

August Meeting

No General Meeting this month.



We look forward to seeing you at the Ice Cream Social.

Local Business Spotlight

Avenue B Grocery

"The Avenue B Grocery was in the process of trying to hire and train staff, establish a schedule, repair equipment, receive supplies, and determine what COVID protocols might be necessary when the store broke that we had reopened and (we) have had at least one - if not a line of - customers nearly constantly ever since," says the owner and manager, Ross Mason. "We therefore rarely have time to answer the phone. The days of cash and check only were just two: until we could get the modem replaced.

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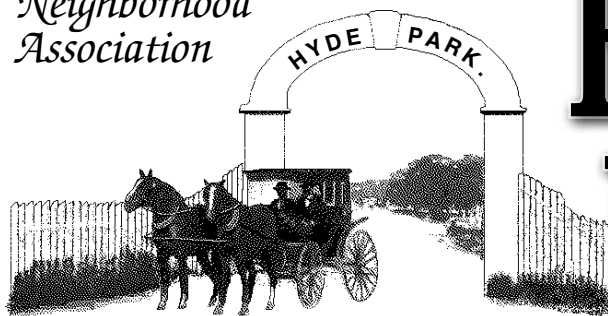
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Ice Cream SOCIAL

Shipe Park AUG 14 5-7pm

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Friends of the Elisabet Ney Meet Their Match; Will Continue Fundraising

As reported in the July *Pecan Press*, the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum – an all-volunteer support group for the City of Austin’s iconic Elisabet Ney Museum – asked Hyde Park neighbors to help it meet a Still Water Foundation \$25,000 challenge grant the group had recently been awarded.

"We are happy to report," said Jack Nokes, the Friends’ fundraising chair, "that, as of July 20, our pledges and donations are at \$28,600." That includes 26 different donations from neighbors who care about historic preservation and art as well as a nice donation from the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association that put the total over the \$25,000 goal.

In a joint statement from Nokes and Alison Young (landscaping chair), they said, "We are grateful and humbled by the generosity of our neighbors, but we still have more to do to reach an overall goal of \$200,000 for a new interpretive plan. We invite those who haven’t had a chance to donate to do so."

Donations by check should be made out to Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum and mailed to Austin Community Foundation, 4315 Guadalupe, Suite 300, Austin, 78751. Online donations may be made at <https://bit.ly/FriendsOfNey> or at www.theney.org.

So far, the Friends have secured grants and donations totaling almost \$94,000, and other grant requests are pending. This effort is in support of a new interpretive plan to re-assess Elisabet’s story, the landscape, and the visitor experience in conjunction with a City of Austin project to invest \$3.415 million in capital improvements to the Ney’s structure and grounds. The museum will close for renovations starting in January. The improvements are projected to be completed by summer of 2024.

For more information, go to <https://www.theney.org/news>.

The Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum is a group that supports the Elisabet Ney Museum in its mission to educate and inspire visitors through the remarkable story and art of Elisabet Ney. For information, inquiries, and donations, go to www.theney.org.

— Jack Nokes

From the Desk of the Co-Presidents

We regret that some of you were not able to connect online to our July General Meeting. We had unexpected technical difficulties, which we eventually were able to resolve. If you missed all or part of the meeting, please read the meeting minutes in this issue.

At July's General Meeting, Lisa Harris summarized the Steering Committee's proposed changes to HPNA's bylaws. A copy of those revised bylaws was published in July's *Pecan Press* and is now available on HPNA's website. A redline version of the bylaws, showing the proposed changes, is also available on the website.

Any HPNA member can propose an amendment to the bylaws. If you have a proposed amendment, please send your amendment to the co-Presidents

on or before August 1, 2022, so we have time to publish the amendment in September's *Pecan Press*. We will be voting on the new bylaws at our September meeting.

This hot summer cannot last forever, which is a good thing, because Hyde Park has a busy fall ahead. We will be seeking volunteers to help us plan and carry out the Fire Station Festival in October, the Historic Homes Tour in November, and Hyde Park's Holiday party in December. We will have more details about each of these events soon and will explain how you can help.

We hope to see all of you at HPNA's Ice Cream Social at Shipe Pool's closing day, on Sunday, August 14, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Join us to cool off and meet your neighbors.

– Michele Greishaber
Lisa Harris
Kevin Heyburn
HPNA Co-Presidents



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For more information, visit *LWVVTexas.org* or *VOTE411.org*.

For Election Protection information, visit *866ourvote.org* (866-687-8683).

Monthly Calendar

August

- 4 — Artist Reception for opening of Eve at Ney Museum
- 6 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at Ney Museum
- 12 — Recycling Pickup
- 13 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at Ney Museum
- 14 — Ice Cream Social at Shipe Park
- 15 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 20 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at Ney Museum
- 22 — Bulk Pickup
- 26 — Recycling Pickup
- 27 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at Ney Museum



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- 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.

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- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at *lweidlich@mail2sevenseas.com*.
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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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Address _____

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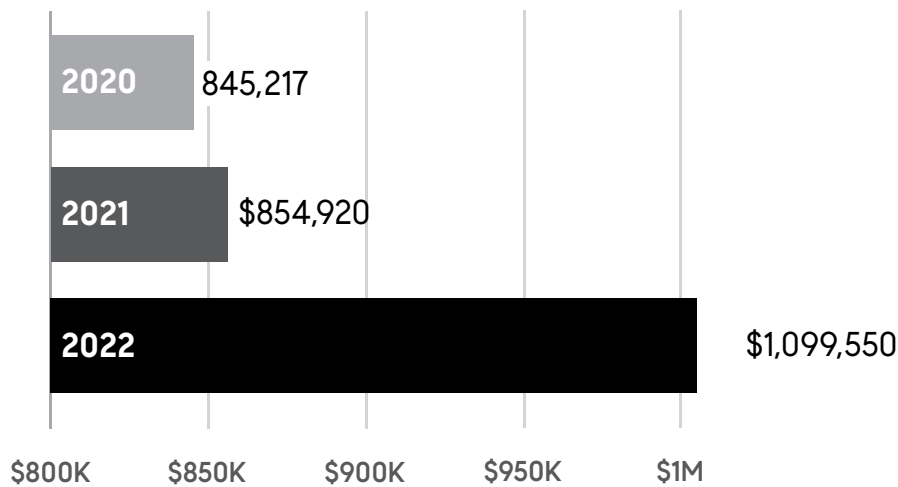
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News from the Ney

The Elisabet Ney Museum is excited to host the brand new exhibit *Eve* by documentarian photographer, Cindy Elizabeth. This exhibition consists of an outdoor photography installation, immersed in the Ney's native landscape. Inside the museum, visitors will also be able to view Elizabeth's large-scale photographs interwoven with Elisabet Ney's own neoclassical sculptures.

According to Elizabeth, *Eve* "pays homage to all the women, girls, and femmes who, like Elisabet Ney, have shaped and are still shaping the landscape of Central Texas." This exhibit is being presented by the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum as part of their Contemporary Art Program, funded in part by Amplify Austin donations to the Ney. We will kick off the opening of *Eve* with an artist reception held at the museum on Thursday, August 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

The Elisabet Ney Museum is also thrilled to once again host the beloved Saturday Morning Drawing Salons! These sessions will take place every Saturday morning throughout August from 10 am to noon. Each week, participants will work on different drawing activities by using Elisabet Ney's realistic statues as models. Our wonderful museum educators will be on hand to lead demonstrations, and all of the required materials will be provided. Participation is free and open to everyone, regardless of age or level of experience!

HYDE PARK

Eighties Movies

by der Brat

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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

1. Who you gonna call? (12) _____
2. Bruce Willis spends Xmas at Nakatomi. (3,4)

3. No good option for Meryl. (7,6) _____
4. Sigourney fighting ETs again. (6) _____
5. Grodin gives DiNiro fits. (8,3) _____
6. "Back to the _?_". (6) _____
7. DiNiro gets mad in the ring. (6,4) _____
8. Arnold back from #6, with "The." (10)

9. David Lynch has Laura and Kyle meet weird Dennis. (4,6)

10. Chevy, Rodney, Bill, and a gopher. (10)

11. Ariel under the sea, with "The." (6,7)

12. "Who Framed _?_" (5,6) _____
13. With #14: Spike Lee wants you to "Do the _?_" (5)

14. See #13. (5) _____
15. Harrison after replicants. (5,6) _____
16. Gilliam's strange view of the future, with song about SA country. (6) _____
17. Future of law enforcement goes haywire. (7)

18. With #19: Harrison looks for title object. (4)

19. See #18. (3) _____
20. Al introduces his little fren. (8) _____
21. Title group turns it up to 11. (5,3)

22. Wolfgang irks Antonio; bye to Wolfie. (7)

23. Tom takes a chance, in briefs. (5,8)

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Around & About the Avenues

ASH Construction Uncovers History. The construction of a new hospital on the ground of the Austin State Hospital, begun in October, 2019, has turned up a multitude of artifacts documenting the 161 year history of the facility as a self-sufficient community – horse and mule shoes, gardening and farming tools, spoons, toys, and sewing machines among them. ASH Superintendent Stacey Thompson has committed to the preservation of the newly uncovered historical. She states, “It all speaks to the human nature of the individuals who lived here.” Read the article, “Constructions uncovers the history of Austin State Hospital” by Kimberly Reeves, and see pictures of some of the uncovered artifacts at <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/austin/news/2022/07/05/construction-uncovers-the-history-of-austin-state-hospital>.



Former Post Office Site Welcomes Restaurant and Bookstore. Plans for the former post office are developing. When the building reopens, projected for the first half of 2023, it will include the second location of Tiny Grocery, this location with a restaurant, and a new Austin community bookstore, First Light Books. Steph Steele, owner of Tiny Grocery, says of the project, “Hyde Park is such a lovely neighborhood. There are women with strollers, and people riding bikes, and people walking. To put this little market that seems to be already really loved in a neighborhood like that is very exciting.” Robin Bruce, founder of First light Books, is aiming for the best local bookstore in town. To read more, go to “Tiny Grocer adding second Austin location at former site of beloved Hyde Park post office” by Chris O’Connell (<https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Tiny-Grocer-austin-17307951.php>) and “Tiny grocery store and deli grows into Hyde Park with new location” by Brianna Caleri (<https://austin.culturemap.com/news/restaurants-bars/07-20-22-tiny-grocer-new-location-hyde-park/>).



Taking Care to Water Your Trees. With unrelenting heat and no rain in the forecast, your trees would benefit from watering. Our very own Hyde Park tree specialist, John Walewski, shares a few links to help you handle that task:

- Watering a mature tree: <https://www.treefolks.org/learn-about-trees/tree-care-resources/#general>
- COA tree care: <https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/growgreen/TreeCare.pdf>
- TAMU AgriLife, how much to water trees: <https://agrifilecdn.tamu.edu/water/files/2013/04/how-much-to-water-trees.pdf>
- Central Texas Tree Care, local arborist Andy Johnson with a nice recent piece: <https://centraltexas tree care.com/2022/06/21/watering-trees-in-central-texas/>



Hyde Park Resident Publishes Opinion Article in Austin Chronicle. The July 8, 2022 issue of the *Austin Chronicle* included the article “Opinion: Project Dis-Connect – Austin’s Back to the Future” by Karen McGraw, architect and former Planning Commission member. McGraw presented the position that, instead of creating an underground tunnel through downtown for Project Connect, the light rail line should run at grade. This would enable riders to enjoy downtown Austin, brought back from desolation to vibrancy through the efforts of citizens during the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. McGraw presents a series of considerations, including the doubling of cost for the light rail line that a subway would require. Read the article at <https://www.austinchronicle.com/columns/2022-07-08/opinion-project-dis-connect-austins-back-to-the-future/>.



Hyde Park and Hope Food Pantry. July 2, 2022 was HPNA day at Hope Food Pantry at Trinity Church. Volunteers from Hyde Park, adults and kids, came out in abundance to assist in Hope Food Pantry’s mission of giving hope to families in



Major Parkhurst, Betsy Clubine, and Katie Vignery



Michael Horowitz and Mercedes Bean



Marsha Riti with Maple and Samuel



Ellie Hanlon and Zipporah

the community by providing free groceries to those struggling to make ends meet. Don’t forget: for the remainder of the summer, volunteer Marsha Riti will be collecting rice and pasta to benefit the pantry. Leave them on her front porch at 4208 Avenue B.



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HPNA General Meeting Minutes : July 11, 2022

HPNA co-Presidents Lisa Harris and Kevin Heyburn called the HPNA General meeting to order shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Mark Ott, Hyde Park resident and co-founder and Executive Director of Black Fret, described the support his organization provides to local musicians in Austin. Black Fret has distributed over \$3.5 million to local music communities since 2013, including \$2.1 million directly to musicians in Austin and Seattle (see <https://www.blackfret.org/mission-and-vision/>.)

For a \$750 annual fee (80% of which is tax deductible), Black Fret members have access to a number of public and private Black Fret music events throughout the year. Mr. Ott offered HPNA members the opportunity to attend a Black Fret event for free. For those who cannot afford the membership fee, Mr. Ott said his organization accepts smaller donations and has a number of volunteer opportunities, which would also give participants access to some Black Fret events. For more information, go to www.blackfret.org.

Next, Lisa Harris provided an overview of the proposed revisions to HPNA's bylaws recommended by the HPNA Bylaws Committee and Steering Committee. The proposed revisions include the following:

- Revised HPNA goals.
- Clarification of the physical area covered by HPNA.
- New categories for HPNA membership, including non-voting business memberships.
- Membership dues and HPNA officer terms to begin in January rather than October.
- Removal of the requirement to post notices of meetings at the Fresh Plus bulletin board and removal of the requirement to appoint a parliamentarian.
- New provisions for in-person-online hybrid meetings.
- Provision for HPNA treasurer to reside outside of the neighborhood as a non-voting member.
- Allowing the general membership to waive officer term limits by a majority vote.
- Clarification of the procedures governing the HPNA Development Review Committee and the Finance Committee.
- Revised lists of HPNA standing committees and appointed liaisons.

Karen McGraw suggested that language be added to further clarify how HPNA should communicate with the City of Austin and governmental entities, and said she would provide such language for the membership to consider. Duncan Meisel recommended that language should be added to indicate that one of Hyde Park's goals is to address past discriminatory policies. He said he would provide language for the membership to consider.

Members with proposed language to amend the bylaws were asked to send that proposed language to the HPNA co-Presidents prior to the August 15 Steering Committee meeting. Lorre Weidlich asked that members also send their proposed amendments to her for publication in the Pecan Press.

A vote on the proposed bylaws is scheduled for HPNA's General Membership meeting in September. A copy of the proposed bylaws can be found in the June issue of the *Pecan Press* and on the HPNA website. A red-line version of the bylaws, showing the changes proposed, is also available on HPNA's website.

There will not be an August General Meeting. Instead, HPNA will host an Ice Cream Social on August 14, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm next to Shipe Pool. This will also be the last day Shipe Pool will be open this summer. Members were reminded of other upcoming HPNA events, including the Fire Station Festival, the Historic Homes Tour, elections for the Steering Committee, and a City Council Candidate Forum.

Marsha Riti told members about a house porch concert that will be scheduled in coordination with the Homes Tour. Ms. Riti also announced that Hope Food Pantry is having a food drive all summer, specifically for rice and pasta. However, Hope Food Pantry will also accept any unopened, good sell-by date, non-perishable items. Donations can be dropped off at Ms. Riti's house at 4208 Avenue B.

Paul Smith reminded neighbors that hot dry weather is harming pecan trees and asked neighbors to look out for falling pecan tree branches, one of which damaged his neighbor's fence. Chris Wooster added that the city is actively trying to remove dead ash trees killed by the recent freezes. The city encourages folks to call 311 to report dead ash trees.

The meeting adjourned at around 8:15 pm.

– Kevin Heyburn





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Hyde Park Poets —

Sheets and Fates

Washing sheets from three beds,
Two little ones, for the babies,
Well, 10 and 7, now, but
They are babies to me, grandies,
I remember when mine
Were those ages, for a
Way too short period of time,
They are all grown up now,
Adults with grown-up issues,
All I can do is observe and allow –
They are in charge of their lives now,
I can only react, silently, to myself,
Their decisions make me sad,
Or concerned, but mostly,
I am in awe, in awe of
Life's rich pageant (thank you, REM)
We must remember that
We never know what will happen next,
There's an old adage, "you are only
As happy as your unhappiest child,"
But I can cry with them,
Hold their hands, hold their hearts,
Never their fates, their fates
Are theirs, only mine to behold.

— HERZELE
04/16/2022

Misty Morning Melancholy

Misty morning at the shore.
Simpatico with a mood of longing.
Walking with the past.
Merely existing with notes playing a familiar
tune.
Silvers of light in the shrouding mist.
Hope rising then falling back into darkness.
Mourning the loss of the misty morning.
Melancholy while notes play a familiar tune.
Beams of sunlight force focus on this moment.
Sounds break through the reverie.
Approaching boat firmly anchoring this
moment.
Realizing life is in the moment before it is the
past.

— Deaton Bednar



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Trees and flowers speak to me
I ask them to
And when I least expect it,
They do,



The juniper says, "I get blamed for something
That is not my fault; I grew up
When you cut away the pampa
I am strong,
You take my flavor for your stews
And your cocktails, and blame me
When you sneeze, forgetting that it was
You who invited me."



The mimosa says, "You see me every May and June,
You never say my name –
You think I am a cocktail,
Made of orange juice and champagne,
Even as I am the harbinger of your spring.



La rosa Carmen dice, "I love to climb,
I love to crawl, I love to perfume the air
With my essence, I love to show you
My deep colors,
I know you think I am prickly
But I get picked for everything.

Bless my daughters of the Earth,
For all that they bring,
Embrace them for their graces
Appreciate their faces
Remember, things are rarely
What they seem.

— HERZELE
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Hyde Park Poets — ❖

SOLILOQUY (I really like the word)

I talk to myself, frequently, when I am
working around my house,
When I am treading water in the pool, and I
answer, I have a conversation,
With myself, like a dialogue
So, I have always heard that talking to
yourself is a sign of insanity and
I don't think I am insane, even though I
answer back
I have thought about this a lot and today, I
had a thought,
Was Hamlet insane? Well, Hamlet...How about
Macbeth? Well, Macbeth...
But, how about anyone who has ever spoken
their thoughts aloud
When by themselves, regardless of whether
anyone is around to hear?
That is a soliloquy, according to any dictionary
so,
Why is that a definition of insanity? Is
everyone insane?
Are characters in Shakespearean plays all
nuts?
What are the answers to the questions I ask
myself?
One I cannot answer that I ask a lot, is, "Why
did you do that?"
Like try to dig the pit out of an avocado with
the tip of a knife,
While holding the avocado half in my hand –
never a good idea,
One answer is, "So you will never do it again."
That much is true
"Wherefore art thou, brain?" I talk to the birds
in my yard,
The handsome grackle, the curious robin, the
oblivious pigeons,
Might we call them doves, instead?

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Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston

WEIRD RECYCLING



Many people would do a better job of recycling if the reasons were given for certain rules and guidelines. Some of these don't seem to make sense at first, so they seem weird. Let's explore some of them.

Why can we put plastic coat hangers but not wire coat hangers into our blue recycling bin? Wire coat hangers get wrapped around the sorting machinery at the recycling facility. It is very costly to repair the damage caused by wire coat hangers. It is also very dangerous to the workers to remove them. Plastic coat hangers do not cause any problems.

My pizza boxes look clean. Can I throw them into my blue recycling bin? No. Even if the box looks clean, it has absorbed grease that is not visible. This grease makes the cardboard unable to be processed properly for recycling. All pizza boxes need to go into the green curbside compost bin or the trash can.

My newspaper got wet but dried out. Can I put it into my blue recycling bin? No. When paper gets wet, the fibers deteriorate and are shrunk by the liquid. Shorter fibers in paper are less valuable. Wet paper is also at risk for contamination. Wet paper needs to go into your green curbside compost bin or the trash can.

Can I recycle plastic if there is not a recycling triangle on it? No. The triangle mark on plastics tells the composition of the plastic. This helps the recycling facility sort the plastics properly. Plastic without this marking needs to go into the trash can.

Why can't broken glass go into the blue bin? Doesn't glass break when it is collected by the recycling trucks? Glass is pretty durable and generally doesn't break in the recycling truck. Broken glass is a danger to the employees at the recycling center who hand sort through the items to be recycled as they get placed on the conveyor belt. Put broken glass into a paper bag or wrap in newspaper and then put it into your trash cart.

Why can't pet litter go into the green compost can? Isn't it great fertilizer? The animal waste in pet litter and paper from the bottom of bird cages contaminates the compost pile. Also, there are workers who sort through the compost by hand when it comes into the facility to pull out plastic bags and other non-compostable materials. It is a health hazard to them.

Compost Collection Update

Clam and oyster shells - Please don't put these into the green compost bin. The equipment at the compost facility is not able to crush these shells and, as a result, has to throw away these shells and the compost in which they are located.

Tea bags - Only paper tea bags without a staple will compost. Also, rayon bags (now popular with some of the herbal teas) will not compost.

**PLEASE REMEMBER -
WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

**NOTHING SMALLER THAN A
CREDIT CARD IN THE BLUE BIN.**

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.



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“We will adjust the website after we have determined what we can offer and when,” he says, “but since the first, erroneous, reporting, (we) have pretty much honored a 10-to-7, Monday-to-Saturday schedule and would like to eventually return to hot, complex custom orders during the lunch rush; but like most, we’re having to adjust to the times.”

In order to safely and efficiently accommodate large crowds in a mainly-one-hour time frame, Mason has implemented a system of only one dining party at a time inside (wearing masks, until COVID cases quit climbing or the doors can be propped open), “offering as many pre-made choices as we have been able to accomplish that day.”

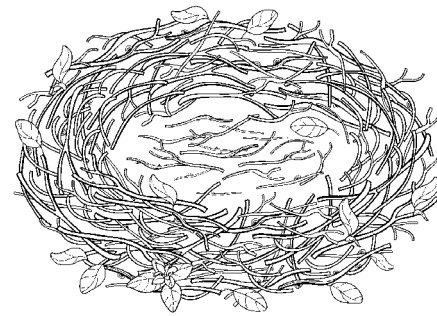
He wishes to thank “all of those who helped us continue after our second pandemic (Spanish flu being the first) and especially all of those who have offered to volunteer.”

He hopes to arrange a group meeting of those at some point, “and depending on how that works out, perhaps arrange an official Re-opening Celebration – if the weather ever cools off!”

— Marsha Riti

Do you own a Hyde Park business? Please contact Marsha Riti (marsha@marshariti.com) if you have news you'd like to share in the Local Business Spotlight.

Editor's Note: To see the stories about Avenue B Grocery reopening, mentioned by Ross Mason in the first two paragraphs, go to <https://austonia.com/avenue-b-reopens> and <https://austin.eater.com/2022/6/7/23158004/avenue-b-grocery-market-reopening-hyde-park-austin>.



Gone

The trucks came in the middle of the night..
 3:35 a.m.

My neighbor recorded it on her phone.
 I slept through it.

It's much quieter now; they were kind of loud.

They really weren't supposed to be here,
 you know.

They weren't from here; they didn't belong.

And yet

I kind of miss the chatter, the almost
 constant commotion,
 the flashes of bright color.

Will they return?

Will they regroup elsewhere?

Will they find the strength to build again?

— Jacqui
 Winter 2021

Word Find Answers from page 5

- 1)GHOSTBUSTERS; 2)DIE HARD;
- 3)SOPHIES CHOICE; 4)ALIENS;
- 5)MIDNIGHT RUN; 6)FUTURE;
- 7)RAGING BULL; 8)TERMINATOR;
- 9)BLUE VELVET; 10)CADDYSHACK;
- 11)LITTLE MERMAID; 12)ROGER RABBIT;
- 13)RIGHT; 14)THING;
- 15)BLADE RUNNER; 16)BRAZIL;
- 17)ROBOCOP; 18)LOST; 19)ARK;
- 20)SCARFACE; 21)SPINAL TAP;
- 22)AMADEUS; 23)RISKY BUSINESS.

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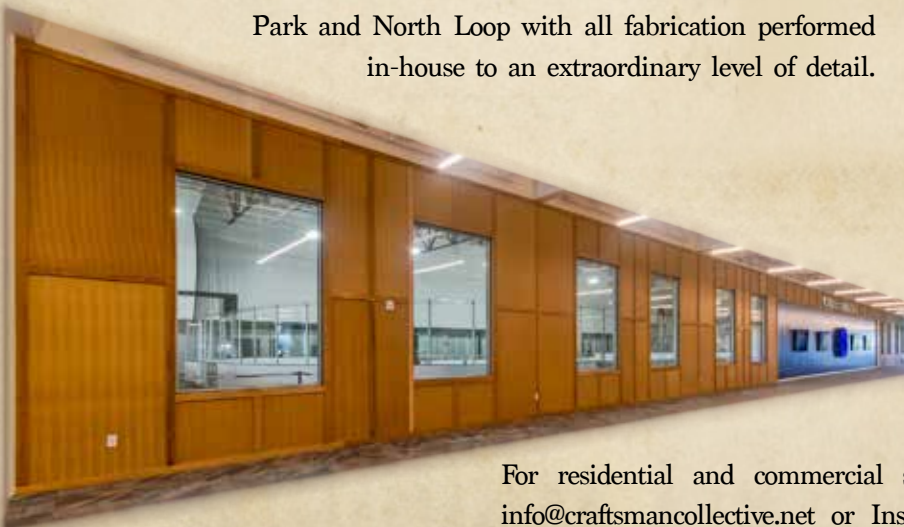



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