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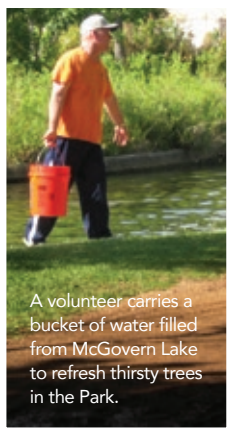
Derrick Jackson, HPC maintenance coordinator, hand-waters young trees during this summer's exceptional

Saving our Stressed Trees

Stressed out? Imagine being a tree in Hermann Park this summer. As the record-setting drought continues, the Conservancy faces its most daunting stewardship challenge to date. The heat and lack of rain will claim millions of trees throughout Houston, but with the help of committed partners and volunteers, the Conservancy is doing everything possible to control the drought's effects in the Park.

MISSION

Hermann Park Conservancy is a citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park—today and for generations to come.



A volunteer carries a bucket of water filled from McGovern Lake to refresh thirsty trees in the Park.

Barbara Jo Harwell, the Conservancy's conservation director and arborist, attended a discussion this August facilitated by the Texas Forest Service, Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD), and Trees for Houston to review efficient watering practices, best drought management and planting practices, symptoms of tree stress and damage, and more. The Conservancy is working with HPARD to monitor trees in

the Park and provide the hands and equipment needed to get the trees through this tough time.

While water usage has been restricted by the City of Houston, supplemental allowable hand-controlled watering is being done seven days per week in Hermann Park utilizing a 1,600-gallon water tanker truck for mature trees, with special attention given to the historic Live Oaks along Main Street from Cambridge Street to the Mecom Fountain. Five hundred and 300-gallon water tanks are devoted to hand-watering the additional mature oaks and pines throughout the Park, while the Conservancy's maintenance staff members daily water trees planted last planting season with a 50-gallon water tank mounted on the bed of their golf cart.

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from the executive director



Priscilla Dickson

The Conservancy depends on the generosity and talents of volunteer leaders to accomplish its mission. Jay Baker and Sanford Criner, past Conservancy board chairs and Park friends, have devoted many years to transforming Hermann Park into the jewel it is today. This spring, these best friends and good sports allowed the Conservancy to honor them as the “Princes of the Park” at the *Evening in the Park* gala.

Nearly two decades ago, Jay helped spur international interest and community involvement in Hermann Park’s revitalization with the idea for a design competition for the Heart of the Park—the iconic expanse from the Jones Reflection Pool to McGovern Lake. He was also an early proponent of a master plan to guide all renovations. As an architect and Hermann Park Conservancy projects committee member, Jay has helped oversee many of the Park’s award-winning improvements.

Sanford has also helped inspire interest and generosity toward the revitalization of Hermann Park. Just in recent years, he forged the Conservancy’s partnership with The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, which underwrote their elegant bridge in Lake Plaza, and was an advocate for the Texas Department of Transportation funding of the renovation of the Grand Gateway, the Park’s historic main entrance. Upon its completion, the Gateway will mark the latest milestone in the Park’s renaissance.

Jay and Sanford have meant much to Hermann Park, and the Park to them. They have spent countless hours at the Conservancy’s office in the historic golf clubhouse making and executing plans to improve the Park. Beyond the work accomplished there, the site holds personal significance. It was the scene of Sanford’s daughter Annie’s 21st birthday, as well as the setting of Jay’s daughter Annie’s first birthday party in 1991 and daughter Emily’s wedding reception in 2010. They understand as well as anyone that Hermann Park is a cherished place for Houston families, and we are grateful to them for their dedication. Here’s to our “Princes of the Park”!

See you in the Park,

Doreen

Doreen Stoller
Executive Director

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Evening in the Park Gala**

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1. **Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.**, is a cardiovascular surgeon in the Greater Houston area who has lived here for 12 years along with his wife, Gina, and their three children. He is often sought out by local television news stations to provide medical commentary on current medical issues in the press. Devinder sits on multiple boards and is extremely involved in charitable organizations local and national. He looks forward to his commitment to help preserve Hermann Park.

2. **Franci Crane** is an ardent advocate of the arts in Houston and was a founder of the Cinema Arts Festival Houston. Franci serves on a number of nonprofit boards, and she enthusiastically co-chaired the *Hats in the Park* luncheon benefiting the Conservancy last spring. She honed her advocacy skills as a partner at the law firm Susman Godfrey, where she practiced for more than twenty years. While based in Houston, she and her husband, Jim, and their three grown children enjoy spending time in Nantucket, MA.

3. **Cece Fowler** has lived in Houston for almost 35 years and has served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations. Though she is now retired, much of her career was focused on nonprofit governance and fundraising. Currently she spends her time serving organizations in Houston, Washington, DC, and Nantucket, MA. She and her husband, Mack, have two grown children.

4. **David Lummis**, a returning board member, has been a faithful friend of the Conservancy since its inception. He is co-founder and president of the Houston Trust Company, a private trust and investment management company. David and his wife, Susan, have three children. A native Houstonian, his family has strong ties to the Park through his grandfathers, both doctors. One was medical chief of staff at Methodist Hospital while the other was the longest serving medical chief of staff at Hermann Hospital. They greatly valued the resources neighboring Hermann Park provided and instilled that appreciation in future generations.

5. **Marcus B. Smith** is Vice President of Business Development at Smith Graham & Co, an institutional investment money manager. As a native Houstonian, he grew up near Hermann Park enjoying Miller Outdoor Theatre and holiday barbecues at the Park. He continues to reside in the neighborhood today and makes multiple visits a week to the Park with his wife, Heidi, and son, Parker.



Welcome to
the newest
members of
the HPC board
of directors!

Hermann Park Railroad Keeps Getting Better

The Hermann Park Railroad has been a beloved part of the Hermann Park experience for more than 50 years. Thanks to the Conservancy, it's an experience that keeps improving!

Conservancy members get the red carpet treatment at Kinder Station thanks to the new Member Express Line, available on weekends and holidays.



The Visitor Services department of the Conservancy is continually enhancing the rider experience on the Hermann Park Railroad. Thanks to a new, professionally recorded narration, visitors can learn about the many sights and happenings in the Park as they take the scenic two-mile ride. The narration even includes a welcome by Mayor Annise Parker, who can be heard sharing her favorite memories of Hermann Park. The Conservancy owes a big thanks to Mayor Parker for her contribution and to Luke Wrobel, who is currently performing at The Music Box Theatre, for providing the voice of Hermann Park Railroad.

The Conservancy has also developed a new benefit for its members who enjoy riding the train—the Member Express Line! Only for members of Hermann Park Conservancy, the special boarding line, available on weekends and holidays, reduces the wait and gives members their first choice of those coveted seats. If you are a member, simply give your name to the Visitor Services team member at the ticket podium, where a membership list is kept. As an added benefit, Conservancy members can ride the train for free on the second Saturday of every month from 9am to 10am.

Not sure if you are a Conservancy member or if your membership has expired? Please email membership@hermannpark.org or call 713-524-5876.

For Hermann Park Railroad hours and information, please check www.hermannpark.org or call Visitor Services at 713-526-2183.



A happy family prepares for a ride on the Hermann Park Railroad.

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Run in the Park on November 5th

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The 1K Kids' Run through the Park will return on November 5. Sign up your family and come enjoy this community celebration.



The renovated Hermann Park trail, which is now partially completed and is receiving rave reviews, will officially open at Run in the Park.



Last year, the Park to Park Run moved to the fall and enjoyed great success. This year, runners and walkers can expect other

exciting changes. Thanks to the major trail improvements currently underway, the Run will be held 100% inside Hermann Park on Saturday, November 5, 2011, and has been renamed *Run in the Park!*

Hosting the Run entirely in the Park will allow the Conservancy to showcase the hard work that has been put into this beautiful Park over the years. The trail loop renovation, which began in spring 2011, will be officially unveiled at the event. Runners and walkers will be delighted to see the improvements, which include new lighting, rerouting the path where it was previously closer to the roadway, and a wider decomposed granite surface with concrete edges.

Run in the Park will consist of a Five Mile Run, Two Mile Family Walk, 1K Kids' Run, and a great Post Race Party. Please note that the five-mile event is the only event that is timed. This year, participants also have the option of signing up for the two-mile event as a family, allowing up to four people to be registered for only \$50.

Mindy Campbell, Run coordinator, has been busy preparing some fantastic awards for the five-mile winners. This year, in place of trophies, the Conservancy will award gift certificates encouraging healthy and active lifestyles.

Proceeds support Hermann Park Conservancy, so please sign up, start a fundraising page, and encourage friends to participate! Visit www.hermannpark.org to register and learn more.

The Run also offers many corporate sponsorship opportunities, which include significant exposure in addition to helping an important cause. Please contact Mindy at mcampbell@hermannpark.org or 713-524-5876 ext. 333 for details.


A toast to
TWO PRINCES



Thanks to amazing chairs Isabel David and Judy Nyquist, the 2011 *Evening in the Park* gala on April 28 was a smashing success, raising nearly \$416,000 for Hermann Park. The al-fresco evening gave the sell-out crowd of 500 an opportunity to see the Park at dusk and marvel at the beautiful setting. Much of the Park's renaissance is due to honorees Jay Baker and Sanford Criner, deemed the "Princes of the Park," who were crowned and toasted for their years of dedication and service.

The debut of ROXOR artisan gin, conceived by former Conservancy board chair Don Short and Robert Del Grande, created a stir of excitement at the event, while the luxury raffle prizes led to record-breaking ticket proceeds. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner by A Fare Extraordinaire in the glowing tent beside McGovern Lake followed by dancing under the stars to the tunes of The Quebe Sisters Band.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, which will keep the Conservancy's operations running strong.



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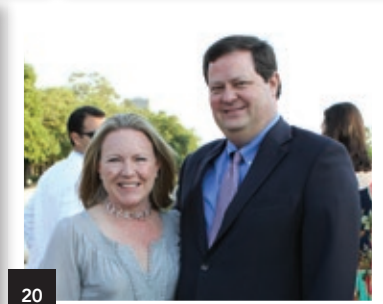
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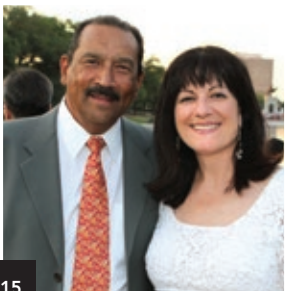
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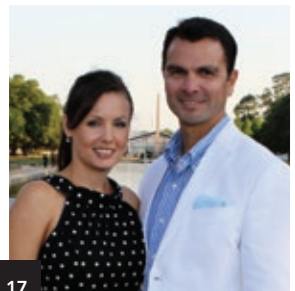
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Chris and Divya Brown



Andrae Turner and Kristen Welsh

Urban Green

Urban Green, Hermann Park Conservancy's young professionals' group, continues to attract new supporters to the cause. The Conservancy is grateful to Annie Criner, past chair, who helped build the group's success over the last two years, and welcomes new chair Brittany Sakowitz!

Brittany and the Urban Green steering committee are already planning an exciting fall, following the success of Urban Green's spring event, *Caddyshack: Gophers on the Green*, on May 19. Chaired by Kristy and Chris Bradshaw and Christine and Chris Transier, the event drew over 300 young professionals to the Historic Clubhouse to join the fun in the name of Hermann Park. Thanks to their hard work, the event raised a record-breaking \$21,000 for the Conservancy!

The crowd fully embraced the "country club chic or gaudy golfer" suggested attire for the evening, while Butter Catering helped pull everything together to present a fun and memorable experience. Partygoers enjoyed mint juleps, Arnold Palmer-inspired cocktails, and Saint Arnold beer, as well as Raising Cane's chicken fingers, pizza, and tasty selections by Rice Epicurean Markets.

Thanks to DJ MAV and his protégé DJ M-CUE, guests danced the night away, pausing occasionally to pose for pictures with friends in the SmileBooth or bid on fabulous silent auction packages. As the event drew to a close, the group headed to Antique, host of the official after-party.

On the heels of this fabulous event came Mixers on the Map with Urban Green on August 16, hosted by CultureMap at Canopy. Over 200 young Park supporters gathered at the event, where donations were collected to help the trees in Hermann Park make it through the drought.

Mark your calendars for Urban Green's fall event, *The Green Gatsby*, on the stage of Miller Outdoor Theatre on Thursday, November 17. The 1920s-themed event will be chaired by Lindley Arnoldy, Georgea Pappas, Elizabeth Spradling, and Annina Stefanelli. Zimm's Little Deck will host a kick-off event on Wednesday, October 26.

Interested in becoming an Urban Green member? Learn more at: www.hermannpark.org/urban_green.php.

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Happy Birthday, George Hermann!



Susan Schwaitzberg, Conservancy volunteer, recruited new members at the community celebration.

On August 6, 2011, the Conservancy invited the community to join in a celebration of George Hermann's 168th birthday in Kinder Station. Conservancy members enjoyed free early morning train rides on the Hermann Park Railroad and complimentary breakfast snacks. The public event, which lasted from 10am to 2pm, included free activities for children, including a coloring contest and face painting.

Rarely discounted, children got to ride the Hermann Park Railroad for a reduced price of \$1.68 in honor of the occasion.



Celeste is on her way to victory as a coloring contest winner!

MMM...Cupcake, the popular mobile cupcake truck, supported the event by offering its gourmet cupcakes for the special price of \$1.68 as well. Hundreds of people came out to participate in the event, which convinced several visitors to become Conservancy members! Thanks to membership volunteer Susan Schwaitzberg who led the membership drive, which was the most successful to date!

The George Hermann Society

George Hermann had a vision for Houston's future when he gifted the City of Houston a substantial tract of land for a major urban park in 1914. For nearly a century now, generations of Houstonians have enjoyed this priceless green oasis in the heart of the city. With your help, it will continue to serve the community for another hundred years.

As you plan for the future, please consider helping the long term vision for Hermann Park by making a planned gift to the Conservancy. Join the George Hermann Society, the Conservancy's planned giving program, and help ensure that Hermann Park will be a treasured part of family memories for future generations.

The George Hermann Society recognizes donors who have provided for the future of Hermann Park

through bequests or other planned gifts to Hermann Park Conservancy. Bequests can be directed to a project or program, but may also be placed into one of four endowment funds so the income can fund the care of the trees, gardens, and natural habitats in the Park in perpetuity. Help us celebrate Hermann Park's centennial in 2014 by becoming part of its future!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the George Hermann Society, please contact Meghan Miller, director of development, at **713-524-5876 ext. 339** or **mmiller@hermannpark.org**. If you have already arranged to make a planned gift to the Conservancy, please let us know so we may recognize your support.



Karen Marsh



Saving our Stressed Trees

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Under the guidance of Diane Kerr, manager of volunteer programs, many volunteers have come to lend a hand. From college students on their summer break to children with their parents, volunteers have formed bucket brigades to water the saplings located mostly in the natural areas of the Park. The residents of the Spires condominium along Holcombe Boulevard have organized a commendable effort to drag water hoses to water the 22 trees transplanted as a result of the Brays Bayou renovation.

Hermann Park friends Laurie and Reed Morian recently stepped up to lead a *Save Our Stressed Trees* campaign.

Donations will support the ongoing rental of one of the water tanks and vital tree treatments, particularly for the Park's historic Live Oaks, this fall. Tree care procedures such as root zone aeration and biological treatment applications will be utilized to improve the soil that nourishes these valuable oaks.

The Conservancy is most grateful for the Morians' effort and to the response from the community. Donations to *Save Our Stressed Trees* are still being accepted online at www.hermannpark.org and by mail. Together we will protect these priceless treasures so they may provide shade and tranquility to future generations.

The Conservancy was very fortunate this year to have been awarded funding from Shell Oil Company and the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program for two very capable interns, Alexandra Scarborough and Dean Russell Mertens. Alix, an urban planning junior at Texas State University in San Marcos, and Russell, a structural engineering senior at University of Houston Downtown, worked hard this summer updating the Hermann Park maintenance study that was originally developed in September 2002 by Ukeles Associates, Inc. and ETM Associates, L.L.C. Since much has changed in Hermann Park since 2002, this update has been crucial to understanding the maintenance needs of the Park today.

Specifically, Alix and Russell realigned the boundaries of the 12 zones that make up the Park to reflect the changes that have occurred within each zone. This revision serves as a basis for development of a Park-wide maintenance plan covering all aspects of maintenance including reforestation programs, turf care, horticulture and irrigation, trash removal, hardscapes, structures, and furnishings.

In addition to this project, Alix and Russell updated the Park's tree inventory to reflect changes over the past year. Using a handheld GPS device and ArcView mapping software, they recorded the locations of trees that have been planted since last summer. This new comprehensive map has already proved enormously beneficial as it has helped the Conservancy maintenance staff note where to concentrate watering efforts during this dry season.



Alix Scarborough



Russell Mertens

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 Saturday, November 5, 2011
 in Hermann Park**

5 Mile Run, 2 Mile Family Walk, and 1K Kids' Run
 Registration starts at \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids

**Urban Green's
 Green Gatsby**

**Thursday, November 17
 at Miller Outdoor Theatre**

Chaired by Lindley Arnoldy, Georgea Pappas, Elizabeth Spradling, and Annina Stefanelli
 \$35 or \$25 for members

**Hats in the Park
 Luncheon**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2012
 at the Historic Clubhouse**

Chaired by Donna Brunl
 Honoring Ernest H. Cockrell
 Tickets from \$250;
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**Wednesday, April 25, 2012
 in the Heart of the Park**

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 Series**

The 2nd Annual Student Performances in the Park series begins this fall! Check www.hermannpark.org for a list of upcoming performances by Houston area students. They are all free of charge and take place in Lake Plaza between Kinder Station and the Houston Zoo.

Second Saturdays

Members of Hermann Park Conservancy are welcome to ride the Hermann Park Railroad for free from 9am to 10am on the second Saturday of every month!

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