



CALENDAR

*** THERE IS NO WHCA GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 3
LITH DECORATING
for the Elderly and
Disabled
9 AM to 12 PM**

**MONDAY, DEC. 5
HEAVY TRASH
East of Watson**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 8
RECYCLING**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 9
LITH DECORATING
JUDGING
7 PM**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10
LIGHTS IN THE
HEIGHTS
Bayland and
Woodland Streets
6 PM to 9 PM**

**MONDAY, DEC. 12
JUNK WASTE
West of Watson**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 22
RECYCLING**

**WED., JAN. 11, 2012
FED RESERVE BANK
TOUR
6:30 TO 7:30 PM**



**Lights in the Heights™ 2011 is here!
December 10th from 6 to 9pm
Woodland and Bayland Streets**

Woodland and Bayland and all cross streets between Norhill and Florence, including Watson, will be closed from **5:30 to 9:00 pm** on **December 10**. Please inform your guests so they may allow extra time to find parking on nearby streets. Of course, if you live on the route you will be allowed access to and from your property; however, you will not be allowed to park on the event route streets. You will need to show your driver's license or a utility bill with the correct address to gain admittance. No Parking signs will be posted and you will be ticketed if parked illegally. Avoid parking on Woodland and Bayland on Friday evening, and Saturday morning **December 9 and 10**, to allow street cleaning.

**How many volunteers does it take to put on
Lights in the Heights® ?**

You'd be surprised. Although we have just two streets this year we still need help. Volunteer opportunities are still available including baking cookies, selling t-shirts, distributing luminarias, hosting entertainment on your porch, as well as post-event clean up. Contact Terri Guerra at (713) 598-3043, terri@terriguerra.com or Glen Sementelli at 281-772-3529, gsementelli@yahoo.com to find out how you can help! Remember there is always lots of work to be done the day of the event!

**Special Invitation for WHCA Members
Federal Reserve Bank Tour
January 11, 2012 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Exclusively for WHCA Members, you are invited to tour the Federal Reserve Bank on Allen Parkway. This opportunity is for members who have paid their dues for the April 2011 - March 2012 year. Due to the security at the bank, all participants must RSVP by January 9. To check your membership status or to RSVP, please contact membership@woodland-heights.org

Been meaning to become a member? Simply submit your dues via check or Paypal. Dues are \$35 for home owners and \$10 for seniors and renters. The neighborhood association works hard to bring you fun events, informative speakers, and beautiful landscaped esplanades. It's not too late to sign up!

Calling all local businesses!

Don't be left out of this year's event. Support the Woodland Heights Civic Association and advertise your local business during this year's Lights in the Heights® event on Saturday, December 10, 2011. We have a limited number of sponsorship opportunities available for local businesses. For more information or to sign up to be a sponsor, email Greg Foley at greg.foley@pobox.com or Stephanie Frugé at stephanie.fruge@gmail.com.

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Are you hungry?

The Lights in the Heights® committee is proud to announce a promotion to raise funds leading up to this year's event. The Woodland Heights Civic Association is selling a 10%-off promotion to 10 local Heights restaurants that will be good for 10 days: Monday, December 5 through Wednesday, December 14. How much will this cost you? Only a \$10 donation to the Woodland Heights Civic Association. The coupons will be sold beginning November 14th through the WHCA website and local retailers and restaurants. This is a great way for neighbors to support the local restaurants who have signed up to support our neighborhood.

Participating restaurants include: BB's café, Beaver's, Beck's Prime, Berryhill in the Heights, Christian's Tailgate, D'Amico's, Downhouse, Jenni's Noodle House, Liberty Kitchen, Tacos A Go-Go. For more information, email Stephanie Frugé at Stephanie.fruge@gmail.com.

LITH Decorating for the Elderly and Disabled

In the spirit of the season, there will be a group of volunteers that will help those who would like to participate in Lights in the Heights® but find it difficult to decorate the exterior of their homes. If

you live on the LITH route (Bayland and Woodland) and you or your neighbor are physically unable to decorate the exterior of your home and would like some help, please contact Taff Weinstein at 832-794-2136, taff@firstimperialmortgage.com

We have donated lights, but will use your decorations if you prefer.

** This offer is designed for the elderly and disabled who are unable to decorate the exterior of their homes.*

** We will be decorating on Dec 3 from 9 am until approximately noon.*

Some FAQ answers:

1. We will not decorate the porch of a home without the owner's permission.
2. We can decorate the exterior of the house next door with your electricity.
3. Yes, it's free.

LITH Decorating Contest

Get out your ladder, unpack those outdoor decorations, and get in the holiday spirit!

Everyone on Woodland and Bayland is automatically eligible, but for those of you off the route, email nominations to janrynda@gmail.com by noon December 8th.

Judges will be reviewing on Friday December 9, starting at 7 pm: Pick of the Night, Most Traditional, Most Creative, Most Wattage (1st thru 3rd), Best Theme, Best Children's Theme, Most Colorful, Best Single Color, Most Religious

There are prizes donated by local merchants to be awarded, including a cake from DaCapos and dinners for two from Dicky's BBQ and Southwell's Burger! If you work at a local business, or have any other ideas for prizes, please email me, Jan Rynda, at the above address.

Cookie Bakers Needed!

Each year, volunteers are needed to bake cookies for the homes and porches of the the LITH-sponsored entertainment. Get out those aprons and yummy recipes and get into the holiday spirit!

Keep in mind that most cookies can be baked ahead of time then frozen in gallon freezer bags—no need

to cram all your efforts into one week of furious baking during the holidays.

Contact Chevonne Greaser (832-524-5816); greaserhouse@gmail.com) if you can help bake cookies for December 8 or deliver baked goods December 10, from 9 to 10 am.



LIKE us on Facebook!

Lights in the Heights® has a Facebook page that will help you keep up to date with all the latest news and announcements., www.facebook.com/lightsintheheights

Additional date for book signing

Omar Holguin, will be signing copies of his book, "Recollections: A History of the Woodland Heights and Surrounding Communities", on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, from 2:30 to 4 pm at Write Now! located at 3122 White Oak Drive, just west of Studewood.

Yard of the Month

Our neighbors at 944 Redan have created a striking landscape of manicured greenery with a potted bamboo focal point. This calming, monochromatic design successfully combines stonework and greenery, including Asian ivy, and provides a welcome break from the visual cacophony of the holidays.

New Book About Our Neighborhood!
Recollections: A History of the Woodland Heights and Surrounding Communities
 By Woodland Heights Resident Omar Holguin
 History • Vintage Photos • Maps
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Happy Holidays from the Woodland Heights Civic Association!

Looking for gift ideas? Look no further than your own neighborhood (www.woodland-heights.org)!

This season give the gift of:

COMMUNITY: a WHCA membership

PEACE OF MIND: a subscription to the Constable Program

PERMANENCE: a customized brick for the Norhill Esplanade

NOVELTY: a 2011 Lights in the Heights t-shirt

HISTORY: "Our Front Porch: Connecting Community"

The Woodland Heights Newsletter is a publication of the Woodland Heights Civic Association (WHCA), and seeks to keep the community informed of board activities and developments of interest to area residents.

WHCA General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month (except June, July, August and December). Unless otherwise noted, meetings are located in the meeting room at Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp.

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Advertising Information

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