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**WE'RE 10-YEARS-OLD,**

# Midtown!

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Can you believe it? This year the Midtown Management District (MMD) celebrates its 10-year anniversary. A lot has changed and we're still moving forward.

The celebration isn't only about the people who live in Midtown, it's also about all the fantastic shops. You're going to spend the year discovering all of the hidden and not so hidden neighborhood treasures: the wonderful boutique businesses, the living and dining options, the historical buildings, the multitude of art venues and much more.

As part of the year long celebration, the Management District is asking for residents past and present, as well as business owners to look through their old photos, pull out those architectural drawings, and dig through old newspaper clippings. We're creating a time capsule of what Midtown was and we need your help to complete it.

The MMD works hard to make this neighborhood a community that is continuously evolving. Each year, the District organizes community events including Midtown Plant & Pedal and Midtown Art in the Park. Plant and Pedal, which meets at

Baldwin Park in mid March, is a community building initiative that works to beautify the neighborhood by planting flowers and greenery in Midtown. Art in the Park, on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Park, is a fine art festival which showcases more than 75 artists and a variety of media including painting, sculpture, glass, woodwork, metal, photography, pottery and more.



As a result of the many projects implemented by the Midtown Redevelopment Authority and maintained by the Management District, Midtown has become Houston's premier urban community. Some proj-

ects include traffic improvements; maintenance of community parks; pedestrian enhancements such as sidewalk repairs, landscaping, benches and bus shelters; the Street Light Program, which strives to make Midtown noticeably brighter at night and various other public safety initiatives.

What Midtown needs most of all right now is you! Come to one of our meetings and bring your fresh ideas. Let us hear your thoughts. Share your vision. Get involved in your neighborhood and help ensure that Midtown continues to be Houston's premier urban community for the next 10 years.

For more information on how you can get involved or board/committee meeting dates and times, contact the Midtown Management District at 713-526-7577.