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Pictured: Buffalo Bayou near Chimney Rock Rd. and Indian Circle

SAVE THE DATE **BPA 10th Annual Symposium**

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Bayou Preservation Association (BPA) will host its **10th Annual Symposium, "A Decade of Significant Change"** on **Thursday, October 3**. The event will reflect on the last ten years of Houston bayou preservation, highlighting a decade of evolution at Harris County Flood Control District, the bayou-friendly results of the 83rd legislative session

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Terry Hershey Park

Bayou Preservation Association is excited about a new installment to Terry Hershey Park: a three panel set of educational-based signage focused on the riparian significance of our bayous. Shown below is one of three panels that will be permanently installed along the trail following Buffalo Bayou. A launch event is tentatively scheduled for October 2013 with details to follow once finalized. Everyone will be invited and encouraged to attend the dedication.

and an overall retrospective of watershed development and sustainability. The symposium will also focus on the next 10 years of emerging issues in water quality.



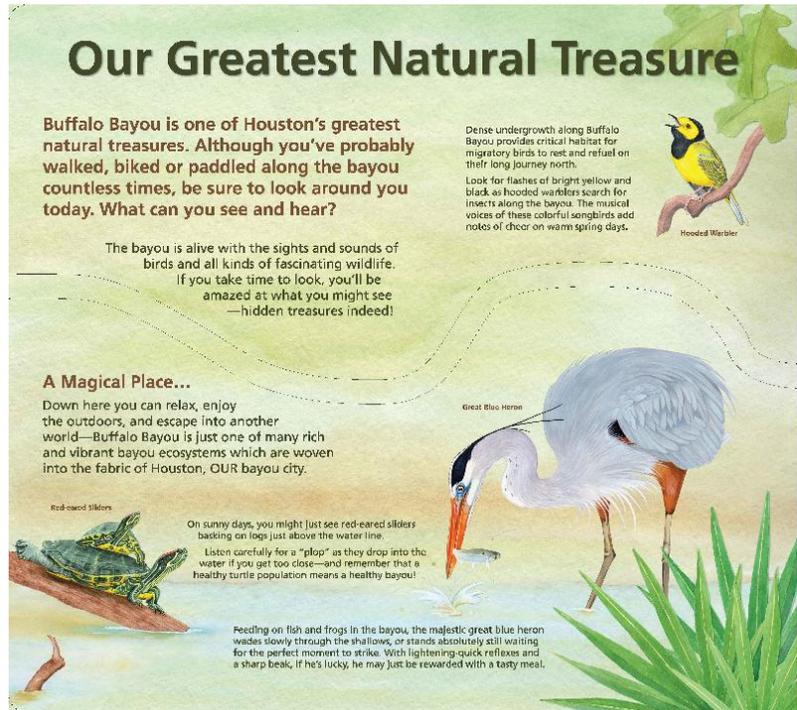
The day will feature Houston Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Gonzalez, who will kick-off the symposium alongside the honorable Judge Ed Emmett, keynote speaker and Associate Director for the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability Mark Gold, and many other scientists, policy makers, planners and engineers. With more than 2,500 miles of waterways, the symposium will aim to bring the community one step closer to protecting and transforming these waterways to scenic and recreational landmarks for the city.

Register [HERE](#) or call 713.529.6443.



SAVE THE DATE **BPA 14th Annual Gala**

Wednesday, October 9



CANOE NAMING CAMPAIGN

Thursday, October 24 - Discovery Green

Houston elementary students are invited to name the **Bayou Preservation Association (BPA)** canoes! BPA is teaming up with **SPARK School Park Program, HISD** and local artist **Kermit Eisenhut** for a citywide canoe naming contest and floating art project.

In an effort to keep Houston waterways clean and help maintain paddling trails, BPA is visiting local elementary schools to shed light on bayou preservation. Through Oct. 24, Houston area students are encouraged to submit their vote online at www.bayoupreservation.org.

Students and guests are invited to witness the unveiling of the floating works of art and their respective names. Winners will be announced at the event. Stay tuned for more event details.

Join BPA at the bayou-side home of Ginni and Richard Mithoff, **Wednesday, October 9** for the 14th annual gala. This year's gala theme, **Born on the Bayou**, will have guests donning their toughest leather jackets and lacing up their motorcycle boots to protect Houston's most valuable resources, the 2,500 miles of waterways that run through the Houston-Galveston area.

For ticket information visit [HERE](#) or contact BPA at 713.529.6443.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Call us at 713.529.6443, e-mail us at bpa@bayoupreservation.org or fill out our [Volunteer Form](#) and see how you can help make a big difference!



A family canoeing at Discovery Green.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Ty Kelly

This month we are spotlighting one of our outstanding board members, J. Tynan (Ty) Kelly. Ty joined the BPA board in 1994, was President of the BPA from 2006 to 2011, and presently serves as Chairman. Ty has been active on the Water Quality Committee for many years and, with the assistance of the late Bill Coats, Kevin Shanley and others, spearheaded fundraising that led to the creation of the position of Water Quality Director and the search resulting in the hiring of Steve Hupp in the position.

More recently, Ty has chaired the Public Policy Committee. BPA is thankful to have such a long term team player!



Kevin Shanley thanking Ty Kelly for his five year presidency at BPA.

IN MEMORIAM:

George P. Mitchell

BPA is deeply saddened by the recent passing of George P. Mitchell, co-founder of Bayou Preservation Association and recent recipient of the 2013 Terry Hershey Bayou Stewardship Award. BPA will continue to work hard at honoring Mr. Mitchell's legacy of watershed preservation.

BPA awarded George P. Mitchell and the honorable George H.W. Bush the Terry Hershey Bayou Stewardship Award at the annual meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2013. George P. Mitchell's niece, Marina Ballantyne Walne accepted the award on his behalf and delivered it to him on his 94th birthday, Tuesday, May 21, 2013.



BPA Mission

Protect and restore the richness and diversity of our waterways through activism, advocacy, collaboration and education.

BPA Vision

- No further degradation and ultimate improved visible water quality
- Successful stream restoration project
- One-Stop Shop for bayou information
- Better watershed management

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