

CALENDAR

APRIL 29
RECYCLING

MAY 3
HEAVY TRASH PICK UP
Tree Waste Only
East of Watson

MAY 4
WHCA BOARD MEETING
7:00PM
Location TBD

MAY 6
HISTORIC DESIGNATION
MEETING
7:00PM
Kaboom on Houston Ave.

MAY 10
HEAVY TRASH PICK UP
Tree Waste Only
West of Watson

MAY 11
WHCA GENERAL MEETING
7:30PM
Zion Lutheran Church
3606 Beauchamp

MAY 13
RECYCLING

MAY 27
RECYCLING



The great-grandchildren of William A. Wilson, founder of the Woodland Heights subdivision, pose with their spouses next to the new historical marker.

Woodland Heights historical marker unveiled

In a touching ceremony March 20, close to 100 neighbors, local officials, relatives of William Wilson and Harris County Historical Commission members gathered to dedicate a Texas historical marker commemorating the Woodland Heights subdivision.

The historical marker – “planted” in the Travis playground at the corner of Beauchamp and Highland by John Moss and Pat Rutledge – pays tribute to William Wilson as the neighborhood’s founder and to Woodland Heights’ long heritage.

Terri Guerra, outgoing WHCA president, received the marker from Janet Parker, Harris County Historical Commission. Then new WHCA president Allison Hartzell emceed a program that began with Boy Scout Troop #20, led by Assistant Scout Master Richard Carson, presenting the colors and the Travis Children’s Choir, under the direction of Melba McCollum, serenading the crowd.

Janeen Cook, lifelong neighborhood resident whose grandfather purchased lots from William Wilson in 1907, shared some reminiscences of her family’s long history in Woodland Heights. Debra Blacklock-Sloan, historical commission member who assisted Louise Moss through the marker process, presented declarations from Senator John Cornyn, Governor Rick Perry, County Judge Ed Emmett and Mayor Anise Parker. Mayor Parker’s cultural liaison, Minnette Boesel spoke on the value of historic preservation.

Pat Rutledge, centennial co-chair, recognized neighbors who have worked hard to preserve and enhance the neighborhood over the years and presented certificates to the history committee members who started the marker dedication process during the centennial, including Omar Holguin, Ray and Margaret Blackstone, Bill Hada, Florence Clark and Rose Gallardo.

May 6 session at Kaboom explores historic designation

Join your neighbors for a discussion of the benefits of district designation in a presentation by Courtney Key Tardy, director of historic neighborhood resources for the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance. The gathering will be held Thursday, May 6, starting at 7 p.m. at Kaboom Books on Houston Ave. WHCA's beautiful photography book, "Our Front Porch: Connecting Community," will be on sale (please bring cash or checks – may be purchased online at www.woodland-heights.org with credit cards via Paypal).

Tardy will present an overview of the historic district designation process, and the tools in place that help neighborhoods retain their character and thus value. She also will review recent projects in historic districts that have benefitted from review by the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission.

Dee Dillman of Kaboom is generously hosting the event and offering delicious nibbles. Wine will be provided by the porch book committee, including Megan Mastal, Louise Moss and Brigitte Larson.

We look forward to seeing you May 6 for an evening of information and visiting with our neighbors.

Meet the new WHCA board

The 2010-2011 WHCA Board of Directors was elected at the March 9th general meeting:

President	VP Website
Allison Hartzell	Debbie Markey
Treasurer	VP Security
Lisa Slaney	Norma Martinez
Secretary	VP Membership
Merrily Brannigan	Florence Clark
VP Deed Restrictions	VP Infrastructure
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VP Beautification	VP Newsletters
Pat Rutledge	Brian Hendrix

Please feel free to contact board members with your questions, concerns and suggestions. Contact information is on the back page.

Yard of the Month

Be sure to take time to go by and enjoy our YOM winners for March and April. March's winner was 802 Bayland, which had one of the best looking yards, even during our unusually harsh winter.

And for an excellent example of a classic spring garden, be sure to see and enjoy the April winner, 520 Omar.

Our neighborhood is alive with spectacular gardens this time of year so please be sure to enjoy them.

Friends of The Neighborhood

Many thanks to the Friends of the Neighborhood who have made donations above their WHCA dues. So far this year, WHCA has collected a total of \$235 from the following generous donors:

- Allison & Matt Hartzell
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- Sarah Puente
- Deborah Markey

Remember, yearly membership in WHCA is only \$35, and every paid membership puts us that much closer to having a safer, more beautiful neighborhood.

Back by popular demand

The Friends of Woodland Park are planning another movie night at the park so mark your calendars. The tentative date is Saturday, June 19, and details will be in the next newsletter and on the website.

Woodland Heights Porch Book

Speaking of a beautiful neighborhood, don't forget you can experience our neighborhood's special charm and support preservation efforts at the same time by picking up a copy of *Our Front Porch: Connecting Community*.

The 96-page book features wonderful photography of our Woodland Heights porches, including homes decked out for Lights in the Heights®.

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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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