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Audubon Place Association

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Hérons

The Yellow Crested Night Herons are back. We spotted them on April 10th starting a nest in Valerie and Rick Greiner's Live Oak. Apart from being harbingers of Spring we hope they will also assist us in chasing off annoying parked cars with well aimed voluminous droppings of acrid guano!

A Heart felt thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed extra to the association both in terms of money and effort.

Historic District Designation

Randy Pace and Courtney Tardy of the Historic Preservation Alliance are working with us to achieve this goal. A revised petition form and information package have been posted our website on the "Preservation" page. We will mail out the petition forms as well and contact you in person. For more information please contact Jack Schaffer at JackRSchaffer@comcast.net.

Montrose Boulevard

Conservancy

The goal of the conservancy is to beautify Montrose Boulevard. An old photograph shows a view from Richmond south to the reflecting pool in Hermann Park. The intent is to connect Allen Park with Memorial Park through a beautiful, green Montrose Boulevard. The first phase of the master plan calls for new, wide sidewalks, safe street crossings, plantings of Live Oaks, and little islands with art works. In the second phase an esplanade is planned from Westheimer to the Mecom fountain. This would regulate traffic, and increase the safety of crossing the street. For more information go to the Montrose Boulevard Conservancy link on our website. Financing is largely by private donations; I encourage you to help.

Crime Statistics

Please continue to be vigilant and call the police non-emergency number (713-884-3131) whenever you have anything to report!

2007/08	Dec	Jan	Feb
Burglary	1	1	1
Autotheft		1	
Burgl/auto		2	
Robbery	1		1
Narcotics		1	

Paying your Dues

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Registered Live Oak

The Live Oak in front of Lynne Gevirtz' bungalow at 3811 Audubon Place is included in the Harris County Tree Registry. It is indexed as number 263, has a circumference of 181 inches, is 54 feet high with a spread of 114 feet! Only 6 registered Live Oaks (Quercus Virginiana) are larger than "Our Tree".

APA Decals

Please put an APA decal on your car. We suggest the lower right corner of your rear window. This will help spot suspicious vehicles that do not belong in this neighborhood. You can pick one up at our next meeting or request one to be sent to you. (PvB)

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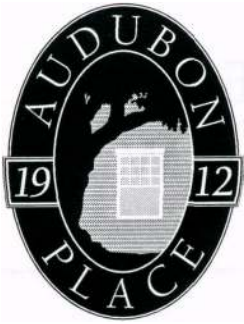
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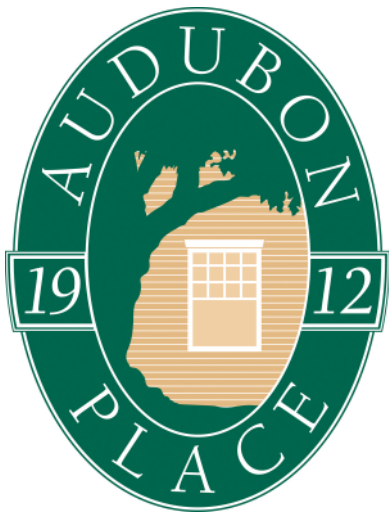
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90 percent and counting

We have had a terrific turnout. 90% of the required signatures are in. We need to keep at it, we want a comfortable cushion in case neighbors leave town and sell their home before the city approves our application, but I know we will do it this time around!

Recycle, recycle, recycle

Great response to our call for recycling. Unfortunately, the 311 lady who delivered the requested green bins told us we could recycle glass now. THIS IS NOT TRUE. We use a separate bin for glass and bring this to the West University recycling center at 5004 Dincans at Westpark (right across from Goode's seafood who serve a terrific Campecheana cevice).

I would like to urge each and everyone to recycle. It is important for our environment and it will help reduce greenhouse gases. We will generate less waste, less landfill and less CO₂. We will use less energy in mining for our metals, we will use less oil to make plastic and cut less trees to make paper and cardboard.

Please contribute to the health of our planet and your family by recycling every two weeks. If you NEED BINS you can get those by CALLING 311

We will send you a reminder before each scheduled pickup.



Audubon Place Historic District

Under the leadership of Jack Schaffer the Historic District Committee

has done an outstanding job. We are almost there. With the new signs we should generate even more support. Meanwhile we are working on the other requirements: a complete survey of buildings, ages and styles, digital images of all listed buildings, and the justification for becoming a Historic District. We are being much aided by Courtney Tardy and Randy Pace of the city's Preservation Alliance and Planning Division. For more information please call Jack Schaffer 713-524-8873, or email to JackRSchaffer@comcast.net.

Crime Statistics

The crime rate is creeping up in our area. We have asked HPD to increase the number of patrols to help alleviate the problem.

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2008	March	April	May
Burglary	1		2
Autotheft			
Burgl/auto	1	2	2
Robbery	1		
Narcotics	1		
DWI		1	1

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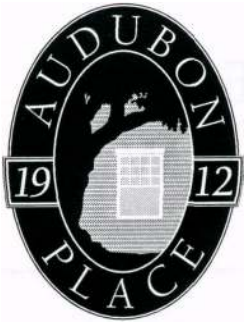
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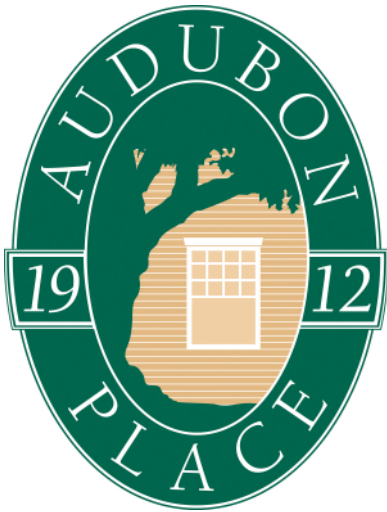
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Historic District

On December 11, 2008 the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission unanimously approved the staff recommendation to designate Audubon Place as a Historic District. On December 18 the Planning Commission also approved the recommendation. The HD ordinance has been in effect for our neighborhood since October 29, pending ultimate approval by the full City Council.



Audubon Place Historic District

The proposed boundaries of our Historic District have been chosen to include as many properties as possible while still having the required 51% of the owners supporting the designation. The boundary mostly follows the APA area, except on the West side, where it goes from the alley North of Hawthorne through the middle of Roseland to Harold. It then turns West to the alley West of Roseland; then South to Marshall, West to Montrose, South to the alley South of Marshall. Then it goes East to the alley West of Roseland and finally South to W. Alabama. You will now agree that drawing a map is a darn sight easier than describing a route.

The final tally of the number of tracts owners that signed the petition is 55%, involving 123 owners of 230 tracts.

On these tracts there are 223 sites, 133 of which are historic or contributing or 60%.

Christmas Party

Our annual Holiday party was a great success! Kathi & Brian Stringer gracefully opened their lovely home to us and had provided a great Christmas atmosphere with a roaring fire in the fireplace, a bar with Brian's "Major Domus" complete in livery. Many delicious goodies were brought in by the

neighbors as well as an eclectic array of white and red wines to stimulate the taste buds and spruce up the already lively conversation...

Crime Statistics

The crime rate was relatively high this summer but seems to be on its way down. We have asked HPD to increase the number of patrols in our neighborhood and this appears to help a lot.

Please continue to be vigilant and call the police non-emergency number (713-884-3131) whenever you have anything to report!

2008	Aug	Sep	Oct
Assault	1		
Burglary		1	
Burgl/auto	3		
Robbery	1		

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New Slate of Officers

After two years of service my term limit is up. I enjoyed working with all of you and will continue as your Veep. Please welcome our new officers:

President: Daniel Hawthorne
VP: Peter van Bommel
Secretary: Anita Bryant
Treasurer: Maaïke van Bommel

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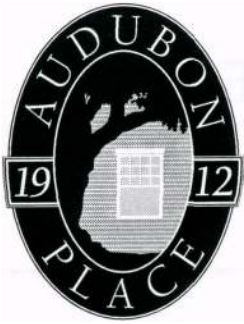
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