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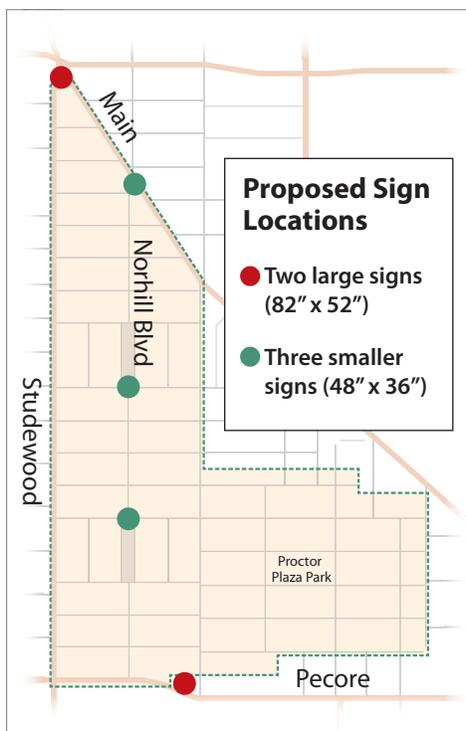
Historic district sign project nearing reality

For the past twelve months, we have been discussing the possibility of installing attractive signs to mark the boundaries of the Norhill Historic District for all who travel in our fabulous neighborhood. We're now one step closer to making that dream become a reality.

Representatives of NNA recently met with Richard Smith, Managing Engineer for the Public Works and Engineering Department of the City of Houston to discuss our plans for erecting five signs at strategic locations throughout the historic district (see map). Mr. Smith gave his tentative approval to our proposal and encouraged us to submit a formal application. We're now in the process of making that application.

"Until we changed the name of our association from Proctor Plaza to Norhill in 2011, the word Norhill wasn't used frequently," said Paul Broman, 2011 NNA president. "In fact, if you looked up our neighborhood on a map, it probably said Proctor Plaza even though the neighborhood was never meant to be called that."

Norhill traces its roots to 1920 when Houston business leaders William and Michael Hogg joined forces with Henry Stude to develop the Stude family farmland into what eventually became North and East Norhill. Studewood was actually a dirt road referring to "Stude's Woods."



Along with The Heights and Woodland Heights, Norhill was among the first housing developments outside the central Houston business district. The name Norhill was selected because it was North of the city and up a hill — only 75 feet up, but considering the transportation options in those days, a fairly significant incline.

The new signs will be made of molded, high density polyurethane and set on painted aluminum posts. This material looks like carved wood, but lasts longer and is more cost-effective. The design will mirror our distinctive Norhill logo, which was created by award-winning Houston graphic artist Robert Cortez.

We hope to have the signs constructed and installed by September.

President's Message

If you go by participant numbers, our Spring Sportacular was the most popular NNA event since last October's home tour. Approximately 100 people of all ages came to the park for four hours of fun and games.



Especially gratifying were the many families with small children. These are not the people who normally attend our monthly meetings or First Friday Happy Hours. It was great seeing them have such a good time.

I'm grateful to Trisha Perry and her amazing team of volunteers and event coordinators. Everything went according to schedule — just like she said it would! Thanks, Trish.

Our next opportunity for family fun will be an old-fashioned ice cream social in July. Find your ice cream maker (or buy one) and stay tuned. We'll announce full

details in the July/August issue of Norhill News.

We're still trying to hit the magic 200 number in NNA memberships this year. If you consider where we've been in recent years, this is an ambitious goal, but still a small percentage of the 840 homes in Norhill. If you have yet to renew your membership, it's easy to do online now. Go to our website at www.norhill.org and use the handy system that has been set-up for your convenience. It only takes a few minutes and you can use your Visa or MasterCard or you can call V.P. Membership Tom Patton at 713-528-0804 and he will arrange to get you an application form.

Another new service from Norhill Neighborhood Association is our Facebook page. Even if you're not a Facebook person, you can go there to see pictures and postings from recent events. The address is www.facebook.com/norhill.org.

—Bob Lamons

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Norhill is now on Facebook

What does a one-hundred year old, historic neighborhood and social media have in common? Facebook, that's what.



In case you haven't visited that part of the internet lately, Norhill Neighborhood Association has a very active Facebook page, and it's getting better all the time. You can find it at www.facebook.com/norhill.org.

Twenty-five photos from the recent Spring Sportacular are stored there. We've got 41 pictures from Norhill Cycling Club rides. There are nine shots from recent monthly meetings, including several from the Member Appreciation Dinner in January.

You'll find five photos from the tree planting project, and seven from last year's bungalow home tour. There's even a map of the Norhill Historic District.

Facebook is fun, especially if you decide to post a comment or add a photo of your own. And while you're there, click on the "Like" button please.

Spring Sportacular Fun

Proctor Plaza Park was alive with squeals of laughter and good-natured ribbing on May 4th as Norhillians of all ages took part in twenty-three games and activities in our first Spring Sportacular. A dozen delicious, home-made cakes were passed out at the Cake Walk, and we awarded more than \$400 worth of gift cards to people who made an effort to participate in at least one of the games.

Thanks to Trisha Perry and all the dozens of volunteers who helped make it happen. It was a big undertaking, and an even bigger success.

We're hoping to make this an annual event, so if you missed it, don't make that mistake again! Be sure to save the date when next year's Sportacular is announced.



Ice Cream Social In July

If you're old enough to remember home-made ice cream, you might also remember neighborhood gatherings where everyone brought an ice cream maker and we waited with great anticipation until it was finally ready to eat. What a treat that was!

We've decided to bring back this summer tradition with an Ice Cream Social at Proctor Park this July. Mark your calendar for the tentative date of July 20. We will confirm the date when we hear back regarding park availability and permitting from the City of Houston.

Viula Torgerson, former NNA board member and promoter of all-things-Heights via her blog, "The Heights Life," has agreed to chair this event. She'll need lots of volunteer helpers to pull it off. If you can assist in any capacity, please email her at viula@theheightslife.com.

We'll be publishing recipes for home-made ice cream in the next issue of Norhill News. We're hoping to generate some spirited competition for the tastiest and most exotic ice cream flavors, so bring your ice cream A-game!

Dig out your old ice cream maker and get ready for another fun afternoon in the park with your Norhill neighbors.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 3** First Friday Happy Hour — Broman/Woods, 731 W. Temple
- **May 12** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride
- **May 17** Norhill Diner's Group
- **May 28** NNA Monthly Meeting — Jonathan McElvy, The Leader
- **June 7** First Friday Happy Hour — Johnson residence, 4609 Pineridge
- **June 9** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride
- **June 25** NNA Monthly Meeting — Gilbert Perez "Fun With Bungalows"

NOTE: We will not have First Friday Happy Hour in July due to the holiday



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NORHILL YARD OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to recognize these Norhill Yard of the Month recipients:

May: Phil Schaidler & Sam Jameson, 1132 Winston

April: Harriet Reynolds & Anne Walls, 928 W. Cottage

March: Jimmy & Mary Ann Tucker, 1132 W. Temple

Thanks for helping keep Norhill beautiful!



May



April



March