

AROUND TOWN

WHOLE FOODS REP TO SPEAK TO NMCA

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Scott Simons, a Whole Foods community representative, will be the featured speaker at the **November 10th** NMCA meeting. Mr. Simons will discuss the plans for the Whole Foods Grocery store which is under construction at the corner of West Dallas and Waugh Streets. Mr. Simons will speak about the store's features and services. He will also discuss neighborhood concerns about traffic flow, truck delivery and security. NMCA meetings are held at the Houston Printing Museum,

1324 West Clay, Houston, **77019**. Meetings begin at 7:00p.m. Join us for a pre-meeting reception at 6:30 courtesy of Whole Foods. Members and non-members are welcome.



NMCA Officers & Board Members

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NMCA Community Garden: A source of pride

Scott Howard Reports

The North Montrose Community Garden grew an abundance of southern "red ripper" peas and okra for donation to Loaves & Fishes this summer. As we all know, this past summer was brutal with high heat and except for July, not much rain. Fortunately, we kept a good number of the beds fallow in hopes of letting the soil rest and making sure that we could get back on a better seasonal planting schedule when fall came around.

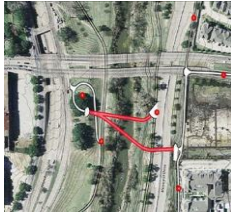
The fall garden is planted

with kale, collards, broccoli, baby broccoli, mustard greens, radishes, carrots and lettuce with turnips and rapini still to go. Many of these crops will continue to thrive well into the winter and we will even have a second planting on kale and collards as they are much in demand at the soup kitchen. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped make the garden successful and a source of healthy food for others in need. If you are interested in helping in the garden, please send an e-mail to Scott Howard at [scott-](mailto:scott-howard@att.net)

howard@att.net. We usually have workdays on Saturday mornings at 9am for a couple of hours.



New Pedestrian Bridge to Span Buffalo Bayou



Work is nearing completion on the new Rosemont Bridge which will provide pedestrians, bicyclists and joggers with a safe route across Memorial Drive to Buffalo Bayou Park. The bridge will span Memorial Drive and Buffalo Bayou and connect the two sides of Buffalo Bayou Park, west of Eleanor Tinsley Park and east of the

Studemont-Montrose Boulevard Bridge. The new bridge will also connect to a new trail being built along Memorial Drive. This trail will run from the Sabine Street Bridge to Spotts Park and will allow joggers a new alternative for outdoor exercise.

The Rosemont Bridge Project is one part of a group of 5 CIP projects

that were designed, bid and being constructed in one package. The projects include the Rosemont Pedestrian Bridge, Extended Trail Connectors, the Old Sixth Ward Connector, Shepherd Underpass to Memorial, and the Spotts Park Hydrology Project. The total budget for all 5 projects is \$5,988,935. The completion date is January 2011.

Carnegie Vanguard H.S. – Closer to Achieving The Dream

New area high school to be the home of future generations of Houston's gifted and talented students

Margaret Gay Reports

Final construction drawings are nearly complete for the new Carnegie Vanguard High School. Future project milestones will be the issuing of building permits by the city and the granting of subcontracts. It is anticipated that ground-breaking for the school will take place in spring 2011.

The school will be located on the corner of West Gray and Taft. The school's mission is to provide a unique and challenging learning

Environment and to prepare the diverse gifted and talented population of the Houston Independent School District for leadership in a global society.

It's reported that the city of Houston and HISD are in negotiations which would result in expanded green space for the high school campus.

The current timeline projects that school construction would be completed in time for the Fall 2012 school year.

Carnegie Vanguard is currently located at 10401 Scott St. and has an enrollment of 475 students.



View Looking North-East HUB ARCHITECTS

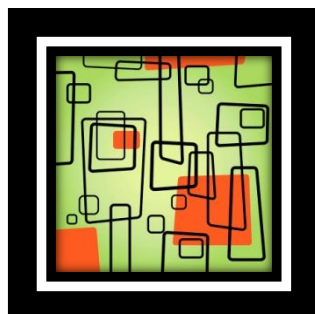
Free Museum Days

The Menil Collection
1515 Sul Ross
713-525-9400
Every day is free

Museum of Fine Arts
1001 Bissonnet
713-284-7300
Thursday

Contemporary Arts Museum
5216 Montrose
713-284-8250
Every day is free

Museum of Natural Science
1500 Binz
713-522-1138
Free access to the permanent collection on Tuesdays after 2



College Park Cemetery – Honoring Our Ancestors

On October 10, 2010 the Harris County Historical Commission dedicated Official Texas Historical markers for Rev. John Henry "Jack" Yates and "Captain" John Sessums in the historic College Park Cemetery. The North Montrose Civic Association has been a long time partner and supporter of community efforts to preserve and restore this Houston landmark.

College Memorial Park Cemetery is one of three remaining African-American cemeteries established in Houston in the era of racial segregation. It is located at 3605 West Dallas at Dunlavy in the historic Fourth Ward, on Lot 3, Block 48 of the O. Smith Survey in Harris County, Texas. Founded in 1896, many of prominent figures from 4th Ward, i.e. Freedman's Town, are interred here. Four thousand, four hundred graves, many of them unmarked or unidentifiable, occupy 5.2 acres.

During the latter half of the past century the condition of the cemetery steadily declined, a victim of aging demographics, changing housing patterns, legal and entanglements. There was a loss of the earlier community cohesion, and the dimming of collective the memory about the contributions of Houston's founding generations.

Between sporadic organized cleanups, the cemetery languished amid weeds, debris; many grave markers were vandalized. Today many stones no long bear any indication of the deceased. A local news story in 1975 opined, "If the history of a city is recorded on its tombstones, Houston is losing some outstanding chapters among the weeds and trash of its many forgotten cemeteries."

In the more recent past have there has been a rekindled affection for the

site.

An aborted attempt to deconsecrate and sell a portion of the cemetery adjoining West Dallas served to galvanize opposition from preservationists and descendants of the deceased. A citizens' committee publicized the threat to the integrity of the property, undertook a fundraising and restoration campaign. Calls were made for state and county historical recognition.



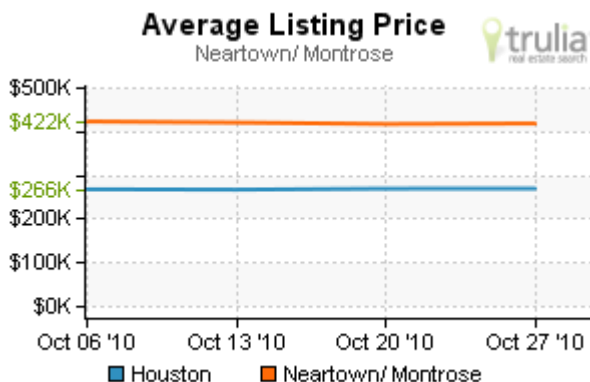
After becoming pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert O. Robertson immediately undertook the beautification, restoration, and preservation of the cemetery. Robertson,

removed the underbrush, mowed the tall grass, straightened tombstones, built sidewalks, and placed white stones and ornate benches along the walk ways.

Volunteers are always needed to help maintain the grounds. Please contact Randy Riepe Email: rriepe1@comcast.net



Montrose Real Estate Trends



Average Listing Price = \$416,95 +.03%

Median Sales Price = \$125,000 - 16.9%

Average Price /Sq Ft. = \$124.00 -9.5%

Houston Police:
HPD Dispatch for
Emergency/Life
Threatening Calls:
911

Non-Threatening Calls:
 713- 884-3131

Neartown/Montrose
 Substation,
 802 Westheimer
 Open 6:00 a.m.-
 10:00p.m.
 713-284-8604

Houston Fire
Department

Houston Fire Station #6
 3402 Washington
 Houston, 77007

Downtown Fire Station
 #8 1919 Louisiana
 Houston, 7702

Libraries near
77019

Freed Montrose
 Neighborhood Library
 4100 Montrose
 Houston, 77006

Houston Central Library
 500 McKinney
 Houston, 77002
 832-313-1313

Veterinary
Emergency (24
hours)

1111 West Loop South,
 Suite 200
 Houston, 77027
 713-693-1100

Public Works Projects in the Neighborhood

The Public Works & Engineering Department will be relocating sanitary sewer service lines at 71 properties in the North Montrose Area under the Substitute Services Program.

The work will be performed by a contractor that has a licensed master plumber, in which the City has awarded the contract. The work will consist of constructing a new service line at the residence, and transferring the sanitary sewer service from the cleanout located in the rear of the property to the existing waste water

collection lines in the front of the property. All work will take place on the outside of the structure. There is no need for work to be performed on the inside. Also, the work will be inspected and approved by the City's plumbing inspector. The contractor will be working at minimum cost to reconnect the service lines. Therefore, the contractor will only restore the disturbed areas that are caused by the work being performed.

The 71 properties that will be part of this project are as following:

- **300 – 600 blocks of W. Bell (both odd/even)**
- **300 – 600 blocks of W. Clay (odd)**
- **300 – 600 blocks of W. Pierce (even)**

Property owners who have questions about the project should contact **Stephen Wright**, the Substitute Service Program Coordinator, at (832-395-2057).

NMCA Election of Officers and Board Members...

On November 10 NCMA will be electing officers and Board Members. The following people are nominated:

President – Lloyd Matzner
 Vice President- Bryan Frazier
 Secretary – Sarah Loudermilk
 Treasurer – Scott Howard
 Board Members:

Allen Ueckert,
 Lance Jones,
 Kristen Linkoski
 Kathy Nicholas

2 Vacant Board Positions

We are also looking for a volunteer to serve as the NMCA Web manager.

If you are interested in serving in a leadership role we encourage you to attend the next meeting.

Visit the NMCA Website:

<http://www.northmontrose.com/>

Scott Howard & Bridgett Jensen Hosted National Night Out

