

December Meeting

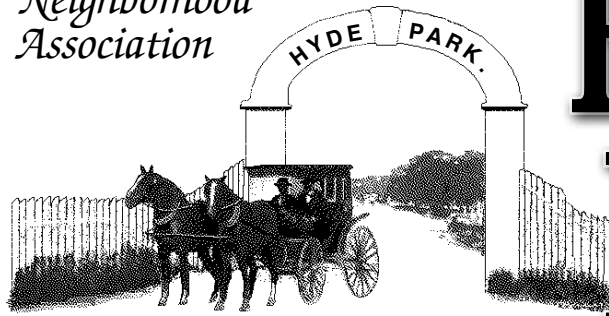
There will be no HPNA General Meeting in December. HPNA will meet again in January.

Enjoy the Hyde Park Holiday Party on December 10 at the Elisabet Ney Museum.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!



The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association



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Exploring Lives

Hyde Park Neighbor Marks 99th Birthday

If you've been walking your dog on 46th Street, you might already know long-time Hyde Park neighbor Carl Shepherd: Dogs seem to gravitate towards him, recognizing in him a lifelong friend of canines both big and small. What you might not know is that Carl recently marked a major milestone, turning 99 years old!

Small Town Texas Beginnings

Carl was born on November 21, 1923 in rural Williamson County, on a farm between Florence and Jarrell, Texas. He is the youngest of seven; his eldest brother, Ira, was born in 1902, followed by his five sisters: Janie, Lois, Zekle, Imogene, and Olene. His parents had a cotton farm, raising crops they worked with mules and then took to the steam-powered gin in nearby Florence by mule cart. His family owned a cloth-top Model T Ford that they'd take to Florence to attend school. They used a windmill to pump well water for livestock and to wash their clothes. Their drinking water came from a metal rainwater barrel attached to the house, and they boiled it before using it.

Being without refrigeration, the family would go to town on a Saturday and get a block of ice. Sometimes they'd make ice cream with a hand churn, a special treat. "It was a big deal to have ice tea," remembers Shepherd. Their household didn't get electricity until 1939, when Carl was 16, after nearby dams were completed. Carl's dad, Zeke, bought two appliances: An electric ice box and a cook stove. His mother, Eola Glenn, had been cooking over wood up until then.

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Holiday Parade & party!

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december 10

SATURDAY The Elisabet Ney Museum

5 o'clock parade!

6 o'clock party!

bring your nonperishable items for the Hope Food Pantry!

From the Desk of the President



A warm welcome to our newly elected co-Secretary Katie Vignery and our newly elected Steering Committee member Nik Krishna. Congratulations to Kathy Jackson, Suzanna Walker, Stephen Gonzales, Marsha Riti, and Lisa Harris on their re-elections to the Steering Committee.

HPNA Co-President Michelle Greishaber, Secretary Ben Reid, and Steering Committee member Peniel Joseph are rolling off the Steering Committee. We thank them all for their service. Michele got HPNA better organized, spurred HPNA to re-write its by-laws, and taught us how to run better meetings. We will miss her leadership. Ben did an exemplary job of recording our minutes. A

friend of mine who runs a nonprofit told me he would be happy to have Ben as his organization's secretary, but unfortunately for my friend, Ben already has a day job!

November's Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour was a huge success, raising money to support HPNA's community programs in the coming year. HPNA thanks the core group of volunteers, led by Kip Dollar and Ellie Hanlon, who planned and guided the tour. We thank Susan Marshall for her amazing work finding sponsors; David Connor for finding homeowners to volunteer their houses for the tour; and Lorre Weidlich, who once again produced an excellent guide book for our tour.

We had six families who shared their homes for the tour, 130 docents, and 21 financial backers. The Alamo Drafthouse put the Baker School on the tour. We also had wonderful contributions from artists at the crafts fair, a concert performed by Matthew Hinsley from Austin Classical Guitar, and lovely music performed by young classical musicians from the Songbird Rising program at Trinity Church. All of these amazing people made the tour possible, and we thank them.

Hyde Park's next big event will be this Saturday, December 10, when Santa Claus returns to the neighborhood for a lighted parade through the Avenues. Following the parade, HPNA will host a party at the Ney Museum. More information about Hyde Park's annual holiday celebration is on the cover of this *Pecan Press*.

In addition to the Homes Tour and the Holiday Party, HPNA is working on other ways to bring neighbors together in the New Year. To that end, HPNA has signed a contract with a company called Glue Up for software to enable HPNA to track, maintain, recruit, and communicate with HPNA's members.

Because we plan to see all of you at the Holiday Party, we will not have a General Membership meeting this month. We plan to resume our regular meetings in January. We hope you all enjoy a happy and safe Holiday Season. See you in 2023!

— Kevin Heyburn
President



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The Red Bike

Hyde Park is blessed with an abundance of scholars and writers of all kinds. It shouldn't be a big surprise that other writers and scholars are attracted to it and feel at home here. One of those scholars and writers was Sally Cline, author of an acclaimed biography of Zelda Fitzgerald and a double biography of Dashiell Hammett and Lillian Hellman.

Sally Cline was born in London. She taught for many years at Cambridge University. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate for International Writing. Her writings included the biographies already mentioned, works of fiction, and numerous non-fiction works. Her best known non-fiction works are *Women, Passion & Celibacy* and *Literary Non-Fiction: A Writers' & Artists' Companion: Writing About Everything From Travel to Food to Sex*. For a complete list of her achievements, see <https://www.rlf.org.uk/fellowships/sally-cline/>.

How did Sally Cline end up in Hyde Park? Speedway resident Martha Campbell tells the story:

"After Hubert died in 1994, I decided I didn't want to leave Austin and especially Hyde Park, so I decided to rent a couple of rooms in my home. With help and encouragement from Sandra and Herb Dickson, owners of the Woodburn House Bed and Breakfast, and a friend at the Harry Ransom Center at UT, I began to welcome scholars to the Bailey-Newgren House. After several mathematicians and engineers came and went quietly and uneventfully, my first HRC scholar, Sally Cline, arrived at my front door. With her BBC accent and her bright magenta hair, Sal became a yearly visitor and a wonderful friend. Sally was a force of nature and a constant delight. Each visit was a mixture of crisis management and intellectual stimulation. Sally stayed with me initially and later with Susan and Larry Gilg on her yearly trips to Austin. We even had a couple of small-

scale book launches for her."

Sally Cline wrote about her experience with Hyde Park in an essay entitled "My Secret Life: Living in two different cities," published online in 2017 by the Royal Literary Fund in its Collected series (<https://www.rlf.org.uk/showcase/my-secret-life/>):

"Hyde Park, Austin's first streetcar suburb, traces its origins back to 1891. It is a historic district (Blue Plaques abound) as well as a neighborhood community. Its turn-of-the-century architecture offers a mixture of majestic mansions and quaint bungalows. Residents relax quietly on their front porches exchanging greetings with runners and their dogs who race up the avenues.

Most residents are health conscious, liberal-minded, vote Democrat, are eco-friendly, and warmly welcoming.

The neighborhood's unofficial motto is 'Community and Friendship'. I watch these qualities in action in the small trendy 'village' and in Shipe Park, a green center with its own swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts – even an art museum on the site of sculptor Elisabet Ney's studio.

The village hosts several independent businesses, a bar, glassworks, launderette, cafés – all clustering around two roads, 43rd St and Duval. Vegetarians like me crowd inside Mother's Café, established 1980, never empty. Opposite Mother's, at the Hyde Park Bar and Grill, I go for the best home fries dipped in buttermilk I've tasted anywhere. Next door, open late for live music and gela-

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| Membership Information | Submission Information |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • University students are free. • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@mail2sevens.com. <i>Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.</i> • Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com. <i>All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.</i> |

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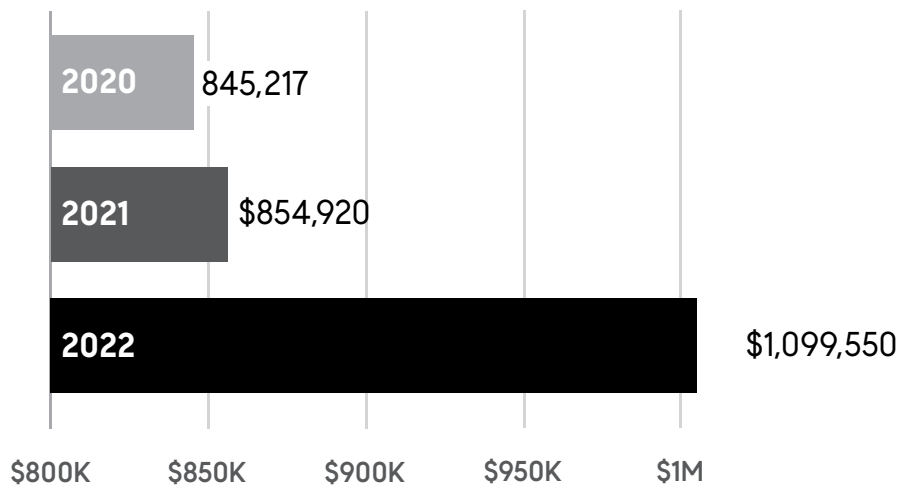
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A Successful 2022 Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour

The Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour returned this year with great success and fanfare. Along the route, tour goers were serenaded by students of the Songbird Rising Suzuki School, and Leila Levinson provided an open-air arts fair for added attraction.

The tour started at the Baker Center, where 813 ticket holders were processed by Ellie Hanlon and her team: 573 tickets were sold and 240 were complementary tickets given to our volunteers and sponsors.

From the Old Baker School, which was restored in 2019 and now serves as offices for Alamo Drafthouse, tour goers were led on a crisp sunny walk to six of the

most historic homes in Hyde Park. Most of the homes bear historic plaques. They range in time of origin from 1895 to 1982, spanning almost a century of Hyde Park growth.

Thanks to a well-designed tour booklet by Lorre

Weidlich, guests were guided from house to house, passing along the way such historical sites as the Moonlight Tower at 41st Street and Speedway and the Elisabet Ney Museum at 44th Street and Avenue H.

Hyde Park, with its historic homes and shops, truly is a Village in a City, and it took a good many

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Touring the Printing Shop at Baker School, photo by Karen McGraw



Tourists Gather at the Edgar von Boeckmann House

New Curator at Ney Museum

The Elisabet Ney Museum is excited to announce that Jade Walker has been named the new manager and curator of the Elisabet Ney Museum. She succeeds Oliver Franklin, who passed away last spring. Jade will arrive at the Ney with over 22 years of experience as a curator, arts administrator, and visual artist.



Jade Walker

For ten years, she served as Executive Director of the Visual Arts Center at the University of Texas before becoming Executive Director of Art Alliance of Austin. Jade also curated the gallery at the AT&T Executive Education + Conference Center while at UT and taught classes in three-dimensional design. In her prior experience, she administered the art school at Laguna Gloria and coordinated the Baughman Center venue at the University of Florida Performing Arts Center. She was also named Visual Artist of the Year by the Critics Round Table in 2016.

Her first day was Monday, November 21, 2022. Please help us welcome her to the neighborhood!

Monthly Calendar December

- 1-9 — Early Voting for Runoff Election
- 2 — Recycling Pickup
- 10 — Hyde Park Holiday Party
- 12 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 13 — Election Day for Runoff Election
- 16 — Recycling Pickup
- 18 — Happy Hanukkah
- 25 — Merry Christmas
- 30 — Recycling Pickup
- 31 — Happy New Year's Eve



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With the winter approaching, the Ney and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association will host their Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10 from 6 to 8 pm! This annual event will kick off with a festive parade starting in front of the Ney at 5 pm. Santa Claus will lead the way as participants follow along through the surrounding Hyde Park streets.

The parade will end in front of the Ney, so everyone can come inside and enjoy light snacks, wine, and cider from Fairweather Cider Company. Local artist Jennie Tudor Gray will be there to lead kids through a festive ornament activity. Attendees can also add a personalized tag to our Wish Tree. In addition to greeting friends and neighbors, this will be a great opportunity to meet the Ney's new manager and curator, Jade Walker. We look forward to celebrating with all of our Hyde Park neighbors!

Letters Dept.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for the article on front yards. One very important piece is missing, corners and associated city code. As I recall the *Pecan Press* printed this info several years ago with a nice drawing by Greg Brooks. The main thing I recall is that nothing over 16" for a 20' radius from the corner is allowed. This is very important for safety and to help meet Goal Zero goals. More important now after COVID in that we have more walkers, riders, etc.... folks out on the streets.

Thanks!

— Andy Jones
4900 Rowena

Whats the Common Name? (of that food plant)

by der Brat

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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

1. *Triticum*; celiac alert! (5) _____
2. *Hordeum*; beer base. (6) _____
3. *Oryza sativa*; from the paddy. (4) _____
4. *Malus domestica*; daily doctor diverter? (5) _____
5. *Ananas comosus*; not related to conifers or #4! (9) _____
6. *Fragaria*; good with shortcake? (10) _____
7. *Carya illinoensis*; OUR tree named for wrong state?! (5) _____
8. *Juglans*; nut needed for baklava. (6) _____
9. *Cucurbita*; jack-o-lantern. (7) _____
10. *Apium graveolens*; stringy stalks, no-cal. (6) _____
11. *Brassica oleracea*; kraut. (7) _____
12. *Citrus limon*; sour yellow. (5) _____
13. *Capsicum*; could be hot stuff. (5,6) _____
14. *Citrullus vulgaris*; thump for ripeness. (10) _____
15. *Persea americana*; guac base. (7) _____
16. *Arachis hypogaea*; hey, goober! (6) _____
17. *Solanum lycopersicum*; catsup! (6) _____
18. *Theobroma cacao*; Dove; yum. (9) _____
19. *Zea mays*; high as an elephant's eye? (4) _____
20. *Solanum tuberosum*; a spud, bud. (6) _____
21. *Anacardium occidentale*; gesundheit! (6) _____
22. *Glycine max*; edamame? (7) _____

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4 beds + office • 3.5 baths • 3,660 sq. ft

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505 E 40th St. • \$1,650,000
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3 beds • 2 baths • 1,980 sq. ft.



4521 Speedway • \$795,000
3 beds • 2 bath • 1,224 sq. ft.

SOLD



3008 East 16th St. • \$795,000
3 beds • 2 baths • 1,592 sq. ft.

SOLD



4410 Hank Avenue. • \$795,000
2 beds • 2.5 baths • 1,616 sq. ft.

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2022

Kevin Heyburn opened the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Kevin introduced Adam Wilson to present the candidates for HPNA officers and Steering Committee members. Adam asked new Steering Committee member candidate Nik Krishna to introduce himself to the membership, which Nik did. Adam also thanked members who have served or currently serve in HPNA leadership positions and singled out Karen Saadeh and John Williams for their service on the membership committee. Adam conducted the election for HPNA officers and the Steering Committee. The membership unanimously elected Kevin Heyburn as President, Lisa Harris as Immediate Past President, Katie Vignery as Co-Secretary, Suzanna Walker as Co-Treasurer, and Nik Krishna as a Steering Committee member. The membership unanimously re-elected Kathy Jackson as Co-Vice President and re-elected Steering Committee members Stephen Gonzalez and Marsha Riti. Kevin and Adam asked for additional volunteers to serve as Co-Secretary with Katie Vignery and to serve on the membership committee.

Steering Committee member Chris Wooster then presented a series of slides about the new software HPNA will purchase to track, maintain, recruit, and communicate with its membership. The software is produced by a company called Glue Up and will cost \$177 per month to maintain. A version of Chris's presentation on the new membership software will be put on HPNA's website.

Kevin updated members on two items that were discussed in October's HPNA General Meeting. First, HPNA's Development Review Committee (DRC) will incorporate the duties Karen McGraw proposed for a Historic Preservation Committee. Kevin said the HPNA is open to appointing an ad hoc Historic Preservation Committee if the DRC gets too busy to incorporate those preservation duties. Kevin said Kristen Remeza is working with her contact person with the city on getting softer and less glaring street lights to replace the current, less energy-efficient lights in Hyde Park. Kristen's contact person said that the process will be slow due to the lack of availability of the softer lights; however, city staff has Hyde Park's concerns on its list and will continue to work on this project.

Karen McGraw told the membership that she is very interested in getting more neighbors interested in historic preservation. She also told the membership about the January 2021 Historic Building Survey Report for North Central Austin, West Campus, North University, Heritage, Bryker Woods, and North Hyde Park. The 302-page, well-illustrated report includes all areas of Hyde Park not in the Local Historic District and has recommendations for additional historic landmarks and districts on Guadalupe and in Hyde Park north of 45th Street. The report could be used

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Around & About the Avenues

Songbird Rising Suzuki School Fundraising. Next year, Songbird Rising Suzuki School is going on a performance tour of the UK, stopping in Edinburgh, Chester, Bristol, Bath, and London! They are raising funds so all six of the Songbird Rising staff can share this wonderful experience with their students. Please scan the QR code to make a donation or follow this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/flsongbird-rising-2023-uk-tour>. – Marsha Riti



Hope Food Pantry Holiday Food Drive. Hope Food Pantry will be organizing a holiday food drive during the month of December to help our neighbors in need. Please drop off unopened, good sell-by date, non-perishable food at 4208 Avenue B. There will be a container on the front porch for donations. Thank you so much for your generosity! – Marsha Riti, HPNA Hope Food Pantry Liaison



Afghan Students Need Language Assistance. We have many new Afghan students at Lee who are new to the country and do not speak English very well. We currently have a few UT students helping them with language acquisition once a week. We are hoping to expand this to more frequently through the week. Volunteers are needed to help us help our kiddos. If anyone is interested in working with us, please email Mrs. Day at jenny.day@austinisd.org. Thank you. – Jenny Day, Librarian



Fortress Shoes Sidewalk Sale. On December 3, 2022, from 10am to 5pm, Fortress Shoes will be set up in front of the store, with shoes and other items for sale (and on sale!). We plan to have some refreshments as well. Join us! – Evan Streusand



Autumn Events in Hyde Park

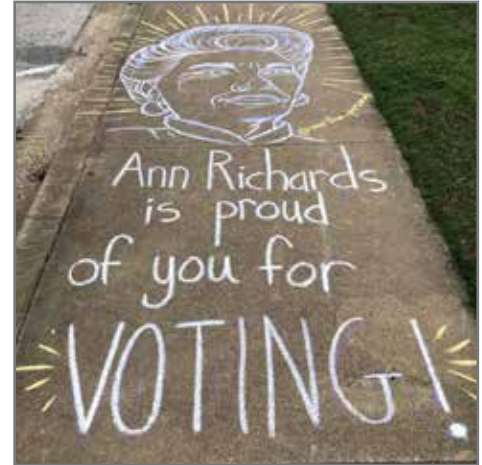
Autumn has been a busy time in Hyde Park. Besides the HPNA-sponsored events – the Fire Station Festival and the Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour – the Friends of Shipe Park sponsored a movie in the park, the Elisabet Ney Museum sponsored the Polkapocalypse, we all celebrated Halloween, and the nation held an election.



Beto, photo by Marsha Riti

Election

On November 8, Hyde Parkers voted for candidates for local, state, and federal offices. At Baker Center, the polling location in Hyde Park, Marsha Riti decorated the sidewalk with chalk illustrations relevant to the election.



Ann Richards, photo by Marsha Riti

Polkapocalypse

After an absence of several years due to the pandemic, Polkapocalypse returned in person on October 30. This time, it added an extra feature: instructors to teach participants how to dance the polka. As always, a fun time was had by all.



Ginny Mac



Bohemian Blitz



Dancing to the Music



Learning the Polka



Los Pinkys



A Scary Walkway to the House



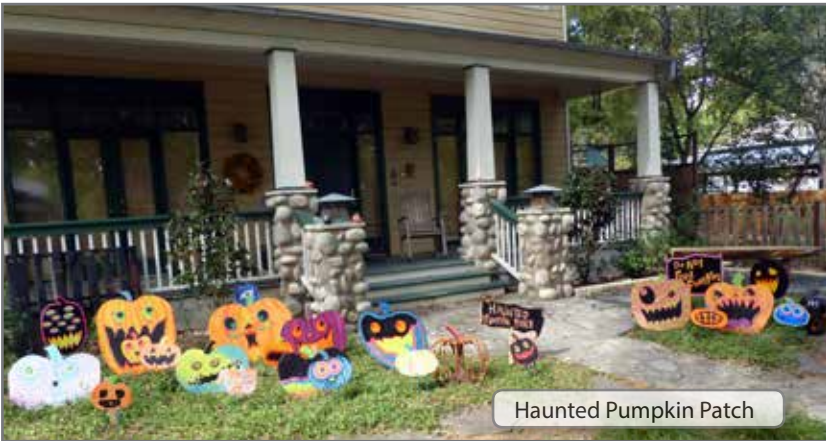
Gathering for the Movie

Movie in the Park

On October 29, the Friends of Shipe Park presented Encanto, an animated musical fantasy and comedy. The weather was fine and the event was well attended.

Halloween

As always, Hyde Parkers let their creative instincts run wild while decorating for Halloween. Some decorations were political, others creepy, but all contributed to the festive environment.



Haunted Pumpkin Patch



A Comment on January 6



A Dragon Rules over this Cemetery



Grim Reaper

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to support creating a new Local Historic District in the northern area of Hyde Park. The report can be accessed through the following link:

https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Housing_%26_Planning/Historic%20Preservation/Historic%20Surveys/2021_NCA_WestCampus_NUni_Heritage_BrykerWoods_NHydePark/_Historic-Bldg-Survey_North-Central-Austin_FINAL_2021-01-08.pdf

The membership discussed the City of Austin's Planning Commission meeting scheduled on November 8th - Election Night - to discuss amendments to "modify compatibility standards and parking requirements on certain roadways." Kevin thanked Susan Moffat for following up with the city on this issue but noted that the city had not clarified what roadways would be affected or what amendments would be considered, so that HPNA was not able to take action in response to the Planning Commission's potential decisions. However the membership did vote to support Lorre Weidlich's motion that HPNA send to both the Planning Commission and the City Council emails requesting that the Planning Commission not consider such a controversial zoning measure on Election Night, when many citizens were likely to be waiting in lines to vote and therefore not able to attend the Planning Commission meeting.

Paul Smith said that some neighbors were concerned about the dangers to pedestrians at the intersection of Duval and 45th Street and suggested that this be a topic at a future HPNA meeting.

Kevin reminded members to attend the Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour this coming Sunday, November 13, 2022. Kevin also told members that the HPNA's Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 10. The event will feature a parade with Santa Claus, other child-centered events, and a party for grownups at the Ney Museum. Details about the Holiday Party will be provided in December's *Pecan Press*.

The invited speaker, Jasmine Reardon from Helping Hand, the facility for assisting children in Hyde Park, was not able to attend tonight's meeting and her presentation will be rescheduled for a later HPNA meeting.

Kevin announced that HPNA's Development Review Committee (DRC) and the Finance Committee will meet the following Thursday in person at Trinity Methodist and that the Steering Committee will be meeting the following Monday via Zoom. These meetings are open to all members who would like to attend.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

— Minutes Submitted by
Kevin Heyburn,
HPNA Co-Secretary



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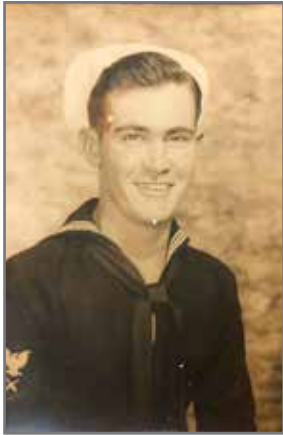
Exploring Lives...

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Sailing the Pacific during World War II

Carl thinks he might have spent his "life working cotton if it hadn't been for Uncle Sam showing me the world." After finishing high school in 1941, Carl was building barracks at Fort Hood when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The draft was beginning, and he had seen enough army training to know he wasn't keen on that; so instead he joined the Navy - where he discovered "that I really didn't want that either!"

After enlisting, he took the train to San Diego for boot camp, where he went to gunnery school. Once training was complete, Carl says, "They loaded me on a train and



Carl Shepherd during WWII

sent me from San Diego to Hoboken, New Jersey. Not many people get a chance to completely cross this country."

Carl was assigned to the USS Rocky Mount, which was launched from New Jersey on March 7, 1943. The command ship was part of the 5th Amphibious Force of the Pacific Fleet and made its way to Pearl Harbor via the Panama Canal. From there, they went to the Marshall Islands, Borneo, Guam, Ko-

rea, the Philippines, and New Guinea. Carl recalls that they were in Saipan when Enola Gay dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Of his time fighting in the Pacific, Carl says simply that he "saw a lot of death." In all, they made thirteen amphibious landings.

"I've met a lot of interesting people and have been to a lot of places," says Carl. "I hate there was a war but as a farm boy I wouldn't have ever gone if it hadn't been for that war." Carl remembers fondly the many "lovely people" he met on the Pacific islands. "I wake up in the night and I see some of the folks I've met just as plain as if they're sitting there." He also remembers how even the seemingly uninhabited islands showed signs of civilization. "There are lots of islands out there, and there's a pig and a chicken on every one of them. And I don't know how they got there! You'd be sitting there drinking a beer, hear something nutty, and look up 20 feet in the tree and there'd be a little old chicken sitting above you!"

Carl was discharged in December, 1945, coming back to the states from Hawaii via San Francisco. "I was glad when we came under that Golden Gate Bridge!" In all, Carl had been away from home for 39 months, "and two years on the other side of the 180th meridian." After receiving his discharge papers, Carl hitchhiked to Bakersfield to meet up with his brother Ira, and together they drove to Florence to spend Christmas with their parents. Carl said he found that his parents had changed a great deal, but his old dog Jigs, who was part bulldog, had not. They pulled into their driveway about 10 pm, and old Jigs, who "was a bit of a bad dog," ran up to the car. Ira

warned Carl, "He's gonna bite you!" but Jigs just smelled Carl and then broke into an ecstatic "running fit." Carl's mom said, "There's somebody on the porch," and turned on the light. His dad said, "That's them boys. Old Jigs wouldn't let anyone else in the yard!" and the family was finally reunited.

Settling Down in Hyde Park

After the war, Carl started working at a barber shop at 4111 Guadalupe Street, current-day site of Wansley Refrigeration. Next door was a shoe shop and a cafeteria, where he'd get coffee. His wife-to-be Dean worked as a waitress there and would sit down and talk with him if she wasn't busy. Soon they started dating. One day he popped off, "Are we going to get married?" and she replied "You better go get the license." He did, and they were married the next Sunday, May 5, 1946, at what is now Trinity Methodist on Speedway.

The young couple found an 85-foot lot on Avenue C, just north of 46th Street, that was selling for \$800. Their families thought they were crazy, but they got a 15-year veteran's loan and had a house built there, costing \$5,800 in all. Both of their children were born and raised in the house, a daughter Werdna ("Andrew" backwards; "We were planning on a boy!") and a son Steve. His children went to Baker School on Avenue A and high school at Austin High and McCallum, respectively. Carl spent the bulk of his career as a construction superintendent for the Peterson Construction Company. He even work on the construction of McCallum High School in 1952. Carl lives in the same house to this day, 74 years later, but lost Dean 9 years ago. "To say I miss her is an understatement."

Changes Over the Years

When Carl and Dean first moved in on Avenue C, the UT Intramural fields were farmland, with barbed wire across the dead-end of their gravel road (bits of which are still visible in the ditch). A dairy house, where they milked cows for the Texas State Hospital, stood at the location of the Winters building on Guadalupe. He recalls cattle drives on foot up Burnet Road to another dairy at Surage Junction. Almost all of the roads were gravel back then, with 43rd being one of the few paved in 1946. The red light at 45th and Guadalupe was the last red light in Austin, with city limits being marked at the end of the block.



Carl Shepherd

Some things haven't changed, like the Avenue B Grocery, though Carl remembers that Hill Florist once stood across the street from it. The Checkerfront Grocery Store, once on Guadalupe, then on Duval, has become Fresh Plus. But after more than seven decades in Hyde Park, Carl says that he "couldn't have asked for better neighbors."

— Susan Adams

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Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



Holiday Time – A Bounty of So Much Stuff!

Life during the holidays is filled with abundance. It is a time of getting together with family and friends to celebrate the season with lots of food, gifts, and general merrymaking. All of this celebrating generates stuff.

I would never suggest we give up the wonderful things the holidays bring but, in this month's Lettuce Recycle, I want to help you deal with some of the fallout from this glorious bounty. In several months, this bounty will become the focus of our de-cluttering mission for spring cleaning.

How to Recycle Some of This Abundance

- **Boxes and Mailers** – Boxes (even with tape and staples) can go into your blue recycling cart. Plastic mailers need to go into the plastic collection bins at the grocery store (remove label). Brown Amazon mailers (even though they say “recyclable”) cannot be recycled in our market. These must go into your trash cart.
- **Batteries** – Household batteries, including rechargeable, can be recycled at most Austin public libraries and at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.
- **Gift Bags** – Kraft Paper or plain paper gift bags can be placed in your blue recycling cart. Gift bags with any foil, fabric, adornments, glitter, beads, or handles cannot be recycled unless they are removed from the bag.
- **Gift Wrap Paper** – Wrapping paper (not paper with glitter or made of foil) is recyclable and can be placed directly into your blue recycling cart. This can even include paper with tape still on it.
- **Holiday Greeting Cards** – Plain cards can go into your blue recycling cart. Cards with glitter or other adornments must go into the trash cart. Only photo cards printed on matt or non-glossy paper can be recycled.



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- **Holiday Party Waste** – With curbside composting, we can now put our party-generated paper plates, napkins, and food product into the green compost bin.
- **Household Clutter** – Holiday time is a great time to get rid of the old stuff to make room for new items coming in. There are many wonderful organizations in Austin that will happily accept these items. To help find a home for your used item, check the Austin Reuse directory at <https://austineconetwork.com/austin-reuse-directory/>. Another source for getting rid of this clutter is the Buy Nothing Project. For more information on the project, go to <https://buynothing-project.org/>.
- **Styrofoam Peanuts and Bubble Wrap** – Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap that are clean and in good condition will be accepted at most mail box stores. Bubble wrap can also go into the plastic bag collection bins at most grocery stores. Styrofoam is accepted only at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.

Note: The recycling center no longer accepts Styrofoam peanuts.

Party Time

Holiday parties are so much fun but they generate a lot of trash. Here are ways to make your parties and family gatherings more planet-friendly:

- All leftover turkey, ham bones, and other food product can go into the green compost bin.
- Compostable dinnerware (plates, bowls, and utensils) is readily available and can all go into the green compost bin. Paper napkins and paper towels can also go into the green compost bin.
- Wine bottles, aluminum cans, and recyclable plastic cups can all go into the blue recycling cart.

Extra Recycling and Trash

- **Cardboard Boxes that Will Not Fit into the Blue Recycling Cart** – Flatten the boxes and set them next to the cart on collection day. They will be picked up that day by either the recycling truck or another city truck.
- **Trash Overflow** – Extra bags of trash that do not fit into your trash cart with the lid closed must be placed next to the trash cart and tagged with an Extra Trash Sticker. These stickers can be purchased at most local grocery stores for \$5.00 + tax. Extra bags *without a sticker* will be charged \$10.20 + tax per bag by the city.

Please Remember – When in Doubt, Throw It Out!

Recycling contamination is a huge problem. If you are unsure about whether an item can be recycled, even after exploring all reuse and recycling options, put the item in the trash cart rather than the blue recycling cart to avoid any possibility of contaminating materials to be recycled.

Questions, Answers, and Ideas

Can I put the plastic bags that doggie treats come in into the plastic bag collection bins? No, you must throw these into the trash. They are contaminated by the food product.

How do I know if a food takeout container is compostable? If a takeout container says “compostable,” it must have the logo (pictured below) on it in order for it to be compostable in our market.



Reader’s Idea – One Lettuce Recycle reader puts her full compost bags into the freezer to avoid the yuck factor.

PLEASE REMEMBER -
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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.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
&
HAPPY RECYCLING!**



Fire Station Festival: A Great Success!

On October 23, 2022, Hyde Park residents continued a legacy fifty years in the making. After the pandemic and the Station #9 remodel, neighbors



Lt. Kendrick Addresses the Crowd

gathered for the Fire Station Festival. What a joy it was to see the McCallum Drum Line gather with the children in costumes and walk the parade to the station. We welcomed neighbors, businesses, and city officials to celebrate the firefighters.

Matthew Hohen-garten, of Barton Spring Moving Company, sponsored the popcorn machine. He grew up in Hyde Park and marched in the parade as a child. When Dorothy Richter brought the community together in October of 1971,

her goal was to save the fire station. With this festival, she not only saved a station, she sparked generational support for the neighborhood that continues today.



McCallam Marching Band

A special thanks to Stefanie Bertram for serving as chair of the event; to the HPNA officers and Steering Committee; to the Bluegrass Outfit for playing great music; to Jen Berbas Team, Realty Austin for tables, tents, face painting, and the photo booth; to Lt. Lee Kendrick and all of the firefighters at the station; to Anne-Marie Griger for food and beverages; to Marsha Riti for graphic design and Ellie Hanlon for



Bluegrass Outfit



Wonder who's under the Costume?

publicity; to all who volunteered; and to the residents, businesses, and friends of Hyde Park who came out to the Fire Station Festival.

The festival was underwritten by Astound Broad-band. Our sponsors were Asti Trattoria, Barton Springs Moving, Curra's Hyde Park, Fresh Plus Grocery, Grif-

fin School, Hyde Park Baptist Church's Acteens, Jen Berbas Team of Realty Austin, Lee Elementary, Mc-Callum Drumline, Mongers Market + Kitchen, Quack's 43rd Street Bakery, Ridgetop Church, Marsha Riti (publicity design), Toybrary, Uncle Nicky's Italian Specialties, and Wheatsville Food Co-op.



Enjoying the Bluegrass Music

See you next year, October 22, 2023!

— Katie Turner

Homes Tour Wrap-up...

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villagers to make this happen. Thank you to the 130 volunteers, including house captains, docents, and tour check-in people. Special thanks to the planning committee, a seasoned group including co-chairs Kip Dollar and Ellie Hanlon; Susan Marshall, tour sponsorships; Lorre Weidlich, booklet editor; Zeke Barba-ro, advertising design; David Conner, house selection; Graham Kunze, tour website; Ellie Hanlon, publicity, ticket sales, and more; and Kevin Heyburn for hosting a great after party!

We want to thank the many sponsors: Jen Berbas, Realty Austin; Suzanne Pringle, Kuper Sotheby's International Realty; Ted Bose, Realtor, GRI CMCA;



David Conner at the William T. & Valerie Mansbendel Williams House with DeeDee, the daughter of William & Valerie, photo by Karen McGraw



Songbird Rising Student outside Brownlee House

A very special thank you goes to the homeowners who opened their homes for the enjoyment of others. Their gracious willingness to share the history of Hyde Park is what has kept this event going for 43 tours, from 1975 to 2022.

— Kip Dollar
Ellie Hanlon



Michael Horowitz, House Captain of Baker School, photo by Paul Smith

Hyde Park Marketplace; Juice Real Estate-Compass; WoodEye Construction and Design; Tammy Young, Seed Property Group; and the *Austin Chronicle*. Tour supporters included Paloma Efron Design and Interiors; Karen McGraw, Architect PLLC; NeWorldeli; and Wansley Refrigeration. We



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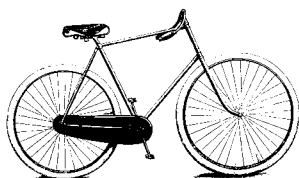
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 In the sky
 Don't know if there's a sun
 Or weather,
 Or whether, or not
 It's day or what time
 It might be,

Don't know how long
 I'll be living this way,
 Not knowing what's going
 Or coming along, not able
 To tell which part of the day
 By looking out of my window,

Look out my window
 What do you think I see?
 Tape on the doors,
 Tape on the plastic,
 Protection's a trip
 The prep is so thorough,
 They don't miss a stitch
 Must be the season of the Witch
 Must be the season of the Witch
 Speaking of which,
 It is Halloween,
 My house has a Halloween costume
 Boo!

— HERZELE
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to-based cocktails, is Dolce Vita, a chill hangout. A world away from gigantic American supermarkets I found Fresh Plus, a deli and organic food store, the information centre for everything liberal and nutritious.

All these quaint outlets revolve around Quacks, the idiosyncratic bakery. Inside, students work at laptops and drink coffee. Outside in the sun the locals meet up and currently talk with dismay about Trump."

In 2022, Sally published her last book, *After Agatha: Women Write Crime*. She became ill and passed away on September 28. Martha Campbell says of her passing, "Her death on September 28 was a very sad day for everyone who knew her. It is still sinking in that she is gone as I am holding a copy of her women crime writer book and thinking this one won't be signed."

Sally Cline was a bicyclist. At home in Cambridge, Sally rode a blue bike; in Hyde Park, her bike was red. Martha and Susan have christened it the Sally Cline Memorial Bike, and they will keep it for the use of future scholars. It remains a reminder of an accomplished writer and a friend.

Runoff Dec. 13, Early Vote Dec. 1-9

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- 6)STRAWBERRY; 7)PECAN;
- 8)WALNUT; 9)PUMPKIN;
- 10)CELERY; 11)CABBAGE;
- 12)LEMON; 13)CHILE PEPPER;
- 14)WATERMELON; 15)AVOCADO;
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