

# November Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 3, 2014

**Where:** The Griffin School  
5001 Evans Avenue

*Note: HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month.*

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for November 3

- ◆ Presentation on proposed restaurant at 4500 Speedway
- ◆ Discussion and vote regarding resolution on City Council accessory dwelling unit resolutions (see "Voting Matters," p. 3)
- ◆ Discussion and vote on letter of appreciation to city officials who supported funding to rebuild Shippe and Govalle Pools (see "Voting Matters," p. 3)
- ◆ Announcements

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## Local School Celebrates 75 Years

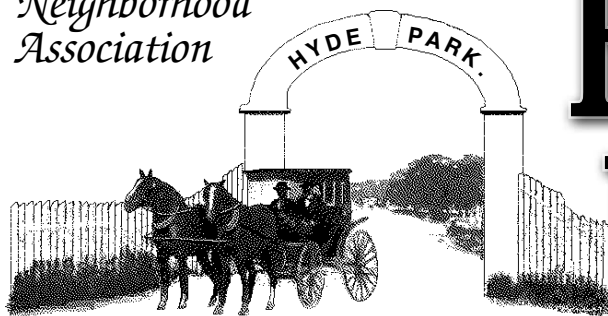
Lee Elementary, serving students from the Hyde Park, Hancock, North University and Eastwood neighborhoods, celebrated its 75th anniversary on the Lee campus on October 2. With an attendance of about 600 current, former, and future Lee students, families, and staff, the celebration was a resounding success.

During the two-hour event, alumni from the 1940s up through the 2010s roamed the school's hallways, checking out old classrooms and viewing yearbooks and artifacts from each decade. Visitors could also view art work from current students that depicted important people and events over the past 75 years.

Outside, under the Live Oaks, current Lee parents and Texas musicians, Bruce Robison and Hayes Carll, played a small concert as people of all ages gathered, reconnected, and reminisced about their

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## The Hyde Park Homes Tour Heads North of 45th Street

The 38th Annual Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour will take place Sunday, November 9, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Six beautifully renovated homes are featured on this year's tour. They include a restored City of Austin landmark property that is a rare example of a brick Arts and Crafts house, a tiny 1939 bungalow



4507 Avenue D, photo by Liz Williams

that was expanded rather than demolished by its architect owner, a 1925 board and batten style cottage that has had only two owners, two 1935 bungalows that reflect their owners' creativity and world travels, and a 1910 Victorian that was removed from the UT area in the 1950s and has been twice saved from demolition.

Since the tour extends from Avenue D to Caswell and from 45th to 53rd Streets, we encourage visitors to embrace the theme "A Ride Through Hyde Park" by riding a bicycle to fully experience the beautiful neighborhood and the crisp fall weather. Those who do not have their own bikes may rent one at the tour headquarters. RSVPs for bike rentals are suggested and may be made at the tour website. A complimentary bus will also circle the tour route.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online and on the day of the tour at The Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue. In addition to being the event headquarters, the school is also featured on the tour, as it has been transformed and repurposed from its original use as a Methodist Church.

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# From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



It's that time of year again, when neighborhood activities follow each other in quick succession, winding up with our holiday party in December. Coming as they do in conjunction with election time and a general pickup in activity due to cooler weather, they foretell a busy period during autumn and early winter. Our Fire Station Festival is our annual turning inward, celebrating what we as a community have achieved over the 40 years of the revival of our neighborhood. Our Homes Tour is our annual turning outward, displaying our rich history and architecture to the public.

## Fire Station Festival

This year's festival was once again a wonderful occasion for both children and adults. Good food, good company, costumes, and a sense of celebration added up to a great event. As we always do, we recognized our fire fight-

ers and we recognized the people who have contributed to our community. We want to thank Deaton Bednar and her dedicated team of volunteers for an occasion enjoyed by all.

## Hyde Park Homes Tour

Everyone in Hyde Park has heard of Col. Monroe Shipe, Elisabeth Ney, and Shadow Lawn, but how many Hyde Parkers have heard of W.T. Caswell, J.J. Hegman, and Patterson Heights? This year, we begin to mine the rich history and architecture of the area north of 45th Street in our first Homes Tour that focuses entirely on that area. Carolyn Grimes and her team have been working on this tour for many months; and we encourage everyone both to volunteer as a docent, ticket seller, or other participant and to take the tour and learn some of the lesser-known history of Hyde Park.

## Congratulations to Dorothy Richter

Hyde Park has always been familiar with the achievements of Dorothy Richter, the "Mayor of Hyde Park," and we've always appreciated them. Now the City of Austin joins us in that recognition: on October 22, Dorothy was inducted into the Austin Women's Hall of Fame, an honor long overdue. We extend our congratulations to her and hope for her continuing success and contributions to the community.

— Kevin Heyburn  
& Lorre Weidlich  
HPNA Co-Presidents



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# Voting Matters at the Upcoming HPNA Meeting

The following drafts of two items will be discussed and voted on at the general meeting on November 3:

## A Letter of Thanks

To Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Council Members Laura Morrison, Kathie Tovo, Mike Martinez, Chris Riley, and Bill Spelman; PARD Director Sara Hensley, Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley, Aquatics Manager Cheryl Bolin, and PARD Staff:

On behalf of the local community, the members of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association would like to express our gratitude to this City Council for the approval of a Parks and Recreation Department budget that sets aside \$6.2 million to renovate or replace both Shipe and Govalle pools.

Neighborhood parks and pools provide an essential public service and are assets to our communities. In addition to the reprieve they provide during hot summer months, local pools are a safe social setting for children during summer recess, an opportunity for young adults to learn life-saving techniques as lifeguards, and a gathering place for neighbors.

Thank you for your dedication to our parks system and to Shipe Pool. We're excited to see the results of your commitment to restore our neighborhood pool.

Enthusiastically,  
HPNA Officers

## A Resolution on City Council ADU Resolutions

City Council resolutions concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) should not override the neighborhood planning process or neighborhood plans. Therefore the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association does not support a city-wide or blanket policy change pertaining to the construction of ADUs, such as the Martinez-Riley resolution passed by the City Council on June 12, 2014. We see our neighborhood plan, which grew out of a process of civic participation, as central to maintaining the character and the quality of life of our neighborhood.



## Monthly Calendar November

- 3 — HPNA General Meeting
- 6 — Hyde Park Homes Tour
- 10 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 14 — Recycling Collection
- 28 — Recycling Collection

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment	2014-15 Membership	HPNA Membership Info
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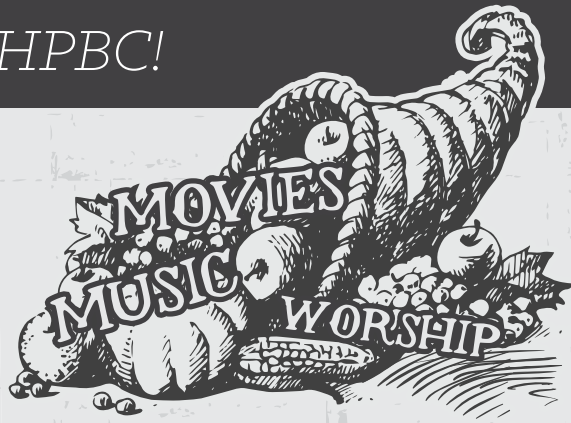
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**Please Vote:** This publication urges all eligible voters in the neighborhood to vote on or before Tuesday November 4. Apart from races at the federal level, crucial state, county, and city positions are up for election, including bond propositions on such matters as transportation and Austin Community College. The ballot will be challengingly long. This election of course will also inaugurate a new governance structure in Austin, with all the questions and uncertainties that will bring. This election is too important to leave it up to others to decide.



**Fire Station Festival:** We have every confidence that the festival on October 19 was a great success, but the event happened too late for a report in this issue. Coverage, including photos, announcements of winners and honorees, and expressions of thanks to volunteers and sponsors, will appear in the December issue.



**Mark Your Calendars:** The annual Hyde Park Holidays Party will take place Sunday, December 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Elisabet Ney Museum. Drinks and refreshments will be served. Leave a wish on the Wish Tree! If you would like to volunteer to help with the party, please contact Tammy Young at [tammy@realtyaustin.com](mailto:tammy@realtyaustin.com) or 512-695-6940.



**Pecan Press News:** The editor warmly welcomes Deaton Bednar to this publication's Advisory Board. She joins Grant Thomas, Lisa Harris, and Kevin Heyburn. That's an impressive crew, to say the least. On another note, readers might be wondering where the minutes of the October HPNA general meeting are. They were not submitted for publication. And lastly, several very reasonably-minded neighbors mentioned that they found a passage in a recent article to be offensive. Others must have, too. The editor apologizes for this oversight. Although he didn't originally read the passage as offensive, it is his duty to make sure that the publication remains free of passages that might be taken as offensive. Passionate advocacy is fine, but the language and tone must remain civil and respectful. The editor promises to be more vigilant.



**Opportunity To Support Austin's Architectural and Cultural Past:** Inherit Austin, a membership group within Preservation Austin, will host its fifth annual "Somewhere in Time" fundraising dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5 at Formosa, the onetime home and studio of sculptor Elisabet Ney (304 East 44th Street). Guests can enjoy drinks and dinner under the stars and tour the historic property purchased in 1892 by Ney, which became a gathering place for influential

Texans drawn to "Miss Ney" and stimulating discussions of politics, art and philosophy. Following Ney's death in 1907, her friends preserved the studio and its contents as the Elisabet Ney Museum. Since 1941, Formosa has been a property of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Tickets are \$100 per guest. Purchase tickets and sponsorships (with generous benefits) at <http://preservationaustin.org>.



**Host International Students:** Simply International is a local business that helps international students at UT and other local colleges find housing, furniture, transportation, and cell phones. Many students from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East want to live with families near the UT campus. Hosting a student for one semester or two pays cultural dividends in addition to the \$700 per month compensation. Common questions can be answered at <http://SimplyInternational.com> under "Become a Host." Those interested in informally exploring the possibilities with a knowledgeable neighbor can contact Travis Vilmont at [tvilmont@gmail.com](mailto:tvilmont@gmail.com) or 831-731-0718.



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AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE	1,916 SF	1,624 SF	-15.24%
AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$263.06	\$289.17	9.93%
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	51 DAYS	34 DAYS	17 DAYS LESS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 04/08/2014 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.



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# Lee Elementary Celebrates... ...cont'd from page 1



Attendees celebrate the school's birthday, photo by Deric Garza.

time at Lee. Local food trucks sold food and visitors were treated to a Lee-themed anniversary cake by Lee parent Paloma Efron of Coco Paloma Desserts, French macarons by Lee parent Tracey Cole of Cookie Peace, and dark chocolate truffle lollipops by Lee parent Steve Lawrence of the Chocolate Makers Studio.

Current Lee principal John Hewlett, PTA president Kim Brackin, past president of the Lee PTA and Austin Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, and former Lee principal Mary Lou Clayton, who served Lee for 22 years, spoke at the event and talked about what makes Lee a special place.

Robert E. Lee was built in 1939 among large, old Live Oak trees on Waller Creek, three blocks north of the University of Texas campus. The first students attended Lee in September of 1939. It was the first AISD School fueled by natural gas instead of coal.

Over the years several renovations and additions have been completed for the Lee campus. The fact that Lee is bounded by Waller Creek means that expansion in portable buildings has not been an option, so the school has remained small. Currently, Lee serves around 400 students.

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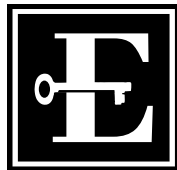
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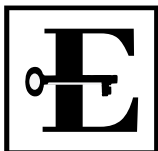


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Parking for the tour will be available at the school, with additional parking after 12 p.m. at Ridgetop Baptist Church located at 708 E. 51st Street.



**Homes Tour Headquarters:** The Griffin School at 5001 Evans.



5402 Avenue C

The homes tour is the largest fundraiser for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and hundreds of volunteers annually join together to plan and showcase our historic neighborhood. Once again the tour is generously presented by Suzanne Pringle of Kuper Sotheby's International Realty and is also supported by sponsors and ticket sales.



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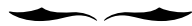


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**All Homes Tour photos by Liz Williams.**

Additional information about the tour may be found at [www.hydeparkhometour.org](http://www.hydeparkhometour.org); and questions may be directed to Homes Tour chair, Carolyn Grimes at [cgrimes@cbunited.com](mailto:cgrimes@cbunited.com) or 512-426-3559.

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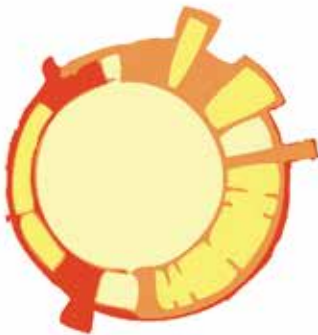


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Another velvet morning  
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Will it rain, the moisture adhere,  
Caressing flora the way the velvet  
Touches my skin?

Rain and sun, together,  
Water, light, and heat,  
Rise, disperse, and steaming,  
Filling space between earth and sky,  
Filling air between the night and day,  
Expands until it overflows,  
Seeping into the night,

Softening the edges of the stars,  
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Rising behind a flaming yellow,  
No, orange, or red, or all three  
In a cacophony of color  
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followed by a fall. Maybe that's  
why artists are never saints:  
they ride that state until there's  
nothing left and then plunge into  
the existential sea, melted wings  
flailing. Is this just me? Am  
I the only one not doing it right?  
Maybe it's the desire to create  
that topples us, that one thing  
we won't let go of, that urge  
deep as bone. The Goddess smiles.  
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— Huffstickler (at Dolce Vita)  
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