

July Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for July 12

- Welcome
- Tree Preservation
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Update
- Friends of Shipe Park
- SB 30 Status
- Sears Building Update
- Announcements

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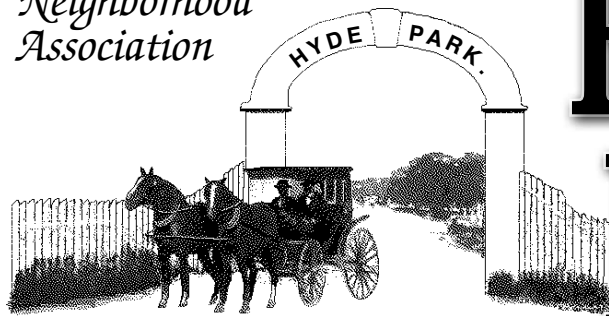
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A Farewell Note from Sid Hall

June 2021

Dear Hyde Park Neighbors,

On July 1st I'm retiring as the lead minister of Trinity Church of Austin and while I'll officially be the Pastor Emeritus, I'll be leaving Austin and moving to Fort Collins, Colorado. Hyde Park, I want to thank you for being such great neighbors for the last 33 years.

I came to Trinity in 1988 after being the Associate Minister at Saint John's UMC in the Allendale Neighborhood for four years. Trinity was located at the current site of the Griffin School; a place Trinity had called home since its founding in 1946 as the Ridgetop Methodist Church. As an activist and a progressive, I immediately got involved in neighborhood issues. The first was the "Move It" campaign, the effort to move the municipal airport from Mueller to somewhere else. When you can see people's faces in the windows of the planes flying over and you have to pause a half a dozen times in your sermon while the building shakes, you're pretty motivated to get the airport moved. Once I got involved, I learned that there was much more going on than noise abatement issues. Where and how the airport was located to begin with uncovered to me Austin's ugly history of environmental racism. Early on I also learned about another neighborhood church that wanted to build a second parking garage, and while I wasn't opposed to church growth (I was trying to grow my own), I was opposed to growth when it compromised the integrity of a neighborhood. As Trinity became more and more of an activist church over the years, being the first United Methodist congregation in the city to fully welcome LGBTQIA+ people in 1992, I realized that we were a good fit for Hyde Park and Hyde Park was a good fit for us. After Trinity outgrew its old space and when Hyde Park United Methodist Church closed in 2010, Trinity moved 11 blocks south to



Rev. Sid Hall

40th and Speedway and our old property became the Griffin School. It felt like a win-win for Trinity, Griffin, and the neighborhood. I love that Griffin raises food in their community garden for Hope Food Pantry, still housed at Trinity.

Hyde Park wasn't just my place of work; it's where I lived and where my kids grew up. For most of their childhoods, I lived at the F. L. Whitney House — 4310 Avenue H — nestled between Fresh Plus and the Elisabet Ney Museum. A block away from Shipe Park and Pool, our location was like an extended playground that was as close to growing up in the

countryside as you could get. Lee School, summer camps at Hancock Recreation Center, and the network of families with children nearby who were the same age as mine made it feel like living in a small town (albeit a mostly progressive version) in the middle of a big city.

In the mid-1990s I began to be called on to occasionally assist with weddings and funerals for neighbors in Hyde Park as well as my own church members. During that period, I remember a conversation with Hyde Park resident and retired pastor

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The trees of Hyde Park are a defining feature of the neighborhood. The storms of the past few months have tested even the hardiest of our arboreal friends and provided a few moments of panic, such as one feels after discovering a particularly large limb hanging precariously over the roofline. We are grateful for the responsive and talented arborist community in Austin and hopeful that the trees will recover fully in the coming months.

The HPNA general meeting in July will celebrate trees with a discussion on tree preservation, tree care, and tree maintenance. You'll learn about what constitutes a protected tree. We'll also share some creative ideas about how to re-use a tree you might have to cut down. Come to the meeting to learn whom to call if you have a tree question or an issue. Some of the best trees can be found in Ship

Park and we will provide an update on events we hope to hold there during the fall (think movie night and ice cream social).

The general meeting will also provide an update on SB30, the bill regarding the removal of discriminatory language in real property documents (for example, deeds). The governor signed it into law on June 14 and it will go into effect on September 1. Anyone who owns an interest in property affected by a document that contains a racial restrictive covenant may file a motion requesting that the discriminatory provision be removed. The bill spells out what information needs to be included in the motion. The court process is abbreviated; the court might simply review the document with the restrictive covenants in order to make a determination. If the court does not rule within 15 days, the motion is deemed to be granted. The court's finding is then filed and indexed by the County Clerk in the public records. No fee will be collected for the filing of the motion with the court or for the filing of the court's finding in the public records.

As July is one of the hottest months in Austin, swimming pools provide a welcome way to cool off, if only for a while. Although Ship Pool has reduced hours, we are fortunate to have one of the few neighborhood pools that are open this season. The city has been faced with a shortage of lifeguards, which has affected the number of pools they are able to manage this

summer. As more information is available, we will make sure to update you. If you or someone you know would like to become a lifeguard, you can apply at <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/lifeguarding-austin>.

In the meantime, stay cool and we look forward to seeing you at the next general meeting.

— Michele Grieshaber
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Shipe Pool Update: Equity, Schedule, and Staffing

On a hot, sunny Saturday in late June, Shipe Pool is full of kids, families, and neighbors with smiling faces, enjoying the chance to splash around in the cool waters of our beloved neighborhood pool! After three years, while our neighborhood pool was closed with damage and under construction and then enjoying a limited opening last year under COVID restrictions, neighbors are delighted that Shipe Pool is open again this summer season!

Despite the appreciation for the pool, many swimmers are disappointed in the limited schedule for public swim days and times. The pool is open to the public on three weekdays (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) 9 am to 4 pm, which conflicts with the work schedule of many people in 9-to-5 type jobs. On those days, Shipe is open in the late afternoons and evenings only for swim lessons and swim team practices. It's also open to the general public on Saturdays, noon to 7 pm, but some neighbors feel that the current schedule has a bias against adults who work traditional hours.

Although we don't have all the answers to these concerns, we do have some context for the situation with pools this summer. Most Austin neighborhood pools are still not open due to a severe shortage of lifeguards and because of widespread damage to the pipes and pumps in pool aquatics systems that happened in February's severe winter storm. The Aquatics Department designed a gradual reopening of pools starting first with the year-round pools like Big Stacy, Bartholomew, and Deep Eddy, because that is where most of the lifeguard training takes place. The next priority was the Shipe and Govalle pools, because we were without a pool for three years.

In the choices made around pool reopening, Austin Aquatics leadership focused on equity between neighborhoods across the city. As much as possible, the city has

made sure that each region of the city has equal access to neighborhood swimming pools. In a city whose history shows that the use of our common resources has benefited the affluent, largely white neighborhoods, positioning equity at the center of decisions about the allocation of aquatics resources is an important goal. There remain areas of town that have no access to public swimming pools.

As more lifeguards are brought online, more pools will be opened across the community. Austin Aquatics leadership has shared that, once other pools are open, it is possible that the schedule at Shipe Pool could be increased to include more days, hours, or both. In addition, Aquatics might consider moving swim lessons and team practices to other pools so that the public swim hours at Shipe can be expanded to include after-work hours.

We hope for more pool access for all people across the city as the summer unfolds. In the meantime, let's enjoy the beautiful pool we have at Shipe Park for as much time as it is available. For folks eager for a dip when Shipe Pool is not available, you can look into other public pools on the city's website, www.austintexas.gov/page/pools-splash-pads.

Happy summertime from the Friends of Shipe Park!

– Adam Wilson and Jill Nokes

Membership 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.
- 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.austinhydepark.org and click on the **Join Now** button. Dues paid online are \$6.

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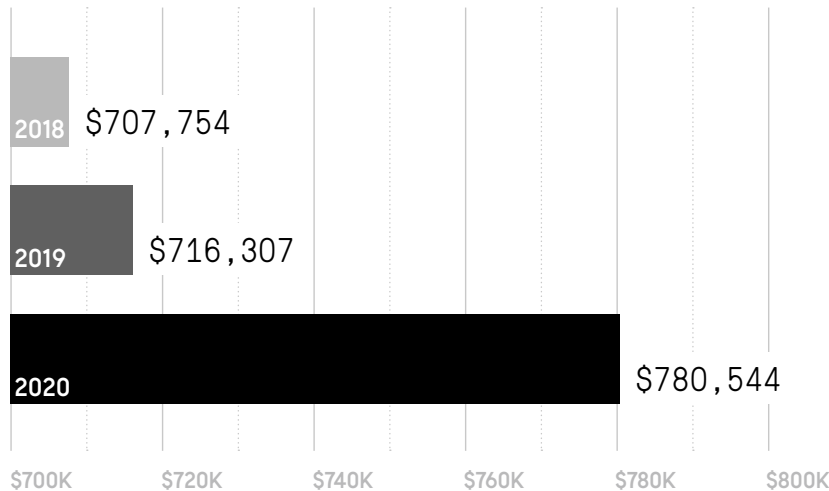
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News from the Ney

July 2021 brings more good community healing mojo to the Elisabet Ney Museum, as programs continue for Jade Walker's *Reweave: 2021*. You might have noticed that there have been some additions to the landscape thanks to community members like you who came to the weaving event in June. Well, on Saturday, July 10 from noon to 2 pm, come do some meditative and fun weaving with your neighbors at another Community Weaving event.

Then, on Saturday, July 24 from noon to 2 pm, Jade Walker will be on site for the official opening event of the exhibition. There will be refreshments and activities like slingshot-weaving (you'll learn when you arrive) and more. Plus, there will be an artist's talk from Jade herself in which she will explain both *Mire + Mend* and *Birdsong* and share her thoughts on the weaving process and its mindfulness and community-bonding power. Bring strips of old shirts, old leashes, rope, twine, anything that you can weave into the fabric on which all your neighbors will be working and add your story to the landscape.

The museum will also host another Landscape Learning and Workday from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday, July 17. Join Mino Giunta and the museum's environmental staff for an engaging and enriching day discovering the native prairie landscape and its many summer surprises. It's a different season and it holds different and interesting tales this time of year. Don't forget sunscreen and water!

Coming in August, the Ney will be hosting the annual summer Saturday Morning Drawing Salons. Museum staff will have all you need to create your own beautiful work when you visit. More on that next month.

Remember, the museum is back open for its usual hours of noon to 5 pm Wednesday through Sunday, so please come and visit. Best wishes for a wonderful Fourth of July! (And note: The museum will be closed on the Fourth.)

Monthly Calendar

July

- 2 — Recycling Pickup
- 10 — Community Weaving Event at Ney Museum
- 12 — HPNA Meeting
- 16 — HPNA Meeting
- 17 — Landscape Learning & Workday at Ney Museum
- 19 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 24 — Official Opening & Artist's Talk at Ney Museum
- 24&25, 29-31 — MoveOutATX Donation Days
- 30 — Recycling Pickup

Hyde Park Poets —

Rose of Hope

Here I am, full of ideas,
I look for a book – I have so many of them,
This one's full; that one's full
Since when does that happen?

OK – there was a deep freeze, here,
Single digits for days,
The pandemic preventing us from going
Anywhere, anyway,

But now, a month later,
You would barely know
By looking at the vegetation in my yard,
Even the loquats, that looked like they ate it,
Have green leaves sprouting, amidst the dead
brown,

There is a rose bush, unpretentious,
That usually climbs the trellis against the wall
Behind the little orange tree (it is little, not even 4
feet tall)
Tiny but productive, gives me a dozen sweet
beauties
Each December, it survived the freeze,

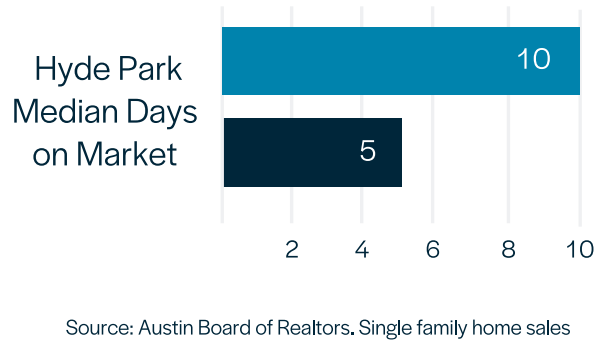
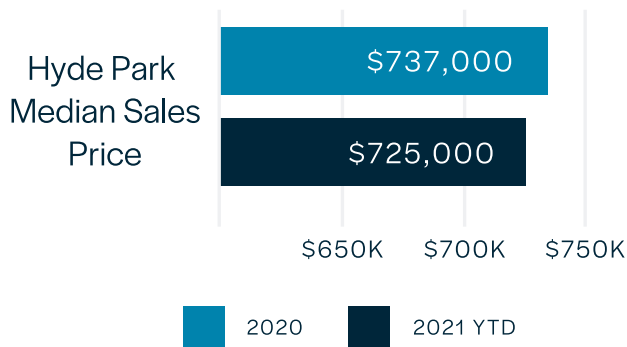
I went to see how badly it was hurt,
And there, the sweetest thing
I do believe I have ever seen,
Newborn babies, notwithstanding,
The little rose, looking for all the world,
Like she belonged right there,
Was nestled amid the green leaves
Of the orange tree

— Herzele
Midnite 04/15-16



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Around & About the Avenues

Hyde Park Realtor Presents Hyde Park in Tribeza Neighborhoods Issue. In the words of *Tribeza's* editor, Hannah J. Phillips, "As Austin expands, neighborhoods are fighting harder than ever to identify and retain their individual characteristics – even while the city itself grapples with an evolving identify." In keeping with that goal, the June issue of *Tribeza* presented a neighborhood guide, with each neighborhood introduced by a resident realtor. For Hyde Park, it was Jen Berbas. Jen states, "Hyde Park is a tight-knit community where you can expect welcoming neighbors and amazing quality of life." She calls attention to three Hyde Park institutions: Julio's, Uncle Nicky's, and Quack's 43rd Street Bakery.



Hyde Parker Publishes Articles Celebrating Establishment of Juneteenth Holiday. Three articles by Peniel Joseph, founding director of the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy at UT Austin and Hyde Park resident, appeared in national and state news sources around the time President Biden declared Juneteenth a national holiday. On June 16, CNN published "Juneteenth is the answer to Frederick Douglass's powerful question" (<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/16/opinions/juneteenth-answers-frederick-douglass-joseph/index.html>). The following day, *USA TODAY* published "Juneteenth holiday is America's chance to explore racist slavery and its lasting impact" (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2021/06/17/juneteenth-holiday-history-slavery-ongoing-racism/7701889002/>). Finally, on July 18, "Commentary: Now All Americans Can Learn What Emancipation Day Has Always Meant To Black Texans" appeared in the *Texas Standard* (<https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/commentary-now-all-americans-can-learn-what-emancipation-day-has-always-meant-to-black-texans/>). Frederick Douglass's powerful question, addressed in two of these articles, is "What to the Negro is the Fourth of July?" Joseph states, "Douglass challenged his audience to recognize Black humanity by embracing abolition-democracy, which comprised not just the end of slavery but required transforming America into a multiracial democracy for the first time in its history."



MoveOutATX Moves Austin toward Zero Waste Goal. MoveOutATX is a collaborative program that brings donation stations to West Campus and other student areas during the move out of students at the close of the school year. This keeps gently used items out of the landfill and puts them into the hands of local reuse organizations. Hyde Park's student population can donate their items on July 24 and 25 and July 29 through 31. Locations of donation stations can be found at <https://www.moveoutatx.org/donate>.



Hyde Parker Publishes Opinion Article in Chronicle. Hyde Park resident Andy Brown – that's Travis County Judge Andy Brown – joined with Annette Price of Grassroots Leadership to publish "Invest in Women and Families, not New Jails" in the Opinion column in the June 4 issue of the *Austin Chronicle*. Brown and Price wrote in opposition to the construction of a new Travis County women's jail. Their arguments, and those of numerous other Travis County residents, were successful, because the Travis County Commissioners Court put the jail on hold.



More Publicity for Curra's. *Community Impact* featured Curra's Grill in the Dining Feature column of its May 2021 issue. The article discussed Curra's menu, with its focus on interior Mexican cuisine, and the difficulties it encountered due to the pandemic. Fortunately, times have changed: Curra's owner, Julieta Rodriguez, is optimistic about Curra's new location on Duval Street in Hyde Park, which opened on June 1.



Flag Store a Hidden Neighborhood Gem. Hyde Park's Flag Store, at 4429 Duval, was one of a series of eight special locations featured in David Clough's article, "An Insider's Guide to Austin's Hidden Neighborhood Gems," in the June issue of *Tribeza*. In a section headed "Hyde and Seek," Hyde Park Market is described with the statement, "This isn't your average convenience store: A combination organic grocery and gas station with a wide selection of beer, wine, tools, hardware and household good, Hyde Park Market, a.k.a. 'the Flag Store,' is a sought-after one-stop shop that seems to have a little bit of everything."



Farewell, Hyde Park Post Office. Hyde Park lost its post office on June 18. We are all waiting to see what appears in its place. Elaine Corral, 43rd Street neighbor of the post office, caught a picture of the removal of the sign from the building.





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Michele Grieshaber welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda.

Kip Dollar, Chair of the 2021 Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour, gave an update on the 2021 HPNA Historic Homes Tour.

- This year's Historic Homes Tour will be the 43rd annual tour and will be on Sunday, November 14, 2021, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Tickets will be sold online in advance for \$20 and at the tour headquarters (Baker School) the day of the event for \$25.
- Kip Dollar announced that there are five homes committed to the tour, plus the Baker School and the Ney Museum. As COVID-19 winds down, homeowners are getting more and more comfortable with the idea of opening their homes to guests.
- The Baker School, now owned by the Alamo Drafthouse, has already had one open house, and many Hyde Park residents have already seen the results of the recent renovation; it was very well done and Alamo Drafthouse did a great job of preserving many of the original fixtures as well as the general historic feel of the building.
- This year, Kip will be working closely with Chad Crow, who has worked the homes tour in the past.
- All the homes committed so far this year are Historic Landmark homes. In addition to the homes tour, Kip and Chad are also investigating the possibility of incorporating live music and an artist festival.
- Because this year's tour will be stretching from the Baker School to the Ney Museum, the decision was made to keep everything south of 45th Street.
- 1977 was the first year Hyde Park hosted an in-home tour. Dorothy Richter and Janice Linder came up with the idea of the homes tour, and actually the first tour, in 1976, was a walking tour. Dorothy Richter, affectionately known as the Mayor of Hyde Park, died last year.
- To make this event successful, volunteers are needed. Each home needs a House Captain who coordinates docent shifts for the home, acts as the overall planner for the home, and is the primary contact with the homeowner to establish protocols such as whether or not shoe coverings will be required. Each home also needs several docents present at all times during the tour. Docents work a two-hour shift and are responsible for guiding visitors through the home and helping keep an eye on the property. Lastly, there are volunteer opportunities at the tour headquarters.

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1. The chemist chancellor of Germany. (6,6)

2. Nikola who was Edison's rival. (5) _____
3. He was Forrest Gump. (3,5) _____
4. Princess hounded to death by paparazzi. (5)

5. Gave us "All in the Family" and People For the American Way. (6,4) _____
6. Nelson who left prison to lead a nation. (7)

7. Ernest with a cat house in Key West. (9)

8. J.K. who gave us Harry Potter. (7)

9. Thurgood on SCOTUS. (8) _____
10. Haile, Emperor of Ethiopia and Rasta icon. (8)

11. Jeopardy guy! (4,6) _____
12. "Veni, vidi, vici." (6,6) _____
13. Macedonian world conqueror. (9)

14. Beatle drummer boy. (5,5) _____
15. Known for rolling stones? (4,6)

16. Introduced archetypes into psychology. (4,4)

17. First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (6,7)

18. Nobelist better known as Malala. (9)

19. Il Duce. (9) _____
20. Mexican artist known for her unibrow. (5,5)

21. 14-year old boy horrifically lynched in MS in 1955. (6,4) _____

Answers on page 14

June Events

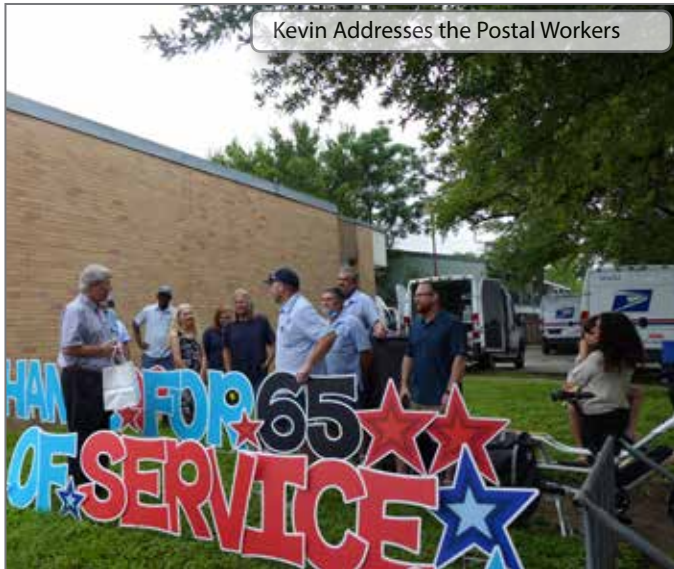
June was a busy month in Hyde Park. Shipe Pool opened. The annual Flag Day Parade took place, after a year's hiatus. HPNA said farewell to its beloved post office.



A Sign of Appreciation

Farewell to Hyde Park Post Office

After more than half a century, the Hyde Park post office closed on June 18. A neighborhood landmark, it will be much missed. On June 4, Hyde Parkers gathered to say goodbye to the postal workers. Co-President Kevin Heyburn thanked them for their years of serving the Hyde Park community and presented them with cookies to enjoy.



Kevin Addresses the Postal Workers



Neighbors and Postal Workers



Parade of Flags



Release of the Doves

Shipe Pool Opens

On June 5, Shipe Pool opened to an eager line of swimmers. Hyde Parkers had long hoped for the pool to open but had no assurance that it would, given the damage caused by winter storm URI to Austin's aquatics system and the lack of life guards. Its present schedule is limited, but that situation might improve later in the summer.



Waiting for the Gates to Open



The Big Moment



Enjoying the Wading Pool



Parade of Flags



Bryan Register Speaks about Confederate Flag History

Annual Flag Day Celebration Returns

On June 13, the annual Flag Day Celebration took place at the corner of Fairfield Lane and Eilers Avenue. Bryan Register, founder of De-Confederate Austin, spoke about the history of the Confederate flag. A release of doves was followed by the annual parade around the traffic circle under a display of US flags, old, current, and possible. Finally, parade founder Jim Ellinger presented awards for the most interesting flags.



Bill Ellinger Presenting Awards

A Farewell Note... ...cont'd from page 1

of First English Lutheran Church, Merle Franke. First English, largely due to Merle's leadership, had become not just a thriving local church but a true community center for the University and Hyde Park Neighborhoods. My son went to Scouts there. They were the first mainline Protestant church in Austin to publicly welcome the LGBTQ community (Trinity was the second). I'd admired them and I admired Merle. Anyway, Merle said to me, "You know, Sid, I've sort of been the unofficial parish priest of Hyde Park. I think that mantle is being passed to you now. Wear it proudly." I tried to do that. Merle and I were both firmly rooted in our traditions, but we also knew that spirituality had little value if it wasn't grounded in community. We knew how to conduct rites of passage that could be "spiritual without being religious." It has been an honor to be entrusted with this unofficial role from time to time. Thank you.

My mind fills up with thanksgiving for so many Hyde Park people. Forgive me for digressing while I name a few. I know I'll forget some, but I at least need to try. When we lived on Avenue H, our neighbors across the street were Nick and Susan. They weren't just the driving energy behind the *Austin Chronicle*,

they were lovely neighbors and friends. Our son was their son's first babysitter (And now their son is my son's supervisor at the *Austin Chronicle*. How about that?). Richard and Carla (Carla also taught my kids at Lee Elementary School), Sheree, Mark and Jane, Cynthia and Kate, Ann and Byron — all were our dear neighbors on Avenue H. It felt like a special community within a community. My neighbors behind us — Adam and Caroline (whom I knew to call immediately when our old church building was up for sale as a possibility for the Griffin School) and my dear friend Steve B (my favorite Austin atheist) with whom I've had 30+ years of deep existential discussions, often while putting out the trash or cutting back poison ivy in the alley. My favorite local architectural historian and friend Peter and his husband Jack; Hyde Park's quintessential architects and visionaries, Alan and Karen; and Ben and Sandi — you have set the standard for us being a historic district. My neighbors, with whom I have also had a pastoral relationship: Susan and Doug, Tyrone, Cindy and John, Susan and Annette, Anne and Matt, John and Jamie — you are the best! I will miss my fellow rabble-rousing colleague and neighbor Rabbi Baker and his wife Lynda. Thank you to Bruce and Lisa, who may be our neighborhood's most stalwart political connections to justice in the Austin community. I first met Bruce during the "Move It" campaign and now he's

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famous! I will also miss my colleague and neighbor Reverend Judith Liro, but since Judith and I are on the national board of Equity for Women in the Church, at least we'll still get to see each other via Zoom. No neighbor made me laugh as much as Phil Durst. If he hadn't been such a brilliant lawyer, I think he'd probably have been a standup comedian. I know we all feel his loss. I've enjoyed my all too infrequent meaningful talks with Phil's partner, Sarah. I am especially grateful for Stanley and Rae Kozinsky. Stan did two remodels on my Avenue H home. He somehow knew how to combine my family's own needs while maintaining the integrity of the home's history. I'm still in awe of Stan's conscientiousness and skill. And, even though I typically don't listen to country music, I know all the popular country songs during the times Stan remodeled my home. There are many Hyde Parkers who have passed away that still hold a special place in my heart. I'm thinking right now of Bert and Celeste Cromack. I am also grateful for friends like Dorothy Richter, truly our mayor extraordinaire. I was honored to conduct her virtual memorial service just a few months ago. There are also leaders of the neighborhood that are regular volunteers at Hope Food Pantry that operates out of Trinity. Thank you, Betsy and others.

And Earl Pickens...

You may know Earl as the deaf man that hangs out at Quack's. Did you know that Earl has taught a whole generation of kids in Hyde Park how to sign? I'll never forget coming home late one night on Avenue H. Earl was on our porch. He looked distraught. He began to frantically sign to my elementary school-aged daughter. She immediately started crying. Earl had been walking down Avenue H that afternoon and saw a car pull up, two men run out, grab my daughter's new bike, and drive off with it. Earl chased them to the end of the street but to no avail. From what we were able to discern, he had waited on our porch for about five hours just to tell us what had happened. I will never forget that act of kindness, and I will be always grateful to Earl for his love and respect for my kids.

And then I think of some of the people behind our local establishments: Jason, the owner of Flight Path Coffee House; Bik, the owner of Hyde Park Bar and Grill; Stella at Julio's; John, Anne, and Cameron of Mother's; Greg and Sara at New World Deli – these people help make Hyde Park what it is. Treasures, each. And who doesn't love a sandwich at the Avenue B Grocery & Market? Established in 1909, it is Austin's oldest continuous market. I mean, these aren't just local Hyde Park eateries; they're anchors of community that care about the neighborhood and help define us (We're all grieving about the closing of Mother's). Do you know how hard it was living on Avenue H when I could not only see Quack's but smell it from my front porch? I tried not to go there too often.

The list goes on and on and on.

Thank you, Hyde Park. You are a special community. You have formed me, raised my children, and continue to be a unique home for the radical, liberal, activist church I love called Trinity Church of Austin. I am grateful for you, and you are always in my heart. I will miss you.

– Warmly,
Sid Hall

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- All volunteers are invited to the after party and volunteers get free admission to the homes tour.
- To volunteer, please contact Kip Dollar at kipdollar@aol.com or Chad Crow at chad@secondlabelwine.com. The link to the Facebook event for the 2021 homes tour is <https://fb.me/e/GA6wBdU1>.


Adam Wilson and Kevin Heyburn, the Nomination Committee, nominated a new Steering Committee candidate.

- The Nomination Committee nominated a new Steering Committee candidate, Katie Turner.
- Katie lives near Hyde Park Baptist Church and has been active in the neighborhood on many different projects.
- Katie introduced herself and let attendees know that her husband's family has lived in Hyde Park for several generations. She has two daughters, has worked at the Fire Station Festival in years past, and is looking forward to helping out as a member of the Steering Committee.
- Kevin Heyburn made the nomination, Ellie Hanlon seconded the nomination, and Michele called for a vote.
- Attendees voted on the motion; the results were 26 in support, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed.
- Congratulation, Katie!

Susan Moffat and Austin City Council Member Kathie Tovo gave a presentation on the city's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) initiative.

- Susan Moffat gave a brief presentation about what TOD initiatives are. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is an intentional mixing of land use and transit through the creation of compact, walkable, mixed-use communities within walking distance of a transit stop or station. In 2005, the city passed an ordinance to encourage TODs. City Council is considering a resolution that would modify the existing TOD ordinance to incorporate equity and increase sensitivity to the neighborhoods around it.
- The light rail line that will be adjacent to Hyde Park, running down Guadalupe Street, is the Orange Line. There is a working group, the North Guadalupe working group, providing community input regarding the Orange Line.
- Project Connect will create a more connected city. Neighbors can help make our new public transit system great by volunteering to participate in the working group that will help shape how the new Orange and Blue light rail lines are developed.

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by Dena Houston



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How We Can Do Better

- The most important thing is to know your community’s recycling rules. In Austin, we have a great website called “What Do I Do With...” (<http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>). This website will tell you how to recycle or compost many things.
- As a trained Zero Waste Block Leader with The City of Austin, I am always available to answer your recycling and compost collection questions. Please email me at recycling@hpwbana.org.
- **WHEN IN DOUBT - THROW IT OUT!** This always seems difficult for serious recyclers to accept, but it is critically important to put questionable items into the trash rather than contaminate the recycling or compost stream.

Questions from our Readers

How do I recycle PVC pipe? Habitat for Humanity accepts PVC pipe if it is at least 3 feet long. Shorter pieces must go into the trash cart.

Can I use compost bags as trash bags? Compost bags do not compost in a landfill. There is not enough heat in a landfill to make that happen. Also, compost bags are more expensive than trash bags and are not as sturdy.

Are wax-lined cups and bowls recyclable? No, they are made of layers of materials that cannot be separated for recycling. These need to go into the trash cart.

Are cornstarch packing peanuts compostable in the green bin? No, they are not. If they can be reused, that would be best. The official position from the City is that testing to be sure they are in fact compostable is difficult and industry labeling is not always reliable. To be sure the compost is not contaminated, these must go into the trash cart.

Do paper envelopes with plastic windows and tissue boxes with plastic film on top go into the recycling bin? Yes, they can go into the blue recycling cart. However, they cannot go into the green compost cart.

My cart labels have all faded. How do I get new ones? Austin Resource Recovery has a link for you to make your own cart labels. Go to <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/sign-maker> to print the labels you need.

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.



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- If you would like to participate in a working group, the work will involve collaborating with neighbors and local businesses, giving honest feedback, and helping the design team understand how Project Connect can best serve our community. Eleven geographically segmented working groups have been established to inform the proposed Orange and Blue Lines.
- Project Connect is finalizing the 15% design plan right now. The plan thus far is basic and is just a place to start so preliminary feedback can be gathered. The project staff is talking to the Austin State Hospital to see if the Orange Line can use more right-of-way on the west of Guadalupe instead of encroaching on Hyde Park businesses, many of which rely on Guadalupe Street parking for their customers. The 15% plan will be released to the public sometime in July, and the project also hopes to hear back from ASH by July.
- The Hyde Park Orange Line station is currently shown at 38th and Guadalupe, but that might change because intersections are not great locations for stations due to traffic signals and vehicular congestion.
- The project is just starting to talk about the potential negative impact on local businesses; more information and discussion on this will come later.
- Austin City Council Member, Kathie Tovo, joined the TOD conversation and spoke more about the upcoming TOD resolution. The resolution is pretty broad, focused not just on rail but on bus routes as well. CapMetro has applied for a grant to do a study. The hope is to avoid displacement of long-time residents along the line; there is already \$300,000,000 in the budget to help with this. The project is also trying to preserve market-rate affordable housing.
- Michele opened the conversation up for a few questions and noted that this initiative is closely tied to the land development code. The new rail lines could affect zoning near the station or the rail line.
- Marsha Riti asked CM Tovo what “market rate affordability” means and how much an affordable housing unit could cost. CM Tovo said she couldn’t put a dollar amount to her answer but that her point was that there is some existing affordable housing on or near the line that could be negatively affected by this project. The resolution expresses support for the CapMetro study to preserve affordable housing.



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- Karen McGraw suggested that the three neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed Orange Line (North University, Heritage, and Hyde Park) have been up-zoned for a long time, including 60' building heights, and these areas haven't been built out. So, the city might not need to up-zone further. New buildings would rent for much higher rent; existing buildings are old, but are still somewhat affordable. We need to make sure all the neighborhoods are included in the planning process.
- Sumit Guha gave a couple of examples of new construction costs versus existing structure costs. He has observed that rent costs of new construction are nearly double that of existing structures. Older construction is actually the affordable sector. If we tear that down and build new structures, they will sell and rent at a much higher price.
- To get involved, visit <https://capmetro.org/project-connect/groups> and click the Join button. Working groups will meet several times a year to discuss the Orange and Blue Line projects. The first meetings will be held in late May and early June.
- The draft of the proposed TOD resolution can be viewed at <https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=361703>.

Deaton Bednar gave an update on the Hancock Golf Course.

- Deaton reminded attendees that the reason the city began considering changes to the Hancock Golf Course was due to financial problems: the city is trying to figure out how to fund the city-run golf courses.
- Community input on what could or should happen to the Hancock Golf Course has been solicited and received; a survey went out from the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) by email with links. Survey results were in favor of keeping golf, so the focus moving forward will be on golf because that seems to be what the majority of respondents want.
- In the coming weeks, PARD is going to give a presentation to the PARD Board recommending next steps.
- Interestingly, golf income has been way up in recent months, possibly due to COVID protocols indicating that outdoor activities are safe. So it's possible no changes at all might occur.
- The Hancock Golf Conservancy is going to focus on restoring Waller Creek and adding more community green spaces and children's play areas.

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- The next PARD Board Meeting is scheduled for June 22. Hancock recommendations might be on the agenda on June 22, but the agenda won't be published until 72 hours prior to the meeting. If the Hancock recommendations are on the agenda, you can register to speak beginning at noon on the day before the meeting. The Parks Board website with the agenda can be found at https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/39_1.htm.
- Other related links:
 - <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-golf-course-planning>
 - <https://www.imaginehancockpark.org/>
 - <http://hancockgolfcourseconservancy.org/>

Adam Wilson gave an update on Shipe Pool and the Ney Museum; both are open.

- Shipe Pool is open!
- Pool hours can be found at <https://shipepark.org/>.
- At the time of the general meeting, the pool hours are as follows. Residents are encouraged to check the website because the hours are still evolving.
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
 - 9am-4pm – Recreational/Lap Swim
 - 4pm-6pm – Swim Lessons Only (Closed to Public)
 - 6pm-8pm – Swim Team Only (Closed to Public)
 - Saturday: 12pm-7pm – Recreational/Lap Swim
 - Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: Pool is Closed
- For the first time, Shipe Pool is also hosting swim lessons and swim team practice. Check out PARD for details.
- The city is still struggling to staff lifeguard positions. If you know of anyone interested, tell the person to contact the city. These positions pay \$15 per hour and are great jobs for young adults.
- Many of the pools are still closed, and our neighborhood is lucky that the pool is open.
- Friends of Shipe Park wanted to organize a pool party, but as of now the city is still not allowing large gatherings in parks. There might be a movie night sometime around Halloween.
- The Elisabet Ney Museum opens on Wednesday, June 9 at noon and will resume regular hours of noon to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, at that time.

Chris Riley, President of Bike Austin, gave a presentation on the Austin Living Streets Program.

- Chris Riley discussed the Austin Healthy Streets program, which our neighborhood has enjoyed on Avenue G. He explained that the city is winding down the Healthy Street program. The city is considering selecting ten new streets to test a similar new program, but the future of Austin Healthy Streets is uncertain.
- Bike Austin and Austin Living Streets are looking to create a program that offers something more permanent and gives some control to residents to designate and create areas like Healthy Streets. The name of the program is Austin Living Streets.
- There are 4 components to this program: 1) place-making and traffic-calming; 2) resident-led healthy streets; 3) play streets for kids; and 4) better and easier block parties, which are difficult to hold currently due to rules and restrictions.
- These would all be resident-led efforts. Chris would really like to see HPNA as a supporter of this idea.
- More information can be found at <https://www.austinelivingstreets.com/>, including a petition encouraging the city to consider the program.

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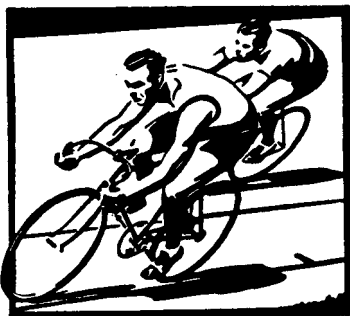


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General Announcements

- Michele Grieshaber gave a special thank you to Marsha Riti, Ben Reid, and Kevin Heyburn for organizing a thank you for the Post Office for their 65 years of service to our neighborhood. A large yard card was placed on the grounds of the post office, four dozen warm cookies were delivered to postal staff, and Kevin gave a very thoughtful speech thanking the postal workers and letting them know they will be missed. Several neighbors also showed up to wish the postal workers farewell.
- Lisa Harris and Kevin Heyburn gave updates on several legislative actions affecting the neighborhood:
 - HB 3813, the bill related to the authority of certain municipalities to impose regulations on amplified sound from certain venues, which would have prevented the city from regulating music coming from bars between 10:00 am and 2:00 am, FAILED.
 - HB 1474, the bill related to requirements for the designation of a property as a historic landmark and the inclusion of a property in a historic district by a municipality, PASSED.
 - HB3971, the bill related to appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of residential real property located in a designated historic district (requiring taxing municipalities to consider the historic nature of properties, the limited ability to develop historic properties, the expense of maintaining historic properties, and so forth), PASSED.
 - HB2989, the bill related to certain notice and protest provisions applicable to municipal zoning changes, which would have eliminated the requirement of municipalities to notify property owners prior to making zoning changes, FAILED.
 - SB 30, the bill related to easing the process of amending real property documents to remove illegal restrictive covenants, PASSED.

– Submitted by Ben Reid
HPNA Secretary



Hyde Park Poets —



Gnarly Toes

It's not like I haven't walked around my "hood" in a while,
I mean, I easily walk it five or six days of the week,
Sometimes, up the numbered streets,
Passing the lettered ones, G, F, Speedway (I call it E),
D, C, B, to Avenue A, then,
I weave my way back: down B to 41st, across to and up C,
Then, over to D, and so on but, time before last,
I saw these trees that looked like large legs
With big, gnarly feet and toes,
Those "toes" must have emerged following the freeze,
And sticks and leaves, carried by the breeze,
Have adhered to the feet of the giant.
I look down more, these days, when I am walking,
Trying to be more mindful so I won't fall down,
I don't want to go out on a fall,
I would rather have my gnarly toes
Spread out and gather debris.

— Herzele
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