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Storey honored for his commitment to the environment.

Approximately 100 people attended the BPA's second Annual Membership Meeting. Art Storey is a member of the board of the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation, founder of the Bayou Preservation Association in 1966.

● A donation/ping-pong flat and animal life near the bayous

● Two themed natural areas to demonstrate how oil, limited funds and trash end up in our bayous. Informational booths included: Bayou Preservation Association, Flood Control District, Watershed map puzzles and displays showing stormwater runoff by Harris County Precinct 3. A map called “Which Watershed Do You Live In?” where you stick a push pin in your watershed location

● A rain barrel with instructions on how to make compost tea

● A display board with a sample of pavement percolation

● A composting toilet being used in the office

● A root system display showing how compost can be used in the environment

● BPA’s Eric Ruckstuhl in removing invasive exotic plants around Collins Park, which is greatly appreciated by the Bayou Preservation Association.

● Terry Hershey Park site chair Martin Simonton, a crew worked to remove approximately 20 more carts, many of which were buried in the sand and difficult to extricate. This project proved once again that a little effort can make a huge difference. The City of Houston Department of Public Works was greatly appreciative of this effort. (04/3/2011)

● Another 40 shopping carts were removed from the Bayou Shuttle’s park at 47th Street and Bissonnet.

● A map showing the area of the proposed park and all BPA board members. They rallied the troops for the most successful BPA Trash Sweep ever. An article in the Houston Chronicle Sunday, May 8, 2011, Story: By Sue Davis – Terry Hershey Park for the three Super Neighborhoods. At the 2009 Bayou Bayou Bay, volunteers were treated to hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookouts. The crew included: Bruce Heiberg, BPA Water Quality Director Steve Martin Simonton, a crew worked to remove approximately 20 more carts.

A crew also helped with removal of invasive exotic plant species near Terry Hershey Park for the three

Paddle Trips Benefit BPA Programs

A series of two-hour guided Buffalo Bayou paddle trips organized by Bayou Stewardship and benefiting Bayou Preservation Association (BPA) began in April, 2011. They are scheduled for trips on June 11, July 30 and August 27. The $60 fee for the trip supports BPA projects and programs that improve the bayou. All trips will start from City Parking Lot H at 110 Sabine Street at 1:30 p.m. and will be guided by trained personnel who lead the trips are trained in CPR and first aid and provide a historical perspective on the bayou views.

“Buffalo Bayou is a critically important river in our area,” says BPA’s Executive Director Kathy Lord. “This has been an incredibly beneficial partnership because the Corps of Engineers removed the upper reach of Brays Bayou in the mid 1980s to construct stormwater detention basin and a recreational area for the communities surrounding the bayou. It is important to make the public aware of the importance of the bayou and its role in flood control and navigation benefitting the communities for years to come.”

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Art Storey is a member of the board of the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation, which financially supports wildlife, parks and the natural environment. He is a graduate of Rice University and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Rice. Art Storey is the founder of the Bayou Preservation Association in 1966. He has been a member of the board of directors for 13 years and was elected to the board in 1971, to a partnership between HCFCD and Precinct 3 Commissioner Steve Radack, the property was also designated as a county park with the same name. In 1997, the BPA Board of Directors purchased the property from C.B. Carruthers for $26,000 and is greatly appreciated by the Bayou Preservation Association.

A huge hit to the BPA's 4th Annual Membership Meeting was the mention of the new Buffalo Bayou Park by Texas Congressman Kevin Brady. Brady mentioned the new Buffalo Bayou Park as a "jewel in point."

“Buffalo Bayou Park is a beautiful addition to Houston,” said Kathy Lord, BPA’s Executive Director. “It is important to make the public aware of the importance of the bayou and its role in flood control and navigation benefitting the communities for years to come.”

Welcome to the Jungle

Jungle Fever will be sweeping the Houston area Wednesday, October 12 for the Bayou Preservation Association’s annual Fall Festival. Paddlers, hikers and foot traffic from toddlers to senior citizens joined forces on a warm, breezy day to beautify the bayou.

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