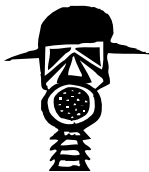


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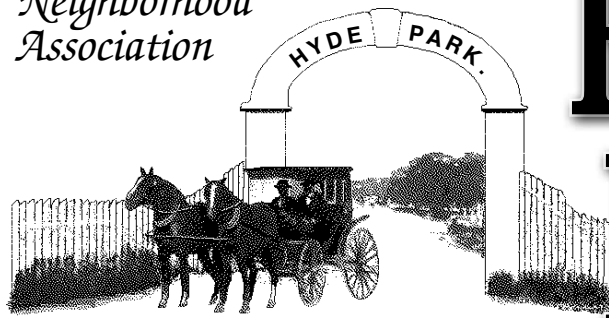
HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the April meeting has been cancelled. We hope to see you at the May meeting on May 4.

Cancellations and Postponements Due to COVID-19

- ❖ **CANCELLED:** April HPNA Meeting. We hope to see you next month!
- ❖ **CANCELLED:** HPNA Steering Committee Meeting. Any necessary business will be conducted by email.
- ❖ **CANCELLED:** DRC Meeting, unless an urgent item arises.
- ❖ **POSTPONED:** 2020 Egg Scramble. Originally scheduled for April 11, this event will be delayed. If possible, it will be rescheduled.
- ❖ **POSTPONED:** Celebration of Dorothy Richter's Life. Join us on Saturday, June 20, 1:00 pm, at Trinity Church. Reverend Sid Hall will officiate. Bring your stories to share and, if you would, write them down to give them to Dorothy's children.
- ❖ **CANCELLED:** Ney Day, originally scheduled for April 11 at the Elisabet Ney Museum.



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Exploring Lives

Grady Stockman, Hyde Park's Frontiersman

Ask most Hyde Parkers why they chose to live here, and their reasons are familiar: close-in location, charm, high walkability, and a vibrant neighborhood spirit. But for Grady Stockman, one reason dominated everything: plentiful game. "The first time I visited here, the trees were full of pecan-fed squirrels," he remembers. "I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. That's high-quality protein."

Stockman was born and raised in the East Texas oil patch, the son of an oilfield worker. When he was 13 years old, his father was disabled by a fall from an oil derrick that broke his back. Stockman began hunting and trapping to help the family survive. Two years later his mother developed Parkinson's Disease and Stockman had to drop out of school and take a paying job to help with the bills.

As chance would have it, he signed on as a cook's helper at the legendary Roadkill Café outside Hearne ("You kill 'em, we grill 'em."). When Buck Hardesty, the café owner, decided to respond to diners' requests for a cookbook with the café's most popular recipes, he invited young Stockman, only half seriously, to contribute a recipe.

Stockman's recipe for pumpkin and armadillo soup turned plenty of heads. It led to an invitation from the Survivalist Press to create his own book of recipes. *Backyard Bounty* was the response. It sold over 36,000 copies in hardback and was awarded four Bowie knives by the Brotherhood of Outdoorsmen, the group's highest rating.

The success of his first book brought an offer from Harper & Row. "They wanted something more urban and domestic, a little less edgy," he laughs. It took two months to pull together *Winged Abundance: The Avian Feast Awaiting Urban America*. Last fall it spent two weeks on the New York Times non-fiction best-seller list and brought numerous speaking engagements, including an appearance on NBC's Today Show. One of the recipes, stir-fried grackle with pignoli and shitake mushrooms, was named Best of Show at the annual competition of the New Asian Cuisine Society in San Francisco.

Stockman is a particularly robust example of a *locavore*, a person who is dedicated to eating food that is locally produced. For him, it's a passion rather than a preference. He has committed his career to proving that one can eat locally *and* well, and settled on Hyde Park as the place for his demonstration project.

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Dear Neighbors,

As we write, there is so much to talk about and so much we don't know. In two weeks – when the *Pecan Press* will be delivered, perhaps only electronically? – our city, state, country, and world might be in a very different place. For the next few weeks or more, we will be relying on social distancing and written or electronic forms of communication to share information and updates. Accordingly, the April HPNA meeting has been canceled and our Egg Scramble postponed, until we have a better sense of what this crisis will mean for us.

To follow up on some important business: on Monday, March 2, HPNA submitted protests from over six hundred neighbors on behalf of the Hyde Park Local Historic District and the Hyde Park and North Hyde

Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts. In the accompanying letter, we asserted that while our NCCDs and LHD designations make our situation unique, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association believes that small-area planning is wholly appropriate for all neighborhoods within the city and urges this approach city-wide.

At the time of our submission, a protest lawsuit (*Acuna v. City of Austin*) had already been brought to Travis County court. Judge Soifer has since issued her decision. The judge ruled that individual protest rights apply in the case of Austin's Land Development Code rewrite and that the city had violated Texas local government code by not mailing notice of zoning change to affected property owners. Among other things, the judge also nullified the first two council votes on the Land Development Code.

We believe this ruling represents an opportunity for all of Hyde Park to come together and propose impactful yet reasonable improvements to the neighborhood. Further, we are committed to partnering with the city to incorporate increased housing capacity through an appropriate planning process.



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We would like to be able to discuss these issues with you in person, but the most important thing right now is the well-being of our community amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Our thoughts go out to the many individuals whose health and livelihoods are at risk.

– Sarah Cook and Betsy Clubine
Co-Presidents, HPNA



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Hyde Park Businesses Coping with COVID-19

The businesses in Hyde Park are coping with the COVID-19 in a variety of ways. For those in need of groceries, restaurant fare, or prescriptions, a partial list follows. For a list of restaurants throughout Austin offering takeout, see <https://www.takeouttracker.com/>.

- **Antonelli's Cheese Shop** - Offering remote consults and curbside service.
- **Asti** - Temporarily closed, beginning March 16. "Sooner rather than later, for the health of our staff, customers, and community we have decided to temporarily close ASTI. A huge Thank you! goes out to our regulars and our Hyde Park neighbors who have been so supportive and have rallied for lunch and dinner. We will look forward to seeing all of you on the other side of this. We cannot predict how long we will be closed for, so please keep an eye on our FB page for updates."
- **Fresh Plus** - Offering curbside delivery. "Here at Fresh Plus we are concerned for everyone's safety. Please call the store at 512.459.8922 and you will be directed to call one of our employees on his or her cell phone. She or he will then take your order and credit card. We'll shop and bring your items to your car. Stay Safe, Y'all!" (The Deli Girl, Lianna)
- **Hyde Park Bar & Grill** - Offering full menu curbside from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, including beer and wine (all beer and wine is 20% off). "We are saddened by having to lay off so many wonderful long-time employees. With the support of the community we will continue to pay the few employees we have remaining and hopefully bring back more if business increases. Thank you for your support." (Bick and Erika Brown)
- **Julio's Café** - Offering takeout on food and Mexican martinis.
- **NeWorldDeli** - Offering curbside takeout.
- **Quack's 43rd Street Bakery** - Offering curbside service. Park in front of the store and call in.
- **Walgreens** - Hours have changed from 24x7 to 9 am to 9 pm. Drive-through prescription pickup remains.

Hyde Park Poets — Laundromat Young and Old

An old man up rattling dishes.
He's gotten up at 630 all his life.
He can't stop now and doesn't want to.
Another old man doing his laundry.
The dark.
The occasional band practicing.
A young couple jogging down
the empty Red River street.
It's bare.
They run the red light.
Their shiny foreheads and wet hair.
Red and green.
Empty intersection.

— *Kathy Godwin*
April 1, 1974
Submitted in fond memory of Dorothy Richter by Kathleen Brown

Membership Information

Submission Information

- Membership in HPNA is open to all residents 18 years or older residing within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of its boundaries.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
- Membership dues can be paid in several ways: By signing up at an HPNA meeting or event, by mailing in the membership form, or by joining online using PayPal. To pay online, go to www.austinhypark.org and click on the **Join Now** button. Dues paid online are \$6.

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@mail2sevens.com.
Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.
All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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Median Days on Market	14 Days	14 Days	25 Days

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Hyde Park Haunts

Hunt, Gather

BC, or Before Corona virus, now seems like such a long time ago. As we have spent the week at home trying to work while kids are home from school, there have been some nice moments – evening wine on the front porch and endless walks around Hancock Golf Course. And you can do a call-in order to Quack’s and pick up stuff (and that’s what I know about, I’m sure many other Hyde Park eateries are offering take-out). But frankly, I’ve not been doing much “haunting,” and maybe that is fitting this month because my subject isn’t really a “haunt.” My idea in this column was to profile cool places to hang out in Hyde Park (that is, “haunts”). But ever since that old laundromat next door to Quacks vacated the space, we wondered for months what would go there: a new eatery, a hair salon, a drug store? Finally, after some substantial renovation, we found out: it was a new Hunt, Gather.

Well, my curiosity certainly got the best of me. What was it? Well, the first thing I can tell you is they are a bunch of cool people and Kathy Horn, one of the founders, was wonderful to take time to sit down with me and talk a little about their business.

Hunt, Gather is a boutique marketing agency. They work with a lot of cool clients: Chipotle, Dell, the Environmental Defense Fund, Snap Kitchen. They do consumer-facing and business-to-business-facing marketing. While a lot of their work is in the digital realm they still do print, radio, video, and billboards.

Hunt, Gather, Create (full name) was formed about five years ago. There are three partners in the agency: Kathy, Lena, and Jason. They all have ad agency backgrounds in Dallas, Houston, and Austin. They had worked in some of the same places. Kathy had left her agency and had gone freelance, and they all met through a shared connection. Kathy, who has a creative director and copywriter background, is proud of the team and says they are all people with whom she really likes to work. Originally the company was a collective model and rented office space in East Austin; they then moved to a more traditional agency model. They now have several employees. Kathy’s husband Erik was originally with the group but splintered off to join the Fair Worlds – a marketing agency that uses augmented and virtual reality in its work and is also now located “across neighborhood” at the old Baker School.

So...why locate in Hyde Park? One answer: the three partners all have children who are young and are in school in Hyde Park, at either the Child Discovery Center or Hyde Park Montessori. Like perhaps all of us, they loved Hyde Park a lot – loved the vibe and the people. Kathy said as they were hiring staff, their old east-side space wasn’t going to be big enough. And then a twist of fate: all were having Fri-

day cookies at Quacks with their kids when they saw a “for rent” sign.

What should the neighbors know? They pride themselves on being super friendly; many people have come up to the door asking who they are and what is going on. People look into the windows, see faces at meetings – and many times the kids are in there.

The space is beautiful – Kathy and Lena, who have a design background, created what they liked. It’s an ideal office space. They had to do some construction work to make it ADA-compliant, but they were able to design the space the way they wanted it. It was a lot of work – Lena buffed the floors – but they envision being here for a while.

For anyone who wants to know more, they have an awesome website at huntgathercreate.co. The photography and video are stunning; they do a lot of social media work for companies and the website examples are awesome.

So, you can’t really “haunt” it, but it doesn’t look like any of us are going to be haunting publically for a while. However, you can appreciate the added business-savvy creativity in the neighborhood. I think it’s a welcome addition.

– Troy Gilbert

About the author: I’m a temporary stay-at-home dad of twin 12-year-olds. I crash landed in Hyde Park after a quick move from California to help my aging in-laws. Amazed and intrigued by this funky neighborhood, I get to spend some time hanging out here. I’m constantly fascinated by the people, places, and stories that make this such a unique city.

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Exploring Hyde Park

The Caswell Area

Hyde Park north of 45th Street is a combination of many subdivisions, including, among others, the Hyde Park Annex, Ramsey, and Hegman. A number of small subdivisions in the eastern part – Patterson Heights; the Staehely, Worley, and Theodora subdivisions; and the Ridgetop Annex – are grouped together under one name: the Caswell area.

The Caswell area, roughly bounded by Duval, Red River, 45th, and 49th Streets, is named after W.T. Caswell, a prominent cotton merchant and owner of the Austin Cotton Gin on Chicon Street, who platted the Ridgetop Annex in 1910. At the time, it was just outside the Austin city limits. The *Texas Magazine*, Vol. 5 (November, 1911 to April, 1912) described it this way: “There is no prettier place in Texas for a home, overlooking as it does the entire city to the South, the beautiful mountains and wooded hills to the west, the magnificent new suburban homes on all sides and the rolling prairies and substantial country homes in the distance to the north and east.”

Between 1900 and 1960, the Caswell area developed from a small residential enclave to a suburban neighborhood typical of the early to middle Twentieth Century. The earliest development, in the area of 45th Street, used Classical Revival and Queen Anne detailing. As the Twentieth Century progressed,

bungalows, generally modest in size, became prevalent. The small amounts of ornamentation they displayed were primarily American Arts and Crafts style. The heaviest development in the area took place during the 1940s through the 1960s. Pre-modern houses appeared prior to World War II, and Ranch style houses appeared after World War II. After 1960, the influence of the automobile became apparent in residences that featured front carports and substituted parking areas for front yards.

The Caswell area includes three City of Austin Historic Landmarks:

The Morrison-Smith House, 4615 Caswell Avenue

John M. Patterson House, 604 E. 47th Street

Worley House, 802 E. 47th Street

Take a short walk or bike ride around the area to view those landmarks as well as to enjoy the look and feel of this distinct part of Hyde Park.

Letters Dept.

Dear HPNA,

My activist and servant's heart is sobered to read that Dorothy passed recently. Please keep me in the loop as to a service or memorial fund to honor her.

I cut my activist teeth and was mentored by her in the mid '70s. I agreed to be the first secretary of HPNA and, along with Janis Linder and Pastor Merle Franke, passed out fliers for first fire station campaign. “Activist mentor” is how I’ll always remember her. In the '70s, when we were picking houses to research and get historic designation, I picked the Frank Covert home and befriended owner Eugenia Phelan. We visited from our North Texas home in January 2008 to see Ansel Adam’s exhibit and she graciously let us stop by to visit.

How do you honor such a presence? By keeping believing that one person can make a difference. I will, and I will remind others along the way. My deepest condolences to the HPNA family. Her shoes cannot be filled but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try. She'd say “Go for it!”

Well done, Dorothy!

— Kathleen Brown (Kathy
Godwin 1975)
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Hyde Park Poets

Driving Along

Driving along, listening to Chris Isaak,

Two college kids, on bicycles, like lightning bugs
Flutter by, around, and in front of me.

I am careful to give them space

As I ponder the freedom and tenuosness
Of their situation.

I love them, in a way, and I love their confidence
And fear for them, as a mother.

What will become of them?

Perhaps nothing bad will befall,

When I was twenty, I knew nothing could do me harm

I knew it, the way these kids, on their bicycles;

Do not even think the unponderable;

They will be fine, I am the one who is vulnerable

I have let in the doubt

That is fine, I am the one who is vulnerable

I have let in the doubt

That is fine, it is my time

Like them, I did not worry

The universe is full of too much worry

Chris Isaak is singing to me, “we will always have tonight”

I like him.

— Herzele
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HPNA Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2020

Co-President Betsy Clubine called to order the monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association at 7:04 pm on March 2, 2020 at the Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue. The first agenda item addressed renovations to the fire station, and Ms. Clubine introduced Fire Department Division Chief Davis Haden, who oversees all fire facilities for the City of Austin.

Chief Haden said Hyde Park's Fire Station #9 is a 90-year old building that has not been renovated since its opening in 1929. The #9 station was designed in a time before modern fire trucks as well before gender equality and cancer prevention protocols were considerations. The entire City of Austin design team, from the architect to Public Works project managers, worked hard to maintain the historic nature of the building in its design and materials while implementing modern techniques. He said Fire Station #9 served 1,470 calls in 2019 – a fairly large number – and the new design should contribute to better rested, healthier fire crews for future emergencies.

The new addition to Station#9 is 14 feet by 42 feet, designed to blend into the existing building, with the addition coming off the roof line, Chief Haden said. The new addition will have a separate locker space with a washer and dryer for fire crews to store and clean their bunker gear. This space will serve as a “de-comp” room, where the carcinogens and other toxic substances on the gear can be safely cleaned and stored, away from the firefighters' living quarters. The new building will have private dorm rooms and gender-neutral restrooms with door locks, allowing it to meet new gender-equality guidelines, he said, adding that private dorm-style bedrooms allow for better sleep, better rested firefighters, and a better overall station built to accommodate whatever the workforce will look like in 20 years. The new design will add an exercise room with a smart new design that allows crews to have access to the outside space as part of their physical training regimes.

Chief Haden said that the Fire Station #9 renovation is one of the next three projects authorized in Phase 6. Currently, the three projects of Phase 5 are under construction, and Phase 6 can not begin until those projects are completed. He added that the timeline suggests projects beginning in August or September 2020 and running another 9 months. He said the entire city is broken down into grids with standards of coverage for each grid. Hyde Park is a green coverage area, meaning its response time and

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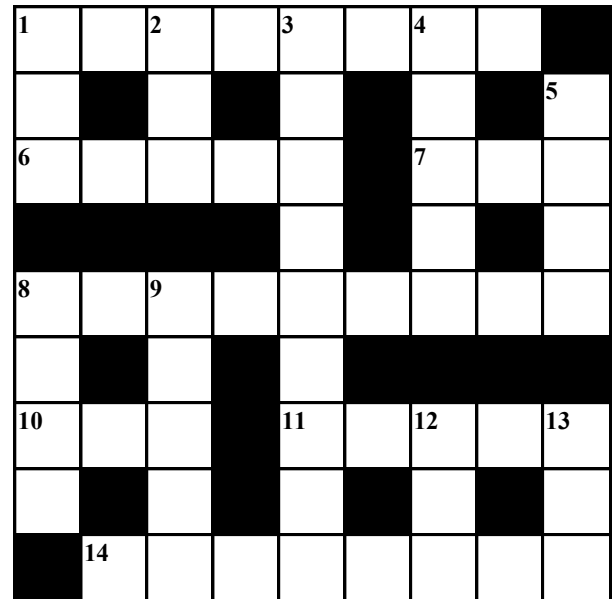
Monthly Calendar April

- 10 — Recycling Pickup
- 20 — Hyde Park Contact Team Meeting
- 24 — Recycling Pickup

For a list of cancellations and postponements, see page 1.

Crossword Puzzle

by der Brat



ACROSS

1. Your own strain of COVID-19 (... and not a song by The Knack). (2 words)
6. Use of deduction.
7. Female deer.
8. Internet term for what COVID-19 has done? (2 words)
10. Land east of Eden.
11. The Lone Ranger show first found on this.
14. Wherein something is gained ... but also lost?

DOWN

1. Mr. Gibson.
2. Part of a gear.
3. What we hope we will have done from COVID-19 really soon!
4. Some blame him for Gore's loss in 2000.
5. Supposedly artful when done by 45th president.
8. Sound associated with a silly game show.
9. Low point ... sounds like #4.
12. *In Excelsis* _?_.
13. Brand of DEET.

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station distance is very good. The start date of the Fire Station #9 renovation will also depend on how to keep the coverage and response time roughly equal to current standard while Fire Station #9 is under renovation and consequently inoperable.

When asked about the MLK Boulevard Fire Station responding from a 60 foot trailer on San Jacinto Boulevard, Chief Haden said trailers were great temporary stations, but the cost of the trailer and the land rental fees did restrict how many could be deployed at any given time. Council Member Kathie Tovo, present at the meeting, said the original plans involved moving the fire engines almost 13 miles away from the Hyde Park neighborhood, but everyone agreed that the goal should be to keep coverage as close to current levels as possible, so the solution is still being worked out. Several HPNA members offered possible trailer site locations, including the post office parking lot or the Sears' lot in Hancock Center. Chief Haden said the site location needed to have room for a crew of four firefighters to live day and night in rotating shifts, for a total of 10 personnel overall. He said the site needed some sort of outside storage facility for the gear that cannot be stored inside. The department currently has three 60-foot double-wide trailers, each with a kitchen, restroom, and beds, adding that the department is trying to purchase a fourth trailer. He said that he is open to creative solutions, as Austin is one of the busiest cities focusing on this type of station renovation. He invited HPNA members with creative ideas to email him directly at davis.haden@austintexas.gov.

An HPNA member pointed out that the new addition takes up a section of lawn currently used for neighborhood events and asked why the design did not repeat the present high gable roof and put the dorm bedrooms on the second floor. The design team said the idea was investigated but bedrooms on the second floor required a major renovation, because the current attic does not have enough headroom and the roof would need to be raised. These renovations are well outside the allocated budget; the team admitted that the current solution was not ideal but did make the least number of changes to the existing building.

Chief Haden said the team was collaborating with an arborist to make sure the new addition did not impact or damage the trees, adding that the project builder and architect were specifically warned about the large tree on 43rd Street and told to do whatever can be done to save it. The historic tree is specifically outside of the construction zone, and there are plans to add a bed of mulch to it and the trees surrounding the building. The plan's architect said the design intended to use historic trends and materials in the renovation, noting that the windows and screens

will be replications and the new exterior door will replicate the current one with its glass. Chief Haden said additional digital images of the renovation will be emailed to Ms. Clubine for distribution to HPNA membership.

Co-President Sarah Cook introduced Luke Tinnins and Kristin Thompson of Austin Clubhouse to speak briefly about Austin Clubhouse's goals for the March 5, 2020 Amplify Austin fundraising event.

Next, Ms. Clubine welcomed Council Member Kathie Tovo to address the agenda item updating the membership on the Land Development Code (LDC) process. Ms. Tovo said she had just received a list of the amendments that passed and failed after the second reading of the LDC, adding that despite stated plans to balance the need for increased density with protections for current homeowners, the majority of the amendments that passed favored increased density. She said a lot of her constituents are very upset at the process, the results, and her and other central Austin Council Members' inability to persuade any other council members to their side. She apologized but said that most council members are summarily voting either up or down on amendments and declining any conversation or engagement. A recent example included an amendment to require RM1 (multifamily zoning categories) plots that are upzoning from 1 to 2 units to up to 6 to 10 units to have some affordable housing requirement, at least one unit, instead of

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Hyde Park Poets —

Untitled

I'm walking
bright with sunshine
downwind of Texas Mountain Laurel
wafting smells so strong
I taste purple and bubblegum and grape juice
I pass bright pink blooming Redbud trees
mounds of yellow Forsythia
fields of early Bluebonnets
dotted with orange Indian Paintbrush
I'm smiling
Reveling in this first rush of Spring
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— Lisa Fox

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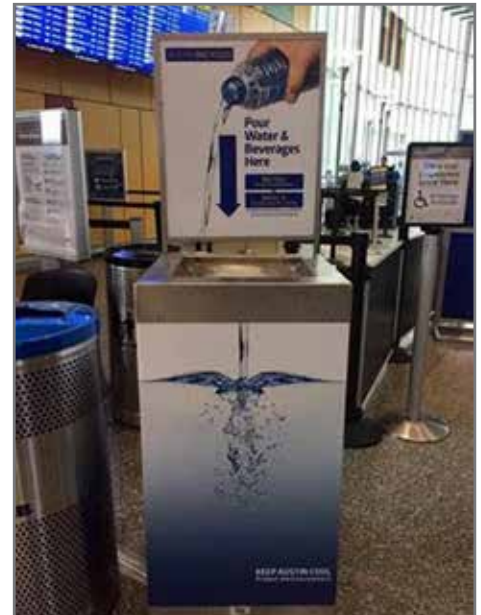


Recycling at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

There are many recycling challenges in our great city, one of which is recycling at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). I was very privileged to meet B. J. Carpenter, the Sustainability Program Coordinator at the airport. He shared with me some of the wonderful initiatives in the field of recycling and reuse that are happening at ABIA.

- **Pour It Out** – Bottles and cans with liquid in them

are not recyclable. The liquid in them contaminates the recycling stream and ruins the other recyclable materials. To make it convenient to recycle bottles at the airport, there are four “pour it out” receptacles currently provided at the front of



the three security checkpoints. Two receptacles are at the largest - Check Point One - and one at each of the other two. These receptacles provide a place for passengers to empty liquids from a bottle or can and then either place it in a nearby recycling bin or carry it through security to refill in the secured area.

- **Food Rescue** – So much food goes to waste in our great land. ABIA has taken some wonderful steps to rescue unused food from the concessionaires. The food rescue program began on March 1, 2017. Currently, Bradford Airport Logistics picks up the food from the terminal and transports the food to its warehouse at the airport. The food is then picked up three days a week by Keep Austin Fed volunteers and taken to Foundation Communities (Arbor Terrace and Bluebonnet Studios) in Austin, which provide low-income single adults with an affordable place to call home. The food also goes to Outcry in the Barrio, a faith-based voluntary residential inpatient facility and outreach program in East Austin. In 2019, 12,000 pounds of food were collected. This food provided 10,000 meals.

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- **Compost Collection** – Many airport restaurants and coffee shops have begun providing compostable containers for their customers. These containers can be put directly into the compost collection bins now provided at ABIA (even with food product in them). *Please make sure the containers are labeled “BPI certified compostable.”*



- **Airplane Waste And Recycling** – Your plane is about to land and the flight attendants come around to collect your trash and recyclables in separate bags. What happens to those bags? Because most planes are not designed with separate built-in receptacles for trash and recyclables, much of the time both bags are dumped in a single large bag in the waste container at the back of the plane. When the cleaning staff come on board to clean the plane, they don't know whether to throw that bag in the trash cart (with the black lid) or the recycling cart (with the blue lid).

To address this problem, all the collection bins at all airline gates had their lids changed from black (trash) to blue (recycling) so that now everything goes to the Texas Disposal System's (TDS) recycling facility. TDS has made a special arrangement to pull the recyclables from this material and therefore keep them from going to the landfill.

Incidentally, cans and bottles that the flight attendants use to serve your drinks and then return to the airline serving carts go to the airline's hub airport (not ABIA). For example, American Airlines planes could be serviced at DFW.

The Thinkery

The Thinkery (Austin's children's museum) accepts all kinds of creative supplies. Visit their website for more information: <https://thinkeryaustin.org/thinkery-material-donations-v3/?fbclid=IwAR0kD9d5ulJbQcbicy6qnNes9RpSReSsRFJlxG6s010rZjQ1Op3MvyWdXY>.

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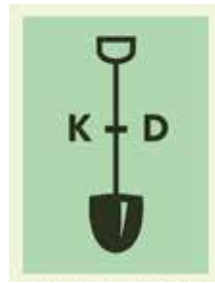
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Buzzards

Buzzards on the line
 And in the yard;
 In the case of the first,
 Trying to land
 To secure the carrion,
 Casually tossed
 Over the fence
 So as not to
 Stink up the yard,
 A beautiful aroma
 To the buzzard,
 An annoyance
 To the yard-owner,
 In the case of the second,
 The one in the yard,
 Pecking at a dead squirrel,
 Looking a bit out of place,
 But needing a meal,
 Just the same;
 It used to be
 You needed to go
 Outside the city limits
 To spy a buzzard
 Down, and out
 Of the sky,
 Now they are just
 Down and out;
 Will take a bite or a
 Bit, wherever,
 Catch as catch can.
 Buzzards on the wire,
 Lifetimes on the line,
 Buzzard in the yard;
 You can have mine.

— Herzele
 11/13/05

Crossword Puzzle Answers from page 9

ACROSS

1) my corona; 6) logic; 7) doe; 8) gone viral;
 10) nod; 11) radio; 14) tradeoff.

DOWN

1) mel; 2) cog; 3) recovered; 4) nader; 5) deal;
 8) gong; 9) nadir; 12) deo; 13) off

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Recycling...

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Questions from Our Readers

What do I do with old trophies?

Austin Creative Reuse Center will take these. Call ahead to be sure they have room on their shelves. Their website is <https://www.austincreativereuse.org/>.

How do I recycle plastic bags from soil and compost?

Plastic bags designed to hold weight (soil, compost, litter, and fertilizer) are treated with special polymers and this treatment makes these bags not recyclable. They must go into your trash can. Also, frozen food bags and pre-washed salad mix bags are specially treated to keep food fresh and must be thrown into the trash can.

What do I do with bubble wrap and styrofoam packing material?

Many mail and shipping stores, like Pak Mail on Balcones, will take these for reuse as long as they are in good condition. Bubble wrap can also go into the plastic collection bins at grocery stores.

PLEASE REMEMBER - WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Remember the City of Austin recycling website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

Stay tuned for future tips for creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to recycling@hpwbana.org.



Grady Stockman... ...cont'd from page 1

"There was already so much here," he said recently over coffee at Quack's. "Garden co-ops, rainwater collection, farmers markets, composting, solar energy panels...that sort of thing." He signed up for Larry Gilg's Crude Awakening group and is on the waiting list for a plot at nearby Sunshine Community Gardens. He already has a very productive 15' x 20' garden behind his Avenue C bungalow, along with a chicken coop and bee hives and several fruit and nut trees. He harvests crayfish from Waller Creek and brews his own beer, and his wife Abigail makes bread from acorns. Except for coffee and milk and staples like salt and baking soda, he is virtually self-sufficient.



Grady draws a bead. Photo by Rollo Treadway.

Stockman speaks frequently about "the Crunch." This, he explains, will be the perfect financial storm brought about by the combination of peak oil and the collapse of the American dollar. "If OPEC announced tomorrow that it was only going to accept payment in euros," he said, "the U.S. economy would hit the wall in a week. Ditto, if the Chinese decided to dump their U.S. Treasuries on the market." The Crunch, he fully expects, will see the imploding of the stock market and extreme shortages of food and gasoline. He said transportation, distribution, and packaging are responsible for more than two-thirds of the cost of food in a grocery store.



News from the Ney

Well, like most of the city, the Ney spent the latter half of March closed, and at the time of this writing, it's not possible to say when it will reopen.

But rest assured, it will do so as soon as possible. Ney Day unfortunately will be cancelled this year. However, great summer events such as the Plein Aire Festival in May and ARTSWAP in June are still in the planning stages. Also, as many of you know, the Centennial of the Passage of the 19th Amendment takes place on August 18, 2020, and the museum will have events celebrating this milestone as the day approaches and throughout the fall.

In the meantime, the landscape offers its usual spring charms, including wildflowers and grasses, pollinators and art! Yes, art! Half of the Barbara Attwell show is outdoors. The piece in the front of the museum is a bat-house. The pieces behind the museum all serve similar purposes – bird, pollinator, and bat-houses – and all feature Barbara's amazing handmade felt woven from Scottish sheep wool. Jenn Hassin's artwork is also still featured on the glen north of Waller Creek. It's worth noting that several of the museum's hourly staff have opted to work on the landscape itself since the building is closed, so if you meet one of them with a trowel or clippers and gloves, please thank them for their effort.

The museum has also been working on using digital media to help brighten up in-boxes and phone screens. "Like" the Museum on Facebook (Elisabet Ney Museum) or follow it on Instagram (@elisabetneyatx) for images of the art, architecture, and landscape as it changes as the days go by. After all, art heals, so be creative wherever you can be, and enjoy what you can in person or facsimile, digital or otherwise.

Time must also be taken to thank the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum. This intrepid group was able to raise over \$5000 during Amplify Austin, which took place in early March. Hooray for the Friends! And as for those who donated to the museum during Amplify, many, many thanks for your support. You might look up the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum on Facebook, as they have a page that features occasional updates.

Stay well, and let's look forward to pleasant times to come. SURSUM!

So when the price of oil goes through the roof, grocery store food will be out of reach for most Americans.

"When people get desperate, they'll do anything. They'll turn on each other." Stockman is prepared for that eventuality too, with a well-stocked home arsenal of various long and short firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

What makes Stockman stand out from other locavores is his interest in hunting local wildlife — squirrels, possums, pigeons, grackles, white-winged doves, among others — and preparing them succulently.

At every full moon, Stockman takes a small group of enthusiasts on a possum hunt along Waller Creek. The next full moon will be April 7. The group meets at Shipe Park at dusk, wearing sturdy clothes and bringing their hunting piece. "Most of the hunters bring sling shots, but a few bring blow guns," Stockman said. "Truth to tell, we really haven't harvested many possums with blowguns, but we've sure left a mess of trees bristling with darts."

Stockman sells a slingshot of his own design, which he calls the Skwirl-Biter®. It's based on the Wham-O slingshot that was popular in the 1960s. He gets roughed-out blanks of white ash from a supplier in North Carolina, then finishes them in his garage workshop.

He offers the weapon, with an extra set of surgical tubing bands and 60 quarter-inch steel balls, for \$75. Pricey, but it includes two hours of hands-on instruction and the experience of hunting squirrels with Stockman. He said, "Any adult of average strength and coordination can learn to put meat on the table tonight in a couple of hours." About a third of his customers are women.

Daytime hunting is for squirrels, Stockman's favorite. "People look at you funny if you say you're serving squirrel," he said. So he just grills them outdoors and neighbors wander by and ask what smells so good. "I don't tell them what it is; I just offer them a bite. Just one bite, that's all it takes. It does not taste 'a little bit like chicken.' It tastes like squirrel and it's delicious."

The hunter-writer said he believes in using "the whole squirrel." "My dog, Buddy, is always excited when I return from a hunt; he know he's going to get the heads. My wife makes gloves and coin purses from squirrel hides, and my four-year-old son Tucker can play for hours with squirrel tails. As for squirrel paws, they're just tapas for housecats."

Stockman is not without his critics. Fritz Scholler, the influential food critic of the Chicago Sun-Times, called *Backyard Bounty* "the most egregious culinary travesty since the Diet of Worms." Stockman shrugs off such attacks. "Some guys still don't get it. When the Crunch comes, believe me, they'll get it."

Eating local is not just about survival, Stockman contends. "It's just a better way to live, close to the earth and its seasons. When you eat only what you can grow, catch, or kill with your own hands, you never have to worry about obesity, depression, or boredom. Nothing keeps you more aware of your surroundings, or brings you down to your fighting weight faster, than living off the land."

Stockman will give a short demonstration of his shooting skills at the April meeting of the neighborhood association. A Skwirl-Biter®, complete with a two-hour lesson, will be given away as a door prize, and the author will sign copies of his two books, offered to attendees at a 15 percent discount, following the meeting.

— Rollo Treadway

Getting Started

Stockman offered the following websites for those interested in exploring the self-sufficient lifestyle.

For sling shots and other urban weapons:

- http://www.bayouhunters.com/spears_slingshots_and_blowguns.html
- <http://www.buffalogapoutfitters.com/storefrontprofiles/deluxeSFshop.aspx?sid=1&sfid=110172&c=103397>
- <http://kennesawcutlery.com/Outdoor-Sports/Blowguns-and-Slingshots>

For possum recipes:


- <http://www.cditchen.com/recipes/recs/628/Baked-Possum84305.shtml>
- <http://bertc.com/subfive/recipes/possum.htm>
- <http://recipeland.com/recipe/v/Roast-Possum-45600>

For squirrel recipes:

- <http://www.bowhunting.net/susieq/squirrel.html>
- <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Slow-Cooked-Squirrel/Detail.aspx>
- <http://www.fieldandstream.com/articles/other/recipes/2005/10/online-exclusive-squirrel-recipes>
- http://www.wildliferecipes.net/Game_recipes/Small_game_recipes/Squirrel_recipes/index.asp

For pigeon recipes:

- <http://www.food.com/recipe/pigeon-casserole-in-red-wine-sauce-158908>
- <http://www.food.com/recipe/pigeon-with-honey-and-figs-21799>
- <http://www.cookitssimply.com/recipe-0010-01423j.html>
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allowing the developer to just pay a fee. Ms. Tovo said that amendment was defeated without much debate or conversation.

Additional issues with the LDC second reading included the amendment to change parkland dedication in RM4 and RM1 categories without any explanation of how that might actually look. She said an amendment to add an internal accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to any residential category without it counting as an additional unit on the lot seemed somewhat advantageous, except that this amendment created confusion as to how current properties with existing ADUs would be classified before any additional ADUs were added. Could, she theorized, a single-family house with an ADU add two more ADUs - one internal to the house and one internal to the existing ADU - thereby creating four units on one lot? The current language leaves much unclear, she said. However, she urged people to remain engaged, despite the sense that rational thought and conversation wasn't occurring. She said that she believed the consistent message from central Austin neighborhoods should remain that, while we understand neighborhoods need to change, we want to be involved in the process. She said a chart was available that highlighted how certain central districts, including District 9 and Hyde Park, were being rezoned more than others. Under current LDC second reading, District 9 has 1,140 single family residences that are being upzoned into the high-density category; meanwhile, District 6 (northwest Austin) has 14 such properties affected by the new code, resulting in the District 6 Council Member's indifference to the LDC conflict. Ms. Tovo said it remained important that council members saw people at the meetings, remaining engaged. She said emails were good, but physical presence at the City Hall was much better.

Ms. Tovo acknowledged that the sense shared by those who had already shown up at City Hall in large numbers - that they were regarded as elitist and frankly ignored - was disheartening. However, she said Council Members needed to have face to face contact with people they did not represent, adding that while Austin has a long history of not allowing diverse voices into government, the solution was to increase accessibility, not to attack those who were already participating. She said that people needed to keep showing up, challenging the narrative that most of Austin agreed with the LDC zone changes. When asked whether this approach just entrenched positions, Ms. Tovo said she believed it would become more collaborative if people kept showing up, adding that she didn't think it was in anyone's best interest to pass a plan that was this divisive, with the Council Members of the four most affected districts voting against it.

Ms. Tovo said the March 28 public hearing would be important, because having large numbers show up would go on the council record as document-ed opposition to the code as it existed. She said that, after the March 28 hearing, the schedule was so fluid that there was no predicting when or if the code would become effective. She said the CNC protest lawsuit would have its first hearing on March 9. Additionally, Council Members Alter, Pool, Kitchen, and herself still believed and advocated that the same density goals could be achieved by zoning in activity centers without intruding into the interiors of neighborhoods. She said empirical evidence and testimony revealed that city staff members were not counting on a lot of density appearing in transit corridors like Duval Street, but amendments to change the density zoning to activity corridors alone were voted down.

Ms. Tovo said the four central Austin Council Members are pushing to include this rational change in the code, soliciting the Mayor's support as part of his so-called Austin Bargain. Council Member Pool said, if very little capacity is expected in transit zones and these zones are causing the most divisiveness within the community, why is the city pushing this part of the plan? Ms. Tovo added that density issues are not addressing traffic congestion, parking, trash collection, or any additional issues and that the heated rhetoric around Austin's racist past and deed restrictions is preventing the conversation from even occurring. She said she and her colleagues and their constituents would continue to advocate for the city to think more long term, to project into the future 10 to 15 years, and to move past the short-term political gains and goals currently dominating the issues.

Ms. Clubine said she and Ms. Cooke submitted petitions with the signatures of close to 23% of Hyde Park's landowners, which is an impressive number considering petition signers must be owner-occupied properties only. She added that petitions stated that the signers opposed the LDC on the grounds that the affected property owners want to be able to shape the code in a logical and holistic fashion to meet rational density goals. She said that Hyde Park as a neighborhood must remain involved in this current LDC battle to even have a chance to participate in the conversation when the LDC's F25 areas inevitably get rezoned, remapped, and reshaped in the future.

Announcements included reminders that the Easter Egg Scramble will take place on April 12, 2020 and that Shipe Park will not be hosting It's My Park Day this year. Friends of Shipe Park plan to reinstate the park's events in the fall. Ms. Clubine adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

— Bonnie Neel
HPNA Co-Secretary



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