

May Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 4, 2015

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 May 4

- ◆ **Potluck Dinner!**
Please bring your favorite dish and enjoy some dinner with neighbors.
- ◆ **Local Business Spotlight**
- ◆ **CodeNEXT Presentation by Jeff Jacks, Land Development CAG**
- ◆ **Announcements**

See You There!

HPNA Announces a Lifeguard Sponsorship Program

Calling all young adults interested in becoming lifeguards!

Last year, a shortage of lifeguards delayed the opening of almost half of Austin's public pools. The City of Austin and Hyde Park rely on the ambition and good nature of young adults to fill summer lifeguard positions at city pools. Lifeguards perform an important service to the community - protecting us as we frolic in the water - while earning an hourly wage.

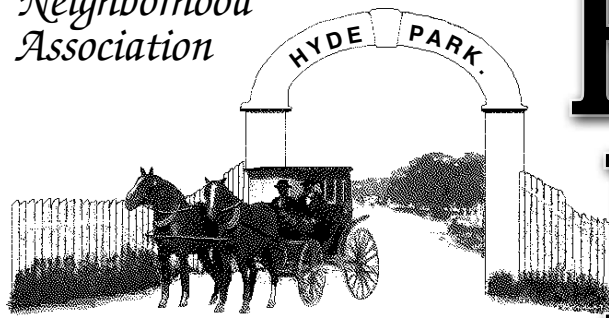
On behalf of Shipe Pool and area residents, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is proud to announce the 2015 Lifeguard Sponsorship program. This program will pay for two eligible young adults to attend the City of Austin Aquatics Division Lifeguard Training course and will provide for the necessary uniforms and equipment for those two young adults to become lifeguards this summer.

Eligibility

Young adults, aged 15 to 18, are eligible to become lifeguards. Prerequisites for the city lifeguard course

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Eggs, a Bunny, and an Abundance of Smiles

Even though the day began with overcast skies and temperatures in the high 50s, there was a fabulous turnout of neighborhood families at the Hyde Park Egg Scramble on Saturday, April 4 in Shipe Park. Now in the third year of what has become an annual neighborhood tradition, this HPNA event wowed over 100 kids from the community with its egg hunt and other activities. This year, we also welcomed a small group from Trinity United Methodist Church to join in the festivities.



A Helping Hand for a Very Small Egg Hunter.
Photo by Jose Cabada.

After a brief greeting from HPNA co-president Lorre Weidlich, John Williams, HPNA past president, kicked off the event. First up were the littlest ones, ages 0 to 2: a terrific photo opportunity for parents with toddlers, even though many were bundled up for the brisk morning. Quick to follow were the 3- and 4-year-olds, obviously experienced from their previous years of picking up as many eggs as they could handle. And finally came the 5-and-over group, who lined up and raced across the bridge to hunt eggs on the other side of the creek. "What a great event. All the kids seem to be having so much fun," Weidlich remarked afterwards.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Grande Communications, there was free popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy for all attendees! While the little kids played inside the bouncy house, the older kids fought their way through the bouncy obstacle course. The Bunny arrived after the egg hunts and joined many of the children for a picture in the photo booth provided by Carolyn Grimes of Coldwell Banker United, Realtors. Neighbor Todd Pruner summed up things perfectly: "It's a great family event for people with kids in the neighborhood."

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Egg Scramble

It was a cool but pleasant day and the park was packed with children and their parents. Over the PA system came the voice of Carmela Williams: "Ready, set, scramble!" and dozens of children rushed to claim their eggs. After the scramble, they had their faces painted, got balloon animals, played in the bounce house, and had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Altogether, it was a perfect way to celebrate the season. Our thanks go to Michelle Rossomondo and Tim Luyet for yet another well-organized and well-attended Hyde Park Egg Scramble!



Monthly Calendar May

- 1 — Recycling Collection
- 4 — HPNA General Meeting
- 11 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 15 — Recycling Collection
- 16 — Ney Day
- 29 — Recycling Collection

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Pecan Press

This issue marks a new era for the *Pecan Press*. After bringing his expertise to the position of *Pecan Press* editor for almost two years, Michael has decided to move on to other pursuits, including a possible relocation out of Austin. We've all enjoyed the "Exploring Lives" column he initiated. We thank him for his service and send him best wishes for the future.

Obviously, this leaves the *Pecan Press* without someone at its helm. We do have a volunteer, but for personal reasons, that volunteer cannot take over until next fall. In the interim, the Steering Committee will be coordinating publication of the *Pecan Press* – and the Steering Committee needs your help. We know Hyde Park is full of articulate people. How about sending an article our way? We would love to have someone take on the task of providing periodic articles about neighborhood churches, businesses, gardens, or something similar. How about a personal reminiscence of an important Hyde Park event? Let one of us know, or send your contribution directly to pecanpress@austinhydepark.org.

Upcoming

Our June Neighborhood Association meeting will be at the Hyde Park Theatre, at 511 West 43rd Street (43rd Street just east of Guadalupe). Hyde Park Theatre's Artistic Director Ken Webster will talk to us about the past, present, and future of the theatre. Not many folks have an award-winning, year-round theatre in walking distance from their homes, but we residents of Hyde Park do.

We hope to see you at our June meeting.

– Kevin Heyburn &
Lorre Weidlich
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Exploring Hyde Park:

Editor's Note: This is the first in a regular column devoted to the history and architecture of Hyde Park. Contributions are welcome.

Ramsey's Austin Nursery

The westernmost part of the northern Hyde Park area, from 45th to 47th Street, from Guadalupe to Avenue B, is today the Ramsey Place subdivision, but earlier in the history of Hyde Park, it was "Fruit Tree" Ramsey's Austin Nursery.

Frank Taylor Ramsey, born in Burnet County in 1861, joined his father's nursery business at age sixteen. In 1884, he married Annabelle Sinclair, and over time they had four children. Annabelle wanted their children to attend Austin schools, but Frank's business demanded a large tract of land and he didn't want to pay Austin taxes. In 1894, they solved their dilemma by relocating on the city boundary, at that time, 45th Street. They bought a lot on Avenue B just south of 45th street for a house and a large tract of land just north of 45th Street for Frank's nursery business. The Ramsey house still stands at 45th and Avenue B, and it is still occupied by a member of the Ramsey family.

F.T. Ramsey's father died about the time of the move, but that did not end the family character of the nursery. In 1908, Frank's son, John Murray, joined his father's business, and eventually his grandson Murray joined as well.

During the early part of the history of Ramsey's Austin Nursery, trees were a significant part of its business; by 1904, it grew and sold a million fruit trees yearly. As Austin became more urban and less rural, the nursery also concentrated on ornamental plants. Throughout his career as a nurseryman, Ramsey specialized in native plants. In 1929, *Farm and Ranch* stated, "To Frank Ramsey perhaps more than to any other one man must go the credit for the introduction of the greatest number of native plants to cultivation."

Besides nurturing plants, Ramsey nurtured horticulturalists. One of his employees, Joe Brown, went on to found Brown's Flower Shop in Hyde Park; Joe's brother founded the Skyland Flower Shop on North Loop.

Ramsey died in 1932, but he is immortalized through his horticultural contributions: the discovery or creation of several domestic fruit varieties, the development of several varieties of pecans, the breeding of a Ramsey hybrid shrub, the introduction of the Chinese jujube tree, and the contribution of articles to several horticultural magazines. He was also a poet, a fiddler, a Mason, and a member of the Austin Public School Board of Trustees. Ramsey Park in Rosedale, where he owned and planted large tracts of land, is named for him.



F.T. Ramsey

(A valuable source of information for this article was *Ramsey's Nursery* by Karen Sikes Collins, from the program for the 1998 Rosedale Ramble Garden Tour. The article is available online at http://www.charlottes-web.com/Rosedale_Ramble_article.html.)

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership

• Membership in HPNA is open to all residents aged 18 years or older who reside 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.

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Opinion articles and letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.

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News from the Ney

May will see a lot of activity at the Elisabet Ney Museum!

For the first time ever, the Ney will be part of the West Austin Studio Tour, produced for two weekends every Spring by Big Medium, an Austin arts non-profit organization. For the two weekends of May 9 and 10 and May 16 and 17, the Elisabet Ney Museum will host the work of Austin artist Jennifer Chenoweth, the Ney's first Featured Artist. On Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, the Ney will feature Chenoweth's project, XYZ Atlas: The Hedonic Map of Austin, a participatory artwork in which visitors will interact


with a field-sized map of Austin by placing flags at locations that mark their meaningful experiences. On Saturday, May 16, as part of the Third Annual Ney Day festivities, the Ney will unveil Chenoweth's monumental outdoor sculpture, Dance of the

Cosmos, which will remain on site for a year-long loan.

Speaking of Ney Day, on Saturday, May 16, from noon to 5 p.m., celebrate Elisabet Ney, her art and her legacy, with the Third Annual Ney Day Celebration! In addition to unveiling Jennifer Chenoweth's work, there will be readings from Austin women authors, including Mary Helen Specht, the Inaugural Elisabet Ney Museum Writer in Residence. Other activities include sculpting demos, food trucks, trapeze artists, technology activities, clay crafts, and much more. Bands will include SeVana Marimba, Naga Valli, and Yes Ma'am Brass Band.

Remember, too, that the Ney's summer camp, Visual Literacy: Storytelling through Art, still has space in it! If you're interested, contact the Ney at 512-458-2255.

The Elisabet Ney Museum is at 304 E. 44th Street and is a part of the History, Arts and Nature Division of the City of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department. Admission as always is free.



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Drought Restrictions

As we head into summer, neighbors need to remember that Austin is experiencing a drought and the city has enacted stage 2 watering restrictions. You can find detailed, specific information about irrigation rules based on your house number (even or odd) and the type of irrigation system you use by visiting <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/stage-2-watering-restrictions>.

Here is a quick summary of the rules:

- Your assigned watering day is determined by your property type, the type of irrigation you use, and whether your street address ends in an even or odd number.
- You may do hose-end irrigation between midnight and 10 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your assigned watering day.
- Automatic irrigation systems may operate between midnight and 5 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your watering day. Reduce system run times to fit within this schedule.
- Ensure that your system has a working rain sensor, or operate the system manually when rain is forecasted.
- You may water with a hand-held hose or a refillable watering vessel, such as a bucket or a Tregator®, at any time on any day of the week.
- Drip irrigation is exempt from the schedule, due to its increased efficiency.
- To water trees, you may use soaker hoses under the drip-line of the tree canopy or you may use automatic tree bubblers. Irrigating trees in this manner is exempt from the watering schedule.
- Watering a vegetable garden with a soaker hose is exempt from the watering schedule.
- Washing vehicles at home is prohibited. If you need to wash a vehicle, you may do so at a commercial carwash facility.
- Charity car washes are prohibited.
- Fountains with either a fall or a spray of water greater than four inches are prohibited unless they are necessary to preserve aquatic life.
- Restaurants may not serve water unless a customer requests it.

— Ellie Hanlon



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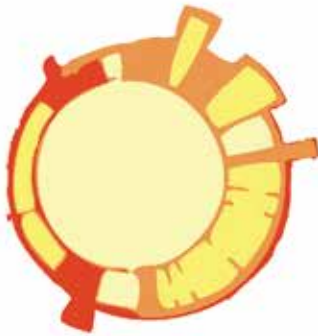
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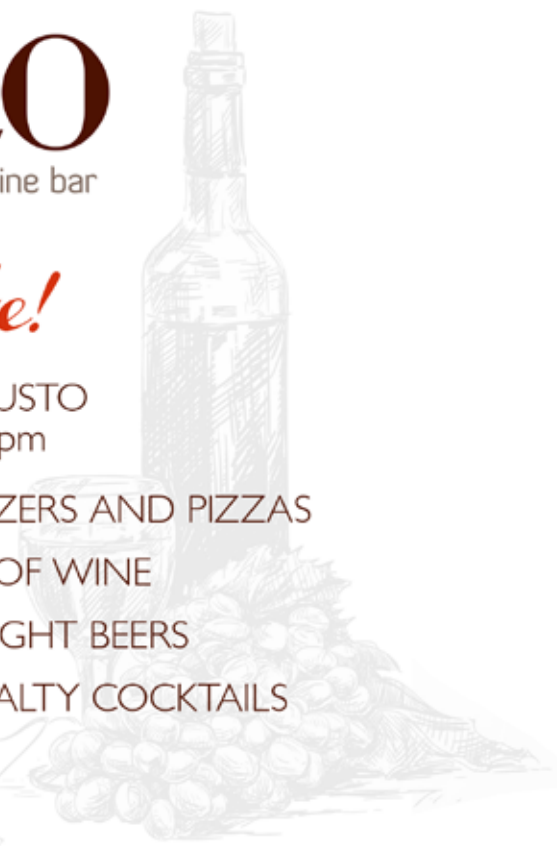
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Lorre Weidlich, co-president, called the April meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to order at 7:06 p.m. To start it off, local restaurateur, Teresa Wilson, from Sala & Betty, briefly spoke about her new restaurant, located at 5201 Airport Boulevard in the old Stallion Grill location. The restaurant focuses on offbeat New American cuisine, with a family style drive-through and a sit-down option with a local-focused menu. It is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner; hours are displayed on the website at www.salaandbettyatx.com. Before opening Sala & Betty, Teresa was the chef at Aquarelle. Those in attendance were able to enjoy sample sandwiches.

The first business item on the agenda was a presentation by the City of Austin Code Compliance Department. Department officers, Tammy Lewis and John Christophe, spoke about the procedure for reporting alleged violations due to, for example, noise, parking, and bins left at the curb for extended periods of time.

In general, suspected code violations should be reported to 311. Calls can be made anonymously; but if so, the caller will not be able to follow up with regard to the alleged violation. If the caller wants to contact the person investigating the alleged violation, he or she must obtain a case number from 311. In general, the Code Compliance Department attempts to have a 3-4 day turnaround on calls. 311 handles, on average, approximately 17,000 calls per year. If the condition is a life or safety hazard, the nature of the hazard should be noted so that APD can immediately assess the situation. Potential violations can also be reported using the City of Austin 311 mobile app, which allows the inclusion of pictures and geo-tagging of the location.

In the case of alleged violations related to building permits, the compliance officer will not close the case until all outstanding permits or construction have been placed in order. In situations when the call is the result of a dispute between neighbors, the department will try to educate the neighbors regarding the issue. Graffiti should always be reported to 311 before removal so that the graffiti can be documented for reporting purposes to both the state and federal government.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a letter to the Austin Parks Foundation

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As morning turned to afternoon, the sun came out. Neighborhood resident Jeffrey Jester, Balloon Professor, wowed the kids with his amazing balloon creations. Sparkles Costello decorated faces with such paint creations as rainbow unicorns, tigers, monkeys, and butterflies. As Alicia Cabada-Luyet, age 6, said, "It was really fun and I liked the face painter."

Besides Grande, sponsors of the event included Walgreens; Bounce Around Austin; the Kearns-Ryall Family; Carolyn Grimes of Coldwell Banker United, Realtors; and Jeffrey Jester, Balloon Professor. Special recognition is due to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and all the volunteers from It's My Park Day for making Shipe Park look so beautiful and preparing it for this event. Neighbor Karen Saadeh staffed the HPNA membership table during the event and voiced what many were thinking: "It was a great day in the park for the Egg Scramble. Tons of kids! It looks like everyone had fun!"

Of course, the event would not have happened without the efforts of all of our volunteers: Summer Seibert, Phil Seibert, Edward Harris, Debi Rivier-Harris, Ian VanHover, Rachel VanHover, Brent Baker, Sophie Ryland, Beth Carroll, Zoey Chanin, Pierce Harmon, Hedda Prochaska, Marcy Shapiro, Jenna Williamson, Jason Carroll, Ashleigh Brown, Allen Hah, Clara Hah, Mike Friesch, Kelly Friesch, Robert Rothwell, Alex Morris, Ken Ryall, Lily Ryall, Vince Williams, Joaquin Reynolds, Henry Lawrence, Jose



How Cool are these Neighborhood Cats?
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Cabada, Lorre Weidlich, and David Conner. Special thanks go to committee members Sandy Kearns and Joanna Fitzgerald, to Todd Pruner for providing the PA system, and to John Williams for putting together the music playlist. And finally, we thank all of our neighbors who came out to enjoy the event.



Bye for This Year! Photo by Lorre Weidlich.

We'll see everyone next year. In case you're wondering, we already have a date: Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 26, 2016!

– Michelle Rossomando and Tim Luyet
Event Co-Chairs

April Meeting Minutes... ...cont'd from page 9

supporting a grant to provide funding to restore and replace the roof of the log cabin at Shipe Pool. Adam Wilson made a motion to approve sending the letter and Lisa Harris seconded. The motion was adopted, 22 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

The final item of business was to consider a letter to the Texas Legislature to support efforts by the League of Conservation Voters to end a redirection of sales tax on sporting goods from Texas Parks and Wildlife. A motion to approve the letter, made Jill Nokes and seconded by Artie Gold, was adopted, 24 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

There were several announcements. Adrian Skinner, co-chair of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, noted that its April meeting will be on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. President Kevin Heyburn, HPNA co-president, recognized Joi Harden from Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo's office. Finally, Lorre Weidlich announced that the April HPNA Steering Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

– Submitted by Artie Gold & Reid Long
HPNA Co-Secretaries

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Additional Information

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