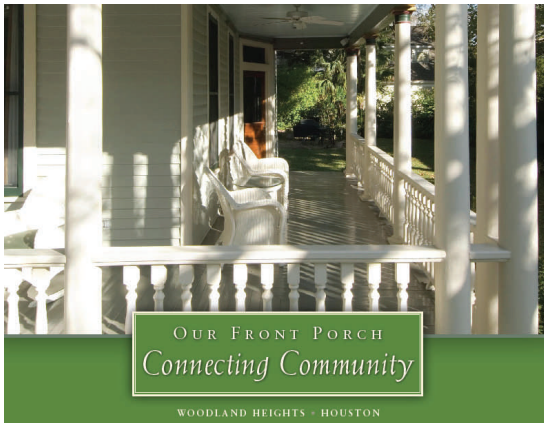


February 2009

## Woodland Heights Home Tour and Porch Book Launch

-Megan Mastal-

Mark your calendars for **March 27 and 28**, 1 to 6 p.m., for the 2009 Woodland Heights Home Tour! This year's tour will include six beautiful homes representing a range of sizes and architectural styles, from a traditional restoration to a modern loft in a historic building. Advance tickets can be ordered for \$15 at [www.woodland-heights.org](http://www.woodland-heights.org) and will be on sale at area merchants starting March 1. Watch for a list of merchants on the WHCA website. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour for \$18 at Travis Elementary, 3311 Beauchamp. The ticket booth will be located on the covered basketball court on the west side of the school grounds, off Florence St. Proceeds from ticket sales will support Woodland Heights Civic Association activities.



Want a sneak peak of this year's tour homes? Join us **Friday, March 27** for a special home preview and launch party for ***Our Front Porch: Connecting Community***, the Woodland Heights coffee table book! View the houses while enjoying wine and cheese from 6 to 8 p.m., then attend a reception to launch our new book over hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. The reception will be held from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at 530 Byrne, an original 1907 William Wilson house. Event tickets are \$60 online in advance or \$75 at the door and include a home tour ticket good all weekend. Purchase a book at the party (\$20 soft cover, and \$45 for the hard cover edition that can be pre-ordered for delivery in approximately one month) and have it signed by the photographers. Original framed photos from the book will be auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting neighborhood preservation efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering as a docent for this year's tour, please contact Louise Moss at 713/880-0060 or [jolomoss@comcast.net](mailto:jolomoss@comcast.net). More information on the home tour, including photos and descriptions of this year's homes, will be available soon on the website.

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### DOCENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-Louise Moss-

Do you have a few hours to help as a docent with the home tour on March 28 and 29? All that is required is 2 1/2 hours of your time to help guide our visitors through the homes on this year's tour. It would be appreciated if you could also attend a short preview meeting at the tour home to meet the homeowners and receive your script. Memorization is not required. Each docent will receive one free ticket to view the other homes on the tour.

Over 100 docents are needed for the tour so that our visitors enjoy viewing our lovely homes in return for their purchase of a ticket. Please call or email Louise Moss at 713/880-0060 or [jolomoss@comcast.net](mailto:jolomoss@comcast.net) to volunteer for this fundraiser which benefits our neighborhood.

### 2009/2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICKOFF

-Vicky Bettis, VP Membership-

The annual Woodland Heights Civic Association membership drive will begin March 1, 2009 for membership term April 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2010. Look for your annual membership statement in your mail sometime in March. For those of you who use our web site Pay Pal link, the new membership form will be available after March 15.

If you have not paid your dues for the current term and wish to do so, please use the form in this newsletter.

Thanks for your contributions!

## Praise and Congratulations to a Worthy Neighbor

- Pat Rutledge-



Do you recognize the house in the picture? It is an original William Wilson Company designed and constructed home. And we still have it in our neighborhood to enjoy and appreciate thanks to the efforts of one particular neighbor. Over the past five years Pam Lowe has been quietly and conscientiously purchasing, repairing, and renovating at least eight original Woodland Heights homes; saving three from the wrecking ball and the rest from developers who have no particular appreciation of our neighborhood's history and character.

Pam's hard work and dedication has recently come to the attention of the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance and it has awarded her the distinguished "Good Brick Award". Once a year the GHPA selects particularly worthy Houston residents for their outstanding efforts to the cause of historic preservation. And Pam is receiving GHPA's special recognition this year.

Pam is a long time Woodland Heights resident who has worked tirelessly over the years on community and park beautification projects and neighborhood security. She is also one of the earliest Woodland Heights Civic Association members.

She is a completely unpretentious and generous neighbor who you'll often see riding her bike through the neighborhood, sometimes with a beer in hand. Be sure to greet her when you see her next and thank her for all she does to preserve this neighborhood we all call home.



### Jeff Shell's Green Valentine

- Margaret Dower-

White Oak Bayou is the southern border for a necklace of parks that stretch from Studewood to Houston Avenue, an astonishing 10 acres that run along our neighborhood.

To look at sculptor Mac Whitney's 50-foot red colossus from the freeway, surely it isn't possible that trees are needed in those parks! But on the ground, where riparian areas were stripped from the Bayou when it was lined with concrete years ago, it makes for a scorching walk along the parks' 2¼-mile walking trail in the dead of summer.

Woodland Heights resident Jeff Shell decided to do something about this. Thus was born his "Green Valentine"—an organized tree-planting event—a "valentine" to give the neighbors who use those parks.

Jeff is, by trade, a creative (he owns Neil Hamel Modeling Agency). An artist, an events planner, a marketer, and a strategist, he was convinced volunteers would help him plant the trees. Now in its sixth year, he designs a highly professional flyer, contacts small businesses for coffee and breakfast rolls (Antidote and Da Capa, this year). Most critically, he taps the scarce resources of the Parks Department that scopes the sites with him, supplies the trees, and trucks in the mulch. The only thing needed are the planting volunteers. Watch for his Green Valentine flyer. Mark your calendar. Come out (with gloves and shovels, if you have them) and help him plant his Green Valentine on Saturday, February 14.



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We know we have many others to thank who give their time (and their porches), packaged t-shirts, scooped sand, had a garage sale, placed luminaria, sold t-shirts and cleaned up the next morning. Without all these people and the support of the neighborhood we would never be able to have such a great event!

**The Committee**

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**Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation  
Coalition  
to the Rescue**  
- Ann Liggio-

Spring is near, and with it, especially in the tree rich Woodland Heights, come nesting birds and newborn squirrels. This is also the time of year when you may find injured or orphaned wildlife in your yard, and that's where the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition (TWRC) can help. TWRC is a non-profit organization that provides:

- An emergency facility at **10801 Hammerly Blvd.** (near the W. Sam Houston Tollway), Suite 200 for rescuers to bring injured, ill, or orphaned wildlife
- A staff to handle telephone inquiries regarding wildlife related issues. Call 713-468-TWRC
- Initial examination of wildlife by trained, experienced staff to assess status and provide treatment in an on-site vet room
- A veterinarian who oversees the training of vet room staff and provides support to TWRC rehabilitators
- Placement of wildlife with skilled and permitted rehabilitators, who care for wildlife until it is released back into its native habitat

In what they call the "High Season," March through August, the TWRC emergency center is open:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Friday – Sunday: Morning shift only: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Asked about pressing needs at TWRC, Operations Director Roslyn Even said, "We really need volunteers to staff the Center. We are also in need of feeders for our Baby Bird Program and new Mammal Program that will start this spring."

For more information about TWRC, visit their web site at [www.twrc-houston.org](http://www.twrc-houston.org)

## WHCA Board Elections

It's election time again and the WHCA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the following WHCA Board positions for the one year term beginning April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter, Deed Restrictions/Infrastructure, Security, Membership, Parks & Grounds, and Webmaster. Current Board Members who have expressed an interest in running for re-election are: Adrian Reed, President; Louise Moss, Recording Secretary; Tony Maluski, Deed Restrictions / Infrastructure; An Armstrong, Newsletter, and Vicky Bettis, Membership.

If you are interested in running for any position, please contact Tony Maluski or Vicky Bettis at [tmaluski@mac.com](mailto:tmaluski@mac.com) or [vbettis@aim.com](mailto:vbettis@aim.com) respectively for more details. All qualified candidates must be a homeowner living within the Woodland Heights boundaries and a current member of WHCA. The election will be held at the March 9 General Meeting.

## Did You Know...

- Even in the absence of a Council Member, Houston's District H office is still open. The phone number is 832-393-3003 and email is [districth@cityofhouston.net](mailto:districth@cityofhouston.net).
- Past editions of the WHCA Newsletter can be found on the Woodland Heights webpage, <http://www.woodland-heights.org/>



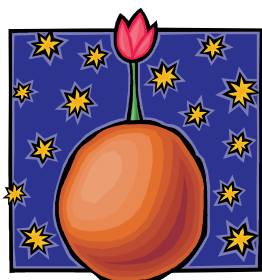
**Friends of Woodland Park (FWP)  
Special Meeting**  
- Pat Rutledge-

Please note that the FWP are holding a special community meeting the evening of Feb. 12th at the Woodland Park Community Center building (the crafts room) from 7-9 PM with special guest speaker Scott Slaney of the SWA Group. Scott is an award winning landscape architect and Woodland Heights resident and he has graciously agreed to consult with and advise us regarding improvements we would like to see made to the Park. Some real energy and momentum are growing regarding this project. So won't you join us and give us the benefit of your thoughts and wishes? See you there!



**FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS: Let's talk roses!**

-Kay Hamden-



This is my first "Gardening Tips" column for the Woodland Heights newsletter. I hope that you find it informative and helpful. I know I'm not the only one out there with a passion for gardening, so I would like to invite your input and stories. Also, if you have specific questions, send me an email. I will respond privately and also in the subsequent newsletter as space allows. I can be reached at [klock56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klock56@sbcglobal.net)

Valentine's Day is a great time to talk about roses and a rose bush would be a perfect valentine gift. Careful what color you choose though because they mean very different things. Red = romantic love; purple = love at first sight; coral/orange = desire; yellow = friendship; pink = gratitude; white = humility/sympathy.

Many varieties of roses perform wonderfully in Houston. You are probably familiar with the 'Knock-Out' roses. They are used frequently in commercial landscapes around town because they are disease and pest resistant, and bloom almost year-round. They're pretty bullet-proof and low maintenance.

If you want to try something different, one of my favorites is 'Belinda's Dream'. This is a nicely shaped bush, 3'-4' tall, with non-stop, beautiful pink blooms. The roses are full, and fragrant. 'Belinda's Dream' was developed by Dr. Robert Bayse, a retired math professor at A&M. His goal was to come up a rose that was hardy, drought tolerant and resistant to disease. He also wanted thornless, but decided to release it anyway in 1988, naming it after a friend's daughter from Caldwell, Texas.

Valentine's Day is when people typically prune roses. Not all roses need to be pruned, however, so check which kind you have before you go crazy. Hybrid Teas, and Floribundas should be pruned back to about 1/3 their height. Climbers just need a light trim. Heirlooms and Old Garden roses shouldn't be pruned until after their first flush of blooms in the spring, otherwise, you will cut off their potential blooms. When you do prune, make sure that you cut on an angle so water can't stand on the stem, causing disease.

Additionally, did you know that tomatoes and garlic are great companions for roses? Tomatoes protect against black spot, while garlic repels aphids. Ornamental garlic, such as Society Garlic will work.

Other ideas that I would like to toss out - a community garden and a gardening club. Think about it and give me your input. I'd love to work on both of these projects with my neighbors.



**I-45 Is Alive!**

-Jim Weston, I-45 Coalition-

As you may know, not much has happened since 2006 regarding the reconstruction/improvement of I-45. However it appears that TxDOT is planning to get things rolling again in 2009. The I-45 project had been stalled due to a combination of lack of funding and waiting for governmental approvals since 2006. The TxDOT project engineer has stated that TxDOT “hopes to have a public scoping meeting in 2009”.

What is a “public scoping meeting”? According to TxDOT, the scoping meeting’s purpose is to present the purpose and need (P & N) of the project and receive comments on changes that need to be made to the P & N. The Coordination Plan will also be presented which describes the proposed public involvement and alternative selection process for the project.

The public will be encouraged to make comments at the scoping meeting ... for example – to investigate constructing a tunnel – and TxDOT is supposed to consider all comments & suggestions. No date is set for any meetings yet.

**Mr. Ruben Landa**, Legislative Assistant / District Liaison for **Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.**, District 6 will be meeting with all concerned at our next meeting, **Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm**, at the **Lindale Park Clubhouse, 218 Joyce**, (off Fulton in Lindale Park) **7 pm**. Senator Gallegos is Chair of the Senate Committee on Flooding & Evacuations and has particular interest in what we, as a neighborhood, want to happen on I-45. This is a great opportunity to be a little more involved in what will be happening to your neighborhood. Please plan to attend.

If you want to be updated by e-mail directly on I-45 developments, please go to the I-45 Coalition website, [www.I-45Coalition.org](http://www.I-45Coalition.org), “How You Can Help” and add your contact info. We will send you an e-mail notification of any update.

**Keep the Woodland Heights Beautiful**

A City of Houston ordinance states that trash should not be placed out at the curb until after 6:00 p.m. on the day before a scheduled pick-up. There is a good reason for this: black garbage barrels and bags of waste, not to mention piles of heavy trash, do not make our city beautiful.

And since this is a law, not just a suggestion, note that a violation of any provision of the solid waste ordinance is punishable upon first conviction by a fine of no less than \$50 or more than \$2,000. To report a violation or to file a complaint, call 311. The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department Supervisors can write citations.

To read the entire ordinance, see Chapter 39 in the Code of Ordinances, City Of Houston Web site: <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10123&sid=43>



**WHCA General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 10**  
7:30—Zion Lutheran Church—3606 Beauchamp

**Parent’s Corner**

Resident of 900 block of Woodland looking for carpool parents to/ from Waltrip High School.



Call 713-864-6575.



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-An Armstrong, VP—Newsletter-

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### CALENDAR

February 2	Junk Waste, E. of Watson
February 2	Recycling
February 9	Junk Waste, W. of Watson
February 10	<i>WH General Meeting</i>
February 16	Recycling
March 2	Tree Waste, E. of Watson
March 2	Recycling
March 9	Tree Waste, W. of Watson

### Believe it or not it's time to begin planning for Lights in the Heights® 2009!

#### What Streets do you think should be "THE" route for Lights in the Heights® 2009?

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Please send to Sharon Greiff, 826 Woodland St , Houston TX 77009

### 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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