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 Street 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 begins — 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. To register or find 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 remaining 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.

- 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.

[See page 3 for candidate statements.]

Save the Date for Holiday Fun

Save the date for the Holiday Patron Party: Thursday, November 30. Bradley Smith, co-owner and manager of Smith Family Homes, has graciously offered his home for the festivities. Libations and light bites will be served.

This event will replace the Holiday Home Tour out of respect for those who lost their homes as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Look for more details about the Patron Party as they are announced on www.houstonheights.org, in the November newsletter, and on Facebook.

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Candidate Statements

Rick Castagno
I have lived in the Heights community since 2013. I have been active in the community volunteering as a docent during the Spring home show and attending/contributing to various charity events. I love the Heights history and believe we should preserve its character while moving into the 21st century.

Marc Elliott
My wife, Taylore, and I moved to the Heights in 2008. We started our family a few years later and consider it an immense privilege to continue to live and raise our family in this community. I want to get more involved and encourage others to do the same.

Kenny Terrell
It has been an honor to serve the community of The Heights for the past three plus years and I look forward to another term. My philosophy as a board member is to make our already successful events even more exciting in order to engage our newer neighbors.

Carol Welter
I have been a resident of the Heights for 11 years. I’ve served on various Committees (Spring Home Tour, Patron Party, Holiday Home, Fun Run, Bike Rally, Membership Committee, Board Secretary, Board Member) and received the Rising Star Award in 2013 and the Marcella Perry Award in 2015.

Dawnia Willis
I’ve been actively engaged in the community since 2010. Even during my travels abroad, I’ve remained engaged. I feel that it’s important to give back, and strive to make our wonderful community even better. Being a member of the board would give me the opportunity to be more directly involved.

New Members
Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.
Ricky Cummings
John & Kelly Meyers
David & Paige Morse
Gerald Murphy & Hilary Peterson
Siobhan Ray

General Meetings from page 1
Heights eateries. Meet your business community at this annual event.
December 11: The Heights Gingerbread House Design Competition
A gingerbread house contest, holiday entertainment and fare, and a toy drive. Everyone is invited.
Greater Heights neighbors are invited to submit “serious” Gingerbread House constructions to be judged by a celebrity panel of visionary judges in the fields of homes, design, and architecture including Bill Baldwin, Brett Zamore, Sam Gianukos, Ken Newberry, and Debra Broman. It’s free to enter and to attend. All gingerbread constructions will be returned to their baker-architects at end of the evening.
There will be light holiday entertainment and performances from Heights area kids. Holiday refreshments and edible gingerbread will be served courtesy of the Houston Heights Association.
Guests are invited to bring a new toy to donate to Constable Alan Rosen’s annual Toy Drive. More to come...
Everyone is invited to attend on the second Monday of every month. Come and meet new neighbors and friends! Watch for updates by email, on Facebook, and in the newsletter.
Post-Harvey Heavy Trash and Recycling Notes

The City of Houston announced, “Yard, junk, and tree waste collections will be suspended until further notice due to the need of extra personnel for debris collection related to disaster recovery.” and “Curbside single stream recycling collection will be suspended until further notice. Customers may bring recyclables to neighborhood depository locations or the Westpark Recycling Center.” See www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/press-08302017b.html for information on storm debris, heavy trash, garbage, and recycling. See www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/press-09052017.html for information about extended hours for drop-off facilities.

When Service Resumes

The normal 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

Donations

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

Lee Bar-Eli & Cliff Nash – Donovan Playground, Boulevard
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Mark & Stacey Courville – Donovan Playground, Boulevard
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Britt & Sharon Dearman – Flower Gardens
Josh & Lisa Ecroyd
Anita Goff & Denise Martin – Boulevard
April & Randy Johnson – Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens
Juan & Alejandria Lopez – Flower Gardens
Maria & Mike Onufrow – Parks
Tomas & Rachel Paez
Chris & Jen Pipkin – Boulevard
Karen Selmo – Parks
Les Shireman & Vickie Longwill – Boulevard
Charles Steinmiller – Boulevard
Diane & David Stotz – Boulevard
Troy Troxell
Meredith & Matt Villere – Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens, Boulevard

Heights Garden Club

Garden Tour – 414 W. 13th

Our September tour was postponed to October 14 at 10:00 AM to give the garden a little time to recover from the hurricane. Sarah and Rich Doty are a long-time Heights couple who recently updated their garden. Low maintenance is important to them both. Sarah and Rich also wanted a garden along the side of their home that would attract birds and pollinators. This space was turned into a “Pollinators Cafe.”

The plants are mostly native, and something is meant to be in flower most of the year. Copies of the design and plant list will be available the day of the tour, and Shawn and Laurin of Ravenscourt Landscaping and Design will be there to answer your questions.

Sept./Oct. Yard of the Month

We are again featuring Sasha and Lance Grover’s garden at 204 E. 25th St, as with Harvey affecting all of us in one way or another we felt we didn’t give their yard [at left] the attention it should have. For details, see our September issue at www.houstonheights.org/newsletter/2017/09/HHA201709.pdf
### 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 injbloom@gmail.com or visit www.hatds.org/ecd.php.

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.

### At The Properties

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

#### Skyline Screamers

October 28, 7:00–9:00 PM, Houston Storytellers Guild presents its annual free ghost story performance at Marmion Park. Bring your blankets or folding chairs, bug spray and snacks, and a flashlight to light your way home.

#### White Oak Bayou Association

November 14, 6:00–8:30 PM, White Oak Bayou Association holds its Annual Meeting at the Heights Fire Station. Presentation at 7:00 PM “Review of the White Oak Bayou Federal Project” by Gary Sika of Harris County Flood Control. RSVP to Whiteoakbayouassociation@gmail.com, questions to tomigall2@gmail.com.

#### Photos With Santa

December 2, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, John Daugherty, Realtors and the Houston Heights Association are once again hosting Photos with Santa in Donovan Park.

### Future History

Beyond the calendar grid...

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]

October 7, 2018, Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt [tentative date]

November 30 & December 1, 2018, Holiday Home Tour [tentative dates]

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