The Clock is Running

Have you registered for the upcoming 28th annual Houston Heights Fun Run, which will be held on Saturday, June 1? If not, the clock is running, but there’s still time.

Online registration is available through May 31 at 8:00 PM. You can also register at Luke’s Locker on May 30–31, or at Marmion Park on race day before 7:15 AM.

The fee for the 5K fun run and walk is $25 until May 28, and $30 thereafter. The Kids 1K is $15 until May 28, and $20 thereafter. Credit cards are accepted.

To celebrate your finish, please join your fellow racers and walkers at Marmion Park for the party that will begin at 8:00 AM. You can enjoy entertainment, door prizes, and great refreshments, including tacos, fresh fruit, bagels, water, coffee, and more. Then stay in the park for the awards ceremony, which will be held at 9:00 AM.

Businesses can also promote their products and services during the Houston Heights Fun Run. For $150 (if you bring your own table)...

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General Meeting

Houston’s Locavore Movement Reaches New Heights

The program for the June 10 General Meeting will consider the local food movement from the perspective of the pioneers to the new arrivals. Our featured speakers will be Monica Pope of Beavers and Sparrow, Sarah Johnson of Fat Cat Creamery, and Robb Walsh, Food Editor for Houstonia Magazine.

Meet the folks behind the masthead of Houstonia Magazine (www.houstoniamag.com), now headquartered in the Big Blue Victorian at 447 Heights Boulevard. They’ll bring magazines to hand out.

Doors open at 6:30 PM for mix and mingle happy hour; the program starts at 7:00 PM. Please join us at the Houston Heights Fire Station, 107 W. 12th at Yale.
Host Families Needed For Exchange Students

Each year a select group of students from around the world are allowed into the United States as exchange students. Academic Year in America (AYA) now has a girl and two boys from Ukraine seeking immediate placement in Houston, hopefully in the Heights area with a family zoned to Reagan High.

Students in the exchange program are entering their junior year, are 15 to 16 years old, and speak English. All are academically advanced. They arrive in August shortly before the school year begins.

The US government deadline for selecting a city must be done within the next few weeks. Without a host family or a temporary welcome family here, they may be placed in another state or may not be able to participate at all.

This is an opportunity to introduce a foreign student to the vitality of our city and in particular our unique Heights community. At the same time, the host family will benefit from the cultural exchange these gifted students offer. AYA students are covered with a health insurance plan and receive a monthly stipend to cover miscellaneous expenses.

For specific bios or more information, please contact the AYA coordinator, Ms. Gerri Manlove, at 713-553-7065 or Gembus@earthlink.net or Bill Dijak at 281-802-1418 or dijak1@earthlink.net.

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or $200 (if HHA provides the table), we’ll reserve a space for you. But register now because vendor space is very limited.

To register for the fun run or a vendor table, go to www.houstonheights.org/funrun.htm. If you have additional questions, call the Houston Heights Association at 713-861-4002, extension 4, or email funrun@houstonheights.org.

Erratum

The list of the 2013 HHA Executive Committee on page 10 of the May print edition contained an error. Leann Mueller should have been listed as a committee member instead of Lindsey Lee. Our apologies to both of them.

The Houston Heights Association gratefully acknowledges the support of the following Summer 2013 Sponsors:

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Enjoy A “Cold One”
At Donovan Park

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 9, to visit with friends in the neighborhood at one of our beautiful parks and enjoy a complimentary “cold one” — ice cream, that is!

The Houston Heights Association will host an Ice Cream Social from 4:30 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 9, at Donovan Park, located at the corner of Heights Boulevard and 7th Street. We’ll have a variety of ice cream products for you to enjoy as you mix and mingle with neighbors at the park. It will be a great time to meet new friends and enjoy one of the special places in our neighborhood that your membership dues and the Association’s fundraising efforts support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donations
Our thanks to the following donors for their generous support of the programs of the Houston Heights Association.
- Jerred & Rita Blanchard – Parks, Boulevard, Flower Gardens, Fire Station Restoration
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- Peter Weidler & Diana Galindo – Boulevard

New Members
Please welcome the following new members to the Houston Heights Association.
- Dr. Stephen M. Bennett
- Camille Fitzsimmons
- Brittney & Jeremy Ford
- Daniele Jones Saldanha & Marcos Garbellotto
- Kristen Hammill
- Victoria Harrison
- Drew Hevle
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Save The Date
HHA Bike Rally & Scavenger Hunt
– Sunday, October 6

We will have the exciting 20-mile route and the 5-mile family route. Routes have not been completed. Registration will begin in August.

We are seeking volunteers for a fun-filled day. Specifically, we need volunteers to help coordinate the 5-mile family ride. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Addie Ann Spicer aaspcer@hotmail.com.
Education Spotlight: Field Elementary

No doubt you have driven past Field Elementary on Studewood and 17th Street many times, but have you ever wondered what goes on inside (and outside!) this lovely school that has served the Heights since 1929? This school year, which will soon be finished, has presented Principal John Hendrickson, teachers, and students at Field Elementary with a multitude of exciting opportunities and many noteworthy accolades. The HHA Education Committee is proud to have participated in the Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education and WITS programs this year. Here are a few highlights that may pique your interest in taking a school tour – always welcomed!

Recipe for Success Foundation’s Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education is a program dedicated to combating childhood obesity. It changes the way children understand, appreciate and eat their food, and educates and mobilizes the community to provide healthier diets for children. This program is now in place for four classes of kindergarten and fourth grade bilingual students; the children have the opportunity to take care of the school’s vegetable garden (on 17th Street) and to cook what they have harvested. Next year the program will be expanded to nine classes totaling about 180 students.

Writers in the Schools (WITS) engages children in the pleasure and power of reading and writing. WITS writers work in year-long programs to help students develop their creative and analytical thinking skills. Field Elementary has six classes involved with Writers in the Schools.

Houston Artbound Program is sponsored by Target and provides a local artist who comes to the school to teach art to some of the students.

Lemonade Day is a free and fun learning program that teaches youth how to start, own, and operate their own business – a lemonade stand. Field Elementary hosted its own Lemonade Day on May 10. Third, fourth, and fifth graders followed a business plan to open their own lemonade stands, carrying out the necessary tasks themselves, including advertising, budgeting, seeking investors, and creating their products (the lemonade).

Education Rainbow Challenge is a semi-annual HISD math competition that includes an individual challenge as well as a group/team challenge. During the first semester of the school year, Field Elementary participated with 35 other elementary schools and their fifth grade team took FIRST PLACE in their division!

Name That Book is a reading competition sponsored by HISD’s library services. Students competing read a list of 35 books consisting of classics and new award-winning titles. At the competition, they work as a team to identify a single line from one of the books on the list. Field Elementary’s team won SECOND PLACE in the competition this year!

Initial State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) scores for the fifth grade in math and reading were ABOVE the district and state averages!

Giving back to the Heights community was evidenced on the HHA Spring Home Tour when nine Field Elementary teachers donated their time as docents.
What Are Those? — The Mystery Explained

Are you wondering about the doors you see along the esplanade at 400 Heights Boulevard? They are part of a groundbreaking public art project called OPEN THE DOOR, originated by the Texan-French Alliance for the Arts and Paris-based art collective 9ème Concept, with the support of more than 30 organizations including the City of Houston, the French Consulate, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Diverseworks, Fotofest, Avenue CDC/GoNeighborhoods, Project Row Houses, and Texas Children’s Cancer Center.

Since the beginning of 2013, around 60 unique doors were produced and are being installed in 19 locations around the city of Houston. The locations are highlighted on a map that serves as a Cultural Trail and guides the public to all the OPEN THE DOOR events pointing to the doors as well as the diverse cultural local neighborhoods around Houston.

The pieces along the Heights Boulevard esplanade are titled “The Journey.” The artists who created the works include Texas artists Patrick Medrano, Tierney Malone, Stephanie Topin and Catherine Cartwright (both from the Art League), and French artists Romain Froquet, Jerk45, Angelbert Metoyer, and Daniel Anguilu. Patrick Medrano is a resident of the Houston Heights; his piece is an homage to the Heights and may be the first you see when driving north from the feeder. [At left in picture above.]

According to Karine Parker-Lomoyne, Executive Director of the Texan-French Alliance for the Arts, she selected the journey as the theme of the pieces installed on Heights Boulevard because she always has a feeling that she starts a journey when she leaves another part of the city to come to the Heights. “It is like opening the door onto a whole new world. The Heights have a very special atmosphere, authentic, peaceful. And the long Heights Boulevard park expresses very well this idea of the journey, especially when you see the foot traffic there.”

In addition to Houston Heights, other locations where installations are located include: Houston Public Library Central Library Plaza, Hermann Park, Memorial Park, Castillo Park, Baker-Ripley Neighborhood Centers, French Consul Residence, Hong Kong Market, Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum, and Willow Street Pump Station.

For more information about the OPEN THE DOOR project visit openthedoor-houston.com.

Upgrade and Future Replacement of Yale Street Bridge

information from the City of Houston

The Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering (PWE) announces that Houston City Council awarded a contract for rehabilitation work for the Yale Street Bridge on March 14, 2013, and that work is scheduled to begin in April 2013 and take 90 days to complete.

The upgrades include installation of external carbon strip reinforcement on the bridge floor beams as a practical action that will strengthen the bridge and provide for safe use of the existing bridge, with increased allowable loads, until a new one replaces it.

Additionally, Houston City Council took a step towards replacing the Yale Street Bridge on Wednesday, January 16, by adopting an ordinance approving and authorizing an Agreement between the City of Houston and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This agreement allows TxDOT funds to be used to design and construct a replacement bridge at Yale Street and White Oak Bayou. Once completed, the City of Houston will maintain the bridge. The replacement project is currently anticipated to start construction in late 2016. In the interim, regular maintenance and monthly inspections of the bridge continue to insure the structure remains safe for public use.

For more information contact Alvin Wright at alvin.wright@houstontx.gov or 832-395-2455.
An Invitation for Heights Women

The Houston Heights Woman’s Club invites women of all ages to join this historic, growing group.

The Houston Heights Woman’s Club (HHWC) was founded in 1900, part of the larger women’s club movement across the country. What began as the Houston Heights Literary Club soon outgrew the parlors of its members. In 1912, the Clubhouse at 1846 Harvard [right] became the official home of the Houston Heights Woman’s Club. This Club would become part of the very fabric of the Heights neighborhood. Through volunteerism and social activities, generations of members have kept the legacy of the HHWC alive.

Today, this Club is growing while others have stalled. This is due in part to the strong bond Heights-area residents feel to the neighborhood and its history. It can also be credited to the forward thinking nature of the women who have led the HHWC for the last century.

HHWC has many social events over the course of a year. Potluck Cork and Fork wine dinners, the Halloween Witches’ Luncheon, regular Happy Hours, and the winter Victorian Tea are just a few of the ongoing social events put on by the Club.

HHWC members sustain one of the most important cultural institutions in the Houston Heights and ensure the continued maintenance and preservation of the historic, 100-year-old Clubhouse. Membership in the club also supports our many community outreach programs including the Hortense Ward Scholarship Fund, a cornerstone of HHWC’s charitable work.

When founding members of the Houston Heights Woman’s Club adopted a Constitution and By-Laws during the winter of 1905, they included to “aid and encourage charitable and educational interests of Houston Heights” as an important part of the Club’s purpose. The history of volunteerism and community service by members of the HHWC ranges from creation of a library at the Heights High School to working as Red Cross volunteers during both World Wars.

Today, involvement in the community continues. Each year, members dedicate hours of time and immeasurable units of talent to better our community. Members of the HHWC promote literacy by reading at a local elementary school. In 2012, the Club provided much needed cheer for kids in Reagan High School’s Communities In Schools program through a gift drive that provided more than 80 gift bags for the holidays. Most recently, the Club collected almost 100 formal dresses and tuxedo rental gift cards, which will allow a group of needy students to enjoy their senior prom. The arts and crafts committee has been hard at work making hand-sewn toiletry bags. These bags are filled with donations from members — everything from deodorant to toothbrushes — and given to Star Of Hope homeless outreach. This ongoing project has already produced more than 100 bags.

Membership in the Houston Heights Woman’s Club gives you the opportunity to connect with women from all walks of life. Much like the wonderful neighborhood we call home, the Club’s diverse membership includes women of different generations, backgrounds, and cultures, creating a unique atmosphere for building community. With activities as varied as arts and crafts, literature, community service, and wine and food, members are able to tailor their involvement in the Club to match personal interests and available time.

The Houston Heights Woman’s Club hopes you’ll be interested in learning even more and attending an event with the members. Please check out their Facebook page for future events: www.facebook.com/HoustonHeightsWomansClub.

You can email info@houstonheightswomansclub.com with any questions or to find out more about joining!
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## Community Calendar

**Events planned by other community organizations**

- Every Saturday, 7:00 AM, Heights Running Club meets on the Heights Boulevard jogging trail at 7th Street.
- Third Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM, Houston Storytellers Guild meets at St. Andrew’s House, 1811 Heights Boulevard, for a monthly story swap. Anyone is welcome to come listen to or share stories. For more information, [www.houstonstorytellers.org](http://www.houstonstorytellers.org) or 713-643-8478.
- June 6, 5:50–7:30 PM, Disability 101 holds its annual fundraiser “Taste the Wines of the World” at 205 Bayland Avenue. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [disability101.org/fundraiser](http://disability101.org/fundraiser).
- October 4–13, Opera in the Heights presents Verdi’s *La Traviata* at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Boulevard. For more information, visit [www.operaintheheights.org](http://www.operaintheheights.org).

**Future History**

- October 6, Bicycle Rally
- December 6–7, Holiday Home Tour
- December 9–11, Holiday Food Baskets [tentative dates]
- **2014:**
  - February 23, Awards Dinner
  - April 4–6, Spring Home Tour [tentative dates]
  - June 7, Heights Fun Run [tentative date]

## Heavy Trash Notes

June is a “Junk Waste” month; July is a “Tree Waste Only” month. Remember that the heavy trash pickup date is now the third Wednesday for most of the Houston Heights area. For dates in your immediate area, visit the City Solid Waste site [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html).

## At The Properties

- Events at the Houston Heights City Hall and Fire Station, Donovan Park, and Marmion Park
- Heights Tai Chi Association meets Saturdays 9:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Marmion Park, Heights at 18th.
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