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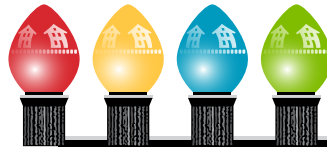
NOVEMBER 2019

EVENT CALENDAR

- 11/29 : Trash Collection
- 12/5 : Trash & Recycling Collection
- 12/12 : Trash Collection
- 12/12 : LITH Judging
- 12/13 : Friday Night Lights
- 12/14 : Family Fun Day at Woodland Park
- 12/14 : Lights In The Heights 2019
- 12/18 : Heavy Trash Collection
- 12/19 : Trash & Recycling Collection
- 12/31 : Keep your pets inside!
 - 1/2 : Trash & Recycling Collection
 - 1/9 : Trash Collection
 - 1/14 : WHCA General Meeting
 - 1/15 : Tree Waste Collection
 - 3/27 : Home Tour Preview Party
 - 3/28 : Biennial WHCA Home Tour

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. 12th and 13th. Please email robyn.klepper@nadel.com to volunteer or for more details.



THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO LIGHTS IN THE HEIGHTS 2019

The Lights in the Heights committee wants to have open and continuous communications with neighbors who live along the route. Below is a list of Street Captains and other committee members who can help keep you informed of our plans. The Street Captains are your first point of contact for questions about the event.

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LITH Committee Co-Chairs

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year judges will be rolling down the route the evening of Thursday, December 12th. 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 so the judges know to include you in the competition. Good luck to you all!

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 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.

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 2019 is going to shine!

LITH Judging

Each year, the LITH committee hands out awards for a range of decorating categories, from most wattage to most traditional. This

Remembering the 2019 Holiday Masquerade Bash



Event co-chairs: Ashley Allison, Lynette Crocker, Lauren Snead, Shani Jackofsky & Karen Stowers.



Jayne Porter & Pat Rutledge in most impressive costumes made by Terry Tiemann.



Lucienne Duforets and Daniel Rueda.



In the photo booth with Farrah Cauley, owner of Sonoma Wine Bar & Restaurant & Executive Chef Ja'Nel Witt.

We had a fantastic turnout for this year's Lights in the Heights Holiday Masquerade Bash on Friday, October 25. From ticket sales, auction items, and sponsorships, the Bash brought in over \$43,000! About \$13,000 alone were from the silent and live auction. What a wonderful turnout and a wonderful fundraising event!

It was a beautiful, cool evening at 1111 Studewood where we enjoyed the amazing Houston cityscape from the rooftop balcony. Friends and neighbors enjoyed food and drinks graciously donated by our favorite neighborhood establishments. **Helen in the Heights** and **BCK** donated food. **Sonoma Wine Bar**, **Eureka Heights Brewery**, and **Christian's Tailgate** donated wine, beer, and bottled water. This event would not have been possible without these tremendous donors.

Several individuals and local businesses donated silent auction items, and the evening concluded with a live auction hosted by Johnny Holloway.

Special thank you to the Bash Co-chairs: Karen Stowers, Ashley Allison, Lynette Crocker, Shoshana Jackofsky, and Lauren Snead. Their hard work and organization of the event and the auction made this a successful event. An additional thank you to Ward & Susan Pennebaker, Beth Allen-Brock, Melissa McKee, Greg Stowers, Michael Graves & Estella Espinosa for your expertise and assistance in making this event possible.

Lastly, thank you to all of our neighbors and friends who came out to support Lights in the Heights! - *Lauren Snead, Auction Co-Chair*



Friday Night Lights

Kick off your Lights in the Heights weekend at Friday Night Lights on Friday, December 13 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 will also be at the event to spread the holiday cheer.

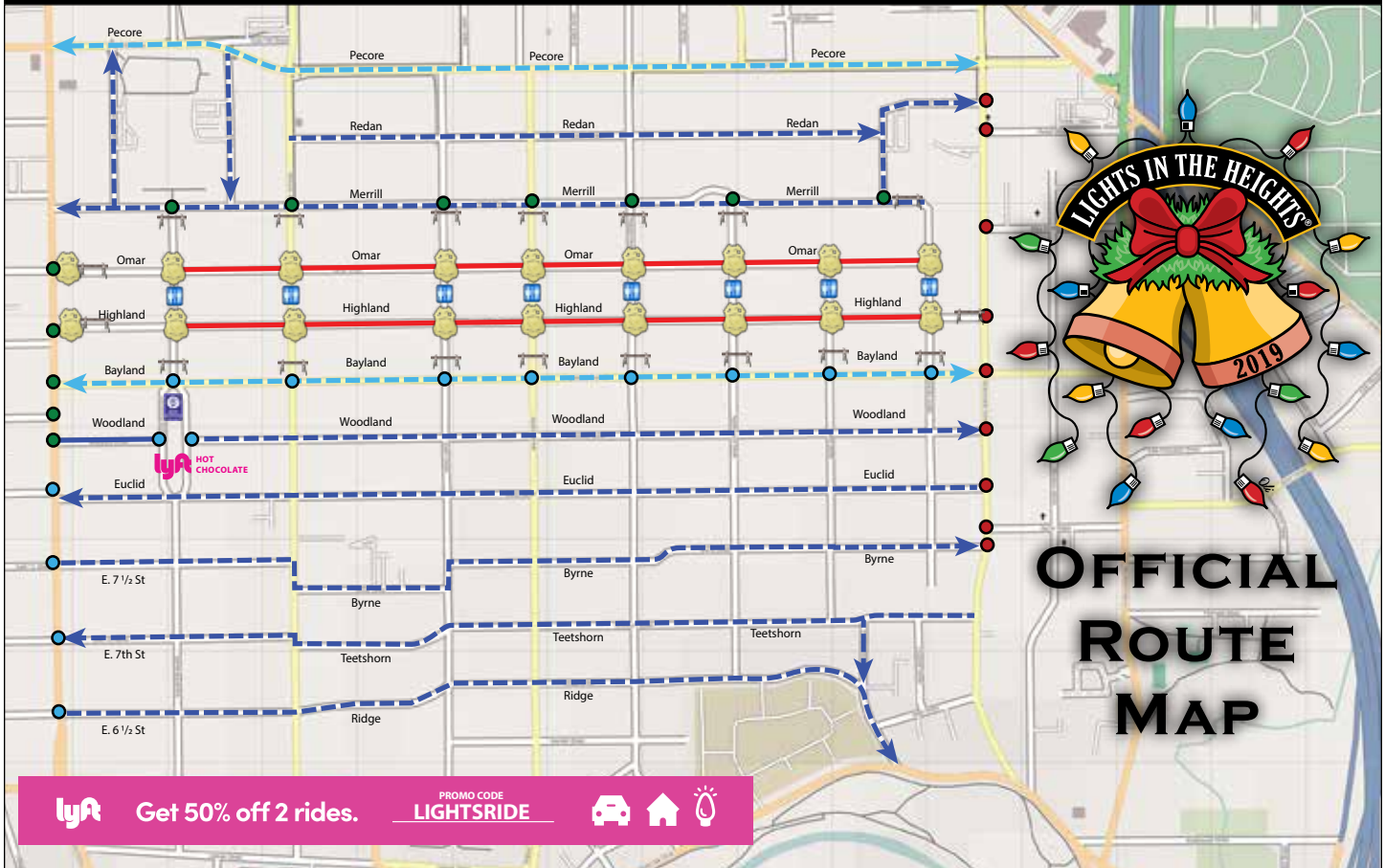
Enjoy the lights around the neighborhood by hopping on the famed hayride, starting at 5:30. Children can take part in a 30-year-

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 in the Heights festivities. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Norhill Esplanade on Friday, December 13 from 5-9 pm. There will be large donation boxes with the Operation: Stocking Stuffer logo for your gift.



To volunteer to help with FNL please contact katie.mccafferty@gmail.com.



OFFICIAL ROUTE MAP

lyft Get 50% off 2 rides. **PROMO CODE LIGHTSRIDE**

FULL STREET CLOSURES

- Omar** between Studewood & Florence
- Highland** between Studewood & Florence

ONE-WAY 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
- Bayland** – two way w/ parking on both sides
- Woodland** – one way going east w/ parking on both sides facing east

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW & PARKING (cont'd)

- Euclid** – one way going west w/ parking on both sides facing west
- E 7 1/2 & Byrne** – 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

OTHER ITEMS

- 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

lyft To The Heights

For the second year in a row, we are proud to partner with Lyft to help you get to and from Lights in the Heights safely. Share the promo code **LIGHTSRIDE** with your friends and party guests, and they will receive 50% off two (2) rides (up to \$4 per ride) during Lights in the Heights.

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

lyft Hot Chocolate Station

A Lyft hot chocolate truck will be on the Norhill Esplanade during the event from approximately 5:00-9:00 pm (or while supplies last). Visitors who show a Lyft receipt reflecting a ride to Lights in the Heights will receive one (1) free hot chocolate. For those without a Lyft receipt, hot chocolate can be purchased with a \$2 cash donation, which will go directly to WHCA.



lyft Party Host Program

Lyft is also generously offering a **Woodland Heights Resident / Party Host Program** for those hosting parties or residing in the neighborhood. Lyft will provide up to 50 households a set of exclusive promo codes to be shared with their friends, family and party guests.

Residents must opt-in to the program, at which point they will be contacted by Lyft with instructions and codes. Lyft will be donating a portion of the proceeds from every ride to the WHCA in support of the neighborhood!

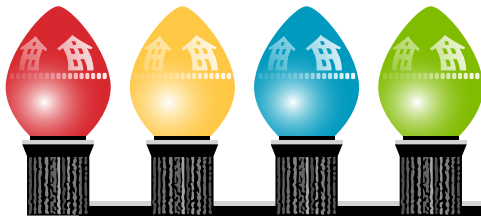
This promotion includes the following:

- Each WH resident will receive 10 promo codes
- Each promo code is valid for \$15 in ride credit (up to \$7.50 on 2 rides)
- Valid Friday, December 13 at 12:00pm until Sunday, December 15 at 12:00pm

If you wish to participate, please visit the link below and enter code **lyftlights**.

<https://woodlandheightspartyprogram.splashthat.com/>





LITH MERCHANDISE ORDER YOURS NOW!

T-shirts and tree ornaments, as well as everything for a rocking LITH party—private party signs, cocktail napkins, koozies, aprons, kitchen towels, all featuring the LITH logo—can be ordered at <https://www.woodland-heights.org/store>.

Merchandise can be picked up at the Friday Night Lights event on Friday, December 13th. Additional pick-up dates are December 16, 18 and 20 from 2:30 until 6:30, at 529 Omar Street, or by appointment—call Beth Brock at 713-569-9277 to schedule.

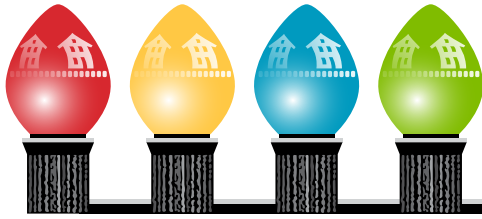
Merchandise may be purchased at Friday Night Lights; however, limited quantities will be available. So place your online order today!

- 1 Back by popular demand, the Woodland Heights 10-inch cookie jar will make a fantastic holiday gift! Limited quantity on hand. Selling for \$50.
- 2 Keep the LITH tradition alive by purchasing luminaria - the same sack lanterns that are placed along the LITH route.
- 3 Complete your collection of LITH cloisonné tree ornaments—the 2019 ornament is coming soon!
- 4 Limited quantities are available of the original LITH tree ornament with the light-bulb logo. This one does not have a date.
- 5 LITH T-shirts have a new style this year and come in both a men's and ladies' cut! Made of 50/50 cotton and polyester, the shirts feature the 2019 LITH Bell Logo on the front, designed by Hogg Middle School student Oli Bayse.
- 6 The original bulb-logo has been beautifully embroidered on a white cotton apron (\$25)
- 7 ..and also printed on kitchen tea-towels (\$10)
- 8 Ramp-up party fun with red koozies with the bulb-logo printed in gold, pack of 4 for \$10.
- 9 The full-color bulb-logo printed on cocktail napkins, pack of 50 for \$15.
- 10 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 2019 Lights in the Heights. Come join your neighbors and celebrate the holidays in Woodland Heights!



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At the most recent Woodland Heights Civic Association General Meeting, the Board of Directors announced a significant change in the way we take payments for subscriptions for both WHCA Membership and WHCA Constable Patrol. For those of you who did not brave the unseasonably cold weather that night, I would like to reiterate that announcement.



Commencing immediately, those who sign-up for WHCA membership and/or the Constable Patrol Program via our website can select a **one-time** transaction or an annually **auto-renewing** subscription. The auto-renewing option ensures your WHCA membership and/or support of the Constable Patrol Program never lapses.

Current WHCA memberships and CP subscriptions will expire on March 31, 2020. You can renew online at the WHCA store (<https://www.woodland-heights.org/store>) or send a check to:

Woodland Heights Civic Association
 P.O. Box 7754
 Houston, Texas 77270-7754

If you are *not* a current subscriber, all you have to do is go to the WHCA online store and subscribe (auto-renewing or one-year.) You can also make your payment by mail.

Signs, signs, everywhere a sign....

Now for the tough part... delivery of Constable Patrol signs and sign stickers. As a Board, we have struggled in getting the stickers delivered. However, we are working diligently and have made excellent strides in getting the existing signs updated. If you have not had your active subscription sticker delivered and if you would like to pick-up your sticker, send an email request to Kelly Hare at membership@woodland-heights.org. She will put a sticker for you in a specifically designated mailbox at her home.

For those subscribers who don't have a sign, we have ordered new signs and will deliver them as soon as we can.

I am in the process of updating our subscriber database and need your help. If you have paid for Constable Patrol and don't have a 2019 sticker for your old sign or don't have a sign, please let me know. You can email me at president@woodland-heights.org.

I want to thank all the Woodland Heights residents who have subscribed to the Constable Patrol or enrolled in the Woodland Heights Civic Association. The Constable Patrol is 100% funded by subscriber dues. Constable Patrol dues fund the Constable Patrol only; nothing else. The more folks who subscribe, the better patrol coverage we can fund.

I also want Membership subscribers to know we use the funds from dues to support many efforts around the neighborhood. Beautification, deed restriction support, infrastructure issues, neighborhood involvement events and civic awareness are all issues we regularly and ardently champion.

Please be involved. Please be a Member. We can all help to move our wonderful neighborhood forward with your support.

- Harry McMahon, President
 Woodland Heights Civic Association

Yard-of-the-Month: 501 Highland



501 Highland is a pretty and highly manicured little yard with an inviting front porch. Have a look as you take in the Lights in the Heights on December 14th!

Honorable Mention goes to 3405 Northwood! If you have a yard you would like to nominate for consideration, please email beautification@woodland-heights.org.

- Stephanie Riceman, Dir of Beautification



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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 Travis Elementary School, 3311 Beauchamp Street.

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Please visit our website (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.

Editors Ramble
This special LITH edition of the newsletter is always the most challenging. So many contributors, facts to check, it's to dot and t's to cross. And logos....so many logos. Many thanks to everyone who played a part. There are far too many to list in this little, remaining space.

Anyone know anything about Hummingbirds? I have some great video. Need a Creature Feature on Hummingbirds before their season is so far past that they've literally flown out-of-mind. I need a nap.

-Michael Graves, Dir Communications.