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2014 Norhill Bungalow Home Tour Coming October 18

It's almost time! The curtain is scheduled to rise on the second bi-annual Norhill Bungalow Home Tour on October 18 and the excitement is building. Once again, Chairperson Rebekah Mayfield and her organizing committee have arranged for six outstanding examples of bungalow home architecture to be on display for enjoyment by Norhillians and residents of the Greater Houston Area.



Rebekah Mayfield

"Relators who specialize in Heights properties know that interest in updated bungalows has never been greater," said Mayfield. "I talk to prospective buyers every day about downsizing to simplify their lives and live closer to downtown with all its many amenities.

This tour will give you an excellent look at a nice sampling of houses that have been updated, and in some cases expanded to offer additional lifestyle benefits."

The 2014 home tour includes houses that have been renovated by professional firms as well as several that were improved by the homeowners themselves.

For the first time, we are offering Group Discount Tickets and encouraging Norhill residents to organize parties the night of the tour, inviting friends from other areas to town to celebrate the bungalow lifestyle. The Advance Ticket Price is \$20 per ticket. If you go online (norhill.org) and purchase four or more tickets at one time, you can get a 15% discount, from \$20 to \$17 each. The online and advance ticket prices are not available after midnight on Friday, October 17. Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour at Proctor Plaza Park and two of the tour homes for \$25.

Ticket sales committee chair Theresa Doyle has solicited the support of seven prominent Heights Area merchants (see list above) for advance ticket sales. Bob Lamons and his advertising firm, Industribrand, are producing all promotional materials for the tour pro bono. Justin Engle is chairing the Docents Committee. Email Justin at justin@townincitybrewing.com if you'd like to serve as a docent. Patti Woods is serving as Finance Committee chair.

When: **Saturday, October 18 - Noon to 6:00 p.m.**

Purchase tickets at these leading Heights merchants

Buchanan's Native Plants

611 E 11th St.

C&D Hardware

314 E 11th St.

Eclectic Home

345 W 19th St.

Heights Candy Bar

833 Studewood

Jubilee

325 W 19th St.

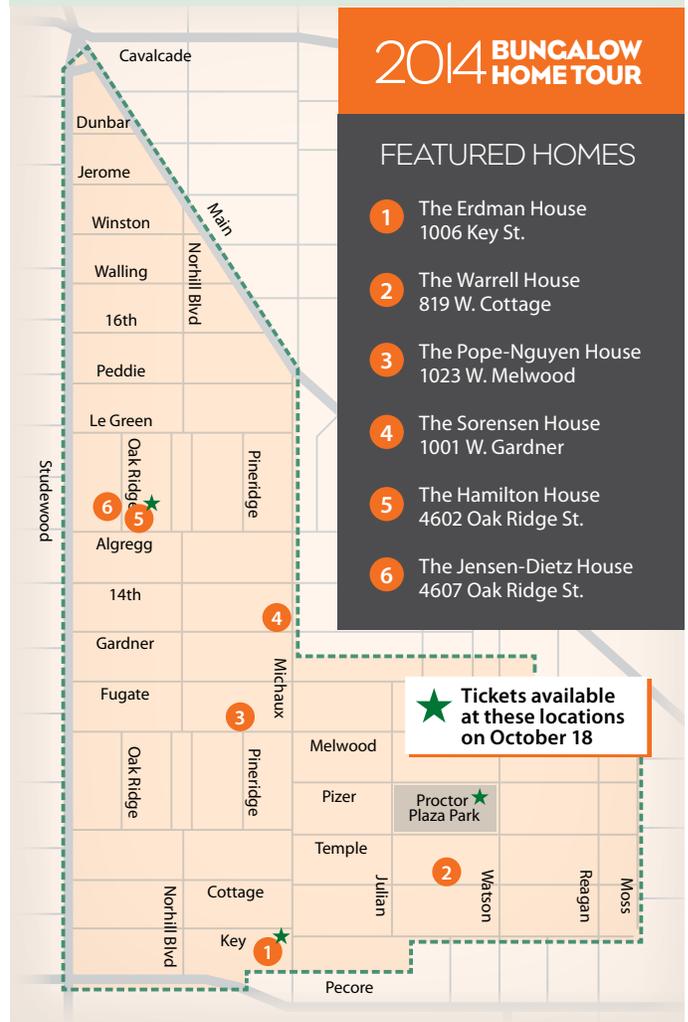
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4428 N Main St.

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1045 Studewood

Also online at norhill.org



President's Message

As this issue of Norhill News proudly proclaims, our bi-annual bungalow home tour is coming up next month, and this is a big opportunity for Norhill to puff out its collective chest and put our best foot forward for all of Houston to see. I'd like to challenge Norhill residents to help me start a new tradition in our fabulous neighborhood.



When Woodland Heights stages its "Lights In The Heights" event each December, they have a huge party. Dozens of homeowners invite their friends to come in from the distant suburbs and celebrate the season with them in their neighborhood, which is the original section of Norhill by the way.

In August, the greater Heights area celebrates "White Linen Night" with a series of house parties where local residents open their homes to people from other areas of town.

So why wouldn't we use the occasion of our Bungalow Home Tour to celebrate living in Norhill? Your friends may have seen your house, but this is an opportunity for them to see six other fine examples of bungalow living in Norhill. For a variety of reasons, many people who live further out are wishing they could be close to downtown and all the shopping and entertainment options it offers. This is your chance to help them discover that lifestyle.

To encourage the idea of home tour parties, we're offering a discount on home tour tickets purchased online in groups of four or more. The Regular Advance price is \$20 per ticket. If you buy four or more tickets in advance, the price drops to \$17 each, which is a 15% discount.

Let's start a new tradition! Invite your friends to join you on October 18 for a tour of this area's finest bungalows and some good, old-fashioned Norhill hospitality. It's time to roll out the red carpet.

—Tom Patton

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The El Cantina to sponsor party for home tour volunteers

If you volunteer to help serve as a docent or committee member for the 2014 Bungalow Home Tour, you're invited to attend an after party at the home of Bob Lamons, 4602 Norhill Blvd. We are pleased to announce that



The El Cantina Superior, the fabulous new Mexican hotspot at Studewood and White Oak, has agreed to provide beef and chicken fajitas, plus rice and borrhacho beans and other snacks and condiments for the get-together. Beverages will also be provided.

The party will start about 6:30 p.m. or as soon as homeowners and docents can close each of the tour homes and join the festivities.

This is our way of thanking you for your support of this important Norhill event and celebrating our success. The Bungalow Home Tour organizing committee has already secured underwriting sponsorships to ensure the financial success of the home tour. Now we need all Norhill residents to help spread the word so we'll have a good turn-out on the 18th of October.

Featured 2014 Bungalow Tour Homes



4602 Oak Ridge St. – David Hamilton, owner



1006 Key St. – Katherine Erdman, owner



819 W. Cottage – Stephen and Kendra Warrell, owners



1023 W. Melwood – John Pope and Hai Nguyen, owners



1001 W. Gardner – Carl and Beth Sorensen, owners



4607 Oak Ridge St. – Cory Jensen and Joel Dietz, owners

Meet the Homeowners
Come to the September 30 NNA meeting at Proctor Plaza Park and meet the owners of our featured tour homes.

Nobody knows Norhill better



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept. 30** NNA Monthly Meeting – Meet the Bungalow Tour Homeowners Proctor Park Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 3** First Friday Happy Hour – Daryl Sinkule, 902 W. Cottage
- **Oct. 12** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride
- **Oct. 18** Norhill Bungalow Home Tour, noon to 6:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 24** Norhill Dining Group (email Louise Denly, ldenly@gmail.com)
- **Oct. 28** NNA Monthly Meeting – Town Hall Discussion of new remodeling guidelines Proctor Park Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 31** Fall Festival at Proctor Plaza Park Community Center
- **Nov. 7** First Friday Happy Hour – Dietz-Jensen residence, 4607 Oak Ridge



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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!



August: Patti Woods, 727 W. Temple



September: Carol Davis, 1106 Key Street