2017 Awards Dinner
Celebrating the Houston Heights
Celebrating volunteers and recognizing community improvements are great reasons to party, so let’s do it! Get ready for the Houston Heights Association’s annual Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Dinner on Sunday, February 26, at the Fire Station.

The evening will begin with a “BYOB Mix-N-Mingle Hour” starting at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and the evening will continue with the recognition of volunteers. The prestigious awards for 2016 Citizen of the Year, Corporate Citizen of the Year, and the Marcella Perry Award will be announced.

Also on the program are announcements of the 2016 Community Improvement Awards, consisting of Residential Renovation, Commercial Renovation, Residential New Construction, and Commercial New Construction.

The theme for the evening will be “The Heart of Urban Living.” Attire will be dressy casual.

Perpetual co-chairs Bill Baldwin and Andrea Hellyer recommend that you purchase tickets for this fun event as soon possible, as seating is limited. Tickets, which are $30 per person or $240 for a reserved table of eight, are available at stores. houstonheightsstore.org/events. See you there!

MONTHLY MEETING & HAPPY HOUR

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

February 13: Committees
The Houston Heights Association loves its members and our neighborhood! We will “Show the Love” at the February meeting. Refreshments will be served, including sliders and chips from new member Bernie’s Burger Bus. You might be the winner of a lovely door prize!

Learn more about 2017 committee plans and Association events. Visit with Committee Chairs who will share their love and enthusiasm about their projects in our neighborhood and maybe find something that you’d love to get involved in – Home Tours, Constable Patrol, Boulevard Beautification, Bike Rally, Education, and more!

Dan Hogan and 2015 Citizen of the Year Donna Buchanan at last year’s Awards Dinner.
Heights Garden Club

We are very excited to visit Wabash Feed and Garden Store at 4537 N. Shepherd Dr. on February 11 at 10:00 AM. They recently moved from their Washington Avenue location, and we are very excited to get a personal tour. Don’t forget to pick up tomato plants, just in time for planting.

Also, we will have our Annual Plant and Seed Swap on March 15 at the Fire Station, Yale and 12th Streets, 7:00–9:00 PM. We will also celebrate St. Patrick’s Day so wear green. Start your cuttings, and collect those seeds now.

Check out our website www.heightsgardenclub.com soon for these and more events planned for the Heights Garden Club. We want to welcome anyone to join our fun group to learn, have fun and make new friends. We also want to thank everyone who opened their garden for us to tour and everyone who donated door prizes. Happy New Year!

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New Members
Please join us in welcoming these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

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Feedback Request
We want to hear your feedback about the newsletter. What sections are most helpful? What other information do you want to see in it? We will use your feedback to help make it even more informative.

Send your comments directed to the VP of Communications at editor@houstonheights.org, drop them in the slot at the Fire Station, or mail them to 107 W. 12th Street, Houston, TX 77008-4002.
Did You Know?

Public Forums at Board Meetings
Did you know that the Houston Heights Association Board reserves some time early on the agenda of each monthly third-Monday meeting for a short Public Forum? Email info@houstonheights.org if you want to address the Board.

Opting Out of Paper Newsletters
Did you know you can ask that we not send you a paper newsletter? Just drop us a line at info@houstonheights.org and let us know you prefer to read us online only. We can use the savings on printing and postage for other HHA projects, and you’ll have that much less paper to recycle.

HHA Pages on Facebook
Did you know you can follow the Houston Heights Association and its events on Facebook? You can find us with these search strings and direct links:
- “Houston Heights Association” https://www.facebook.com/HoustonHeightsAssociation
- “Heights Fun Run” https://www.facebook.com/HeightsFunRun/
- “Houston Heights Holiday Home Tour” https://www.facebook.com/HoustonHeightsHolidayHomeTour/

About HHA
“The Houston Heights Association (HHA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit civic organization that promotes and fosters friendship, goodwill and community spirit within and around the Houston Heights. Proceeds from membership dues, sponsorships, donations, and fundraising events go directly into the community for beautification, restoration, and maintenance of the Heights Boulevard esplanade, Marmion and Donovan parks, and the Houston Heights City Hall & Fire Station.”
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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).

February 3–11, Opera in the Heights presents Bizet’s Les Pêcheurs de Perles at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

March 4, 10:30 AM, Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce Crawfish Festival Parade begins at the Heights Medical Tower, 427 W. 20th, and proceeds east to Rutland, west down 19th, and north on Nicholson back to 20th. The Crawfish Festival starts at 11:00 AM on the parking lot at 411 West 20th and runs until around 6:00 PM.

March 31–April 8, Opera in the Heights presents Adamo’s Little Women at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

## Future History

Beyond the calendar grid...

- April 7–9, Spring Home & Garden Tour weekend
- June 3, Fun Run
- October 1, Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt
- December 1–2, Holiday Home Tour [tentative dates]
- December 12–13, Holiday Food Baskets [tentative dates]
- February 25, 2018, Awards Dinner

## 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)
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