

HEIGHTS WEST

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

June, 2001

Meeting Notice & Newsletter

Where - Community Room next to Union Planters Bank
999 N. Shepherd.
When - Thursday, June 21, 2001.
Time - 6:30 p.m. Invite your neighbor to attend.
Our strength is in our members and your commitment to our community.

MAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Council member Chris Bell was our guest speaker. He updated us on his ideas like: Customer Driven Gov., Target Based Budgeting, Customer Service Dept. with a Complaint Tracking Database, establishing an Internet site where citizens can apply and pay for permits, pay traffic fines or many other services. For additional info on Mr. Bell's platform see his email address: chrisbellformayor.com

JUNE'S GUEST SPEAKER

Once again Height's own, and favorite Council member, Gabriel Vasquez will be our guest speaker. Mr. Vasquez has been a friend and a regular visitor to Heights West and the Greater Heights Community Alliance meetings. He has never turned down an opportunity to address us and has been very supportive of our members on a number of issues. So, bring a friend to see and hear what this very committed public servant has to say.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

MONTH	SPEAKER
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June	Gabriel Vasquez
July	Capt. Yorek

Please notify me if you would like to have a particular speaker at one of our meetings.

HEIGHTS WEST CRIME STATS

Month	Burglary	Auto Theft	BMV	Robbery
Oct	5	1	2	1
Nov	5	3	1	2
Dec	3	1	3	1
Jan '01	1	0	0	0
Feb	5	2	4	1
Mar	3	3	4	0
Apr	4	0	1	0

Congratulations to our Officer, Carol Trautwein. She is expecting her first baby. The arrival date will be sometime in November.

2002 ?? - FLOODING IN THE HEIGHTS - 2002 ??

We hope, most Heights residents, survived Allison unscathed. Some of us did not. Neighbors across the street, had ankle-deep water in their homes and water damage to their vehicles. We had no water in our home but some water in our cars and several feet in our garage. A depressing mess. It is my understanding that in 2002, this may all change. A new federal law requires that interstate highways not be used as retention ponds. As some of you know, I-10 has served as such a retention pond. The I-10 flooding in 1994, 1998 and this year was some sight to see. Now hear this, if I-10 will no longer serve as a retention pond, where is all that water going to go???? I believe it's going into our neighborhoods. We must speak up now to have sufficient retention ponds built to handle the run-off during periods of heavy rain. We will work to get a speaker on this extremely important Heights issue. If you have or know someone knowledgeable about this issue, please let me know. Contact me at: upan52@yahoo.com

Also, be on the alert. Due to flooding, crime in our area could increase.

ANNUAL "NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT"

This year, Neighbor's Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 7, 2001. As usual, HWHG will meet at the corner of 10th and Waverly. We will have refreshments, BBQ some hot dogs, some door prizes, etc. At our next meeting, we will continue getting organized, so please try to attend. If you have ideas, your input would be appreciated. Be sure to tell your neighbors and invite them to attend.

MEETING WITH MAYOR BROWN AND DIRECTORS

On June 4, at the Heights Multi-Service Center, there was a meeting with the Mayor and Directors of City departments. It was an extremely productive meeting. Updates to the Super Neighborhood's Action Plan (SNAP) were presented. We will update you at our next meeting.

NEW PLACES IN TOWN

Bella Cucina. Really great food. Located at 1642 Arlington, Patrick Zone, Chief & Proprietor. Reservations only (713-880-2166). Have you found a new restaurant, shop or whatever that you would like to share with the community? Let me know. I will post it here.

HANDY E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBERS

Crime Stats go to 2A30 at:

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

For Ozone alerts:

www.hcoem.org then click on ozone alerts.

Air, Water, Hazardous Waste Environmental Info:

www.tnrc.state.tx.us

Sex offenders' web site:

<http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/soSearch.cfm>

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To update our files, send your email address to:

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City of Houston's Bureau of Air Quality Control at:

713-640-4200

Complaint Line to report Drug Activity

281-405-3673 (713-4NO DOPE)

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 or an illegal activity contact HPD 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.

Remember - Don't drink and drive; RECYCLE cans, junk mail, #1 & #2 plastic containers.
Be kind to our environment.

Do what you can to help the city during this time of crisis. Donate food, clothing, time to the Salvation Army, the Red Cross or the charity of your choice. It could be you next...

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