



**March 2010**



**Hamilton Middle School's Spring Thing Carnival**  
-Chris Campbell-

Hamilton Middle School's annual SPRING THING CARNIVAL is Saturday, April 10th. This event is a day of fun, games, good

food, great music,

and local entertainment. SPRING THING provides a great excuse to get outdoors, enjoy the spring weather and to see Heights neighbors and friends. We'll have large inflatables and booths to entertain kids of ALL ages. All proceeds from this Carnival go directly back to the teachers and school groups for student education and enrichment as well as school improvement projects.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS AT SPRING THING, APRIL 10th, 11 am to 3 pm, on Hamilton's playground, entrance on 22nd Street just east of Yale.

**HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION**

-Louise Moss-

You are invited to join your neighbors, as well as members of the Harris County Historical Commission and local government officials, for the dedication of the historical marker for the Woodland Heights subdivision. Special guests will be relatives of William Wilson, developer of Woodland Heights. The dedication will be held on Saturday, March 20, at 9:30 AM, at the corner of Beauchamp and Highland streets. The program will include remarks by a representative of the historical commission and local entertainment. A reception will be held following the unveiling of the marker. Final details will be posted on the Woodland Heights web page, Info line, and Bulletin Board.

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**A Night in Monte Carlo**

-Terri Guerra-

Come spend "A Night in Monte Carlo" and support your neighborhood school. Join us the evening of April 10, 2010, at The Villa in the Heights, 3600 Michaux, Houston, 77009 and help us raise funds for exciting programs such as Writers in the Schools, enrichment classes, and improved technology in the classrooms. Mingle with neighbors and meet new friends as you're entertained at our live and silent auction, casino gaming tables and fabulous dinner.

For more information on table sponsorship, tickets **or to donate items to our auction**, please contact, Terri Guerra, Auction Chair at 713.598.3043; [terri@terriguerra.com](mailto:terri@terriguerra.com) or visit our website at [www.traviselementary.org](http://www.traviselementary.org) and click on the auction logo.



A Night in Monte Carlo  
Auction 2010



The Travis Elementary School PTA is a 501 C (3) non-profit organization; donations to the auction are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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## Out With the New (invasive species), In With the Old (native bayou flora) -Becky Houston-

As you walk or drive down Houston Avenue you may have noticed that you can now see Little White Oak Bayou from the road! A first opportunity for many people to see the bayou. Following the very successful trail-blazing that resulted from the Trash Bash/Plant Slash last September, the Friends of Woodland Park (FWP) have directed \$4000 of the funds raised from the Woodland Heights Centennial to sponsor an invasive species clean-out effort on the north and west banks of Little White Oak. New World Botanical, a landscape company dedicated to restoring natural areas to their original flora, was contracted by FWP and supervised by Eric Ruckstuhl of the Bayou Preservation Association. The work involved the removal of non-native species and the trimming of some of the larger trees so that the understory could be opened up. This effort accomplished two things. First it makes the wooded area safe for visitors wishing to walk through the woods to the bayou's edge, as there is now plenty of visibility in all directions, and secondly it allows the native vegetation to repopulate.



The vast majority of the trees removed were either camphors, ligustrums or Jerusalem cherries. Some repopulation of native species will take place naturally over time but FWP, in collaboration with the Houston Parks and Recreational Department and Eric Ruckstuhl, will plant some shrubs, trees and ground cover to prevent the slopes from eroding and to fill in spots that are particularly bare.

***We are planning a neighborhood planting day/trash removal day on Saturday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m.*** Once again we will meet near the tennis courts and will provide trash bags, gloves, water/lemonade, bug spray and hand sanitizer (though we hope the poison ivy will still be dormant!). As always if you have gloves or equipment that you think would be useful (your own gloves, trowels, shovels etc.) please feel free to bring those.

Questions - please contact Becky Houston ([bghouston@aol.com](mailto:bghouston@aol.com), 713-862-1520) or Beth Fischer ([beau3015@gmail.com](mailto:beau3015@gmail.com), 713-861-4502)



## Outdoor Movie Night in the Park!

-Becky Houston-

Spring is heading our way along with fabulous outdoor weather. Why not enjoy a night at the movies in Woodland Park.

Put March 27th at 7:00 p.m. on the calendar. We will set up an outdoor theater on the east side of the civic center and will screen the movie **Blind Side**. We will provide the movie, complimentary popcorn, lemonade, and bug spray. You bring blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic basket of your personal favorites (though leave the wine/beer etc. at home as park rules prohibit consumption of alcoholic beverages within the park).

It will be a great opportunity to enjoy neighbors, families and friends without having to get in the car, wait in line or pay theater ticket prices!

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**CALENDAR**

March 1	Tree Waste, W. of Watson
March 4	Recycling
March 8	Tree Waste, E. of Watson
March 9	<i>Civic Assoc Meeting</i>
March 18	Recycling
April 1	Recycling
April 5	Junk Waste, W. of Watson
April 12	Junk Waste, E. of Watson
April 15	Recycling



**Woodland Heights Newsletter**

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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-An Armstrong, VP—Newsletter-

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