

November Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for November 7

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Griffin School (5001 Evans Ave) and on Zoom (login information below)

- Vote: Steering Committee and Officers
- Update on Bylaw Discussion: Preservation committee responsibilities integrated into DRC
- Membership Reminder and Tools Update
- Holiday Party Update
- Philanthropy Spotlight: Helping Hand Home
- Announcements

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Lizard Blood: Reptile Rescue a Success

“Oh! Oh, I don't know what to do! The poor little creature is trapped and bleeding!” said the very upset neighbor lady.

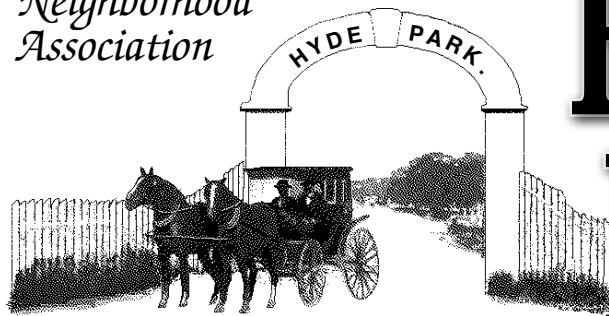
Rapidly responding was young Moni Zabcik, new both to the 'hood and ACC this year. As she dashed across the lawn to the lady's house, I, sensing a big scoop, tagged along.

The “poor little creature” was indeed in a great peril, and for just a moment we shared a dark thought. There was a fair amount of blood, a lot of blood, I suppose, for such a small animal.

With its head firmly stuck in a round hole of a circular base of a BBQ smoker, the spiny lizard (*Sceloporus magister*) was perhaps

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2022 Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour: A Village within a City

The 43rd annual Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour will take place on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Edgar von Boeckmann House

This year's theme is inspired by Dorothy Richter, who started the Homes Tour in 1975 with a simple walking tour. The first tour to feature the inside of homes took place in 1979. Dorothy often referred to Hyde Park as “a village within a city.” The tour this year will be the first since Dorothy passed in 2020.

Added attractions this year include live music and an Arts Fair featuring paintings, jewelry, and crafts.

We need volunteers to work two-hour shifts in exchange for free admission. To volunteer, contact Kip Dollar (kipdollar@gmail.com).

Tickets are available for \$20 in advance, on line through the HPNA website or directly at www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-historic-hyde-park-homes-tour-tickets-72780080179. Advance sales end at 10:00 pm the day before the tour. They can be purchased at the door for \$25 (cash, check, or credit card) from 11 am to 4:00 pm the day of the tour. All ticket holders need to check in at the Baker Center (3908 Avenue B) to pick up a tour bracelet and a booklet with a map of the tour route, descriptions of the featured homes, and points of interest along the route.

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What a relief to finally have a taste of cooler weather! As the temperature drops to reasonable levels, we can at last turn our thoughts to the upcoming events of the fall. After a three-year hiatus, we hope that many of you had the opportunity to participate in the return of the Fire Station Festival. The recently renovated station was at the heart of this year's festivities. It's such a wonderful way to meet your neighbors, have a good time, and celebrate our fire fighter friends. We couldn't do it without the support of the local businesses listed later in this newsletter. This event wouldn't have been possible without the volunteers on the festival committee who worked to make it such a success. A big thanks to our co-chairs Stefanie Bertram and Ashley Aarons for making this possible.

'Tis the season for events and the Homes Tour is just around the corner on November 13. This is always a highlight for neighbors and folks from outside the area to spend a pleasant afternoon

among the Avenues, peeking into some of the buildings and homes that make Hyde Park what it is. This year's theme is "Hyde Park: A Village in a City." It features some of the first historic buildings in Hyde Park; they were part of the center of a small, interconnected community in the midst of a rapidly growing city. The tour begins at Baker School.

The neighborhood always benefits when folks get involved. Coming up in November, we will bring a slate of candidates for the Steering Committee and officer positions, who will serve starting in January 2023. Please plan to attend if you'd like to vote on the candidates. And if you're interested in becoming involved yourself, we still have a few roles to fill. Contact Kevin Heyburn (kmheyburn@gmail.com) if you're curious. We'd love to hear from you.

Our next meeting will also feature information on how we will be improving some of our membership infrastructure in 2023. We're stepping into the 21st century, with the goal of making it easier to join and manage your membership status going forward. We will also update you on the plan for the annual Holiday Party in December and showcase a local philanthropy organization to highlight the important work folks are doing in our community and neighborhood.

— Michele Grieshaber
Lisa Harris
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Hyde Park Front Yards

Hyde Park's front yards are beautiful and unique; they provide a continuous shady pedestrian path, with lawns that invite pedestrians with strollers and pets as well as bicyclists.



Traditionally, many homes had garages to the rear, with a one-lane driveway from front to back. Most parking was provided to the rear of front yards. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts (NCCDs) prescribe the continuation of this traditional pattern of openness of front yards.

The Hyde Park NCCD (south of 45th Street) disallows any required parking spaces from being located in the front yard. Most homes undergoing additions of 200 square feet or more or additions of second dwelling units require two or three parking spaces located to the rear of the front of the home. The North Hyde Park NCCD (north of 45th Street) allows a similar pattern but allows up to 20% of the front yard to be used for up to two parking spaces.

Fences are permitted, but front yard fences are limited to 4' in height and must be 40% open. In North Hyde Park, a 36" natural stone wall is also permitted. The front yard includes all fences in front of the front wall of the home. Specific regulations speak to homes that face side streets. Alley fences require an inset to accommodate trash carts.

When you construct parking or a fence, please consult the Hyde Park or North Hyde Park NCCD for more specific requirements. These override and are generally more rigorous than standard city Land Development Code regulations, which also apply. The NCCDs can be accessed on the Hyde Park website (austinhypark.org).

HPNA 2023 Candidates

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| President | Kevin Heyburn |
| Co-Vice President | Kathy Jackson |
| Co-Treasurer | Suzanna Walker |
| Co-Secretary | Katie Vignery |
| Immediate Past President | Lisa Harris |
| Steering Committee | |
| Members | Stephen Gonzalez Marsha Riti |

Additional candidates might be presented at the meeting.

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

Submission Information

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

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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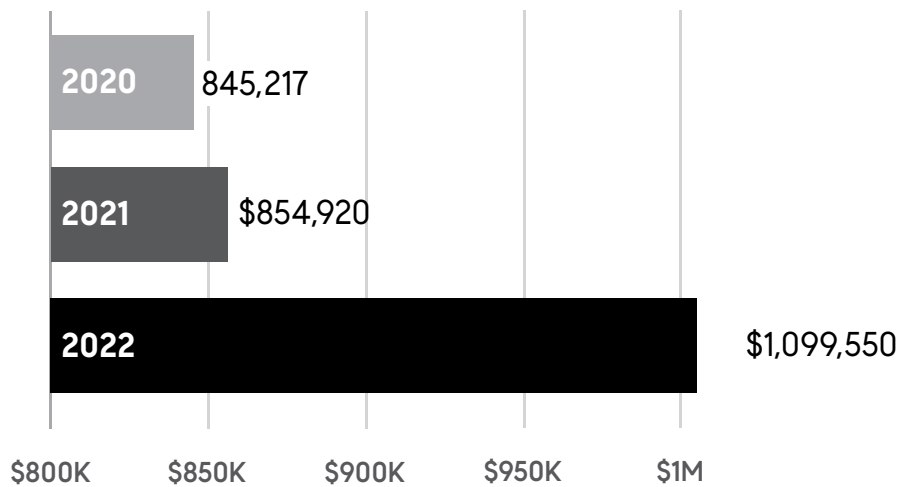
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Candidates' Forum

On September 20, the HPNA welcomed District 9 candidates Linda Guerrero, Ben Loeffler, Zena Mitchell, Zo Quadri, Greg Smith, Joah Spearman, and Tom Wald to a candidates' forum held at Griffin School.

Co-Vice Presidents Kathy Jackson and Paul Smith moderated the event, which was co-sponsored by

Eastwood Neighbor Association, North University Neighbor Association, Old West Austin Neighbor Association, West Campus



Organizer Brendan Wittstruck

Monthly Calendar November

- 4 — Recycling Pickup
- 5 — Songbird Rising Quintet Concert at Trinity Church
- 5 — Landscape Cleanup! at the Ney Museum
- 5 — Opening of The Bathing of the Sphinx exhibit at the Ney Museum
- 7 — HPNA Membership Meeting
- 10 — Opening Reception for artists Renee Lai and Rosa Nussbaum at the Ney Museum
- 13 — Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour
- 13 — Free Classical Guitar Concert at the Rosette, Baker School
- 14 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 18 — Recycling Pickup
- 19 — Fall Harvest Family Festival at the Ney Museum
- 24 — Happy Thanksgiving!



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The Candidates on Stage

Neighbor Association, South River City Citizens, Hancock Neighbor Association, and Heritage Neighbor Association. The event progressed through the six questions prepared for the candidates, which covered everything from land use to homelessness. A photograph from the forum appeared in the *Austin Chronicle* in the September 23 issue.



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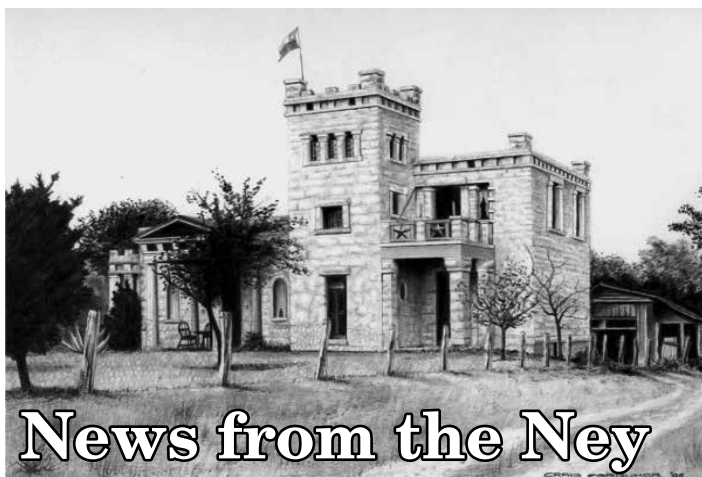
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This November, come to the Elisabet Ney Museum to catch all of the exciting outdoor events! First up, on November 5, the museum will participate in It's My Park Day by hosting its Landscape Cleanup!

Volunteers will convene on the grounds from 9 am to noon to help refresh the native landscape that surrounds the Ney. Some of the projects will consist of spreading mulch, cleaning up the gravel paths, and removing invasive plants. This is an exciting opportunity to do hands-on activities while learning about the history of the museum and the surrounding ecosystem. The Ney's staff will provide some gardening tools, but participants are encouraged to bring their own tools as well.

After the Landscape Cleanup on November 5, the museum will open for the first weekend of the West Austin Studio Tours, starting at noon. This year, the Ney will present a new exhibit by artists Renee Lai and Rosa Nussbaum titled "The Bathing of the Sphinx." Visitors will be able to view the artists' mysterious narrative video projections in the museum's main gallery. Then, on November 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, the Ney will host an opening reception that will also include the unveiling of Lai and Nussbaum's sculptural installations nestled amongst the museum's trail. Through this exhibition, the artists will connect their own experiences involving art, land, and femininity to Elisabet Ney's personal history. The opening reception will be free to the public, and the exhibit will be on view through January 15. The West Austin Studio Tour will take place at the Ney from noon to 5 pm on November 5, 6, 12, and 13.

Before the month comes to an end, the Elisabet Ney Museum will host the Fall Harvest Family Festival on November 19 from 1 to 4 pm. This fun-filled outdoor event is going to be a celebration of the breezy autumn weather and the changing colors in our surrounding landscapes. There will be a number of activities for kids - games, artist-led projects, and photo booths. Visitors can also grab a hot cider and enjoy the live bluegrass music. This event will be free and open to all ages!

Hits of the Aughts

by der Brat

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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

1. Avril wants it kept simple (11) _____
2. Greeting from OutKast (3,2) _____
3. With #4 MIA wants them to fly? (5)

4. See #3. (6) _____
5. Boy band checking out? (3,3,3) _____
6. Daft Punk: again! (3,4,4) _____
7. Gwen Stefani hit about a type of woman? (9,4)

8. Snoop Dogg says ouch? (4,2,4,3,3) _____
9. Coldplay's color song. (6) _____
10. The Killers seem optimistic. (2,10)

11. Pink says, "Get the _?_" (5,7)

12. Franz Ferdinand's cure for the lonely? (4,2,3)

13. Rihanna offers shelter? (8) _____
14. Destiny's Child thinks you may not be ready for this.
(12) _____
15. Positive note from Usher? (4) _____
16. Black Eyed Peas seek the truth. (4,3)

17. Missy Elliott gets sexy. (3,2,5,2)

18. Is Beyonce out of her mind? (5,2,4)

19. Britney's poison? (5) _____
20. Not a happy job for Paramore. (6,8)

21. Nelly comments on the temperature [sic] (3,2,5)

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2022

Kevin Heyburn called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He outlined the meeting's agenda, which included a vote on the revision of the HPNA bylaws and a vote on a resolution to ask the City to install softer (less excessively bright) street lights. Kevin indicated that Lisa Harris would run the bylaws portion of the meeting.

Betsy Clubine gave an update on the upcoming Fire Station Festival, the Friends of Shippe Park Movie Night, the Ney Museum's Polkapocalypse, and the Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour. The Homes Tour will include six houses, plus other special events. Volunteers are needed to serve as docents. Katie Turner gave an update on the Fire Station Festival, which is scheduled for October 23 from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. Volunteers are needed, with the biggest need for volunteers for the children's parade before the party at the Fire Station. The party will have a band and other activities, both new and old.

Kevin gave a short update on the District 9 City Council Candidates' Forum that was held on September 19. The Forum is available for viewing on the HPNA website. Special thanks to HPNA Vice Presidents Kathy Jackson and Paul Smith for moderating the forum.

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Around & About the Avenues

Healthy Streets to Shared Streets. In October the city cancelled the Healthy Street program established during the Covid epidemic, removing traffic barriers on Avenue G from 38th Street to 56th Street. In its place is a 6-month pilot program called Shared Streets, a circular route on Avenues G and H between 51st and 56th Streets. The city's stated rationale for this location is less traffic, no sidewalks, and strong neighborhood support. With over 2,500 miles of missing sidewalks, the city claims that Shared Streets is a more feasible and less costly alternative. This is currently the only location for the Shared Streets project. To learn more or send feedback, go to www.austintexas.gov/SharedStreets. — Susan Marshall



Hyde Park Bar & Grill Celebrates 40 Years. One of Hyde Park's institutions, the Hyde Park Bar & Grill, has celebrated its 40th anniversary by adorning its famous "fork in the road" with a giant slice of cake topped by the number 40. The *Austin Chronicle* included a picture in its "Food News Buffer" column in its October 14 issue. Congratulations, Hyde Park Bar & Grill!



Hyde Park included in Tribeza's Timeless Tributes to the Past. The October 2022 issue of *Tribeza*, labeled "The Architectural Issue," includes the beautifully illustrated article "Timeless Tributes to the Past," devoted to iconic structures that provide a window into history. Among such icons as the Driskill Hotel, the Neill-Cochran House Museum, and the French Legation, author Britni Rachal includes a section entitled "Historic Hyde Park Homes." She features the Bell-Smith House, the folk Victorian built in 1895 and included on this year's Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour. She further states, "Other unique architectural elements featured in Hyde Park include everything from late 19th century Queen Anne architecture to 20th century ranch and bungalow houses." The water color illustrations are by Hannah Sierra. See <https://tribeza.com/iconic-buildings-of-austin-historic-architecture/>.



Free Classical Guitar Concert. Austin Classical Guitar will hold a classical guitar performance on November 13 at 4:00 pm in their beautiful new Rosette performance space on the north side of Baker School, 3908 Avenue B. This event is free and open to the public, but there is limited seating. — Marsha Riti



Concert by Songbird Rising Suzuki School. On November 5 at 1:30 pm, Songbird Rising Suzuki School, located in Trinity Church at 4001 Speedway, will be presenting a program of Romanian Folk Dances by Bela Bartok and the Holberg Suite



by Edvard Grieg. Pay what you feel! All donations will go towards the Songbird Rising Suzuki School 2023 UK tour. Join them for good music, to meet people in your community, and to support the school tour. — Marsha Riti



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Kristen Remeza gave an update on the new LED street lights in Hyde Park and offered a resolution urging the City to install softer street lights. Kristen reported that the city had plans to replace Hyde Park's current street lights with brighter, energy-efficient LED street lights. However the director of operations with Austin Energy had found a softer light option for Hyde Park's street light replacement. The City would like Hyde Park neighbors to give feedback on this replacement. The pink sodium street lights currently installed would no longer be available, and were all going to be replaced by the City. Kristen argued that the best option for Hyde Park was the softer (less glaring) street lights.

In the ensuing discussion, neighbors asked how quickly the newer bright lights that had been installed could be removed and replaced with softer lights and how residents could offer feedback for a light study. Kristen recommended that all the current pink sodium lights and the newly installed bright lights be changed to softer lights to have consistent lighting in the neighborhood. Kristen said there was a limited supply of the softer lights and urged HPNA to pass her resolution now so that Hyde Park could communicate its preference for softer lights to the city.

The resolution vote to support installation of softer lights was put in motion and seconded. Reid Long made a point of order that the notice that HPNA membership was to vote on the streetlight resolution was posted less than 7 days before the vote. Reid's point of order was sustained. Reid stated that he was concerned that the softer lights would not be bright enough to guide walkers and runners in the dark and agreed to discuss his concerns about the street light resolution with Kristen. The meeting moved on to discussion of the new bylaws.

Lisa Harris recommended a motion to vote on the bylaws revision published in the July 2022 Pecan Press after the members considered votes on the proposed amendments. Each of the proposed amendments would be voted on separately. Discussion included the amendment Duncan Meisel proposed related to Hyde Park's history as a segregated community and the taking of steps to remedy and change that legacy. After further discussion, a motion was made to table the vote on this amendment, which was seconded. The vote to table this amendment was a tie, and therefore, the motion failed to pass. Discussion then continued to clarify that the disagreement was over a goal stated in the amendment. Duncan agreed to remove the "and remedy" language from the amendment. The amendment was adopted by a majority.

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The following amendments were all proposed by Karen McGraw. One amendment stated that it was a goal of HPNA to preserve historically significant features as well as buildings in Hyde Park. The next amendment clarified that it was HPNA's goal to address zoning as well as development codes affecting Hyde Park and surrounding areas. The next amendment concerned the preservation standards affecting Hyde Park and specified that those standards include Hyde Park's NCCDs, the Local Historic District, and the Hyde Park National Register District. All of these amendments were approved.

Karen McGraw's next amendment related to the procedures the Development Review Committee and the Steering Committee would follow when reviewing development cases. Kevin Heyburn spoke against the resolution. Reid Long moved to table the resolution and suggested that the resolution could come back for a vote at HPNA's November meeting. Kevin Heyburn seconded the motion and the motion to table was adopted by a majority.


Karen's final amendment was to maintain the Preservation Committee as a standing committee rather than an ad hoc committee. Lorre Weidlich offered a friendly amendment to change the committee name from Preservation Committee to Historic Preservation Committee. Kevin Heyburn explained that the Steering Committee could appoint an ad hoc committee to serve the purpose of the Preservation Committee and argued that HPNA should not create a permanent committee in the by-laws. Furthermore, Kevin argued that the duties of this committee could also be assigned to the Development Review Committee. The amendment for adding a permanent Historic Preservation Committee to the bylaws was opposed by a majority.

Lisa Harris proposed to vote on the adoption of the proposed bylaws and all of the amendments to the by-laws with the exception of the tabled amendment. The bylaws, as published in the July 2022 *Pecan Press*, with the proposed amendments, were adopted by a majority. The final vote was 20 to 1.

After conferring with Kristen Remeza, Reid Long withdrew his point of order on the street light resolution. The membership then adopted Kristen's street light resolution by a majority vote.

Kevin made the following announcements. HPNA will have elections for HPNA officers and Steering Committee members at the HPNA November General Meeting. Kevin listed the proposed candidates: Kevin Heyburn, President; Kathy Jackson, co-Vice President; Suzanna Walker, co-Treasurer; Lisa Harris, Immediate Past President; and for the Steering Committee,

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Stephen Gonzalez and Marsha Riti. Kevin said the Nominations Committee is still looking for candidates for co-Secretary and for a Steering Committee slot.

Kevin explained that the cruise cars folks are driving around the neighborhood are future self-driving cars being given test drives. Reid Long announced the get-out-the-vote event that meets every Saturday for the upcoming November local, state, and federal elections. Chris Wooster reminded HPNA members to register to vote by October 11.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

— Submitted by Katie Turner

Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



Not All Plastic Bags Are Created Equal!

It can be so frustrating to want to put your plastic bags into the plastic bag collection bins only to learn that there are certain plastic bags that cannot be recycled. This edition of Lettuce Recycle will help reveal the mystery of these plastic bags.

There are several examples of plastic bags that must go into the trash bins. They are as follows:

- Frozen food and pre-washed salad bags are specially treated to keep the frozen food from getting freezer burn and to keep the salad fresh longer. This special treatment prevents these bags from being recyclable.
- Bags that contained fertilizer are contaminated and cannot be recycled.
- Bags that contained heavy materials such as soil, mulch, and compost are treated with special polymers to handle weight. Those polymers make these bags non-recyclable.

For more information on the plastic bag collection bins, go to <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>.

Another Plastic Mystery: Hard Plastics

Hard plastics can be placed in the blue recycling bin – but, what are hard plastics? Here are some examples of the hard plastics that can be put into the recycling bin: laundry baskets, plastic outdoor furniture, kiddie swimming pools, cat litter buckets (metal handles removed), and pet carriers (metal removed). Some of these items do not have a recycling symbol on them.

These items must fit into the blue bin. If the items are too big to fit into the blue bin, you will need to take them to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.



Haiku

Aphids are in the trees
Having their way with all our leaves
Ladybugs, it's time to feast

— Doug Simmer

Why Lettuce Recycle?

I have written "Lettuce Recycle" every month for over six years, some months reaching 20,000 families through the various neighborhood newsletters in which it is published. I have always been passionate about recycling and I feel recycling education is the key to recycling successfully. Every recycling market can be different. However, thanks to my contacts at the city, Compost By Gosh, and



Balcones Resources, I am able to provide the most accurate and current recycling information possible. Below are some questions I receive frequently. I think it is important to keep providing answers to them.

Do I need to remove the labels on the plastic bags that go into the plastic bag collection bins? Yes, these labels need to be removed.

Do I need to separate the lids from glass and plastic bottles? All glass jars need to have their lids removed. Keep all plastic lids on plastic bottles and containers. All lids smaller than a credit card need to go into the trash. All lids larger than a credit card should go into the blue bin.

Can the wax-type milk and juice cartons go into the blue bin? No, they are made of layers of materials that cannot be separated for recycling.

Do I need to take the tape off my cardboard amazon boxes? No, you do not.

**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.

Homes Tour...

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This year's tour features the following highlights of Hyde Park:

- The Baker School, 1911. This school is located on land that was part of the original "Park" in Hyde Park. Owned by Alamo Draffhouse since 2018, the building underwent extensive restoration in 2019.
- The Mansbendel-Williams House, 1934. Built by Peter Mansbendel for his daughter Valerie and her husband William T. Williams as a wedding present, the house was constructed by William Kutalek and remains the same today except for a back addition added in 1950.
- The Brownlee House, 1911. This elegant house stood alone mid-block for 10 years. Mrs. May Banford Brownlee commissioned Simon Gillis to build the house. The exterior took the form of an American Foursquare bungalow. With its symmetry, its high peaked roof, and its expansive colonnaded front porch, the house possesses a classical grace.
- The Bell-Smith House, 1895. The cottage that Thaddeus and Florence Bell built is an excellent example of the folk Victorian style: a simple carpenter-built structure embellished with Victorian detailing that became available through mail order via the expanding American railroad system.
- The Hodnette-McKesson House, 1908. This house was built for Milton J. Hodnette and designed by Charles H. Page, Senior, who later designed the Littlefield Building and the Travis County Courthouse. The house is a fine Prairie Style bungalow and shows the strong influence of Frank Lloyd Wright, particularly in the wide overhangs, low-profile hipped roof, and dominant horizontal lines.
- El Naranjal, 1982. The name of this house was inspired by a legendary lost hacienda in northern Mexico and the orange orchard from which it took its name. The home has been a work in progress since 1982. El Naranjal responds to the romantic spirit of Formosa, Elisabet Ney's home and studio, both in scale and in the use of masonry construction.
- The **Edgar von Boeckmann House**, 1907. Designed by Leo M. J. Diehlman, the house shows strong Colonial Revival and Classical Revival influences. Victorian and Prairie style influences are also evident, especially in the interior plan and detailing. A major renovation and restoration by architect Jay Farrell was completed in 2005.

Hyde Park really is a village within a city, rich with architecture and history. The Home Tour is the only fundraising event put on by the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. Proceeds support neighborhood events and beautification projects.

– Kip Dollar

Lizard Blood...

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chasing a yummy roach when it became stuck, with its gill-like scales not allowing it to back out.

We gently lifted the critter and the steel collar to a table and began what we hoped would be a successful extraction. But again, there was a lot of lizard blood.

Texas spiny lizards are insectivorous, meaning they eat mostly insects such as beetles, grasshoppers, pill bugs, and the like. Like all reptiles, Texas spiny lizards are ectotherms or so-called "cold-blooded" animals, meaning they depend on outside sources for body heat. Gardeners love them.

Using a butter knife and Neosporan cream as a lubricant, we slooowly pushed back the critter's individual gill-like scales until it was finally free!

Moni, being something of herpetologist, has a pet hognose snake, a *Heterodon nasicus*, named Delta. "No Step on Snek!" is apparently a comedic rendition of the Gadsden Flag's motto, "Don't Tread on Me," popular with her friends a third my age.

Spiny lizards are very popular in Hyde Park because – besides looking like something conjured up in some wizardly on-line game – they eat lotsa roaches. Go spiny lizards!

We released the little fellow into the graceful bamboo grove (*Bambusa textilis gracilis*) and watched as it slowly made its way to a better life.

Then we washed the lizard blood – so much lizard blood! – off our hands and high fived.

– Jim Ellinger



Word Find Answers from page 7

- 1) COMPLICATED; 2) HEY YA;
- 3) PAPER; 4) PLANES; 5) BYE BYE
- BYE; 6) ONE MORE TIME;
- 7) HOLLABACK GIRL; 8) DROP IT
- LIKE ITS HOT; 9) YELLOW;
- 10) MR BRIGHTSIDE; 11) PARTY
- STARTED; 12) TAKE ME OUT;
- 13) UMBRELLA; 14) BOOTYLICIOUS;
- 15) YEAH; 16) DON'T LIE;
- 17) GET UR FREAK ON; 18) CRAZY
- IN LOVE; 19) TOXIC; 20) MISERY
- BUSINESS; 21) HOT IN HERRE





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