

July Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, July 11, 2016

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for July 11

- Vote: Confirm new HPNA Treasurer
- Vote: Austin State Hospital Resolution
- Vote: Speed Limit Resolution
- Vote: Shipe Pool Size Resolution
- Shipe Pool Re-Design Presentation by Design Workshop

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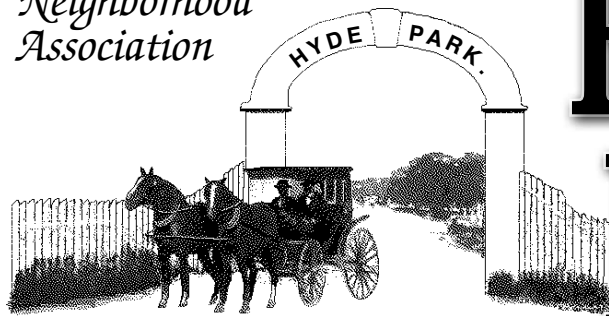
Seek and You Shall Find – But Not Necessarily Where You Thought!

I approached the re-siding of my house from the perspective of the old adage, "Seek and you shall find" when I started the effort, but then discovered that I had to add, "It might not be where you thought you were going!" For the three years after purchasing the house, I had faced the dilemma of replacing the existing siding. Having lived in a Historic Landmark house in Aldridge Place (NUNA) for 36 years, primarily with my late husband Clarke, I had a great deal of knowledge about restoring and maintaining Spanish-style stucco houses with tile roofs, but my information about 100-year-old Craftsman-style homes in Hyde Park was sorely lacking.

When I found out, after purchasing my house, that the blue covering was vinyl, I realized that, at some point, I wanted to have it removed, both from the aesthetic

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Why ASH Matters

The Texas Constitution of 1845 mandated public funding for the treatment of the mentally ill. A decade later,



construction began on its first hospital in a park on the edge of the prairie. The Texas State Lunatic Asylum was the product of a reform movement that believed mental illness could be cured

with treatment that included a healthy lifestyle in a stress-free natural setting.

As therapy and to cut operating costs, patients helped grow food and raise livestock. To create a self-sufficient community, later improvements included a carpenter shop, ice factory, power plant, and cemetery. The campus was beautifully landscaped to serve both patients and the public and contained a sizable deer population. Families and courting couples walked the shaded paths, took carriage rides, and rowed on lakes stocked with fish. For recreation, there was a dance hall and bandstand, and local families came to campus to enjoy outdoor movie nights during the summer months. As recently as the 1950s, the grounds contained employee housing. Other hospital workers lived across Guadalupe in small cottages on Avenues A and B.

Renamed the Austin State Hospital (ASH) in 1925, it is the oldest continuously operating mental health facility west of the Mississippi. The campus footprint remains, but many historic structures were demolished in a modernization project during the 1960s and '70s. The campus is still open to the public and visitors are welcome. The Administration building, begun in 1857, is listed on the National Register of Historic

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We have a lot of ground to cover at July's HPNA meeting. We will be asking the membership to vote on resolutions concerning renovations to Shipe Pool, reductions to neighborhood speed limits, and options for the possible future development at the Austin State Hospital.

First, changes are coming for Shipe Pool. The City of Austin designated 3.1 million dollars to repair the leaks and other flaws in the 82-year-old pool, thus saving it from possible closure. However, in addition to the much needed repairs, the City's Parks and Recreation Department intends to use the allocated money to add bathroom facilities, decks, and shade areas. The new pool design also includes moving the children's wading pool next to the main pool. Finally, the new pool design currently contains a controversial proposal to reduce the main pool's length from 100 feet to 75 feet, thereby making the Shipe Pool consistent in size with similar pools in Austin. Many users of the pool do not want to see Shipe Pool reduced by 25%, as it would make an already crowded recreational

space even more crowded. Therefore the HPNA Steering Committee will be proposing a resolution calling on the City not to implement a design for Shipe Pool that reduces the surface area of the pool from its current 4,000 square feet and not to reduce the size of the children's pool.

The Steering Committee will also be proposing a resolution to reduce speed limits within the neighborhood to 25 mph. Due to the influx of families with small children coupled with an aging population, traffic calming, especially in areas with incomplete or no sidewalks, has become essential within the neighborhood. However, right now four streets (43rd, 46th, Avenue B, and Avenue G) have speed limits of 30 mph. The steering committee is asking neighbors to vote on a resolution to call on the City to reduce the speed limits on all residential streets in Hyde Park to a safe, reasonable 25 mph.

Finally, we will vote on the future of the Austin State Hospital (ASH). Both of us attended a meeting on the future of the ASH campus. One very possible future for ASH is the State's sale of the 88-acre campus to a private developer or developers. If that happens, and

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Monthly Calendar July

- 8 — Recycling Pickup
- 9 — ArtSwap at Ney
- 11 — HPNA General Meeting
- 14 — Meet Her Hands with Arielle Austin at Ney
- 18 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 22 — Recycling Pickup
- 28 — Meet Her Hands with Jenn Hassin at Ney

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July Meeting Votes

Editor's Note: HPNA members will have the opportunity to vote on three resolutions and a new HPNA officer in July.

Nominating Committee Report

On January 16, 2016, Hyde Park lost a friend and neighbor. I. Jay Aarons served as co-Treasurer and volunteer for HPNA for too many years to count. As a CPA, he brought skill to the organization, especially with our annual budget, taxes, and management of funds.

Over the past several months the Nominating Committee has been searching for a volunteer to accept the duties and responsibilities of co-Treasurer. This officer position is unique because of the skills required and the need for continuity over time. We are pleased to announce that Suzanna Walker has stepped up to be nominated for the HPNA co-Treasurer position.

Suzanna moved to Hyde Park last year with her two children. While she resided in the Bouldin neighborhood for many years, she is no stranger to Hyde Park as she also happens to be Lee Walker's daughter.

Suzanna graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration and Professional Accounting. She has been a CPA since 2004. She worked for Ernst and Young for a few years, where her clients included non-profits. Currently she has a private accounting practice.

For the past several months, the help of Mark Fishman, the other HPNA co-Treasurer, has been invaluable during this sad transition. In addition, Lorre Weidlich took charge of the bookkeeping until we could elect a new co-Treasurer. HPNA appreciates the time and effort they both have given.

At this time, we would like to nominate Suzanna Walker for the position of co-Treasurer. On Monday, July 11, the membership will vote on this nomination at our regular monthly meeting.

— Kathy Lawrence

Shipe Pool Resolution

WHEREAS a high volume of swimmers use the Shipe Pool Facility, and the Shipe Pool Facility is popular with families from all over the City of Austin;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association opposes any reduction in the surface areas of either the recreation/lap pool at the Shipe Pool Facility or the associated children's activity pool and requests that the surface area of each pool not be reduced in any new proposed pool design.

Speed Limit Resolution

WHEREAS Hyde Park is a residential neighborhood close to the University of Texas and highly frequented by pedestrians and bicyclists; AND

WHEREAS the streets of Hyde Park are without a fully connected sidewalk grid; AND

WHEREAS pedestrians - including children - and bicycle traffic must mix with automobiles traveling on narrow, unstriped roads that have cars parked along both sides; AND

WHEREAS an audit of City of Austin speed limit records reveals that a number of residential streets in Hyde Park permit speeds of 30 MPH often resulting in commuters traveling in excess of 30 MPH; AND

WHEREAS studies of pedestrians involved in accidents with automobiles show that serious injury is more likely to occur at higher speeds;

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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.
- 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.austinydepark.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@grandecom.net.
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.
- Send your contributions to Kid's Corner to Jessica Charbeneau at ppkidscorner@yahoo.com.

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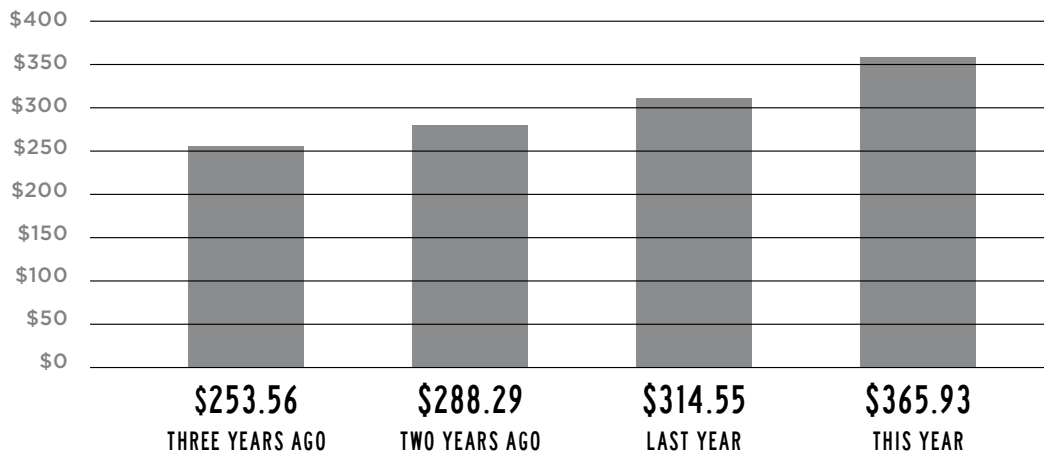
SAM ARCHER

Until the 1880's, the Texas State Fair took place in Hyde Park. More than a century later, that same historic section of the city is once again attracting crowds as one of the most in-demand neighborhoods in all of Austin. I have lived in Hyde Park for 20 years and witnessed the area transform into a beautiful community that has seen a sweeping boost in property values and quality of life over the past decade. Whether you're looking to buy or sell a house here, my expertise and experience regarding the rich history of the homes in this classic Austin neighborhood will help ease the stress of the realty process. Contact me if you have questions or need any help planning your move.

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Max Irby Receives a Check from Co-President Kevin Heyburn, with Co-President Reid Long (left) and Lifeguard Sponsorship Administrator Adrian Skinner

2016 Lifeguard Sponsorship Wrap-Up. With the opening of Shipe Pool, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has wrapped up the second year of our Lifeguard Sponsorship program. This year, Hyde Park was fortunate to have two young adults step forward to complete the City of Austin Aquatics Department lifeguard training and certification course and become lifeguards. A special congratulations and a big Thank You go out to locals Max Irby and Nicholas Ryland for their achievement and HPNA sponsorship award. Under the program, Max and Nicholas receive reimbursement for the course cost and equipment necessary to serve our community at Austin pools. If you're at a pool this summer, thank a lifeguard – our pools wouldn't be open without them!



An Update about One Two East. The Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods (OCEAN) and Robertson Hill Neighborhood Association (RHNA) are grateful to all the neighborhood associations and community groups that stood with them in April to oppose any increase in height or FAR for the One Two East site. On April 14, 2016, at the request of the applicant's consultant, Drenner Group, the case was postponed to August 4, 2016. On April 27, 2016, OCEAN and RHNA representatives met with Steve Drenner and Jewels Watson of Drenner Group at their request. Following is their account of the meeting.

“We anticipated they would share additional project details beyond the changes described in the postponement memo but we were not presented new materials for consideration. Instead, we were asked whether we would continue to fight the zoning request as currently proposed. We reviewed the reasons why Central East neighborhoods oppose any additional entitlements for the site. Mr. Drenner indicated he would be in touch in a few weeks after his clients made a decision whether to proceed with the amended request for 4.9:1 FAR (down from 5:1) or move forward on redevelopment under the site's current entitlements. On May 16, 2016, OCEAN contacted Mr. Drenner to request an update, including whether and when we might expect new materials so Robertson Hill residents and other Central East stakeholders are able to review them and comment in a thoughtful manner. Mr. Drenner replied on May 20, 2016 that ‘No final decision has been made at this point’ and he would let us know when one is made. As of May 31, we have received no further response from Drenner Group.”



An Update about Shipe Pool Redesign. The third and final meeting devoted to the redesign of Shipe Pool took place at Griffin School on June 7. The design team presented attendees with two designs. Both featured a lap/recreation pool 75' in length, an activity pool (of a different size in each design), bathrooms, deck space, shade structures, and two entrances. Attendees responded with strong objections to the reduction in pool size. The design team explained that the size was mandated by the city of Austin, to standardize the size of neighborhood pools across the city. A lengthy and intense discussion ensued. If you are concerned about the issue, please attend the July HPNA meeting, where members will have the opportunity to vote on a related resolution. See “July Meeting Votes” on page 3. To view the presentation, see www.design-workshop.app.box.com/s/crzk9rpt2oendnos9eqaf0vxb4nww4xo/. To provide feedback, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/shipeconcept.

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association requests all residential streets (except Duval Street and 45th Street) currently allowing 30 MPH be reduced to the residential standard of 25 MPH.

Citation: "...the average risk of severe injury for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle reaches 10% at an impact speed of 16 mph, 25% at 23 mph, 50% at 31 mph, 75% at 39 mph, and 90% at 46 mph. The average risk of death for a pedestrian reaches 10% at an impact speed of 23 mph, 25% at 32 mph, 50% at 42 mph, 75% at 50 mph, and 90% at 58 mph." (www.aaafoundation.org/sites/default/files/2011PedestrianRiskVs-Speed.pdf)

Austin State Hospital Resolution

WHEREAS the Austin State Hospital (ASH) is of unique historic importance to the State of Texas as the oldest continuously operating mental health facility west of the Mississippi River; AND

WHEREAS the ASH Administration building, constructed in 1857, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; AND

WHEREAS ASH and the Hyde Park neighborhood have enjoyed over 100 years of a mutually beneficial relationship as a source of employment and recreational space; AND

WHEREAS the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan (HPNP), adopted in agreement with the City of Austin in 2000 and included in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan of 2012, affirms the goal of maintaining the historic relationship between Hyde Park and ASH; AND

WHEREAS the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has been involved in the planning process of nearby development projects, including Central Park, Central Market, the Heart Hospital, Gables, and the Triangle; AND

WHEREAS Hyde Park is one of the most densely populated areas of Austin with a critical need to preserve remaining public open space; AND

WHEREAS recent development near Hyde Park has substantially increased water runoff that has overtaxed its old infrastructure, resulting in flooded homes near the Guadalupe corridor;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association urges the preservation of ASH structures, trees, and campus character. We request action to preserve and restore the historic ASH Administration Building. Any future plans to develop any portion of the ASH property should be restricted to public use and should require the input of surrounding neighborhood stakeholders.

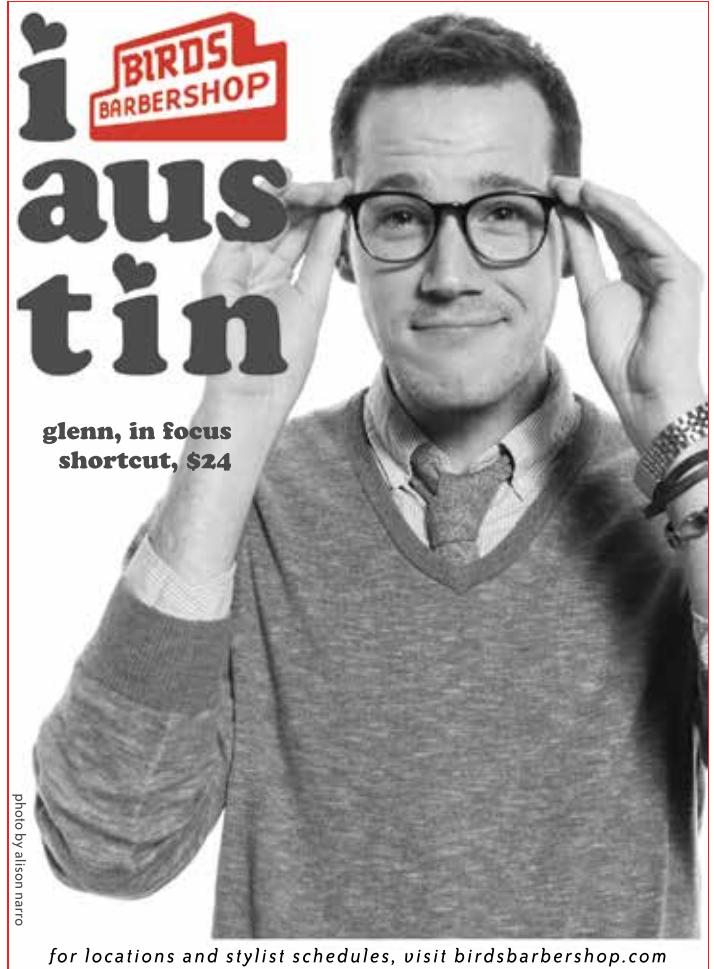
Moreover, any future plans should be compatible with the historic and residential character of Hyde Park, in accordance with the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan. Flood mitigation structures and improvements in the Hyde Park sewer system must be top priorities of any development plan.

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ASH is developed for private use, there will be considerable implications for Hyde Park. The Steering Committee will be proposing a resolution calling for keeping the ASH campus in public hands. The resolution will also call for the preservation of ASH's historic structures, trees, and campus character and no development of ASH property without input from the surrounding neighborhoods.

We hope you can attend July's meeting and vote on these resolutions. And we hope many of you were able to make it to this year's marvelous Shipe Pool Party on June 18. It was a great event and showed the popularity of the Shipe Pool, not only for families who live in Hyde Park but also for families from all over the City. That evening 482 folks splashed around, listened to music, and visited with friends under a lovely violet summer sky and a bright full moon. We want to thank Adam and Caroline Wilson, Jack and Jill Nokes, Mark Fishman, Allison Young, and all the other members of the Friends of Shipe Park for making the annual Shipe Pool Party a huge success.

— *Kevin Heyburn & Reid Long*
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The Feasibility Study for ASH: A Report on the Public Hearing

A public hearing on the feasibility study mandated by the Texas Legislature was held on June 15 at the Health and Human Services Commission headquarters. This hearing is the only one scheduled for Austin. The Commission will complete its report on the future of ASH by September 1 and make a recommendation to the Texas legislature. Attendees were asked to comment on six options prepared by Page Southerland, an architecture and engineering firm. Two options included consolidating ASH and the Austin State Supported Living Center (ASSLC) on W. 35th Street, a long-term care facility for the intellectually and developmentally disabled, on either campus and selling or leasing the vacated property. Option 3 was to move ASH to other state-owned land and sell or lease the ASH property. Option 4 was to replace the current ASH facility on a portion of the current campus and sell or lease the remaining land. Options 5 and 6 would relocate ASH and ASSLC to land not currently owned by the state and sell or lease the vacant campuses. Given the limited choices, many of the speakers had difficulty endorsing any, although Options 1 and 2 predominated. By far the most common message was to retain both campuses in their present locations.

Most of the comments were from staff and family members of ASSLC residents, a facility that has been under threat of closure by the Texas legislature. Some of the residents have lived at this facility for over fifty years. Speakers argued that the severely disabled require stability. Relocation of this facility, they contended, would result in trauma due to the loss of relationships with familiar staff as well the loss of their homes. Caregivers pointed to the proximity of supporting health services in central Austin and highlighted the many community activities enjoyed by residents as part of their therapy. One physician emphasized that the future Dell Medical School will be a valuable resource for both ASSLC and ASH.

Others spoke in support of keeping ASH in its present location. Some talked about the current state of knowledge on treating psychiatric illness and asserted that the recommendation to move both facilities away from central Austin represents a harmful and discredited model of treatment. Instead of isolating and stigmatizing the mentally ill, they contended, we need to keep patients within communities, and ASH is the perfect location. It lies on several public transportation routes that serve both staff and patients, and it is near to many services. Other speakers represented mental health nonprofit organizations,

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The first agenda item was the design for the new Shipe Pool. Adam Wilson summarized the first two meetings that solicited community input. He reported considerable push-back about the designs presented, including size, depth, kiddie pool placement, and changing rooms. The design team stated its willingness to revise the design, which will be presented on June 7. Questions and comments addressed pool designs at comparable Austin parks and explication of design requirements due to city codes.

A related issue is the delayed opening of the current Shipe Pool due to a lifeguard shortage. Discussion centered around the late start to lifeguard training until the completion of the school year. The city raised the posted lifeguard pay due to low interest. Adam Wilson suggested that AISD consider implementing for-credit certification programs during the school year. The city has assured the neighborhood that the Shipe Pool will be open for the annual pool party on June 18.

The next agenda item, presented by Adrian Skinner, was neighborhood speed limits. The issue was spurred by an inquiry from an HPNA member concerning a posted 30 mph limit on Speedway north of 45th Street. Co-President Reid Long reported that he investigated speed limits online using city information, and found that 30 mph limits are common. Discussion covered the safety concerns produced by a high number of pedestrians on neighborhood streets and inadequate sidewalks. Possible solutions discussed included alternative methods to slow down traffic, such as more stop signs, speed bumps, and additional traffic circles. One member reminded those present of the safety precaution that pedestrians should face traffic. An informal vote of those present found a consensus of support and no opposition for the Steering Committee to prepare a resolution to address ways to slow traffic in Hyde Park.

Announcements: The only feasibility comments session scheduled in Austin for the public to weigh in on the future of the Austin State Hospital (ASH) is on June 15. The Development Review Committee is seeking more members to help advise on building projects in the neighborhood. Please contact DRC chair David Conner at daypaycon@yahoo.com. The annual Flag Day parade will be held on June 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

– Submitted by Susan Marshall
Co-Secretary, HPNA



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Hyde Park Happenings

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Flag Day Parade

Left: Lawrence Becker carries the flag flown in his honor over Camp Leatherneck by his son, a Marine Commander.

Bottom left: An Indian Motorcycle flag, appropriately carried, joins flags ranging from a United Farmworkers flag to Tibetan prayer flags in the Flag Day Parade.

Bottom right: The usual Texas flag at the parade finish is flanked by an American flag and a rainbow flag in solidarity with the Orlando victims.



Shipe Pool Party

Right: Representatives from Friends of Shipe Park, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, and the Shipe Pool Design Team interact with partygoers.

Left: Swimmers pack Shipe Pool to enjoy the water and the toys.

Below: A balloon artist with an alligator headpiece entertains the kids.



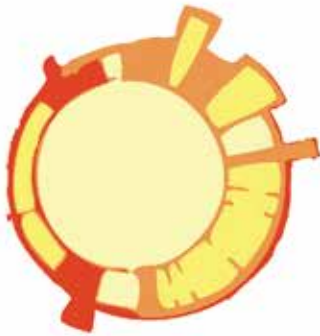
Ney Day

Right: Miss Lavelle White dazzles, visually and vocally.

Bottom right: Face painting is one of the arts demonstrated at Ney Day.

Below: Madi Ward displays aerial rope artistry.





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For the Red Layer:

2 cups halved, hulled strawberries

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1½ tablespoons lime juice

For the White Layer:

¾ cup full-fat plain yogurt

4½ tablespoons heavy cream

3 tablespoons granulated sugar

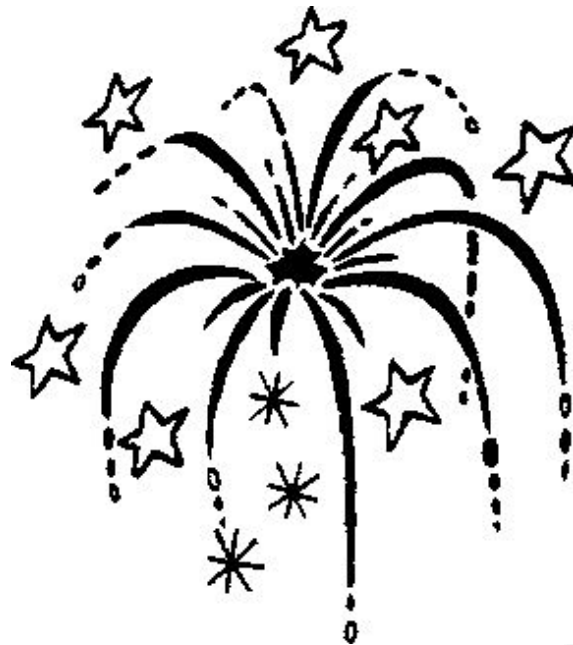
3 tablespoons lime juice

For the Blue Layer:

2 cups blueberries

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1½ tablespoons lime juice



Directions:

1. Make the red layer: In a blender, combine the strawberries, sugar, and lime juice. Puree, scraping down sides as needed. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing on solids; discard solids. Fill the ice-pop molds 1/3 of the way (you might have some strawberry puree leftover). Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.

2. Make the white layer: Whisk together the yogurt, cream, sugar, and lime juice in a small bowl. Remove the molds from the freezer and top with the yogurt mixture, filling each another 1/3 of the way. Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.

3. Make the blue layer: In a clean blender, combine the blueberries, sugar, and lime juice. Puree, scraping down sides as needed. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing on solids; discard solids. Remove molds from freezer; insert popsicle sticks through the white layer. Top with the blueberry puree (again, you might have some leftover puree), leaving ¼-inch of free space at the top of the molds. Freeze until solid, 3 hours or more (or up to 1 week). Just before serving, briefly run molds under hot water to release the pops.

(Recipe adapted from *Everyday Food* at www.browneyedbaker.com/red-white-and-blue-firecracker-popsicles/)



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News from the Ney

This summer, the Elisabet Ney Museum continues to explore uncharted programming territory, and July is no exception.

On Saturday, July 9, the museum will feature a totally unique new event, ArtSwap. Produced in collaboration with Big Medium, the creators of the East and West Austin Studio Tours, ArtSwap will gather artists from all over town for exactly what it sounds like: an art swap meet! Art, artist's tools, supplies, and more will be offered at tables for exchange with other artists and members of the public. Many will have "needs" lists with them. It's half yard sale, half performance art, in which art itself is the currency and commerce is an exchange of ideas, visions, beauty, and gear. Refreshments will be served and the museum will also be open for tours. The event will take place from 10 am to 2 pm, so come early.

Also, as mentioned in the June issue of *Pecan Press*, the museum has launched a summer series called "Meet Her Hands." At these soirees, artists are interviewed to discuss their work and process. Select examples of their art will be on display, and visitors can mingle and meet the artist after the program. The evenings run from 6:30 to 8:30 and, weather permitting, will be held outside. Meet Her Hands is presented in collaboration with #bossbabesATX, an Austin not-for-profit women's creative network.

On July 14, the museum will focus on Arielle Austin. Austin's work explores the intimate relationship between subject and viewer with layers, texture, and detail. She works primarily with paint, non-traditional materials, and dried flowers. From oil paintings of juxtaposed memories, flowing abstraction, and repurposed blooms, Austin's hope is to have viewers find a bit of themselves in each piece.

On July 28, the series will feature Jenn Hassin, whose work, *Receptacle*, graces the north side of the property. Blending a deep commitment to process with the essence of concept and meaning, Jenn's works echo cartography, biography, and community in a rich and profound way. Using rolled paper often made from clothing, her thoughtful pieces tell hundreds of tales at once. Jenn recently tied for Best Visual Artist in the *Austin Chronicle's* Best of Austin list. Her piece *Letters of Sacrifice* gained national attention and is on view at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

There's more to come in August – the Saturday Morning Drawing Salons start Saturday, August 6 – so like the Museum on Facebook or check the website for more details.

As always, these events are free to the public, so walk or ride over and enjoy!




Word Find: Late Night TV Hosts

I S T A Y U P G E T S L E E P Y
 C H A S E L L A O C M E Y E R S
 T A J L A M E M T E H E T N O T
 G R A I N R S M R S E E A H J E
 T R E E M Y S V M B A M V O A V
 S T A B N M G E A I R J H Y Y E
 R U R D L R Y H N E K N A T L A
 E X E A I O T F T I N Y T K E L
 V R U F W N C T A Y O E M J N L
 I F F Y A E E N C L V H A M O E
 R I M M E L T A E A L C A T I N
 N E A T E R R S C H K O L L Y J
 A S A V E S A K N P P A N E L S
 O L A N O R C A A O N E B O W L
 J D I N W I N A R A J A T T A R
 Z A N E D O R O V E R T U S H H

(The numbers in parentheses refer to the numbers of letters in the answers.)


1. S. Carolina's gift to late night. (7,7)
2. Erudite; used Candide theme for show. (4,6)
3. She burned bridges with JC. (4,6)
4. Walked off Tonight when joke was cut. (4,4)
5. He's Live! Late. (5,6) _____
6. She goes Full Frontal. (8,3) _____
7. Snubbed by NBC; makes it at CBS. (4,9) _____
8. Started Tonight. (5,5) _____
9. Left TDS to farm in NJ. (3,7) _____
10. with 11 – replaced Fallon on Late Night. (4) _____
11. see 10. (6) _____
12. The King of late night. (6,6) _____
13. Very late; smoked all night. (3,6) _____
14. Flopped at night; went back to flipping letters. (3,5) _____
15. Hosted Bill Clinton on sax. (7,4) _____
16. Replaced the King. (3,4) _____
17. with 18 - replaced Jon. (6) _____
18. see 17. (4) _____
19. with 20 - left SNL to flop late night. (5) _____
20. see 19. (5) _____
21. Replaced Leno. (5,6) _____
22. Also made Jeopardy. (4,7) _____

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Why ASH Matters... ...cont'd from page 1

Places. Preservation Texas has identified this structure as the most important unrestored antebellum building in the state. It seeks funding for restoration and the construction of public exhibition space to showcase the history of the hospital and the treatment of mental illness from the Civil War to the present. Numerous other historic buildings remain, such as the Black women's ward.

With growing traffic volume, inadequate sidewalks, and little park space, Hyde Park residents daily use the ASH campus for recreation. There are many paths for walking, running, and cycling. Neighbors bring their children here to ride their bikes safely away from traffic. Pecan Park, northwest of the Administration building, is a peaceful spot with two gliders and an old-fashioned roundabout for children - where you spin the wheel, jump on, and become delightfully dizzy. Nearby is a snack bar, the Nifty Fifty. As parkland and for its unique historic value as a testament to the visionary founders of our state, ASH is a gem that merits our protection. Once erased, historic buildings and parkland cannot be replaced, and the loss is felt long after the money is gone.

ASH admits about 4000 patients suffering from acute psychiatric illness each year. The campus contains both adult and adolescent units. On any given day, around 300 patients are in residence. About 900 hospital staff, including UT students, patronize local businesses and live nearby. The campus also houses non-profit organizations that serve the mentally disabled community, such as ASH Volunteer Services Commission (VSC), which hosts programs such as Pet Pard'ners, art classes, and parties for residents, and the Austin Clubhouse, which works to help those with severe and persistent mental illness transition to employment.

ASH is one of two central Austin properties currently under consideration for sale by the state. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan, an agreement with the city signed in 2000, affirms the importance of ASH to our neighborhood and asserts our interest as stakeholders in the future of this space. Given the ongoing controversy over the Grove development on similarly unzoned state land, the future of the ASH property merits our attention. These are some of the reasons ASH matters to its Hyde Park neighbors. More significantly, keeping ASH in central Austin is important to its clients, their families, and the mental health volunteers and professionals who serve them.

— Susan Marshall

For more on this topic, see the report on the June 15 public hearing on the feasibility study sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission on page 8 of this issue.



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A Historic Preservation... ...cont'd from page 1

point of view and from the point of view of improving the overall condition of the house. I made the erroneous conclusion, working hand-in-hand with my contractor of Edge Roofing and Remodeling, that the



Joan in Front of Her House in Progress, with the Asphalt Covering Revealed

three layers needed to be removed: the blue vinyl, the asphalt pseudo-brick directly beneath it, and the original wood, with the intent of replacing it with hardie plank siding in an attractive color choice. My initial cursory view of a small square of the original wood was misleading, because it did not appear to be the quality that I wanted for the entire, completed house. After removing the blue vinyl and the pseudo-brick, I discovered that the original plank wood was in great condition, although not insulated and requiring some removal of nail holes.

The intriguing aspect of this saga was my conversation with Nancy Weiss, whose family had owned the house since 1950. According to Kalan Contreras, my primary contact at the Austin Landmark Commission throughout the project, many of the houses in the city added the asphalt brick covering in the 1930s. In the case of my house, it was in 1957. I had learned, after buying the house and participating in the Hyde Park Homes Tour two years ago, that the Weiss family came to Austin to send their four children to the University of Texas. Nancy quoted her brother, who owns a farm outside the city, as saying, "It must have been a good year for the cotton gin production, so (our) parents had the funds to add the new layering." Somehow the original wood was protected and remained in almost pristine condition, with only a slight vestige of white paint. The mystery

to me is how the house remained in such good condition from 1916 to 1957, a 40-year span. There is no way to convey how surprised and delighted I was to find out about the actual condition of the house and to be able to restore it to its original state.

I wanted to share my story with other Hyde Park folks who might face similar decisions about old sidings but have some trepidation and are overall reluctant to tackle a possibly insurmountable job. What I love best about Hyde Park, as I often do, is that neighbors and passers-by watched the process and commented on its continual progress through this laborious undertaking. I too found myself driving around the neighborhood to check out colors and decorative embellishments that I might not have noticed before. I am reminded of why our neighborhood is so precious and why we value it as a critical part of restored central Austin. I love being part of an area that has put so much effort into making its old houses into truly lovely contributions to our city, so important in these days when cen-



The Restored Home

tral neighborhoods often feel under siege from efforts towards new construction and redevelopment. Historic districts provide a great deal of protection in that realm.

When I was looking to downsize, my friend Mary Ingle, neighborhood activist and president of the Austin Neighborhoods Council, advised me, "Joan, move to Hyde Park. You know people there and have shared values, and it is a historic district." I feel honored to have become a part of two central Austin adjacent neighborhoods that value historic preservation and are contributing significantly towards the vitality in the city.

— Joan Burnham



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Opinion: On the Renaming of Lee Elementary

“Lee Elementary”

From the time we began thinking about such things, we’ve known the local public elementary school. In general, people always said good things about Lee. We had never given the name much thought.

Then comes the first day you actually go see the building. As you approach the school from the northwest corner, you see the sign. Big letters. With pride. Robert E. Lee.

The merits of General Lee can be debated. Some see him as essentially honorable, a man who (as was often the case in nineteenth century America) identified more with his state, his Virginia, than with the United States as a whole, who followed his state into the Confederacy. He can also be seen as one who joined a rebellion against his own country, against the very army to which he had sworn allegiance.

But that doesn’t matter here.

Place names are evocative and depend on what the name evokes at the time of naming.

It is clear that in 1939, when the school was named, it was named Robert E. Lee for one reason and one reason only. This was the New Deal era. Some cracks of light had begun to shine through Jim Crow. The naming, though, was simple reaction. It was a declaration that this new school was for one group of students and only that group. Others might think that their options would expand. But not there. And not then. Segregation would endure. And if anyone forgot it, they would just have to look at the large letters above the main entrance.

Segregation would eventually end, but the name remained. Attempts were made to change it. Finally, enough people expended enough effort to gain enough support to get AISD to change that name. Seventy-seven years of an explicitly racist message greeting students, faculty, parents, and the community would now be over.

It was a remarkable effort.

ASH Hearing Report... ...cont’d from page 8

including substance abuse programs and those aiding the transition to independent living, that are currently located on the ASH campus; they pointed out that moving ASH would result in a serious deterioration of these support services. At least one speaker discussed her life-long struggle with mental illness and how important it has been to have easy access to ASH and its related campus services. The message to the Commission is that quality of treatment is more important than profits from land deals, and that investment should be made not in building new campuses away from the city but rather in improving both facilities to make them models for mental health care.

Naturally, such an esteemed local institution could not remain nameless. So the renaming process began. As names were courted, suggestions ranged from the whimsical to the absurd to the downright offensive (as was unfortunately picked up and relayed in publications spanning the globe). Three names emerged from those suggested as finalists. One was Bettie Mann, commemorating the first African-American teacher at the school (1968) who taught there for thirty-seven years and whose sons were its first African-American students. The second was Wheeler’s Grove, the name for the area two blocks from the school (now Eastwoods Park), where June-teenth Celebrations would be held, particularly among the freedmen’s community in the nineteenth century. The third name, the eventual “winner,” was Russell Lee.

Russell Lee was a significant figure in photojournalism. His stirring photographs, from the Depression era onwards, illustrated the often stark reality of the human condition in America. Later he would become the first photography instructor at the University of Texas in 1965 and a resident of Hyde Park.

Russell Lee was an important figure. And one certainly worthy of respect and honor.

But, to my mind, the main reason he was chosen as the school’s new eponym was his surname.

After all these decades, I suppose there’s something comforting about still being able to say “Lee Elementary.” But those who find the most comfort in it are likely those least entitled to that comfort. The surest way to repeat the injustices of the past is to just put them aside as inconvenient.

– Artie Gold

Word Find Answers

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C H A S E L L A O C M E Y E R S
T A I L A M E M T E H E T N O T
G R A I N S S M R S E E A H I E
T R E E M Y S V M B A M V O A V
S T A B N M G E A I R J H Y Y E
R U R D L R Y H N E K N A T L A
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V R U F W N C T A Y Q E M J N L
I F F Y A E E N C L V H A M O E
R I M M E L T A E A L C A T I N
N E A T E R R S C H K Q L L Y Y
A S A V E S A K N P P A N E L S
O L A N O R C A A Q N E B O W L
J D I N W I N A R A J A T T A R
Z A N E D O R O V E R T U S H H

- 1)STEPHEN COLBERT; 2)DICK CAVETT; 3)JOAN RIVERS; 4)JACK PAAR; 5)JIMMY KIMMEL; 6)SAMANTHA BEE; 7)DAVE LETTERMAN; 8)STEVE ALLEN; 9)JON STEWART; 10)SETH ; 11)MEYERS; 12)JOHNNY CARSON; 13)TOM SNYDER; 14)PAT SAJAK; 15)ARSENIO HALL; 16)JAY LENO; 17)TREVOR; 18)NOAH; 19)CHEVY; 20)CHASE; 21)JIMMY FALLON; 22)MERV GRIFFIN

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