

*Audubon Place*  
*2010*  
*Walking Tour*



Saturday, April 10th, 2010  
1:30pm

*W*e are in Montrose, one of the 2009 ten greatest neighborhoods in the USA according to the American Planning Association. The award is based on a happy mixture of residential and commercial land use, livability, art museums and historic preservation.

Montrose Addition was developed by John Wiley Link The Houston Land Corporation, formed in 1910 by Link, acquired 165 acres of dairy farm land from the R.S. Sterling Company for \$500,000. The land was part of a 3370-acre grant deeded to Mrs. Obedience Smith by Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, in Austin on February 3, 1845. A portion of the acquisition was approved as a residential development for sale to the public in 1911 and called Montrose. The addition was named after a seaport town in Scotland immortalized in the writings of Sir Walter Scott. Four major boulevards were laid out through the T-shaped tract; Lovett, Montrose, Audubon and Yoakum Boulevards.

The area covered by our association is bounded by Hawthorne to the North, Alabama to the South, Montrose to the West, and Audubon to the East.

Link and his associates personified the spirit of their times, "while they were obviously real estate developers they also returned to the community neighborhoods replete with a multitude of affordable, sensible and appropriately planned houses built on abundantly landscaped streets".

