



Summer of old time wonders and volunteerism!

Student Conservation Association beautifies the Park!

Twenty hard working, conservation minded teens spent several weeks in Memorial Park and at the Houston Arboretum. These teens lead by four trained Crew Leaders built new trails, repaired old ones, removed invasive species and even help prepare trees in the Parks nursery for fall planting.

The Student Conservation Association was comprised this summer of students from YES Academy, KIPP Academy, Caesar Chavez HS, Furr HS, Reagan HS, Challenge Early College and Chinquapin School joined forces to care for our Park.



During their trail work they found artifacts from the days of Camp Logan and snake eggs from a Hognose snake. The snake eggs were incubated by snake expert, Clint Pusketowsky and since Hognose are beneficial will be released at a later date.

What a way to spend a summer!

Volunteer to Tree Count!

Volunteer to count trees and update The Height's Tree Inventory. Participants will be assigned a block, given a prepared packet and asked to fill out a simple spread sheet during their walk. All participants will receive Seed Packets courtesy of C&D Hardware and gift plants courtesy of Newton Nursery. Snacks and water will be provided. This Fun Family Event is open to all ages.

Targeted Tree Count Area: Heights to Oxford, 4th



Street to 20th Street.

[Click here to download the flyer.](#)

Free Bicycles!

Bicycling Magazine is bringing its Bike Town program to Houston, where they will give away 50 bikes for free, along with training and accessories, to people who submit essays describing how they think bicycles can make a positive change in their lives.

Only 5 people from Houston have submitted essays! So we need to get 45 other essays in from people, before August 8!



Bicycles are a way for people to gain back their physical and mental health, gain increased freedom and mobility, reduce car expenses, reduce their personal carbon footprint, and have a heck of a lot of fun.

Participants have to be 13.5 years or older, and live in Houston.

Essays are submitted online at:

<http://www.bicycling.com/biketown2006/essay.htm>

Second Annual Kid's Day at Memorial Park



A special "thanks" goes out to the City Special Events staff for tents to keep us shaded, City Parks Rangers and the Parks Maintenance Dept. for all their help. Oh, I can't forget about our Mounted Police with their wonderful horses. What fun! Thanks Officers!

Sponsored by The Memorial Park Conservancy,
The Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

A good time was had by all. Children from nearby neighborhoods and local summer programs visited our Kid's Day. The Houston Zoo, Houston Museum of

Natural Science, Trees for Houston, The Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, The Houston Audubon Society, Lawrence Spence, Naturalist, and the Houston Canine Frisbee Club came out to Edutain (teach in a fun way) our young guests. If you missed it, don't fret, it will be back next July. So, watch our website for information.



Fireflies in the Park



(Picture courtesy of Eileen Torpey. See this picture and more at www.freewaves.org)

Cities bring us many conveniences and fun events, but with growth some things go away. Well, Memorial Park must still be the place for some of that old fun, in the shape of blinking “fire flies” or “lighting bugs”. No matter what you call them, I bet it has been awhile since you have seen any. If you take a walk, jog, or ride back into Logan Woods, closer to the Crestwood side, you should be able to find some as dusk approaches.

Ask Deb!

Please send me Park and Memorial Park Conservancy Questions for this little section. I may not know the answer, but will scour the earth, well at least ask around and find the answer. It will be posted in the next newsletter to share. Others might have the same question and just did not ask.
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JUST A REMINDER:

Hurricane season may be upon us, but I worry about all the folks using the Park for their various outdoor pleasures as the thermometer rises. As my son's Air Force sergeant bellowed to him and the others in boot camp this summer; hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.

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