

# NORHILL NEWS

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## Homemade Ice Cream in Proctor Park July 12th

It's summertime and the livin' is easy, especially when free homemade ice cream is available to Norhill residents. For the second consecutive year, we're planning an old fashioned ice cream social in Proctor Plaza Park on Saturday, July 12th from 1 to 3 p.m. Tables and chairs will be set up under the protective covering, and Sally Walden of Habitation Realty will provide paper fans to help cool things down a bit.

Mark and Heather Adam have agreed to serve as chairpersons of this year's event, but they could use lots of help with arrangements and set-up. If you're willing to help, please call Mark at 713-703-2167.

Some of you will remember Mark's winning Basil Chili Petin recipe from last year's social (see below).

Once again we will have a special toppings table for the



kids, with fruit, nuts, sprinkles and syrups to "personalize" their ice cream treat. We will also have prizes for the best homemade ice cream in three categories: Best Traditional Ice Cream, Most Unique Ice Cream and People's Choice, which will be voted on by attendees.

We'd like to encourage all Norhill residents to dust off that old ice cream maker (or go buy a new one) and start working on your secret recipe now.

Please have your ice cream entries at the park, ready to serve at 1:00 p.m. The cutoff for judging will be 1:30.

It's not necessary to make ice cream in order to attend. We need at least as many ice cream eaters as ice cream makers. This is a great opportunity to meet your Norhill neighbors and enjoy a fun outing in our wonderful little park. Bring the family and join us, please.

### Last Year's Award Winning Recipes

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

##### *Ruby Red Grapefruit & Basil Sorbet*

2 cups freshly squeezed ruby red grapefruit juice  
2 cups simple syrup (equal amount sugar and water heated until sugar dissolves, cool)  
2 teaspoons grapefruit zest  
1/3 cup packed basil leaves  
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

In a small saucepan, combine the grapefruit juice, simple syrup and grapefruit zest and bring to boil. Remove from heat & add basil leaves. Set aside to steep for 5 minutes. Add the lemon juice to sorbet base, strain through a fine mesh sieve & set aside to cool. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, then process in an ice cream machine according to manufacturer's instructions. Transfer to a freezer-proof container with a lid & freeze until firm, 6 to 8 hours.

#### BEST TRADITIONAL ICE CREAM

##### *Raspberry Cheesecake*

3 ounces cream cheese, softened to room temperature  
1 cup sugar  
1-1/2 cups pureed, strained raspberries  
1 cup whipping cream  
1 cup whole milk

- In a large bowl, whisk cream cheese until smooth; add sugar & continue whisking until combined.
- Whisk in raspberries, followed by cream & milk until fully incorporated.
- Pour mixture into ice-cream maker; process according to manufacturer's instructions.

#### MOST UNIQUE ICE CREAM

##### *Basil Chile Petin*

3/4 cup cold whole milk  
2/3 cup sugar  
1-1/2 cups cold heavy cream  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Leaves from 1 bunch of Thai basil  
9+ petin chile peppers

- Finely chop the basil & peppers in a food processor
- Whisk sugar into milk completely
- Stir in the vanilla, cream & basil/chile mixture. (Don't stress about even liquid distribution of solids)
- Put mixture in machine & process per instructions
- Freeze 2 hours before serving

# President's Message

We're approaching the halfway mark in my year as NNA president and I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. We're well on the way to reaching our goal of 300 paid members, and from my vantage point, it looks like interest in NNA programs and activities are at an all-time high.



The next social opportunity will be the Ice Cream Social on July 12. Mark and Heather Adam have graciously agreed to chair this event, which promises to become a summer tradition in Norhill. Read the article on page one of this issue for all the details and please join us in the park on July 12.

After that, the second Norhill Bungalow Home Tour is scheduled for October 18. Our 2012 tour was a huge success, bringing acclaim to our neighborhood and badly needed funds to our treasury. We were able to

purchase the five historic district signs as a result of that program. The 2014 tour will be limited to a single day to make it easier on homeowners and docents, so please mark that date on your calendar and invite some Houston area friends to drive in for the festivities.

I'd like to extend thanks to Lawrence Febo and his Deed Restrictions Committee for all the great work they are doing. You may have noticed all the remodeling work that's going on in Norhill, and it just keeps growing. They brought ten projects to the last board meeting for discussion and approval.

Patti Woods, our Crime Watch Officer, is soliciting proposals from public and private security firms to present to NNA members at a future monthly meeting. Even though crime in Norhill is down somewhat from previous years, we want to be proactive in making sure we're doing everything we can to make sure our neighborhood is safe for NNA members and residents.

Hope to see you at a neighborhood meeting soon.

—Tom Patton

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## Extra security considered

Even though crime in Norhill is flat or slightly down from recent years, some NNA members are interested in the possible addition of extra security patrols in our neighborhood. Crime Watch Officer Patti Woods has completed a preliminary evaluation of several options.

Two neighboring associations (Woodland Heights and Houston Heights) use the Harris County Constable Private Security Program, and another (Oak Forrest) uses the S.E.A.L. private security service. All three of these programs are relatively expensive and require the financial support of area residents.

Woodland Heights contracts for two Constable officers (40 hours per week each) and asks residents to make a voluntary contribution of \$315 per year. Houston Heights, which is much larger, solicits \$150 yearly contributions for four Constables per week. Oak Forrest requests \$250 from regular homeowners and \$150 from seniors for an unspecified number of private security patrolmen.

Patti is willing to investigate other options if NNA residents are interested in additional security. To give her a general idea of your willingness to support such a program, please go to [norhill.org/crime](http://norhill.org/crime) and fill out the brief survey form. Your responses will be anonymous and non-binding.

# Bi-Annual Bungalow Home Tour Rapidly Approaching

The second bi-annual Norhill Bungalow Home Tour will be Saturday October 18, noon to 6:00 p.m. and we're pleased to report all the committee chairs have been filled.

Rebekah Mayfield, will once again serve as General Chairperson with responsibility for sponsorships and tour home selection. Several major sponsorship opportunities are available, so if you are interested in sponsoring a portion of the home tour program, please contact Rebekah at 832-439-7219 or email her at [rebekah@andersonprops.com](mailto:rebekah@andersonprops.com).

Bob Lamons will again chair the Communications Committee. Bob's company, Industribrand, did a fabulous job producing the ads, flyers, brochures, signs and other promotional materials for the 2012 tour.

Theresa Doyle has agreed to reprise her performance as chairperson of the Ticket Sales Committee. Theresa was able to persuade many prominent Heights area merchants to help us sell tickets for the 2012 event.

Justin Engle is our new chairperson for the Docent Committee (see article below). Justin will be responsible for recruiting and training our volunteers who will help guide visitors through the tour homes.

Patti Woods will handle the Finance Committee. Patti

## Docents needed for 2014 home tour

Probably the most important contributors to a finely oiled home tour machine are the many docents who guide visitors through the show homes, smoothly and informatively. Justin Engle, Docent Committee chair, is issuing a call for 40 volunteers to assist in this key responsibility.

As a docent, you will serve a 3-hour shift in one of the six tour homes. You will be given some basic information about the home to which you are assigned, and you be asked to attend an orientation meeting to review guidelines for escorting visitors through show homes.

It's really not difficult, and your shift will be over before you know it. Each docent will receive a free ticket to all six tour homes (\$20 value), and you will be invited to a post-tour celebration party that evening.

The Norhill Bungalow Home Tour is an important opportunity to put our best foot forward and show off the beauty of "bungalow living" to Houstonians, many of whom have lived in the distant suburbs for years and are now ready to live close to downtown with its many attractions. They're curious about downsizing and are amazed to discover how comfortable life can be in a properly restored bungalow residence.

Email Justin at [justin@townincitybrewing.com](mailto:justin@townincitybrewing.com) or call him at 303-547-2267 if you can help.



The beautifully restored David Hamilton home at 4602 Oak Ridge is one of six that will be on display at the 2014 Norhill Bungalow Home Tour.

will keep track of the money and take care of insurance and other budget-related needs.

The next issue of Norhill News will be primarily devoted to the home tour, with profiles of the tour homes and homeowners. We are inviting our homeowners to attend the September 30 monthly meeting of NNA to talk about their homes and what it means to live in Norhill.

We hope many Norhill residents will invite friends from the Greater Houston Area to drive in for the afternoon.

# SELLING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FAST



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 12** Ice Cream Social in Proctor Park, 1-3 p.m.
- **July 13** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride
- **July 29** NNA Monthly Meeting – Gary O’Neil, Centerpoint Energy Forrester “Land scaling for energy efficiency”
- **August 1** First Friday Happy Hour – Theresa Doyle, 713 Fugate
- **August 10** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride
- **August 15** Norhill Dining Group
- **August 26** NNA Monthly Meeting – Speaker TBD



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## NORHILL YARD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Linda Marx (713-503-0424)

We are pleased to recognize these Norhill Yard of the Month recipients. Thanks for helping keep Norhill beautiful!



**June:** Kacey and Jarred Knox, 1007 West Melwood



**July:** Brian Nimitz and Lois Nelson, 1011 W. Cottage