Heights Fun Run — June 3

It’s almost time 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.

This annual family-friendly event begins and ends in 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 10K race!

The USA Track & Field certified course along scenic Heights Boulevard will provide a run with a view. Individual 5K and 10K runners’ timing will be tracked with disposable timing chips and conducted by Run Wild Sports Timing. The Kids 1K race will not be timed, nor will walkers.

The 5K Run will start at 7:30 AM, the 5K Walk at 7:35 AM, the 10K Run at 7:40 AM, and the Kids 1K at 8:30 AM.

After 8:00 AM, everyone is invited to the After-Race Party in the Park (always a good time!) which will include entertainment, door prizes, refreshments, and more. Awards will be presented starting around 9:00 to the top three males and females in 13 age groups, with all Kids Run participants receiving a medal at the finish line.

The 5K Fun Run & Walk is only $25 through May 30, the 10K race is $30, and the Kids 1K race is just $15. Registration fees increase after May 30.

To pre-register, visit www.houstonheights.org and click on the Heights Fun Run tile or go straight to https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/houston/HoustonHeights5KRun.

Packet pick-up and additional registration will be at OrangeTheory...
2017 Contest Details: Enter in either of two categories: Sweet or Savory. This year pies will be judged on these criteria: Crust, Filling, Presentation, Appearance, and Originality; additionally, each judge will have a “Wild Card.”

Everyone is invited to enter pies between 5:30 and 6:15 PM at the Fire Station. This year there will be more prizes, refreshments, and surprises. Once judged, pies will be cut and enjoyed by HHA members and guests.

2017 Heights Great American Pie Contest is co-chaired by Dewayne Ross and Angela DeWree. Volunteers are invited to join in the fun of registering and placing pie entries; please send email to volunteer@houstonheights.org if you are interested.

August 14: Living Well — Solutions for Seniors in the Heights

The Heights is a mosaic of new and old. Learn about solutions for seniors to live their best lives in the Heights.

Heights neighbor Cindy Devlin has assembled great resources for adapting homes for healthy living in place, delicious meal options, and representatives from Village in the Heights. Don’t miss this great meeting to learn about senior solutions for you, a loved one, or a nearby neighbor in need.

Watch for updates by email, on Facebook, and in the newsletter.

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Heights Garden Club
June 10: 1421 Columbia

This historic home was built in 1910, and originally was a one-story Victorian Cottage four-square, with a 14-foot-square room on each corner and an 8-foot hallway front to back. Later, in the 1920’s, the house was converted to a duplex until the 70s when it was transformed back into a single-family home.

When Anita Goff and Denise Martin bought the house in 1990, the house could not be seen from the street due to the overgrown plantings. Oleanders were planted along the back fence and came 16 feet into the back yard. The new owners’ remodeling and additions required recreating the back gardens and deck. The bricks from the walkway to the back were all pulled up, cleaned, and reinstalled. They are original pavers from the old Main Street bridge.

Last summer, Anita and Denise got tired of fighting the shade under the oak trees and trying to grow grass, so they reinvented the front yard to include shade plantings and a sitting area for a bench.

June Yard of the Month — 1128 Harvard

Melly Meadows brings a whimsical esthetic to her garden. Two of her garden beds are framed by charming vintage metal bed frames blanketed with flowers, ferns, and groundcovers that change character with the seasons. The flower beds on each side of the front walkway in the easement are anchored by two stately magnolias. A peek at her back yard reveals a life-size mural of a Victorian couple in a meadow of flowers painted on the side of the garage. A flower bed planted at the base of the mural extends the image into the yard.

We want to thank Zone 9 for the wonderful gift certificate honoring our June 2017 Yard of the Month.

Father-Daughter Date Night
The More, the Merrier!

Fathers and daughters, join us for an enchanted evening at the Heights Fire Station on Saturday, July 15 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. So that even more families are able to attend this special Father/Daughter Dance, inaugural ticket prices are now $75 per family.

The entertainment will include music, dancing, refreshments, a photo booth, and other additions to make the night truly memorable. We need dads and/or moms to volunteer time or resources to help with the planning for this special evening. Please reach out to Marc and Taylore Elliott at fatherdaughter@houstonheights.org to volunteer.

Tickets are limited, so be sure and reserve your spot for you and your “date,” daughters age 3 through 5th grade. Tickets are available on www.houstonheights.org.

Let’s make this a huge success and start a new annual Heights tradition. We look forward to this dance becoming an annual occasion to celebrate the special relationship between dads and daughters!
Historic District Design Guideline Community Meeting

On June 20, the first draft of the proposed Design Guidelines for the three Houston Heights Historic Districts will be presented at the historic Houston Heights City Hall & Fire Station by City of Houston staff members and consultants. Comments about the guidelines will be accepted at the meeting and for a few days afterwards.

As stated by the consultants preparing the guidelines, “The guidelines will help property owners interpret the requirements of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and will provide guidance regarding alterations and improvements. The standards established in the design guideline documents will assist in providing predictable review of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications by the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC).”

If you live in or own property in these districts, you owe it to yourself to learn how these guidelines may affect your home or business. You can do that by attending this meeting and/or reviewing the draft guidelines at the library or online.

The official announcement from the City to owners of property within the three Houston Heights Historic Districts is reproduced below.

Over the past 20 months, the City has worked closely with the community to develop design guidelines for the three Houston Heights Historic Districts (East, West, and South). We will present the draft Houston Heights design guidelines for your review at a community meeting, to be held on:

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 — 6:00–8:00 PM
The Heights Fire Station, 107 W. 12th St, Houston, Texas 77008
Please plan to join us!

The draft Houston Heights Historic Districts design guidelines will be available for your review for at least two weeks before the meeting, starting in early June. Hard copies will be available at the Heights Library reference desk, and an electronic version (PDF document) will be available online on the project webpage at [http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/HistoricPres/Design-Guidelines-Heights.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/HistoricPres/Design-Guidelines-Heights.html). We will collect comments at the meeting and afterward through Sunday, June 25.

Please send questions or comments to steph.mcdougal@houstontx.gov or Steph McDougal, Attn: Planning Department, P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 72251-1562.

Following the June 20 meeting, the consultants will complete the Design Guidelines for the Houston Heights (East, West, and South) Historic Districts and deliver the final draft to the City Planning Department in early August. You will have the opportunity to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Design Guidelines at public hearings during meetings of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission and the Houston City Council. You will receive written notice at least two weeks prior to those meetings.

For questions or comments, please contact Steph McDougal at 832-393-6541 or steph.mcdougal@houstontx.gov.
New Trail Connection Proposed

The bicycle lanes on Heights Boulevard may soon get a safer connection to the White Oak Bayou Greenway Trail as part of a current Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) project, as attendees at the May 8 general meeting learned. The plan is to build a short trail on the north side of the eastbound I-10 feeder road to provide a connection from Heights Blvd to the Yale Street Bridge’s wide sidewalk crossing White Oak Bayou and then onto the bayou trail. To make this connection clearer, Bike Houston suggested, and TxDOT is interested in, adding wayfinding under the I-10 bridge on the west side of Heights and adding green striping at the crosswalks of the feeder roads. Houston Parks Board also offered to provide signs similar to their bayou trail signs.

Representatives from TxDOT and Bike Houston presented the plan along with illustrations of similar projects in other areas. This would be the first time TxDOT uses green paint at crosswalks, which has been shown to increase visibility to make walking and bicycling safer. TxDOT wanted to check in with the community to make sure they are supportive of the green paint. The proposal was warmly received by the audience.

Riders coming south on Heights Blvd would find a choice after crossing the north feeder road: continue south in the existing bike lane or veer right on a diagonal path under the main lanes of the freeway to reach a new short trail behind the new trees along the south feeder road to Yale. At Yale, an augmented crosswalk would lead them to and across the bridge to the recently added ramp and connection to the bayou trail.

For questions or comments about the proposed project, contact ana.ramirezHuerta@txdot.gov or jwiggins@bikehouston.org.
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- Janet Youngker — Flower Gardens

New Members

Please welcome these members to the Houston Heights Association.

- Matthew Arp & Bret Taylor
- Steve Baker
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Fitness at Sawyer Yards, 2313 Edwards St., Suite 135 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2. We encourage all registered runners to swing by and pick up their race bibs and T-shirts on Thursday and Friday; this will help ensure that we can start our races on time and provide a smooth and pleasant experience for all on race morning. On race day, on-site registration will start at 6:15 AM.

Keep up with the race and PLEASE help us spread the word by liking and sharing on Facebook, www.facebook.com/HeightsFunRun.

If you’d like to volunteer to help with this fun event, email volunteer@houstonheights.org.
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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)

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).

### At The Properties

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

**Historic Districts Workshop**

June 20, 6:00–8:00 PM, City of Houston Department of Planning & Development holds its fourth Phase 1 Historic Districts Community Workshop at the Heights Fire Station. [See page 4.]

### 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)

### Future History

**Beyond the calendar grid...**

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]

*Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo at the May general meeting.*
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