Community Improvement Awards
Submit your nomination now!

Every year, the Houston Heights Association selects four recently completed construction projects around our area that have improved the appearance, historic feel, and function of the neighborhood. Nominations are made by friends and neighbors.

This is where we need your help: please take a look around and send in a nomination when you think “Wow, look at that new or renovated house or business — it makes the Houston Heights an even better place than it was before.” The four categories are: Commercial New Construction, Commercial Renovation, Residential New Construction, and Residential Renovation.

We will be accepting nominations through January 12, 2018. The Nomination Form is in the print edition of this newsletter and on the HHA website at www.houstonheights.org/pdf/17CIAform.pdf. Again this year, we are also accepting online submissions; visit www.houstonheights.org/html/com_community.html for the new electronic submission option!

Finalists will be selected based on the Nomination Form and before and after exterior photographs. The judges will personally view all the Finalist properties, and the winners will be selected. All Finalists will be invited to the HHA Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner in February, when the winners will be announced. Reminder: the judges can only consider exterior improvements!

Next time you see a special home or business that was recently renovated or constructed, one that makes you slow down and say, “Now that’s a nice change!” please send it in. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing to celebrate the great things that our neighbors are doing to make the Heights an even better place to live!

Watch for an all-new newsletter next month.

New format, new delivery method, new Editor. See page 3.
Election Results

The Election Committee tabulated the ballots and announced the results during the November 13 meeting.

Joining the HHA Board in January for three-year terms are Rick Castagno, Marc Elliott, and Dawnia Willis. Kenny Terrell and Carol Welter were returned for three additional years. Our thanks to all of them for their willingness to serve in 2018 through 2020.

The complete 2018 Board is listed at right. The Officers for 2018 will be elected at the new Board’s organizational meeting.

Matt Bedingfield, Laura Menefee, and Robert Woods come to the end of their terms this month. Thanks also to them for their service.

HHA Directors 2018

Bill Baldwin (2018)
Neal Cannon (2019)
Rick Castagno (2020)
Kevin Chenevert (2019)
Sharon Dearman (2018)
Angela DeWree (2018)
Marc Elliott (2020)
Damian Ogier (2018)
Danae Stephenson (2019)
Kenny Terrell (2020)
Carol Welter (2020)
Heather Williams (2019)
Mark Williamson (2019)
Dawnia Willis (2020)
(The year each Director’s term expires is in parentheses.)

General Meeting from page 1

Newberry, and Brett Zamore. 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!

Help Wanted!

Several HHA events and committees do not yet have chairs for 2018. If you know of someone who would be qualified and willing to lead one of the following committees, or if you yourself would be willing and able, please contact President@houstonheights.org.

- Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt (held in October)
- Holiday Patron Party (next December before the home tour)
- Sponsorship
- Volunteer Coordinator

Inserts

If you are viewing this issue online, you can get copies of the inserts to the paper edition online also.

- Constable Patrol
- Community Improvement
  www.houstonheights.org/pdf/17CIAtlantaform

Newsletter Changes

by Mark Williamson, Editor

One of the changes you should be seeing in the next month or so is a new format for the newsletter, intended for mostly electronic delivery and compatible with a new website design. A new Editor will be taking over the reins in January.

Kathleen and I have created most HHA newsletters since 1995. Thank you for your support over the years.

We aren’t going away. I'll still be on the Board, and we will be active in other ways yet to be determined.
Donations

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

Rich & Amanda Anhorn — Boulevard
Anittra & Tom Brod — Boulevard
Richard & Laura Brown — Boulevard
Jane Bryant — Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens
Kathy Butler & Don Sanders — Boulevard in honor of Jim Bennett
Cole & Rachel Conkling — Donovan Playground
Ginger Gates & Gail Cheramie — Boulevard
Houston Zen Center — Flower Gardens, Boulevard
Lorri White & Karl Ittmann — Donovan Playground
Thomas Gibbs — Boulevard
Joseph & Rebecca Leahy — Donovan Playground
Loriann & Eric Lewis — Boulevard
Robert & Patty Mahlstedt — Boulevard
Patricia Mayo — Boulevard
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Jonathan Schmaltz & Kathryn Marietta — Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens
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Joe & Debra Slattery — Donovan Playground
Becki & Debasish Tripathy — Boulevard
Carolyn Watson
Maureen Weyel — Boulevard
Heather & Glenn Williams — Donovan Playground, Flower Gardens

New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

Shaun & Jessica Baker
Austin Carlson & Averu Cate
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Andrew & Laura Farach
Hair by AmyC,
   Amy Chenevert
Timothy & Ginger Harwood
Massage by Gregory,
   Gregory Martin
Thomas Mitro
Brad & Anastasia Smith
Taking Cara You, Cara Miller
Tammy J. Holland, MS,
   New Heights Associate
Matthew Trauber
Lisa Wannemacher &
   Nancy Lopez
Gillian Ward

Garden Club Updates

The Heights Garden Club was busy in the rose garden on Saturday, the 4th of November. They were joined by a nice group of students from the Ecology Club at Heights High School, helping with the plantings. There were 250 bulbs planted (*Leucojum Gravetye Giant - Giant Snowflake*) that will be enjoyed this spring, along with giant iris, big blue liriope, and Mexican bush sage. Please drive by and enjoy their hard work.
Calendar (continued from back cover)

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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.

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.

Cohen Plaza Rededication

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

The ceremony was modeled after the original dedication with a flag ceremony by Boy Scouts Troop 63 and music by the Hamilton Middle School Band, as well as remarks from State Senator John Whitmire, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Member Ellen Cohen, Heights historian Paul Carr, and others. (Above, President Bill Baldwin as emcee, honoree Melvalene Cohen in front row; the Hamilton MS Band. Right, new mini-mural in progress.)

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 website: [http://www.houstonheights.org]