

# WOODLAND HEIGHTS

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WHCA NEWSLETTER: A PUBLICATION OF THE WOODLAND HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2018

## EVENT CALENDAR

- 12/6 : Trash & Recycling Collection
- 12/7 : Friday Night Lights
- 12/8 : Lights In The Heights 2018
- 12/13 : Trash Collection
- 12/19 : Heavy Trash Collection
- 12/20 : Trash & Recycling Collection
- 12/27 : Trash Collection
- 12/31 : **NEW YEAR'S EVE** 
- 1/3 : Trash & Recycling Collection
- 1/8 : WHCA General Meeting
- 1/10 : Trash Collection

## MEMBERSHIP

WHCA memberships run April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Residents are encouraged to join or renew online at [www.woodland-heights.org](http://www.woodland-heights.org).

## Calling all Bakers!

LITH committee needs volunteers to help with cookie baking! This long-standing tradition provides cookies to the houses that volunteer their porches for the night's live entertainment along the route.

Whether you can provide one dozen, five dozen, or more:

be a part of the tradition. Cookies will need to be delivered between Dec. 6th and 7th. Please email [robyn.klepper@nadel.com](mailto:robyn.klepper@nadel.com) to volunteer or for more details.



## Light Up the Night Holiday Bash a Big Success!

We had a fantastic turnout for the Lights in the Heights Bash on Saturday, November 3rd. Between the ticket sales, sponsorships and auctions, LITH events have raised more than \$50,000\* in support of Lights in the Heights. This money helps defray the substantial cost of running the event, reducing the financial burden on the civic association.

It was a beautiful evening, and we enjoyed sweeping views of the city from the rooftop balcony at 1111 Studewood. While mixing and mingling, friends and neighbors enjoyed food and drinks graciously donated by neighborhood establishments.

Helen in the Heights donated food for the entire event. Sonoma Wine Bar, Eureka Heights Brewery, Houston Cider Co., St. Arnolds Brewery, and Christian's Tailgate donated wine, beer, cider, and bottled water. H-E-B topped it off with an assortment of desserts, including macarons and cake pops fresh from the bakery. Several individuals and local businesses donated silent auction items, and the evening concluded with a live auction.



Special thank you to the Bash co-chairs, Bridget & Gabe Vick and Kristy & Jason Williams, for organizing and coordinating this event. The Bash would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Susan Pennebaker, Melissa McKee, Lauren Snead, Beth Allen-Brock, Sharon Greiff, and countless others.

Thank you to all who came out to support our neighborhood and LITH!

## President's Message: 'Tis The Season

Since our last publication, The Season has progressed. The Light Up the Night Holiday Bash was a huge success! Great fun was had by all and then we exceeded our expectations regarding fundraising. Enormous thanks to all those in attendance as well as an epic shout-out to all our sponsors, donors and organizers. All you folks are key in keeping the wheels moving forward.

On a less up-beat note, I think our most recent WHCA General Meeting was a victim of the cold weather and the earliest snow ever experienced in the City of Houston. Despite a very informative briefing from Representative Cisneros and an introduction to Jazmine Brown and the As One Foundation's Darling Dash, we did not have enough WHCA members present to achieve quorum and

could thus not hold an "official" meeting. Folks, we can't work for you if we don't know what you want. Attend our Association's General Meetings and be heard!

We all are looking forward to Friday Night Lights. It is the Friday before Lights In The Heights (Friday, December 7) and offers an appetizer to the big Lights In The Heights night, Saturday, December 8. Comradery and fun will drive Friday Night Lights. Come on out Friday to the Norhill esplanade, meet some neighbors and enjoy the season. It will be fun.

All the Best to you and yours,

Harry McMahon, President,  
Woodland Heights Civic Association

# The Definitive Guide To Lights in the Heights 2018

## Keeping You In The Loop

LITH is a special neighborhood tradition that celebrates both the season and the community connections and charm of our neighborhood. But it can be hard to keep on top of all the moving parts. Block Captains to the rescue!

This year, each area of the route has "Street Generals" that in turn have recruited Block Captains to keep neighbors informed. If you live along the route or on the Norhill Esplanade, you have probably already had a visit from your Block Captain and received some initial information. They also are charged with finding out who is planning private entertainment and who is willing to donate the use of their porch / lawn / driveway for the entertainment that adds to the LITH experience.

If you don't know who your Block Captain is, or have other questions, please feel free to reach out to one of the "Street Generals."

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Norhill Esplanade:	
Tiffany Tyler	tiffany.tyler@gmail.com



## Friday Night Lights

Kick off your Lights in the Heights weekend at Friday Night Lights on Friday, December 7 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm on Norhill Esplanade. At this festive event, neighbors can gather around the campfire and toast marshmallows or enjoy dinner from a local food truck under the glow of Jurassic Christmas displays.

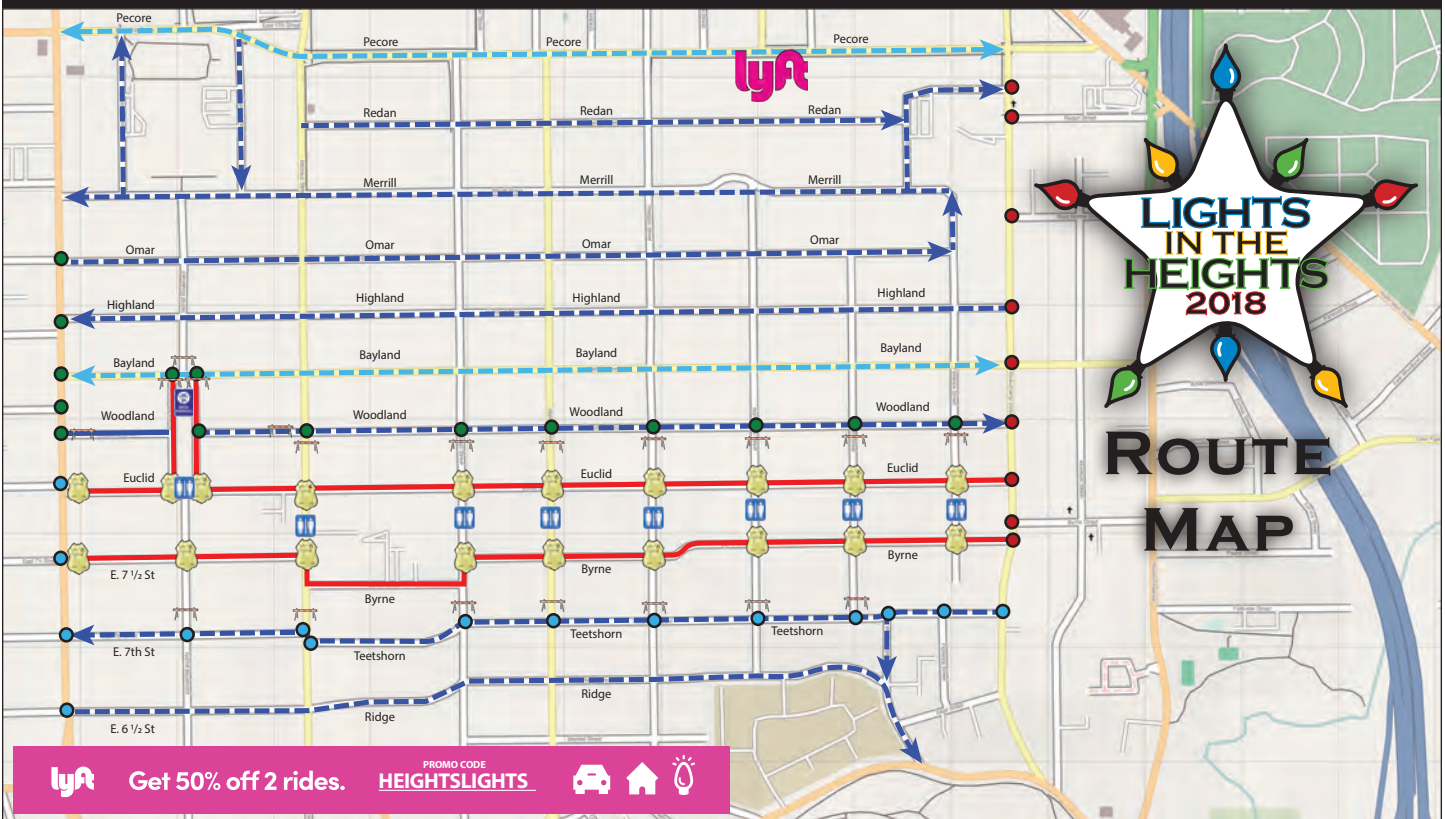
Lights in the Heights merchandise will be on sale all night, so be sure to grab your private party signs and keepsakes. Some of our generous sponsors, Memorial Hermann Greater Heights and H-E-B, will also be at the event to spread the holiday cheer.

Enjoy the lights around the neighborhood by hopping on the famed hayride, starting at 5:30. Children can take part in a 30-year-old neighborhood tradition at the craft tent and decorate a luminaria. And while you are enjoying all the fun, keep your ear out for sleigh bells because Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 6:30.

To give back as a neighborhood, Woodland Heights will host a toy drive in coordination with the Lights and the Heights festivities. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Norhill Esplanade on Friday, December 7 from 5-9 pm or Saturday, December 8 from 9 am - 12pm. There will be large donation boxes with the Operation: Stocking Stuffer logo for your gift.

To volunteer to help with FNL please contact [katie.m.mccafferty@gmail.com](mailto:katie.m.mccafferty@gmail.com).





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**FULL STREET CLOSURES (No Parking)**

- Euclid** between Studewood & Beauchamp.
- E 7th 1/2** between Studewood & Michaux.
- Byrne** between Michaux & Beauchamp.
- Norhill** around the esplanade, between Euclid & Bayland.

**TRAFFIC FLOW & PARKING**

- Pecore** – two way w/ parking on both sides.
- Redan & Quinn** – one way going east w/ parking on both sides facing east.
- Merrill** – one way going west w/ parking on both sides facing west.
- Omar** – one way going east w/ parking on both sides facing east.

**TRAFFIC FLOW & PARKING (cont'd)**

- Highland** — one way going west w/ parking on both sides facing west.
- Bayland** – two way w/ parking on both sides.
- Woodland** – one way going east w/ parking on both sides facing east.
- Teetshorn** – one way going west w/ parking on both sides facing west.
- E 6th 1/2 & Ridge** – one way going east w/ parking on both sides facing east.
- White Oak** – two way w/ parking on both sides.
- Pineridge** – one way going south w/ parking on both sides facing south.
- Oakridge** – one way going north w/ parking on both sides facing north.
- N Sabine** – one way going south w/ parking on both sides facing south.

- City of Houston Police
- Off-duty Police Officer provided by WHCA LITH
- Cross-street closure to route (parking permitted)
- Portable rest rooms
- Locking bicycle parking
- Pickup & drop-off at 600 Pecore

## Lyft To The Heights

This year we are proud to partner with Lyft to help you get to and from Lights in the Heights safely. Share the promo code HEIGHTSLIGHTS with your friends and party guests, and they will receive 50% off (up to \$5) of two rides during Lights in the Heights.

Lyft is operating an official, fully-staffed pickup and drop-off station at St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 600 Pecore.

<https://www.lyft.com/invite/HEIGHTSLIGHTS>

Otherwise, very limited parking is available in the neighborhood, including at Vineyard Church, Zion Church (fee applies), Woodland Park, and Stude Park.

## LITH Judging

Each year, the LITH committee hands out awards for a range of decorating categories, from most wattage to most traditional. The judges will be rolling down the route Thursday evening, December 6th, to vote on the winners, so make sure to have your decorations lit.

If you're ON the route, you're automatically in the running. If you're OFF the route, nominate your home (or a neighbor's) by emailing [robyn.klepper@nadel.com](mailto:robyn.klepper@nadel.com) so the judges can include you in the competition. Good luck to you all!

## Will Your Block Be The Best?

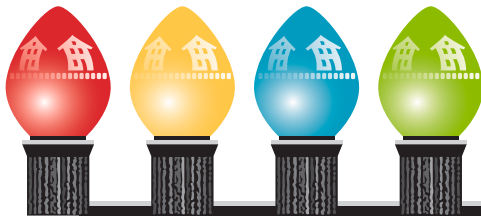
This year (along the route only) there will be a "Best Block" award decided by the LITH judges. Your block can claim the bragging rights for best overall, so get busy stringing up those lights with your neighbors! Some blocks already are planning to work with neighbors (who, for whatever reason, can't decorate for themselves) to help them light up the night. How will your block put its best foot forward?

NOT on the route this year? Enjoy the amped up displays! Feel free to offer your decorating expertise to friends and neighbors along the route. LITH 2018 is going to shine!

## Need Decorating Help?

Live along the route and would love to light up the night with your home, but untangling light strings gives you nightmares? Or, more seriously, age, injury or illness makes decorating a challenge? Santa's elves, otherwise known as the LITH committee, may be able to help.

Volunteers will again be providing assistance to those who can't do the decorating themselves. Send an email to [lightsintheheights@gmail.com](mailto:lightsintheheights@gmail.com) to be considered. Please indicate if you have lights or need them supplied. Also send us a message if you have extra lights or other decorations you'd like to donate, or if you're willing to help with the decorating.



# LITH MERCHANDISE ON SALE

## Don't worry, you haven't missed your chance to get Lights in the Heights merchandise!

Merchandise will be for sale at Friday Night Lights on December 7th, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Norhill Esplanade. Pre-ordered merchandise will also be distributed at Friday Night Lights. On Saturday morning, December 8th, merchandise will be sold and distributed on the Norhill Esplanade beginning at 9 a.m.

- 1 Pre-orders will be taken both days for the new and very popular Woodland Heights cookie jar, selling for \$50.
- 2 Keep the LITH tradition alive by purchasing luminaria—the same sack-lanterns along the LITH route—for sale on Saturday, only.
- 3 Complete your collection of LITH tree ornaments — the 2018 ornament is here!
- 4 The original LITH bulb-design ornament has been re-ordered for the first time in several years — this one does not have a year.
- 5 There are just a few previous year's ornaments for sale, get them while they last. Cloisonne ornaments sell for \$45.
- 6 The iconic 30th anniversary LITH T-shirt is available for \$10.
- 7 The original bulb-logo has been beautifully embroidered on a white cotton apron (\$25)
- 8 ...and also printed on kitchen tea-towels (\$10)
- 9 Ramp-up party fun with red koozies with the bulb-logo printed in gold, pack of 4 for \$10.
- 10 The full-color bulb-logo printed on cocktail napkins, pack of 50 for \$15.

Your guests will find your party easily when you display an all-weather Private Party sign, \$20.

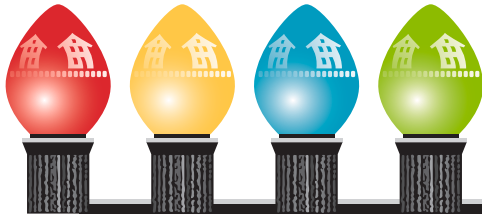
Items for the kids will be for sale at Friday Night Lights.

The ever popular, lighted snowman wand is back this year! The snowman wand is \$10.

Motion activated, lighted bracelets will sell for \$5. Bracelets run on a replaceable watch battery.

These are just some of the reasons to be excited about 2018 Lights in the Heights. Come join your neighbors and celebrate the holidays in Woodland Heights!





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## Yard-of-the-Month: 3002 Norhill



Shawn & Dominique Rodgers, at 3002 Norhill, love supporting local businesses and love planting their own plants each season. Everything in their yard was sourced this past Spring from Buchanan's Native Plants on 11th Street. Dominique spent several days researching to pick out just the right plants. They wanted hardy perennials that were heat and cold tolerant, drought resistant, good with full and partial sun areas of the yard, and ones that would mix well together for visual and textural appeal. So far they have done the job, including:

- Fox Tail Ferns
- Monkey Grass
- Regular Mondo Grass
- Bronze Ajuga - ground cover, perennials (along the flower bed borders) - these are some of their favorites.
- Queen Anne Lily of the Nile - perennial - around the base of the trees. These grew beautifully in their back yard, so transplanted to the front yard.
- All Summer Gardenias - perennial (in the large pots.)
- Baby Gem Boxwoods - perennials (in the medium sized pots) and regular boxwood in all the flower beds.
- Black & Blue Salvia - perennial - around the street post and in the main flower beds. The bees & butterflies love these.
- Salvia Amistad- perennial - in the main flower bed.
- Angelonia - in the main flower beds
- Cora cascade polka dot Trailing vinca - in the bed to the left of the house.
- Graffiti White Pentas - perennial - all over the yard.
- Zebra Hydrangea - on the porch in pots.



Living on the Norhill Esplanade means they have front row seats to the festivities every December, and are looking forward to celebrating with their neighborhood again this year!

- Stephanie Riceman, VP-Beautification

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## The Constable on Holiday Safety



As our Holiday Season quickly approaches we would like to take time out to warning you about a few things.

First, plan ahead for receiving your packages. Please be aware of when they are supposed to be delivered. It's always best to try to have them delivered when you will be home. We realize that's not always possible. I will try my best to move packages out of plain view, but I may miss a few.

Secondly, submit your vacation watch notifications in a timely manner. Please completely fill out contact numbers, expected visitors, pets, etc.

Third, please remember set your alarms and lock all doors and windows, this includes your vehicles as well.

Finally, after Christmas, please remember to dispose of your gift boxes properly. It doesn't take much effort to ensure that you don't let everyone know exactly what you received as Christmas gifts.

Thank you for your cooperation and wishing you Happy Holiday Season from your Deputy and Constable Alan Rosen Pct #1 Office.

Sincerely,  
Deputy D. Vest

## Creature Feature #2:

### Amelia Stowers' Menagerie

The Stowers family lives on Highland Street. Their daughter, Amelia, loves animals and has seven pets, including her new basset hound puppy, "Spots" (pictured right) and her bearded dragon, "Sunset" (pictured inset.)

"Spots has long ears that drag the ground", Amelia explained. Her father Greg said, "And Sunset will ride on Amelia's shoulder and not jump off." These are some cool pets!

Animals are everywhere in Woodland Heights! Some are local wildlife, while others are pets of various sorts. Each has a story. Did you know that we have a hoard of colorful wild Parakeets that live hereabouts?

If you have anything to submit for consideration please send it to [communications@woodland-heights.org](mailto:communications@woodland-heights.org).



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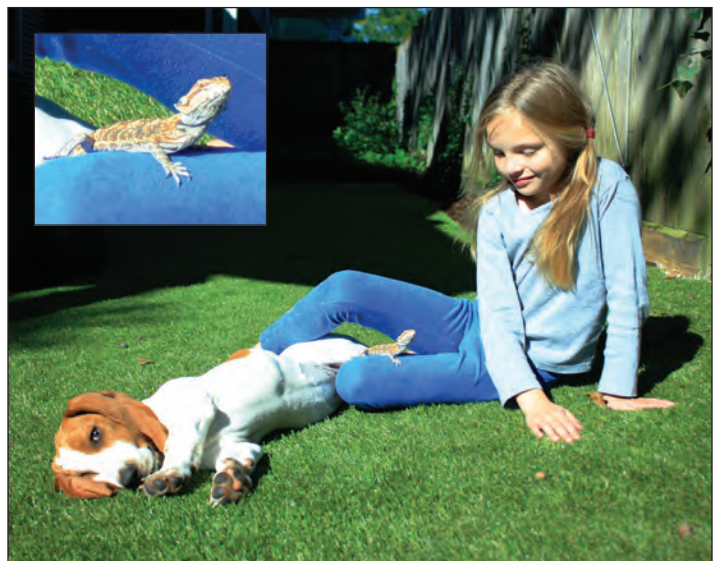


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### About WHCA

WHCA General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m. (January, March, May, July, September, and November). Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Hogg Middle School, 1100 Merrill St.

**WHCA**  
**P.O. Box 7754**  
**Houston, TX 77270-7754**

Please visit our website ([www.woodland-heights.org](http://www.woodland-heights.org)) to sign up for our monthly digital newsletter. The website also contains additional news updates, volunteer opportunities, and so much more.

### WHCA Statement of Financial Activity

WHCA Constable Program	Oct 2018	Apr - Oct, 2018
Revenue	\$660	\$136,037
Expenses	\$13,174	\$93,086
<b>Net Income CP</b>	<b>\$(12,514)</b>	<b>\$42,951</b>

WHCA General Fund	Oct 2018	Apr - Oct, 2018
<b>Revenue</b>		
Membership		\$16,745
Home Tour 2018		\$9,848
Lights in the Heights 2018	\$33,079	\$36,129
Porch Book Sales		\$115
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$33,079</b>	<b>\$62,837</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
Admin	\$1,054	\$3,046
Beautification	\$372	\$1,046
Newsletter	\$1,260	\$1,260
<b>Events</b>		
4th of July Parade	\$200	\$200
Home Tour 2018		\$757
Lights in the Heights 2018	\$252	\$7,958
<b>Special Programs</b>		
Friends of Woodland Park		\$500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,139</b>	<b>\$14,767</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$29,940</b>	<b>\$48,070</b>
<b>WHCA General Fund</b>		

Please forward all questions to Sharon Greiff at [treasurer@woodland-heights.org](mailto:treasurer@woodland-heights.org)

\*From the front page: \$50,000 raised by Lights in the Heights committee includes Lighter-in-the-Heights yard sale results, merchandise sales, sponsorships, Light-up-the-Night Holiday Bash and related auctions.