Join us for the 2017 HHA Mistletoe and Martinis Holiday Party!

This year the event will be held at the exquisite custom home of Summer and Bradley Smith at 1031 Harvard. The evening will include libations, light bites provided by the delicious Field and Tides Restaurant and Bar, music, silent and live auctions, and yes, martinis! Join us as we support the Houston Heights Association and all they did for the neighborhood in 2017! Tickets are $100 per person and include a special edition HHA Ornament. The event will be Thursday, November 30, 6:30-9:00 PM. Ticket sales going live soon!

No Holiday Home Tour

The Houston Heights Association will not host a Holiday Home Tour this year out of respect for those who lost their homes as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those families.

Cohen Plaza Rededication

The newly expanded and renamed Carl and Melvalene Cohen Plaza, located on the Heights Boulevard esplanade just north of 11th Street, will be rededicated on Saturday, November 18, at 10:00 AM.

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Heights Urbanites

The next Urbanites (the social group of the HHA) meet-up will be at Better Luck Tomorrow, located at 544 Yale Street, November 9, 5:30-8:00 PM. Join us to get to know your neighbors and kick back!

Art on the Boulevard Project

You’ll likely see 2017’s Art on the Boulevard leaving soon! The sculptures from this year’s installation, Art Trek, will be available for purchase following the exhibit by contacting Gus Kopriva at gakopriva@aol.com or 713-854-4246.

Planning for the 2018 Art on the Boulevard Installation is well underway! Sara Kelner of the Houston Arts Alliance will be the curator for the 2018 installation. Sponsorship opportunities starting at $1,000 are available to support this project. Sponsorship includes recognition and a special invitation to the Kickoff Party (scheduled for Spring 2018).

This year’s party will be held at the home of Bill Baldwin at 205 Bayland, and there will be a special art exhibition at the party. More details to come, but for any questions, contact the 2018 Art on the Boulevard Chair, Kenny Terrell at kenny@yourblvd.com. Photos by Gary Griffin

The Houston Heights Association gratefully acknowledges the support of our Autumn 2017 Sponsors:

Platinum

General Meetings from page 1 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.

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Holiday Food Basket Schedule

The Heights Rotary Club and the Houston Heights Association annually underwrite, prepare, and distribute food baskets to local families in need. These families are chosen by area charities. You can help assemble and distribute the goodies on December 12 & 13.

One hundred baskets (actually sets of six bags) will be assembled on the first floor of the Fire Station (12th & Yale) on the evening of Tuesday, December 12, starting at 5:00 PM. Volunteers will be sorting bulk groceries among the baskets for about two hours; come by whenever you can. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to give back to the community.

Delivery starts after lunch (approximately 11:30) on Wednesday, December 13. Come by the Fire Station to pick up a set of bags and the name and address of a family to receive them; if you have a large car or van, pick up several! Delivery should be completed that afternoon. If you are interested in lunch, plates are available for $10 (cash only) beginning at 11:00 AM. Typically, delivering baskets to three families takes about an hour.

This is a great way for the whole family to volunteer some time to a very worthy cause. Previous participants can assure you, the smile and sometimes joyous tears on the recipients’ faces makes the true meaning of this holiday season quite memorable.

Please help us make the holidays brighter for local families in need. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours of time or would like to learn more about this project, contact Scott Lester at 281-894-3270 or scott.lester@allegiancebank.com.

Happy Holidays!

Local Option Election, Round Two

On November 7, registered voters living within the boundaries of the former City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 will again be considering a possible change to the “dry laws.” Voters in the area will determine through a local option election if they are for or against “the legal sale of mixed beverages” within the current “dry area” of Houston Heights.

The Houston Heights Association takes no position on this issue.

According to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission website (https://www.tabc.texas.gov/local_option_elections/election_issues.asp), there are 10 distinct issues which can be put to a vote through a local option election. The issue currently on the ballot pertains to sales of “beer, malt liquor, wine and distilled spirits in a bar or restaurant.” Bars and restaurants in the “dry area” are currently allowed to sell alcoholic beverages through the TABC private club process.

During a local option election held last year, residents voted to allow “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.” This allows for the sale of “beer, malt liquor and wine in a grocery or convenience store.” Prior to the 2016 local option election vote, grocery and convenience stores were not allowed to sell these items within the “dry area.”

To determine if the local option election, City of Houston Proposition F, will be on your ballot, you can view your sample ballot at www.harrisvotes.com. This site also provides information on your polling location and early voting locations. Early voting continues through November 3.
Heights Garden Club Updates

November Yard Of The Month - 456 W 24th Street

Stacy and Kay Sutter moved to their home in August 2006. The house came with “professional landscaping,” which consisted of a few azaleas and a crepe myrtle. It also had a small building in the back between the house and garage, leaving a very small space for yard.

Shortly after they moved in, they moved the extra building and started putting in beds. Stacy and Kay both love a little dirt therapy.

Stacy designed and built the Koi pond, which they have filled with Butterfly Koi and water lilies. Kay spends most of her free time digging in the beds that now surround the house. They try to keep something flowering for the bees and butterflies and moving water for other yard wildlife.

Several years ago, they had the opportunity to take over the lot next door. They had the lot graded, laid sod, and built the fence. This area is still their work in progress, but they will work it in pieces.

Thank you to Zone 9 Tropicals for providing the gift certificate for November.

November Garden Tour - November 11 at 10:00 AM,
Bonnie Brae Median Garden and Mandell Park

We will be venturing outside the Heights to Montrose to visit the esplanade on Bonnie Brae at Yaupon. Willem Kegge has transformed the narrow median into a garden for pollinators and children. Willem will explain how he turned the hard-packed clay into soft loam over time and on a shoe string budget.

Afterward we will go down to the other end of the block to visit the newly transformed Mandell Park. This volunteer-maintained park hosts a small pocket prairie garden, vegetable gardens, and several bioswales to contain and utilize excess rainwater.

Harvest Potluck – November 15 at the Fire Station

Come join us for our Harvest Potluck on November 15 at 7:00 PM at the Heights Fire Station at 12th and Yale. Turkey and libations provided; bring a side or dessert. There will also be door prizes.

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

Richard Alvarado
Elizabeth & Daniel Boston
Kelley Clark
Encore Caregivers,
    Marilou Schopper
Kimberly Hebert
Mary Louise & Ben Lapane
John Longobardi
Martinez Firm, PLLC -
    Samantha Martinez
Pedro Palomino
Erin Parker
Sylvanus Polky
William Pribyl
Cecillia Boyne Schuh
Rob & Eileen Scott
Testa Law Group,
    Nicholas Testa
Bicycle Rally Scenes

The 2017 Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt was held on October 1. It was a nice day, and riders enjoyed a fine ride while seeking the answers to the scavenger hunt clues provided.

At the party after the ride, the winners of the scavenger hunt were announced and numbers were drawn for door prizes. Riders and others enjoyed hot dogs, ice cream, and other treats. Children played in a bouncy house shaped like a dragon head.

Thanks to Hannah & Bill White and all their volunteers for putting on the event. Thanks also to the donors of the door prizes and all those organizations that set up tents and displays at Marmion Park.

Community Dances in the Heights

There are some great opportunities every week to meet people and move to music. Dancing is good for your brain and good for your body and good for your soul.

Traditional Dancing

The Houston Area Traditional Dance Society (HATDS) runs two types of dances in the parish hall of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Both are accessible to beginners. If you can walk, you can do these dances. No partner is needed. The environment is smoke-free, alcohol-free, fragrance-free, safe, and family-friendly.

HATDS holds Contra dances on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, with a beginner session starting at 7:15. Contra dance is a type of American social dancing with roots in English, Scottish, and Irish traditions. A caller teaches the figures of each dance before it begins, then cues the dancers the first several times through the dance. Contra dances are done to live music, and the room is full of energy.

HATDS holds English Country Dances on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. English Country dancing has beautiful melodies and a wide variety of tempos and orchestrations. Like Contra, every dance is taught before the music starts, and then called to remind people of the patterns while dancing.

See https://www.hatds.org for more information, or email jnjbloom@gmail.com.

International Folk Dancing

The Houston International Folk Dancers has two dances every single week, doing dances from Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Turkey, and many other countries.

The Monday session in the Heights is at Oddfellows Hall, 115 E 14th St., with beginning and intermediate level dances. All are carefully taught. Newcomers welcome, no partner needed. Admission is $4 donation.

There is also Friday night request dancing open to all, but with no teaching and including more complex dances. It is at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5200 Fannin.

For more information, see http://www.folkdancers.org.

Recycling Resumes in November

*information from the City of Houston*

The Solid Waste Management has announced that curbside recycling collection will resume starting the week of November 13. For most of the HHA service area, that means our first pickup should be on Thursday, November 16. Heavy Trash collection remains suspended.

The City’s press release continues, “Place GREEN CART at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Visit our website for information on schedules and items accepted in your recycling GREEN CART.

“As curbside recycling collection reboots, customers are encouraged to place only the following items in their green recycling carts: paper, cardboard, clean food cartons, plastic containers #1-5 and #7, aluminum cans and bimetal cans. Customers are also reminded that glass is not accepted in the curbside containers, but can be recycled at all City recycling drop-off locations.”

View the full text of the City’s press release at [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/harvey_10242017.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/harvey_10242017.html).

Donations

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

Jeff & Ashley Day — Donovan Playground
Tom Gall — Fire Station Restoration
Carol Gardner & Miguel Mednez — Parks
William & Merin Guthrie — Flower Gardens
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Home Turf Texas Landscape & Design — Flower Gardens
Houston Heights Woman’s Club Evening Group — Cohen Plaza
Randal & Barbara Jones
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Karen Derr - Boulevard
David King — Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration
Alan Lafieri & Rodney Medina — Boulevard
Katherine & Colin Langston — Flower Gardens
Michelle McNutt & Billy Gill — Parks
Kyle & Emily Miller — Donovan Playground, Boulevard
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Jim & Doris Murdock — Flower Gardens
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John Rogers & Suzanne Labarthe - Boulevard
Carolyn & Glen Severs — Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration
Jennifer Smart — Flower Gardens
Catherine Smith — Fire Station Restoration, Boulevard
John & Kim Tipton — Boulevard
Loring White & Susan Guidry — Boulevard

Cohen Plaza from page 1

Community partners and elected city officials who were involved in the expansion will be on hand for the rededication.

This cherished community site was founded as a space for cultural and greenspace appreciation with the installation of the Lombard Lamp in 1979, one of five gifted to the United States by the City of Hamburg, Germany. It was dedicated as the Melvalene and Carl Cohen Plaza in 1999. Now, it is among the most highly visible corners of the Heights and will be a fitting symbol of the neighborhood’s deep regard for its history even as it evolves.

The ceremony will be modeled after the original dedication with a flag ceremony by Boy Scouts Troop 63, as well as remarks from Mayor Sylvester Turner. The ceremony will be open to the public.
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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](mailto:jnjbloom@gmail.com) or visit [www.hatds.org/ecd.php](http://www.hatds.org/ecd.php).

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**

**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](mailto:Whiteoakbayouassociation@gmail.com), questions to [tomgall2@gmail.com](mailto:tomgall2@gmail.com).

**Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council**

November 28, 6:30-8:30 PM, GHSNC holds its quarterly meeting at the Heights Fire Station. Meeting opens with a presentation on cooperation between City and County by Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan.

**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...**

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 29, 2018, Patron Party [tentative date]

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

December 11-12, 2018, Holiday Food Baskets [tentative dates]
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HHA headquarters: The Fire Station is on the corner of Yale and 12th Streets. HHA website: [http://www.houstonheights.org](http://www.houstonheights.org)