hunky Dory
- Melissa Morse
- Jodie & Steve Robinson
- Sue & Jack Schwaller

At The Properties

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

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.

Book Signing at the Fire Station

Author Anne Sloan will be signing copies of her new book Houston Heights 1950 to present, Images of Modern America from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 13 at the Fire Station. The book features photos from the HHA archives and from many generous neighbors with accompanying text by Anne. Copies will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds from sales of this book will benefit the Houston Heights Association.

Photos with Santa at Donovan Park

December 3, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, John Daugherty, Realtors and the Houston Heights Association are once again hosting Photos with Santa in Donovan Park.

Jingle Bell Block

The Houston Heights Association’s 2016 Holiday Home Tour will take place on December 2 and 3. Hours on Friday will be 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Saturday hours are 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

This year’s theme is Jingle Bell Block, and all the tour homes are on a single block. Featured homes will be:

- Schiller home at 309 E. 13th Street
- Hagle/Kornberg home at 1304 Cortlandt
- Potter residence at 1312 Cortlandt
- Arnold house at 1318 Cortlandt
- Warner house at 1325 Cortlandt
- Nelson home at 1333 Cortlandt

In addition to homes open for the tour, many other homes on the block will have yard decorations for tour attendees to admire.

Look for additional details in next month’s edition of The Heights.
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### Community Calendar

Events planned by other community organizations

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

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

December 16–18, Opera in the Heights presents *ConciertOh! de Invierno* at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

February 3–11, Opera in the Heights presents Bizet’s *Les Pêcheurs de Perles* at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

March 31–April 8, Opera in the Heights presents Adamo’s *Little Women* at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

### Future History

Beyond the calendar grid...

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 & Scavenger Hunt
December 1–2, 2017, Holiday Home Tour [tentative dates]

### 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.  
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