

HEIGHTS WEST

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May 2002

NEWSLETTER

Where - Community Room next to Union Planters Bank - 999 N. Shepherd. (See **Stephen A. Newman**, Senior Vice President if you are interested in opening an account. His telephone is 713-867-7404.)

When - Thursday, May 16, 2002.

Time - 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Invite your neighbors.

MAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

MAYOR LEE BROWN is scheduled to attend our May 16 meeting and he has indicated that he will be there. What an opportunity for members of our community to meet and listen to the Mayor of the City of Houston. After a presentation from Mayor Brown there will be a question and answer period. Please make your plans now to attend this meeting. Remember: Contact your friends and neighbors and encourage them to attend this meeting.

APRIL'S GUEST SPEAKER

Many thanks to Police Chief "Brad" Bradford. It was a very fortunate privilege to have him attend our meeting. Once again, if you missed this meeting, you missed a great opportunity to discuss your concerns with the number one police officer in the City of Houston. During his presentation the chief informed us about various emergency codes that are in effect. Code Blue, Yellow and Red. For more info on these, go to www.whitehouse.gov/homeland. We learned that by going to the police web page and clicking on (news releases), you would be updated with up to the minute news about police activity in the city. He alerted us to a "not-so-new" flim-flam operation in the city. Criminals are going door to door soliciting home repair. Chief Bradford said to ask for identification, to include their drivers licence and the licence plate number. He suggested to never pay up front. Pay part in the beginning, the rest when finished. One of the Chief's major projects is the formation of a new Traffic and Accident Division. This new Unit will consist of about 30 officers. One of their assignments will be to enforce the new 55 mph. Better obey this, the Chief says there is no grace period and zero tolerance for violators. Many more topics were covered. Again, many thanks Chief for being our guest speaker. Those that attended really appreciated it.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

MONTH

June
July

SPEAKER

Historical Ordinance Discussion
City Council Member - Shelley Sekula

TIME IS RUNNING OUT WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK- NOW!!

A major issue that could affect the Heights in the near future is the Historical Ordinance. The building of town homes vs single family dwellings, a waiting period of 90 days before you can build, paint or make modifications to your home. How do you feel about this issue? Are you in favor or against? In the past six months I have received 10 opinions. Nine against the Historical Ordinance and one in favor. **NOTE:** It won't be long now before City Council votes on the Historical Ordinance. Time for informing me has run out. To voice your opinion you must call your city council representative, Ms. Annise Parker at 713-247-2014 or atlarge1@cityofhouston.net, Gabriel Vasquez at 713-247-2003 districth@cityofhouston.net, Gordon Quan at 713-247-2013 atlarge2@cityofhouston.net.

NEW HEIGHTS WEST EMAIL ADDRESS

Tony has setup a new Heights West email address. It is West...HWHG@hotmail.com. Be sure to use it for questions, comments.

MAJOR CLEAN UP IN OCTOBER AND WE NEED HELP

This event schedule is still tentative. As before this project is still in the planning stages but the area covered will be I-10 to 610 and from Ella to Shepherd. We will keep you informed as the details are finalized.

HEIGHTS WEST CRIME STATS

For info on crime stats visit the cities web site at:

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

For specific questions, email our Officer, Carol Trautwein. Her address is ctrout2@aol.com or call her at 713-803-115.

Month	Burglary	Auto Theft	BMV	Robbery
Jan '02	1	2	5	0
Feb	2	1	4	1

CITIZENS ON PATROL (COPs)

We are looking into starting a COPs program in the Heights West. I will have info and details available at our next meeting. If you are interested please let me know.

AUGUST'S NEIGHBOR NIGHT OUT

Believe it or not this is right around the corner. Start thinking about those businesses that you can contact that may want to contribute a door prize.

HANDY E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBERS

Sex offenders' web site:

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

Help for Seniors:

www.benefitscheckup.org

Malfunctioning Traffic Light? call: 713-837-0600

Complaint Line to report Drug Activity

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

Environmental Issues, Concerns And Complaints

City of Houston's Bureau of Air Quality Control

air pollution issues (713)640-4200

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

(713)767-3712

NEW CITY SERVICE HELP LINE **DIAL 311** (This really works! tried it.)

Home Security Surveys - 713-803-1151

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? Call 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 our newsletter. If you can, please let us know, by calling 713-862-1147 or by emailing me at upan52@yahoo.com. We make door to door delivery only once a quarter and it's a pleasant walk!

Remember: Don't drink and drive, wear sun screen, empty any container with standing water (to curb reproduction of mosquitoes!!) and don't forget to recycle cans, junk mail, #1 & #2 plastic containers. Be kind to our environment.

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