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TEAM UP

Throughout the year downtown offers lots of opportunities for you to team up with friends and co-workers and participate in some classic Houston events.

While events such as the **39th Annual Buffalo Bayou Regatta** in March, the **Shell Eco-marathon** in April and the **10th Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival** in May seem like they are a lifetime away, now is the time to start pulling your buddies together and thinking about teams and sponsorships.

First up is the regatta, Texas' largest canoe and kayak race. It's a 15-mile USCA-sanctioned race along **Buffalo Bayou** scheduled for Saturday, March 12 and **Corporate Cup** sponsorships are available now.

And whether you are in it to win it or just to paddle down the waterway, the race is always great fun. If you don't want to take to the bayou, you can also catch the outdoor fun and cheer on the racers. Live music, food and drinks and an awards ceremony are all found at the finish line at **Sesquicentennial Park at Preston and Bagby**.

Later this spring, the Shell Eco-marathon will run around the streets of downtown at **Discovery Green**, April 14-17 and will feature the vehicular creations of today's most innovative student minds. And the Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, May 7 is already looking for sponsors. Be a part of the fun!

>>> DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS

Sunday, January 30

Chevron Houston Marathon and Aramco Half Marathon

Wednesday, February 2

City Hall Farmers Market

Saturday, February 26

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade

For a comprehensive calendar of events, [click here!](#)

>>> THIS WEEK AT DISCOVERY GREEN

Friday

Wii Gaming, 1-4 p.m.

Saturday

Recycling Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wii Gaming, 1-4 p.m.

Sunday

Urban Harvest Farmers Market, noon-4 p.m.
Wii Gaming, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday

Winter Zumba!, 6:30 p.m.

For more info, visit discoverygreen.com or call (713) 400-7336.

DOWNTOWN PICK OF THE WEEK



Start the year off with a new look courtesy of **Clique Salon** at the **Houston Pavilions**. When you pay for a precision razor, clipper or scissor cut you'll receive any dimensional color service at no charge – an \$80 to \$110 value. This **free offer** is good through the end of January so call 832.333.9000 and reserve your spot today.



>> TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

The Kelsey Pharmacy is now open at **The Shops at Houston Center**, making it easy for you to fill your prescriptions while you're at work. The pharmacy, which is on Level 4, is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and gives you three convenient ways to get what you need. You can stop in, call 713.442.MEDS or go **online**. Whichever you choose, **Kelsey-Seybold Clinic** has given you one less thing to worry about.



>> **REDEMPTION STORY**

Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* has played to sold-out houses across the U.S. and Europe since its premiere a decade ago. Now [Houston Grand Opera](#) brings this powerful story of death row inmate Joseph De Rocher and spiritual advisor Sister Helen Prejean to the **Wortham Theater Center** stage starting Saturday, January 22 through Sunday, February 6.



>> **CLASSICAL PROGRAM**

The [Houston Symphony](#) presents Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* – a delicate melody that quickly blossoms into music of great sweep and grandeur. The Houston Symphony and Chorus along with world-renowned soloists create a powerful program at **Jones Hall** on Thursday, January 20; Saturday, January 22 and Sunday, January 23..



>> JAZZ SOUNDS

Don't miss **Stefon Harris and Blackout** at the **Wortham Theater Center** on Saturday, January 22 courtesy of **Da Camera**. Vibraphonist Harris' passionate artistry and energetic stage presence have propelled him to the forefront of today's jazz scene, and Blackout is an ensemble as versed in modern jazz as it is in the rhythms, melodies and soundscapes of R&B, pop, hip-hop and funk.



>>STEP BACK

Learn something new about Houston's first planned neighborhood at the **Heritage Society's Hill/Finger Lecture** on Thursday, January 20 at noon. Westmoreland was an elite residential neighborhood developed in 1902 at the southwest corner of the city and patterned after the private place neighborhoods of St. Louis. The presentation will include photos of some of the historic homes that still stand and those that have been lost over the years.



>> MODERN SOUND

Aperio, Music of the Americas makes its **Hobby Center for the Performing Arts** debut on Saturday, January 22. Don't miss this expansive program of contemporary chamber music that celebrates the environment. The evening will also feature local premieres of works by **Mark Dancigers** and **Thomas Osborne**, in addition to music by **Steve Reich**, **Peter Lieberon** and **Frederic Rzewski**.



>> **BOOK SMART**

Peter Carey, two-time Man Booker Prize winner for his novels *Oscar and Lucinda* and *True History of the Kelly Gang*, will read from his novel *Peter and Olivier in America*, as part of the 30th anniversary season of the [Inprint Margarett Root Brown Reading Series](#). Get your tickets for the Monday, January 24 event at the **Alley Theatre** today.



>> **LIVE MUSIC**

Don't miss **Joe Satriani's *The Wormhole Tour 2010*** with special guest **Ned Evett** and **Triple Double** at the [House of Blues](#) at the **Houston Pavilions** on Thursday, January 20. **Thirty Seconds to Mars** takes the stage at [Verizon Wireless Theater](#) on Wednesday, January 26.



>> SPORTS FUN

Toyota Center is the place for sports. The **Houston Rockets** play Orlando on Saturday, January 22 and battle the Clippers on Wednesday, January 26. The **Houston Aeros** go up against the Texas Stars on Friday, January 21.



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