

# DISCOVERY GREEN®

HOUSTON

## PLANTING A SEED

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## PROGRAMMED FOR SUCCESS

Houston's Village Green



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5TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

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A dazzling array of activities and entertainment draws impressive crowds



The British company Architects of Air wowed visitors in Spring 2013 with the luminary *Exxopolis*. Judy Nyquist, an art advocate and park supporter, remarked: "Adults of all demographics were there, with their children, and happy." By popular demand, Architects of Air will return in March 2014.



Australia's Strange Fruit – the performing arts troupe combining theater, dance and music – graced the park with their unusual totem-pole dance in September 2009 and again in September 2013.



The park is dog-friendly, with large and small dog runs and outdoor seating at the restaurants. Dog lovers turn out in droves to watch and compete in the annual dog jumping competition DockDogs®.

All of the sidewalk pavers on the front and south sides of the Alkek Building, which houses the Discovery Green offices, are meaningful. Each one represents a park-lover's willingness to give something back to Discovery Green. The pavers usually boast a family name, or the name of an individual, engraved into the brick. But one paver is a bit of a head scratcher: the one bearing the unusual name GabJorAmaZan.

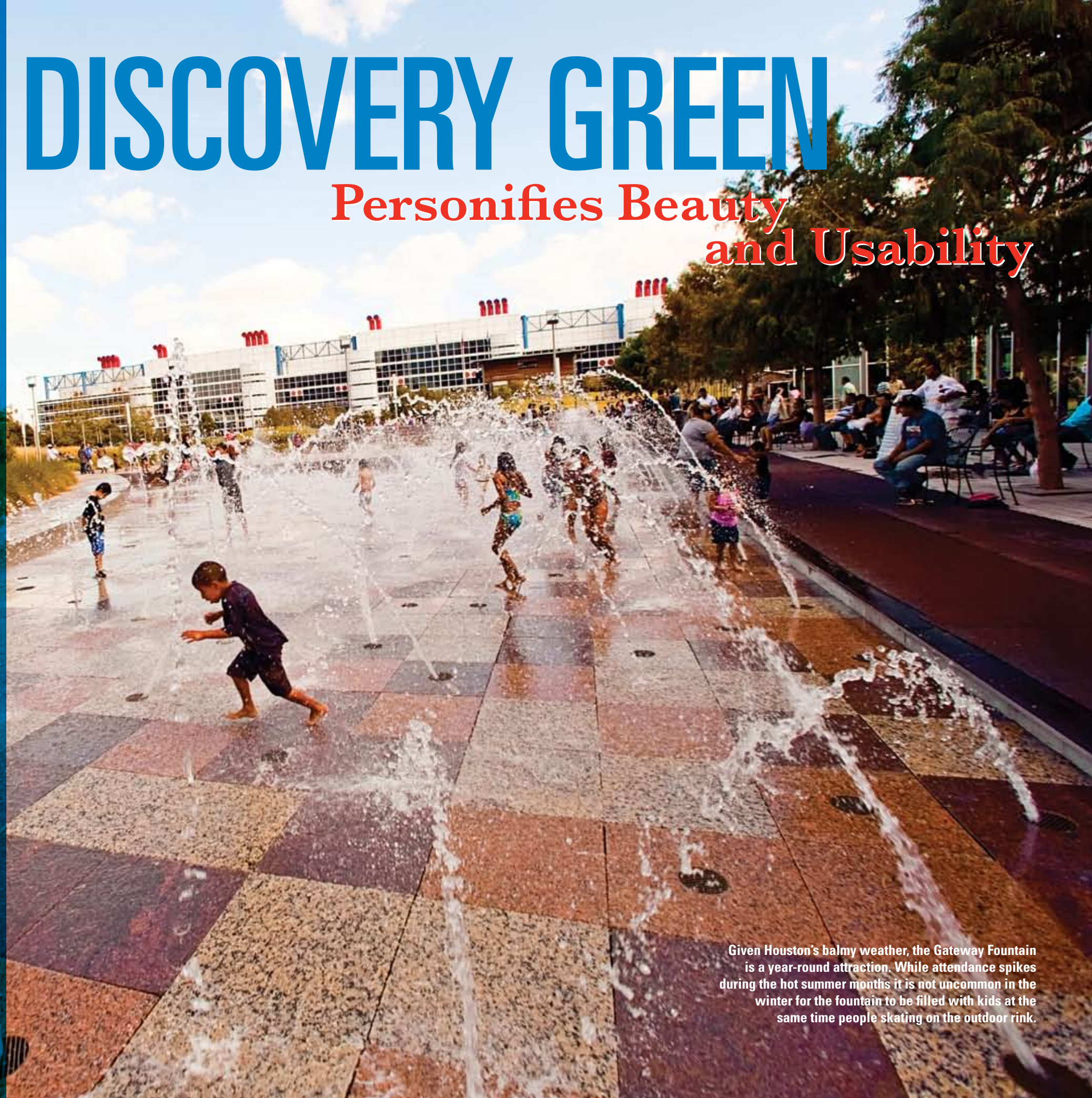
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Personifies Beauty  
and Usability

Kids love the Gateway Fountain.  
When it gets hot, they can barely stand  
to be without its jets of water.  
As streams slowly lower,  
some kids look a little lost.  
And, like clockwork, the chant begins:

**“Water.  
Water!  
WATER!”**

the children’s voices rising,  
and just like magic, the water rises again.



Given Houston’s balmy weather, the Gateway Fountain is a year-round attraction. While attendance spikes during the hot summer months it is not uncommon in the winter for the fountain to be filled with kids at the same time people skating on the outdoor rink.