

OCTOBER '2000

NEWSLETTER

HEIGHTS WEST

MAILED MONTHLY TO CURRENT HWHG MEMBERS. DISTRIBUTED QUARTERLY TO APPROXIMATELY 1100 HWHG AREA RESIDENTS.

Where: Union Planters Bank ~ Community Room

999 N. Shepherd (Kroger Center)

When: Thursday, October 19, 2000.

Time: About 6:30 p.m. Invite your neighbor to attend. Our strength is in numbers and in your commitment to our community. NOTE: Union Planters provides the room and coffee at no charge to HWHG.

If you have the opportunity, thank them.

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Captain Ready, our District Captain, will be our guest next speaker. This would be a good opportunity for you to get first hand information from the person that in charge. Show your support for our Police and plan to attend.

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Many thanks to Sgt. CJ Klausner of the Houston Police Department Truck Enforcement Division. Sgt. Klausner clarified HPD's role in enforcing city ordinances pertaining to truck traffic in our neighborhood. A few points to note: (1) City ordinance 45-137 states that trucks 30 feet and longer and 8 feet and taller are NOT to be in residential neighborhoods like Heights West between the hours of 6:00 PM and 7:00 AM. (2) City ordinance 45-124 states these large trucks are not to park in residential neighborhoods between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. If a truck is illegally parked on your street call HPD and let the officer know that about these ordinances. If you see a truck that is unsafe, request a DOT officer. These are officers who are certified by the Federal Department of Transportation to inspect unsafe/illegal trucks & shut them down on the spot.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Early Voting Polling Places

Sitios De Votacion Adelantada

Main Office / Oficina Central:

1319 Texas Avenue @ Austin

Houston Northwest / Noroeste

Harris County Courthouse Annex #31 (SRD 138)

7300 North Shepherd Drive

Constable's Conference Room

Can you vote. Are you ready to vote. Have you ever contacted your representative in Congress and voiced your concern about an issue. Here's one reason why you should. Did you know that our Senators & Congressmen do not pay into Social Security, and, of course, they do not collect from it. The reason is that they have a special retirement plan which they voted in for themselves many years ago. For all practical purposes, it works like this: When they retire they continue to draw their same pay until they die, except that it may be increased from time to time by cost of living adjustments. For instance, a former Senator and his wife may be expected to draw \$7,900,000, with the Senator's wife drawing \$275,000 during the last year of her life. This is calculated on an average life span for each. This would be well and good, except that they paid nothing in on any kind of retirement, and neither does any other Senator or Congressman. This fine retirement comes right out of the General Fund: OUR tax money. While we, who pay for it all, draw an average of \$1000/month from Social Security. Imagine for a moment that you could structure a retirement plan so desirable that people would have extra deducted so that they could increase their own personal retirement income. A retirement plan that works so well, that Railroad employees, Postal Workers, and others

who aren't in it, would clamor to get in. That is how good Social Security could be, if only one small change was made. That change is to jerk the Golden Fleece retirement out from under Senators and Congressmen, and put them in Social Security with the rest of us. Then watch how fast they fix it. If enough people receive this, maybe one or some of them along the way, might be able to help. Please pass this on till it reaches as many as possible by election time. Folks, if you don't get involved and speak up, legislation like this will continue getting passed. **GRAB YOUR NEIGHBOR & GET OUT AND VOTE.**

MORE ALLEY PROBLEMS

Several months ago a Heights homeowner attended one of our meetings. She voiced her concern to Bob Litke about a flooding problem in the alley behind their home caused by shell put there by developers. Mr. Litke said he would send an inspector to investigate. The resident said the inspector came out. Here's what he reported. The flooding was not from the one foot high shell that developers dumped in the alley without a permit, the inspector said that the residents were basically flooding themselves out, even though the alley never flooded the surrounding properties before the shell was dumped there. I suggested that the resident contact Ms. Anise Parker's office and to speak to Ms. Barbara S. Harville @ 713-247-2014. Ms. Parker recently spoke at one of our meetings and was very informative about the alley issues in our area. You might also question the investigator's findings. Folks, if you don't start getting involved, at least by contacting your Council representatives, problems like this will continue.

HWHG ELECTIONS

Election time for HWHG Officers is near. October is the month. Consider getting involved and running for an office. We need the help.

HANDY E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Crime Stats go to 2A30 at:

www.ci.houston.tx.us/departme/police/central.htm

Council member Gabriel Vasquez:
gvasquez@cnl.ci.houston.tx.us

For Ozone alerts:

www.hcoem.org and click on ozone alerts.

Air, Water, Hazardous Waste Environmental Info:

www.tnrrc.state.tx.us

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For Air Quality info, use the TNRRC web page at:

www.tnrrc.state.tx.us

To update our files, send your email address to:

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MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

1. Boarded up or burned out houses, non-drivable junk cars in driveways, heavy duty trash in the street WAY BEFORE heavy duty trash day? Write down the address and call Tim Daponte, our liaison with the Police Dept. Tim's number is 713-861-0297. NOTE: If you see an illegal activity in process, call the Police Dept directly at 713-222-3131. Help make your neighborhood friendly, active and responsible.
2. \$15.00/quarter to advertise in HWHG newsletter, & \$5/yr dues for Seniors.
3. Block captains needed to deliver newsletter to: 500-700 Allston, 700-900 Lawrence, 800 Alexander, 800 Dorothy.

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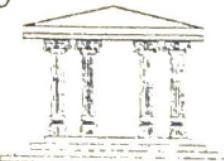
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