

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
RECYCLING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
FRIENDS OF WOODLAND
PARK BIRD WATCHING
Woodland Park Commu-
nity Building
7:30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
JUNK WASTE
East of Watson

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
JUNK WASTE
West of Watson

THURS., FEBRUARY 16
RECYCLING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
COH Compucycle
(held the 3rd Saturday of
each month; see newslet-
ter article for more in-
formation)
Center Street Recycling
Center
3602 Center St .

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
WHCA General Meeting
and Board elections
Zion Lutheran Church,
7:30 p.m.

Upcoming General Election News (including no General Meeting this month)

The WHCA Board announces the nominating committee for the upcoming elections. Any WHCA homeowner who would like to be a candidate for a board position for the term of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 can run for a position. A nomination application form (found at www.woodland-heights.org) should be completed and returned to the committee via email to president@woodland-heights.org or via delivery to 521 Omar **by February 24, 2012.**

Members of the committee are: Betty Rennell, Pam Lowe, Beth Fischer, Merrily Brannigan and Allison Hartzell. Elections will be held during the general meeting on March 13th, 7:30 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church. **Please note, there is no general meeting this month (February).**

All Board positions are open for election. So far, these people have announced that they will run for a position:

- President—David Jordan (currently Security VP)
- Secretary—
- Treasurer—Annette Williamson (incumbent)
- VP—Deed Restrictions—Gabe Vick (incumbent)
- VP—Beautification—Vicky Bettis
- VP—Infrastructure
- VP—Security
- VP—Membership
- VP—Newsletter

Please consider supporting your neighborhood as a WHCA Board member. For example, if you would like to see the constable patrol continue, please consider running for VP-Security. Some of these positions require a lot less time than others. There is a little of something for everyone's schedule and time availability! Nomination applications can be found on the main page of the WHCA website www.woodland-heights.org

Neighborhood Bird Watching Event

The Friends of Woodland Park is sponsoring the next bird watching event, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 7:30 a.m. We will meet near the Woodland Park community building. All you need to bring is a pair of binoculars. To date we have spotted a total of 50 different species, including Cedar Waxwing, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Great Egret, Orange-crowned Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker! For a complete survey of the birds of Woodland Park click on "Birds to See" on our website at www.friendsofwoodlandpark.org. This is a unique opportunity to view the beautiful variety of birds we have at the park.

City of Houston offers Electronics Recycling in our Area

The City of Houston is working with Compucycle, Inc, to handle their “e-cycling”. Compucycle focus on refurbishing equipment for resale, reuse of components and environmentally responsible e-waste recycling.

Items accepted include PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

Our local drop-off site is at 3602 Center Street, at Harvard. **It is open on the third Saturday of each month from 9 am to 3 pm.** For more information: www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/electronics_recycling.html

Travis Elementary Safety

As students of Travis Elementary, we would like to talk about the subject of dropping-off and picking-up your Travis children. Remember safety first! The car drop-off and pick-up area is on Florence Street in the back of school. We would like the parents to know that if you let your child get out in the front of school, this could lead to other parents thinking that this is a good idea. Over time, this puts kids at risk of being hit by a car. Please remember that a child’s life is in your hands. **We would also ask the parents and other drivers to please observe the school zone speed limit, and please no texting or talking on cell phones!**

When dropping off, help the line move safely and quickly by saying good bye before your kid gets out of the car and by having them ready with backpacks, jackets, lunch, projects, and other products. Parents, be respectful to other people’s time by staying in your car please. We could also use student volunteers to encourage kids to hurry along and get into school and parent volunteers to help as crossing guards. If you know someone that

wants to be a volunteer or you want to volunteer go to our website for information at traviselementary.org. Remember safety first!

*By Kellan Martin and Sophia Rodriguez,
Travis Tiger Press Correspondents*

National Junior Honor Society has Arrived at Hogg

The date, Jan. 3, 2012, is historical because that’s the day Hogg received its official National Junior Honor Society Charter.

The important document came in the mail, and has powerful implications for all Hogg students. The honor society is one of this country’s top organizations established to recognize outstanding high school and middle level students in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

“Hogg has many students who will qualify for this huge honor,” said Hogg’s Principal, Dr. Mina Schnitta. “Being a member of the National Junior Honor Society will follow them throughout high school and college. Through this organization, our students will stand out and get the national recognition they very much deserve. As the principal of Hogg, I am so proud of our students and staff.”

Membership prepares students for success in high school and potential college scholarships. According to the NJHS website, the organization awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships last year.

Faculty sponsors include Ms. Muhammad, Ms. LaGrone, Ms. Tuttle, Mr. Sells, Ms Martinez, and Ms. Robertson. Ms. LaGrone, Hogg’s Parent and Student Support Coordinator, said over the next few weeks, the faculty will be meeting and setting up official bylaws. Membership into NJHS is by invitation only. “We will be looking at grades, behavior, and attendance to determine if a student is eligible,” she said.

*By Estefania Torres, Jennifer Gutierrez
Razorback Press Reporters*

Studewood-to-Downtown Bikeway in the Works


Dan Raine, Bicyclist-Pedestrian Coordinator for the Houston Bikeways program, has been keeping City of Houston residents posted on the development of the Heritage West Bikeway via his Facebook page as well as on www.houstonbikeways.org. The Studewood-to-Downtown portion, which runs along the White Oak Bayou, is expected to be completed in early summer. Please do not ride on the trail as it is an active construction zone!

Dan's most recent update, which includes some great photos, states, "We are awaiting a delivery of retaining wall blocks so that we can construct underneath the Spring Street pedestrian-bicyclist

bridge, and we're anxiously awaiting the delivery of a pedestrian bridge for the crossing of the Little White Oak Bayou. Railings will need to be installed atop the pedestrian-bicyclist bridges at the University of Houston Downtown, and concrete will need to be poured to build the approaches to these bayou crossings as well." Way to go, Dan!



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Yard of the Month: 416 Byrne

Our neighbors at 416 Byrne have a classic brick bungalow with one of the most welcoming front porches around. A porch swing and white wicker furniture add to the charm. Pillars densely wrapped in ivy, neatly mounding shrubs and an abundance of white alyssum in the beds create an inviting entry and lovely year-round color palette.

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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