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BPA launches Bayou HEROns.

To celebrate the kick-off of Bayou

2013 BAYOU ADVENTURE RACE

Saturday, February 16

Calling all adventurers! For the second year running, Bayou Preservation Association presents the **Bayou Adventure Race at Terry Hershey Park, Saturday, February 16 from 9am - 2pm.**

A triathlon with a kayaking twist, the three-part race consists of a 5K run along Buffalo Bayou, a 5K kayak route down Buffalo Bayou and finishes with a 10K-15K mountain bike race along the dirt trails of Terry Hershey Park. Athletes will sprint, paddle and wheel their way through Bayou City while helping to raise awareness of Houston's waterways, parks and surrounding wildlife.

More information about the race is available at www.bayouadventurerace.org.

Hérons, the young, fit and very environmentally friendly Houstonians gathered at Jackson's Watering Hole Thursday, January 24 to talk bayou biking, walking, paddling, fishing and bird watching. At the launch of **Bayou Herons, a membership based group comprised of young bayou enthusiasts and partners who support the Bayou Preservation Association mission through events, volunteering and advocacy**, guests socialized and enjoyed Bernie's Burger Bus while sitting under the stars on the Jackson's Watering Hole new patio.



Check out more pictures from the launch party [here!](#)

Find out more information on becoming a Heron [here](#).

Clean & Green Crew Cleanup

[Register here now!](#)

BAYOU DAY - AUSTIN

Tuesday, February 19

BPA is heading to the capital! BPA representatives Robert Rayburn, Chris Browne, Kathy Lord and Steve Hupp, as well as several other bayou-enthusiast groups, will head to the Texas State Capitol building for Bayou Day to accept a resolution presented on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives.

State Representative Jessica Farrar sponsored the resolution and invited BPA and other environmental organizations to attend Bayou Day and participate to raise awareness of issues that impact our regions watersheds.

BAYOU HERONS AT THE GROVE

Tuesday, March 12

SAVE THE DATE!

Bayou HERONS will join Trees for Houston's Red Buds and Houston Zoo's Flock for a [CultureMap](#) Mixers on the Map happy hour at The Grove on March 12, 6-9 pm.

More information to follow.

TRASH BASH 2013

Saturday, March 23

BPA is a proud sponsor of the largest statewide event to educate the public about the importance of our water resources. Once a year thousands of volunteers gather for Trash Bash along the Texas waterways to do their part in cleaning up the environment.

Trash Bash is a half day cleanup event (8am - 1:30pm), taking place through rain or shine. Exact start time, registration and end time will vary from location to location.

1. To get started, pick a cleanup site near you: [Cleanup Sites](#)
2. Register and volunteer at any of the sites and receive free lunch, entertainment, door prizes and a t-shirt.
3. Please make sure to watch the safety video before you show up to clean it like you mean it: [Safety Video](#)

BAYOU BLUEPRINTS

[Send us your Bayou snapshots!](#)

Inmate cleanup project at Terry Hershey Park

BPA worked at Terry Hershey Park (the SW corner of Eldridge and Buffalo Bayou intersection) on invasive species, exotic plant and litter

removal with the Harris County Sherriff's Department's Clean and Green crew, January 30.



The crew of 10 inmates and one officer removed 30 cubic yards of invasive exotic plants including Ligustrum, Chinese Privet and various other invasives. The area is now in a "mop-up and maintenance state," says Eric Ruckstuhl, BPA's "Eyes on the Bayou" Representative.



Do you bike, hike, birdwatch, paddle or live on a Houston watershed? Have you captured an interesting, inspiring, or entertaining photo of life on the bayous? Please share your favorite photo with us! With your permission we would love to post your photo on our Facebook and Twitter to share real life experiences happening daily on our waterways.

To submit your photo, please send your image to laura@theprboutique.com, along with your name, email address and phone number.

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!

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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