



July 2008



Relay for Life of Greater Heights 2008

—By Barbara Dickens

The first annual Relay for Life of Greater Heights was held May 16, 2008, at White Oak Bayou Studewood Park. Thanks to a wonderful bunch of teams, the community and a lot of hard work by the Relay Committee, it was a tremendous success, as well as a fun-filled night for all involved. Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is dedicated to raising research funds, offering help to cancer patients, and increasing awareness in order to make prevention possible.

This first Relay held in the Heights exceeded all our goals. We had 24 fantastic teams participate and raised over \$40,000. There were bands, magicians, clowns, games and food available all night long. The two highlights of the evening were the Survivor Lap and the Luminaria Ceremony. The Survivor Lap kicked off the evening and celebrated our survival. Survivors were honored with gifts and food provided by Spanish Flowers Restaurant. The Luminaria Ceremony at dark was a beautiful and heartwarming memorial that honored all those who have lost the battle to cancer.

Everyone has been touched by this disease in some way. If we band together, perhaps one day it will be possible that no one ever has to hear the words “you have cancer” again.

Relay for Life 2009 is already in the works. Please make time for it in your busy schedule. It will be a night you wont forget! The time and date for the 2009 Relay will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.



Family Picnic Lost and Found

Found during clean up at the Family Day Picnic: A blue personal cooler with a red fire engine and the name "Parker" on it and one sparkly green hoola hoop. Call Vicky Bettis at 713 397 9336 if you know the owners.



Hurricane Season is Here!

—By Chuck Britton, VP—Security

The hurricane season has started again. If you haven't made plans for responding yet, the following website is worth looking at: <http://www.readyhouston.tx.gov>. This site is for disaster preparedness in general, but hurricanes factor prominently, as you would expect in this area. Note that the “Evacuation Information” tab shows that the Woodland Heights is not in an evacuation area. While each person should evaluate his own situation, the traffic chaos present during Hurricane Rita illustrated the impossibility of everyone evacuating at the same time. People living along the coast and in low-lying areas have no choice whether or not to evacuate. The generally accepted tenet is to “run from the water, shelter from the wind.” Make your plans early and be sure that every member of your family knows what to do in case of an emergency.



National Night Out

—By Chuck Britton, VP—Security

The 2008 National Night Out mercifully has been moved from sweltering August to merely hot October (but only in Texas). This year's date is Tuesday, **October 7th**. If you are interested in hosting a block party for this event, please contact me at security@woodland-heights.org or 713.869.8176.

Newsletter Block Captains Needed



The Northeast Quadrant needs new Block Captains!!! Route Includes: 3700 Blocks of Bruce, Reagan & Bradley. Contact Emily Guyre at emily.guyre@sbcglobal.net.

The Northwest Quadrant needs a block captain for the 1000 block of Omar. Contact Colleen Tautfest at ctautfest@sbcglobal.net.

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—By An Armstrong, VP—Newsletter Sponsorship



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“Friends of Woodland Park” Needs You!

—By Louise Moss

"Friends of Woodland Park" has been established to develop a vision for the revitalization of this great area of our neighborhood. Do you have ideas for improvements to the park? Would you like to be involved with the renaissance of this historic park? We need your help! Please contact Beth Fischer at 713-861-4502 (fischspot@hotmail.com) or Becky Houston at 713-862-1520 (bgHouston@aol.com).

Time to Recycle

Remember, green recycling bins can be obtained from the city by calling 3-1-1 or logging onto the City of Houston's website. Recyclable materials, including newspapers, junk mail, corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles (#1 & #2), and aluminum cans, can also be bagged in brown grocery bags and left at the curbside on designated weeks (see calendar below). Glass recycling is available at the recycling center located on Center Street (behind Star Pizza).

CALENDAR

July 4	Independence Day!
July 7	Heavy Trash, East of Watson
July 7	Recycling
July 14	Heavy Trash, West of Watson
July 21	Recycling
July 23	PIP Meeting; 7:00 pm
August 4	Recycling
August 4	Heavy Trash, East of Watson
August 11	Heavy Trash, West of Watson
August 18	Recycling
August 27	PIP Meeting; 7:00 pm



Hogg Middle School Update

—By Millie Rosa, Magnet Coordinator
Hogg Middle School

Hogg Middle School Students Travel to Spain!

A group of students studying Spanish, as well as teachers and parents from Hogg Middle School, traveled to Spain at the beginning of June. This group of motivated students and teachers, under the leadership of Hogg's Spanish Teacher Mrs. Amelia Roman, enjoyed their trip immensely. They worked very hard for two years to raise the necessary funds to make this educational trip possible. They manned the Pig Stand at Hogg, where they sold candy, popcorn and nachos after school. They held dances, took pictures and held a Bazaar. They worked together with their teachers and parents to make their dream come true. During this process our students not only learned the value of cooperation and teamwork, but also had the satisfaction of knowing they had accomplished what they had set out to do. They came back with wonderful memories that will last them a lifetime.

¡Estudiantes de Hogg Middle School Viajan a España!

Un grupo de estudiantes de español de Hogg Middle School acompañados de sus maestros y algunos padres viajaron a España a principios del mes de junio. Este grupo de estudiantes y maestros motivados bajo el liderato de la maestra de español, la Sra. Amelia Román, disfrutaron inmensamente de su viaje. Tanto los estudiantes como los padres y maestros trabajaron arduamente por dos años para levantar los fondos necesarios para lograr costear este viaje educacional. Ellos operaron el “Pig Stand”, vendiendo dulces, popcorn y nachos después de clases. Ellos auspiciaron bailes, tomaron fotos y tuvieron un Bazar. Trabajaron juntos para lograr su sueño de viajar a España. Durante el proceso, nuestros estudiantes aprendieron el valor de la cooperación y del trabajo de grupo, además de obtener la satisfacción de lograr su meta. Todos regresaron con recuerdos inolvidables que les durarán por toda la vida.

Deloitte Impact Day at Hogg Middle School

On Friday, June 6, 2008, more than 300 volunteers from our business partner Deloitte & Touche came

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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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to Hogg Middle School for their annual Impact Day. On that day, Deloitte offices participate in community projects worldwide and this was the second year they have come to our school. There were more than twelve projects around the school, as well as seven workshops in which all "Hogg Heaven" students participated. Among the makeover projects completed were a new "corral" for our new Mustang, painting classrooms, landscaping the front of the school and the atria, organizing office files and the basement and painting murals in the stairwells.

"Hogg students and staff are very fortunate to have Deloitte as a business partner. Deloitte has always been very generous with both their time and resources for the past two years," said Hogg Middle School Principal Imelda Medrano. "They have proven time and again that they really care for our families and will go the extra mile to impact our lives in a positive way."

Many thanks to Deloitte & Touche and its wonderful employee volunteers for an unforgettable day!

Día de Impacto de Deloitte en Hogg Middle School

El viernes 6 de junio de 2008, más de 300 voluntarios de nuestro socio Deloitte & Touche vinieron a Hogg Middle School como parte su Día de Impacto. Ese día todas las oficinas de Deloitte en el mundo entero participan en proyectos en sus comunidades, y este fué el segundo año que ellos han trabajado en nuestra escuela. Este año hubo más de doce proyectos alrededor de la escuela además de siete talleres donde los estudiantes del programa de verano "Hogg Heaven" participaron activamente. Entre los proyectos que se realizaron ese día están el corral para nuestro nuevo potro, la pintura de varios salones de clases, el arreglo de los jardines interiores y el frente de la escuela, la organización de archivos en la oficina y en el sótano, y los murales en las escaleras.

"Los estudiantes de Hogg son muy afortunados al poder contar con Deloitte como su socio. Deloitte siempre ha sido muy generoso con nosotros, tanto en recursos como en su personal durante estos dos años," comentó Imelda Medrano, la principal de Hogg Middle School. "Ellos han demostrado una y otra vez que tienen un compromiso firme con el bienestar de nuestras familias y que están dispuestos a colaborar al máximo con nosotros para impactar positivamente sus vidas."

¡Estamos muy agradecidos a Deloitte & Touche y sus maravillosos voluntarios por un Día de Impacto inolvidable!

WHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

—By Vicky Bettis, VP—Membership

As of June 14, 2008, 408 residents have responded to our March Membership Drive, providing dues and contributions totaling \$18,175.00. That lags last year comparables by \$1,350 and 62 residents!

Our goal is to break last year's record of \$26,395 contributed by 618 residents. To reach that goal, it is imperative that you forward your dues as soon as possible. You can use the form provided below or go to www.woodland-heights.org and click on our Pay Pal link.

In addition to the lengthy list of Superneighbors published in the June newsletter, the following residents have given above and beyond our meager dues: Brian & Hilda Hendrix, Gladys Havemann, James Moomaw, Jane Bernier-Tran, Jeffrey Shell, Joe & Barbara Keen, Juan & Dustee Gutierrez, Keith & Mary Bell, Leta C Bush, Patricia Schaper, Sylvia Lanz, Stanleigh & Renee Cross, Timothy Calk & Leigh Owen. Thanks to each and every one of our Superneighbors!

Our generous residents are not the only people contributing to our membership numbers noted above. Outlying neighbors, or "Friends of the Neighborhood Donors," have given \$445 to date. Our F.O.N.D. neighbor for this month is Mr. Albert Smith from Austin, Texas! Many thanks!

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Big Al Bettis!**

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Love, Vicky

WHCA Membership Form

Membership Year April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

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