Heights Fun Run — June 3

Get ready to kick off summer on the right foot by taking your place in the Houston Heights Association’s 32nd Annual Heights Fun Run on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

“Our neighborhood is host to one of Houston’s oldest, most popular, and fastest 5K races,” said Damian Ogier, HHA event chair and race director.

“For the last 31 years, runners, walkers, and spectators young and old have gathered on Heights Boulevard to take part in a Houston tradition hosted right here in our neighborhood. We’re excited to have a 10K race as well for the first time this year! The Run is an event for the whole family, and it’s a great way to kick off summer while celebrating and supporting your health and your community.”

This annual family-friendly event begins and ends in the Houston Heights Association’s Marmion Park in the 1800 block of Heights Boulevard, and includes a 5K Run, a 5K Walk and a Kids 1K race and — NEW this year — a certified 10K race!

Certified by both USA Track and Field and the USA Track and Field Gulf Coast Association, the 5K course, along scenic Heights Boulevard, will provide a run with a view. Individual 5K runners’ timing will be tracked with disposable timing chips and conducted by Run Wild Sports Timing. The Kids 1K race will not be timed. On race day, on-site registration will start at 6:15 AM, with the Fun Run starting at 7:30, the Walk at 7:35, and the Kids 1K at 8:30. But we encourage everyone to register before race day to avoid the lines!

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evening with our crime fighting professionals. Learn about crime statistics, tips to be safe, and membership in the HHA’s Constable Patrol Program. Officers from the Precinct 1 Constable’s Office, Houston Police Department, and Harris County Sheriff’s Office will be there.

July 10: “Heights Great American Pie Contest”

Bring your fresh baked pies to compete for prizes awarded by a panel of celebrity judges. Feast on the entries on this crowd-pleasing night of indulgence.
Spring Home & Garden Tour — Thank You!
by Jihye Deveau, Tour Chair

We want to express our sincerest gratitude for everyone who was involved in the 2017 Spring Home & Garden Tour. To all the homeowners — thank you for opening up your beautiful homes for so many to tour. They were all exceptional properties, and we received such excellent feedback. To all the docents — thank you for being the chief volunteer for each home and helping things to run so smoothly. To Kevin Chenevert, thank you so much for being the shuttle coordinator for this year's event. And to all the other volunteers — docents, ticket cashiers, and those on the HHA Board who volunteered for the weekend — Thank You! We are both so proud to be a part of such a wonderful community which includes not only beautiful homes, but wonderful people to volunteer with.

[Thank you, Jihye and John, for your work organizing the tour. – Editor]
Are You Called To Serve 2018 HHA Spring Fundraising?

The search begins...

Thanks to the work of a dedicated group of volunteers and the support of dozens of local businesses, the 2017 Candlelight Dinner & Auction and Spring Home & Garden Tour was a rousing success, having raised tens of thousands of dollars toward HHA programs and initiatives. This year’s emphasis at the Candlelight Dinner was on the fun side of fundraising, with spirited and engaging music from Austin’s Cap City Band, a lively live auction that had HPD Chief Art Acevedo making a cameo appearance and John Palmer on his feet selling his latest Heights-inspired work. Meanwhile, the Spring Home & Garden Tour as usual attracted thousands of Houstonians to marvel at the new and old hidden beauties in all corners of Houston Heights.

Unfortunately, the fun and excitement of this year’s events are now behind us, but on the bright side, that means we get to start planning once again for this celebrated weekend in the Heights. The search now begins for those who will lead the charge in 2018, making their mark on these cherished events and writing the next chapter of Heights history.

There are four main service positions to fill to continue this annual weekend of fundraising:

• Home Tour Chair — select featured homes, solicit head docents, tour promotion, tour operations
• Candlelight Dinner Chair — coordinate vendors and event production, oversee ticket sales and seating, procurement
• Live Auction Chair — secure live auction items, select auctioneer, set fundraising goal, auction operations
• Silent Auction Chair — secure silent auction items, auction operations, set fundraising goal

Each of these posts plays a vital role in the success of the Spring Home Tour as not only a fundraising effort but also a way of elevating the visibility of our neighborhood to the rest of the city of Houston. The Candlelight Dinner & Auction also provide an opportunity for the many local businesses who build the Heights life into their own brands to participate in our mission in a meaningful way. While these positions are labor-intensive, the commitment is relatively short-lived and provides an excellent opportunity for bonding with fellow HHA members. In addition, you get to place your imprint on these beloved fundraising events which have been so crucial to making the Heights what it is today, and will allow our neighborhood to continue to evolve and prosper moving forward. Younger members will find this to be great professional development, and recent retirees may find it a way to keep busy as they transition into the easy life!

The reality of these events is that they require strong leadership to remain cost- and time-effective. The HHA board has decided that if there is no strong interest in these positions by the end of May, the HHA will re-evaluate the place of the Candlelight Dinner & Spring Home Tour in our planning for 2018.

If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please email president@houstonheights.org with a brief statement of interest by May 31.

Help Wanted
Heights Fun Run

As described in the cover article, the 32nd Annual Heights Fun Run will take place on Saturday, June 3. We are looking for approximately 35 volunteers for the following:

• Help distribute marketing materials to Heights businesses prior to the race.
• Work registration tables, water stations, and the finish line on race day.
• Set up and take down tents, tables, and water stations on race day.

Volunteers have lots of fun and get a free t-shirt!!
To volunteer, please contact volunteer@houstonheights.org.
**HHA Loses Two Past Presidents**

In recent weeks, we have learned of the passing of two past Presidents and Citizens of the Year of the Houston Heights Association. Walter Workman, who served on the Board in the mid-1990s and as President in 1996, died on March 16 in Kerrville, Texas. Barthel “Bart” Truxillo first joined the Board in 1980 and served off and on until 2012, including two terms as President in 1985 and 1991; he died April 19 here in Houston. We will miss them both.

**Auction Donors**

Our thanks to these donors to the silent and live auctions.

- Armandos
- Bill Baldwin
- Blue Line Bicycle
- Buchanan’s Native Plants
- CAMIBAart
- Chief Art Acevedo
- Constable Alan Rosen
- Deer Lake Lodge
- Eclectic Home
- Friends of the Yale Bridge Bricks
- Gus & Sharon Kopriva
- Heights Theater
- HHA Board Members
- Jan Stephenson Designs
- Joe Zanone
- John Ross Palmer
- Joshua’s Native Plants
- Jubilee
- Kelly Simmons & Keith Crane
- Kenny & Marianne Terrell
- Liz Conces Spencer
- Manready Mercantile
- Martin Pike
- Natran
- Opera in the Heights
- Phillip Valt
- Randall Mosman
- Rich & Amanda Anhorn
- Studio Fitness in the Heights
- Sue Korthauer
- Summer & Bradley Smith
- The Wax and Relax Day Spa
- Todd August
- Wonderwild
- Zak Miano

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*Jeri and Walter Workman working the serving line at the 2000 Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner. Jerri and Walter were joint Citizens of the Year in 1997.*

*Bart Truxillo and fellow Past President Paul Carr rollerskating down Heights Boulevard during the Heights Festival in October 1991, part of the yearlong Centennial celebration of the founding of Houston Heights. (Photo supplied by Paul Carr.)*

*Bart bought this iconic original Houston Heights home in 1974, spent two years restoring it, called it home for over four decades, and opened it for many home tours over the years.*
Donations

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

- Rob & Erin Adamek
- Rod Anderson & Stephanie Horeis – Constable Patrol, Boulevard
- Matt Bedingfield – Boulevard
- Stephen Brossart & Gerrod George – Boulevard
- Kathy Butler & Don Sanders – Boulevard
- ENGIE North America
- Jen & Richard Garfield – Donovan Playground
- Judy Hauser – Flower Gardens
- Kim & Greg Kolanowski – Boulevard
- Georgina Lavallee – Park Maintenance
- Susan Luehr – Boulevard
- Kristin & Houston Netherland – Boulevard
- Katie Pearson & Chevron Matching Employee – Donovan Playground
- Post Oak High School – Boulevard
- Anne Sloan

In memory of Walter Workman

- Boulevard
- Janet & Tom Buchheit
- Sue Guidry & Red White
- Dub & Sharon Bartlett
- Phil Lightfoot
- Bob Frater & Kelly Thompson
- Ron & Eileen Reed, David & Ronnie Reed
- Anne & Ken Culotta
- Margaret Ingram

Heights Garden Club

May 13, 10:00 AM: Tour Donald Burger’s garden, 702 Mosby Circle

This location in the Heights exemplifies a Southern garden full of heirloom, native, and perennial plants that provide a habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees. The house is a Queen Anne style painted lady.

Along with over 100 antique and modern roses, the backyard garden includes a vegetable and herb garden, a rose-covered arbor, citrus and fruit trees, a cactus garden, beehives, and an outdoor garden railroad. There is also even a pond with a waterfall, bog, water lilies, and goldfish.

Yard of the Month — 1235 Harvard

Brooks and Vickie O’Hara purchased their beautiful 1905 double wraparound Victorian in 2012 and did a complete restoration of the home and garden area. In the front yard they have beds with mini holly bushes which are a concession to the oak tree roots. Other plantings include gardenias, azaleas, sculpted ligustrum, and perennials that work in the shade of the large oak trees fronting the house. The center walkway features a “water pump” fountain that flows into a 1800-era carved stone Chinese cattle trough.

This garden and home is one of the many reasons that makes living in the Heights special. Thank you to Joshua’s Native Plants and Gardens for this month’s gift certificate.

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

- Rob & Erin Adamek
- Ashley & Vincent Cuevas
- Larianna Dunn
- Marc & Taylore Elliott
- Bruce Foster
- Erin Garcia
- Grand Trunk, Belinda Neff
- Cindy & Derek Hoelscher
- Janine I. Iannarelli
- Deborah Kirkland
- Danie LaPace
- Belinda Neff
- Diandra Rhodes, Berkshire Hathaway HomeService Anderson Properties
- Robert & Gloria Smith
- Angela & Danny White
- Brian & Keri Wittpenn
- Kelly & Richard Zigler

May 14, Field trip to a daylily farm and a garden in Brazoria

The group will be touring the Garretts’ garden (full of daylilies) and going to Crainer’s Daylily farm, where you will see hundreds of varieties of daylilies for sale. Watch the Heights Garden Club website, Nextdoor, The Leader, and the Garden Club email blast for updates.
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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 jnjbloom@gmail.com or visit [http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecd](http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecd)

May 29, 12:00 PM, U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee will lead a Memorial Day Ceremony at the World War II Memorial on Heights Boulevard at 11th Street.

September 29 through October 7, Opera in the Heights presents Donizetti’s *La Fille du Régiment* (*The Daughter of the Regiment*) at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

November 10–18, Opera in the Heights presents Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

February 16–24, 2018, Opera in the Heights presents Verdi’s *Un Ballo in Maschera* (*Masked Ball*) 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...

July 15, Father-Daughter Dance

October 1, Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt

December 1-2, Holiday Home Tour [tentative dates]

December 12-13, Holiday Food Baskets

February 25, 2018, Awards Dinner

April 6–8, 2018, Spring Home & Garden Tour weekend [tentative dates]

June 2, 2018, 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 [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html)

The Live Auction at the 2017 Candlelight Dinner featured art pieces, bicycles, and other items.
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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](http://www.houstonheights.org)