



Memorial Park Conservancy



## HAPPENINGS AT THE PARK

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### The First Memorial Park Gala!

Thursday, October 19, 2006  
7-10 pm

Honorary Chairs:  
Meg Goodman and Mike Bonini

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Madeleine and Bill Hussey

Dinner in the Garden by  
Jackson and Co.,

Dancing under the Stars to  
Mid-Life Crisis and the Hot Flashes,

and a Small but Fabulous  
Silent Auction.

Your gift launches the new 25-year Master Plan for Memorial Park. The plan includes building a canoe and kayak launch on Buffalo Bayou, making new trails, saving the habitat, preventing erosion and opening up more of this 1,500-acre jewel to you.

Call or email Mary Urban for information:  
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713-836-8403



**On behalf of Keep Houston Beautiful,  
The Memorial Park Trail Initiative Project was selected to  
receive a Proud Partner Award in the 2006 Mayor's Proud  
Partners Competition.**

## Conservancy Welcomes New Director

Sally Tyler joins us at Memorial Park Conservancy from Houston Audubon Society. Sally brings many talents and much experience working with many types of non-profits including "green" ones. Sally was the Director of Development with the Houston Audubon Society from 2002-2006. Her advancement career of over 20 years includes experience in capital campaigns for the Children's Museum of



Houston, Rice University, and the St. Agnes Academy. She has also participated in special events for the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, including unique flood recovery efforts following tropical storm Allison, and fundraising efforts for the Society for the Performing Arts. Alongside key board leadership, she assisted with a \$3 million capital campaign for the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center's building renovation project.

She is a friendly face with a warm heart wrapped in an intelligent and talented cover. If you are in the park, stop by and welcome her.

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## Gamma Girls Give All on Holiday Weekend



Members of University of Houston's Gamma Alpha Omega sorority came to the park at 7 a.m., Friday, September 2 on a holiday weekend and did some major invasive clean up on an esplanade on Memorial Drive. More work expected soon by REI.

Check out and the beautiful difference!

**BEFORE**

**AFTER**



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## Neighborly Happenings:

Super-neighborhood #22 is changing its monthly meeting location from Heights Library to the Arboretum beginning in September. The meetings are on the second Monday and begin at 6:30 p.m. September scheduled guest speaker will be At-Large Council Member Sue Lovell.

Council Member Sue Lovell will also be our guest speaker at the September 19 Woodcrest Neighborhood Civic Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Spectator's 6502 Washington Ave. @ I10.





# Hummingbirds!



Hummingbirds are traveling through during this month, so you can set up a Birdy McDonald's for these far flying little birds. Some will skirt the Gulf of Mexico and follow the Texas coast north, while most apparently cross the Gulf. They typically leave at dusk for a nonstop flight of up to 500 miles which takes 18-22 hours depending on the weather. So, a snack is very appreciated!

You can not only see the hummingbirds at this time, but the raptors are migrating as well. Hawks of all varieties are soaring by on their way to Corpus Christi and as far as Latin America. You can see these wonders in Memorial Park, but to get a spectacle of masses of hawks, check out the Smith Point Hawk Watch Tower in the Candy Cain Abshier Wildlife Management Area, or The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory.

**Smith Point Hawk Tower Gulf Coast Bird Observatory**

## **You can make your own hummingbird nectar!**

### **Recipe:**

Boil 4 parts water.

Mix 1 part ordinary white granulated sugar.

Stir and allow the mixture to cool.

When the nectar is room temperature, fill your clean hummingbird feeder.

### **Tips:**

Never use red dyes or food coloring, as they are not healthy for hummingbirds.

Never use honey when making your nectar mix. Honey attracts bees and can grow black fungus that will cause a fatal liver and tongue disease in hummingbirds.

Replace the nectar once every three to four days and clean the feeder thoroughly.

(Unused nectar can be refrigerated for up to two weeks)

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## **Join the Memorial Park Conservancy!**

As a member of the Memorial Park Conservancy, you are key to fulfilling the Conservancy's mission of preserving and enhancing Houston's premier park. Show your support for Memorial Park by becoming a member today! Members receive our monthly e-newsletter, *Happenings at the Park*, a special Members Update of the *Memorial Park Conservation Master Plan*, a Memorial Park Conservancy Member static window decal, as well as special invitations to volunteer events and park programs.



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