Pie!
The second annual Heights Great American Pie Contest at the July 10 monthly meeting was a big hit with the crowd. How could it not be? The crowd got to devour all of the entries after the judges shared a slice of each.

Without further ado, congratulations to the winners:

**Savory Pies**
#1 Kris O’Brien — “Chicken Curry Pie”
#2 Jenn Allen — “Tomato Pie”
#3 Maureen Demar Hall — “Zucchini Pie”

**Sweet Pies**
#1 JoNell Gerland — “Buttermilk Pie”
#2 Yvonne Cusgrove — “Strawberry Rhubarb”
#3 Amy Alexander — “Chocolate Whiskey Pecan Pie”

Thanks to all of the entrants for participating. Thanks to our celebrity judges Greg Buchold, Ken Bridge, Levi Rollins, and Victor Garay and to our community judges Julie Pettit and an anonymous new Heights resident fresh from a European adventure tasting pie. Thanks to co-chairs Dewayne Ross and Angela DeWree for organizing the event and for providing décor, prizes, and props.

For more information and many more photos, visit the Facebook page for the event: “2017 Heights Great American Pie Contest”.

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**MONTHLY MEETING & HAPPY HOUR**

Meet new neighbors and friends on the second Monday of the month at the Houston Heights Fire Station, 12th at Yale. The socializing starts at 6:30 PM; the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

**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, whether they would like to remain in their homes or require the safety and personal care from a special community.

Heights neighbor Cindy Devlin has assembled great resources for adapting homes for healthy living in place, delicious meal options, and representatives from senior living organizations in the area. (See page 2.) Don’t miss this great meeting to learn about senior solutions for yourself, a loved one, or a nearby neighbor in need.

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August 14 Speakers

- Liz McNeel, a Certified Senior Housing Specialist with Keller Williams.
- Milton and Marilou Schopper, the owners of Encore Caregivers, a family-owned and operated home care business rooted in Houston
- Cindy Devlin RN, Community Liaison with Encore Caregivers
- Margarita Guzman of The Village of The Heights, an assisted living and memory care community located in the Heights
- Edward Esguerra of AutumnGrove Cottage, an assisted living community specializing in care for senior adults with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia-related illnesses

Meet the experts during the mix & mingle with refreshments starting at 6:30 PM. The meeting and program begin at 7:00 PM. Very special thanks to HHA member Cindy Devlin who has assembled great door prizes to be given away during the meeting. Everyone is invited to meet new neighbors and make new friends. Visit the Houston Heights Association’s welcome table to learn about HHA - its parks, the Fire Station, and getting involved with HHA fun-raisers!
Heights Garden Club Updates

August Yard of the Month: 1539 Rutland

Scott and Kelli John were newcomers to The Heights when they moved onto Rutland Street just before Christmas in 2014. With their two kids grown and almost through college, Scott thought a shorter commute to work would enhance the enjoyment of their empty nest, and the Heights afforded access to an irresistible world of diverse neighbors, shopping, and dining. Within months of moving in, the Johns retained Moss Landscaping to develop a new design.

Drawing inspiration from the gardens they experienced while living in Surrey, England, the Johns were looking for variety without too much regimentation. The front of the house features flagstone steps between the entry sidewalk and a car park where a smattering of rosemary, lantana, Belinda’s dream roses, foxtail ferns, and caladiums create an inviting look.

Behind a brick and wrought iron fence, the Johns fashioned a small lawn and courtyard where they spend many mornings and evenings over a meal. Dwarf Mondo grass accents the flagstone steps leading through a Wisteria-covered arbor to the courtyard, where more than two dozen varieties of plants create a semi-private setting. A wooden fence covered in jasmine and a few redbuds and crape myrtles provide the framing for the courtyard and garden. To create a visual and audible accent, a three-tiered water fountain sits just off the courtyard by the house.

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

August Craft Event: August 15 at the Fire Station

We are very excited about our craft event this year. We will be making “garden flowers” out of plates, bowls, and other found objects. There will be sandwiches, assorted snacks, and drinks.

This is a RSVP only event! In order to have enough material on hand, we require a head count. No one under the age of 12, please. Please RSVP by Aug 12.

There is more information on our website www.heightsgardenclub.com.

2017 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 Blvd and 18th on Sunday, October 1.

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 the Heights and surrounding neighborhoods or a shorter 5-mile ride designed for children and their adult companions — or do both.

Schedule for the day:
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. For more information, visit www.houstonheights.org and click on the Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt Tab or call 713-861-4002, option 6.
**Director Election Schedule**

Five of the fifteen positions on the HHA Board of Directors will be filled by election over the next few months. All five positions are open due to normal expiration of terms. The five nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms. See the right column for a list of current Directors.

The schedule for the election of Directors to serve terms starting in 2018 will be as follows, in accordance with the By-Laws and Policies of the Association.

- September 11 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 13, 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 15), 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 9 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 13), 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 11, at the close of the U. S. Post Office, with control numbers intact.
  - November 13, 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.

**HHA Directors**

Bill Baldwin (2018)  
Matt Bedingfield (2017)  
Neal Cannon (2019)  
Kevin Chenevert (2019)  
Sharon Dearman (2018)  
Angela Dewree (2018)  
Laura Menefee (2017)  
Damian Ogier (2018)  
Danae Stephenson (2019)  
Kenny Terrell (2017)  
Carol Welter (2017)  
Heather Williams (2019)  
Mark Williamson (2019)  
Robert Woods (2017)  
(The year each Director’s term expires is in parentheses.)

**2017 Officers**

President: Bill Baldwin  
President-Elect: **  
Secretary: Allison Witt  
Treasurer: Matt Bedingfield  
VP of Communications: Sharon Dearman  
VP of Community Affairs: Mark Williamson  
VP of Community Relations: Laura Menefee  
VP of Finance & Operations: Damian Ogier  
VP of Fundraising & Special Events: Danae Stephenson & Kenny Terrell  
VP of Properties: Jim Bennett  
** Bill Baldwin serves as both President and President-Elect in 2017. The Board decided that the longer term will ensure continuity of leadership and allow sufficient time to make the association and community improvements planned over the next two years.
Cohen Plaza Update

As you may have noticed in your travels down Heights Boulevard and Eleventh Street, the expansion and beautification of Carl & Melvalene Cohen Plaza is well under way!

HHA President Bill Baldwin conceived the project earlier this year as a way to keep the preserved Yale Street Bridge circa 1931 buffalo brick here in the Heights in a meaningful way. He is happy to report that it is on target for a September 2017 completion. The project continues to be an exceptionally collaborative public-private partnership among a wide array of City partners and neighborhood organizations. The work on the plaza is entirely financed by private funds raised through the Friends of the Yale Bridge Bricks campaign, so it will bear no expense to the City of Houston or the Houston Heights Association.

Most recently, Bill has secured a “mini-mural” by a Heights artist (to be announced this month) in partnership with the office of Mayor Pro Tem and District C Council Member Ellen Cohen. He is working with Centerpoint to consolidate the electric poles at the intersection, which will not only beautify but also increase visibility.

Mr. Baldwin also notes that, at Mrs. Cohen’s request, any future signage and identification of the plaza shall read “Carl & Melvalene,” with the late Mr. Cohen’s name to appear first. See at right a color rendering of the revamped plaza, and stay tuned this Fall for a dedication ceremony and unveiling.

New Members

Please welcome these members to the Houston Heights Association.

Nicole Alcock
David & Krista Baldwin
Craig & Karen Barnhart
John & Karen Blackburn
Blast Trash Can Cleaners,
John Mixon
Tom & Eloise Byrd
Mary Grace Carter
Caslin Gregory & Associates,
Diane Gregory
Sudeepa Chakrabarti
Benjamin & Bhavana Chapman

Donations

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

Blair & Jeffrey Ainsworth – Donovan Playground
Donna & Mike Andrich
Nicole Alcock – Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station,
Donovan & Marmion Parks
Enrique & Allessandra Albin – Boulevard
Fred & Dielle Barrera – Donovan Playground
Benita & Bob Bordieri – Donovan Playground
Craig & Maura Cannon – Boulevard
Charlotte Christmas – Flower Gardens
Mitch & Kelley Dalton – General Operating
Caslin Gregory & Associates – Boulevard, Flower Gardens
Brent & Kelly Collins – Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens
Stephen & Brittany Frazier
Herve & Caroline Gilbert – Boulevard, Flower Gardens

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Charlo Chase & Mark Peterson
Brittney Chiappinelli
Randall Clark
Brent & Kelly Collins
Amy & Jim Colville
Megan Coody
Mitch & Kelly Dalton
Amos & Jeanne Davis
Russell Denson
Robert Eichenlaub
Erin Thole, Natural Healthcare Practioner
John Evans & Samantha Speakmon
Glenn Falluca
Valerie Foulkes
Stephen & Brittany Frazier
Janis & Daniel Fridie
Gina & Nicholas Geohegan
Garrett & Stephanie Gremillion
Gutfranski Advisory, LLC, John Gutfranski & Lauren Miller
Tom & Janice Hall
David Haseltine
Peggy Heeg
Glenn Helwig & JR Rust
Angela & Marshall Horton
Gigi Jensen
Louie & Margaret Layrisson
Cecilia Lowder
Andrew Lucas
Raphael Madrigal
Matthew & Emiesia Martin
Matthew Matusek
Derek Olson
One World Travel Destinations, Ken Barnes
Nan Parsley
Andrew Pearce & Maria Vizcaino
Matt & Maria Perkins

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Irma & Kirk Girouard – Boulevard, Flower Gardens
Eileen Gradwohl – Boulevard
Garrett & Stephanie Gremillion
Charles & Jaclyn Harrison – Parks
Victoria Harrison – Boulevard, Flower Gardens
Peggy Heeg
Donald & Madeline Henderson – General Operating
Richard Johnston
Kathy Lami – Flower Gardens
Cecilia Lowder
David Martinez & Cecilia Deesesarte – Parks
Mitch & Sue McFarland – Boulevard, Fire Station
Patrick Nguyen & Javier Garcia – Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens, Boulevard
Derek Olson – General Operating
Marcia Pampe – Parks & Boulevard
Robert Park – General Operating
Katie Pearson & Chevron Matching Employee Funds
Miles & Maria Perkins – Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Donovan Playground, General Operating
Paul & Joanna Phillips
Clay & Barb Robinson – General Operating
David Rudolph & Pamela Mahan-Rudolph
John & Susan Selman
Mary Widner – Boulevard, Flower Gardens
David & Joyce Worthington – Boulevard, Flower Gardens

Precision Surfaces Int’l, Inc., David Fitzgerald
Eduardo Quiroz
Nicole & Stuart Rathe
Misti Rel
Alasdair Roberts & Susan Daker
Marc & Soraida Sallette
John & Susan Selman
Lisa & John Simmons

Holly Sothen
Tera & Jason Starr
Texas Premier Mortgage, Danny Tyroch
Audie & Becky Valls
Josh Wharton
Trent Williams
Taryn Wright
Marielle & Timur Yilmaz
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### Community Calendar

**Events planned by other community organizations**

- First and third Thursdays, 7:15 PM, English Country Dancing in the Heights. Newcomers welcome. For more information, email jnjbloom@gmail.com or visit [www.hatds.org/ecd.php](http://www.hatds.org/ecd.php)

- September 29, the Greater Heights Area Chamber of Commerce presents “A Night at the Oscars” at the Heights Theater. For information, visit [www.heightschamber.org](http://www.heightschamber.org).

- September 29 through October 7, Opera in the Heights presents Donizetti’s *La Fille du Règiment (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).

### Neighborhood News

A group of neighbors is working hard to build a swim club right here in the Heights. Heights Swim & Social Club is a new 501(c)7 non-profit organization established by neighborhood volunteers to build a quality aquatics facility for Heights families. The club already has over one hundred families signed up as Founding Members and is looking for more. If you are interested in learning more about the club or signing up, details can be found at [heightsswimclub.org](http://heightsswimclub.org).

### 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]
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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>