

May Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, May 2, 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 May 2

- Presentation and Vote: Grove PUD Resolution
- Q&A Follow-up: University of Texas Intramural Fields
- Presentation: Baker School
- Announcement: HPNA Lifeguard Sponsorship Program
- Announcements

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HPNA Lifeguard Sponsorship

Calling all young adults interested in becoming lifeguards!

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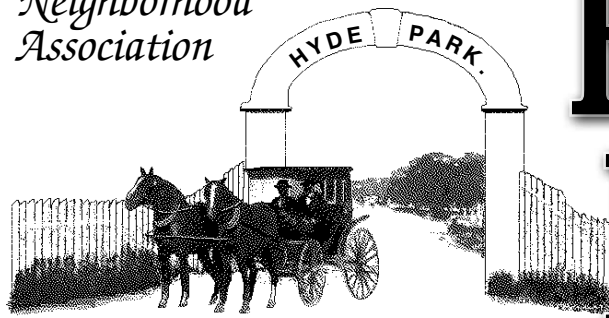
Eligibility

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

- Performing a 300-yard continuous

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Exploring Lives Interview with Sarah Barnes

Writer's Note: Hyde Park resident and columnist Sarah Barnes recently published Meredith & Me, a poignant memoir about her experiences raising a daughter with intellectual disabilities. The story builds on "A Different Road," Sarah's recurring column in the Austin American-Statesman, that provides a candid and thought-provoking window into one mother's journey to ensure that her daughter lives life fully to the best of her abilities. Meredith and Me won the 2016 Barbara Jordan Media Award from the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities and is available on Amazon and Kindle and at BookPeople.

Below Sarah shares answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about her book as well as some questions of our own.

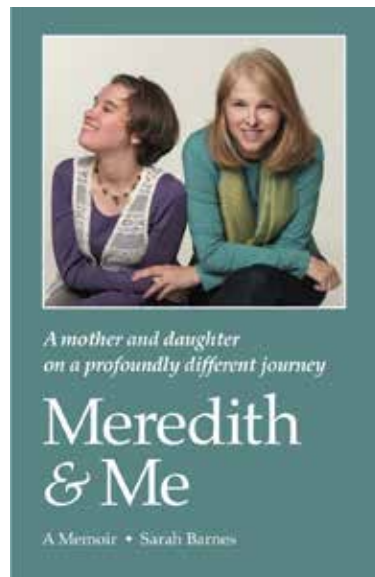
Betsy Clubine: Before we launch into the book, tell us a little bit about your background and how you ended up living in Hyde Park.

Sarah Barnes: Well, I am a native Austinite and I grew up basically surrounded by ranch-style houses and hills. My husband and I fell in love with the bungalows in Hyde Park and our ability to walk to shops and restaurants. Hyde Park is one of the few neighborhoods that offers retro clothing and fine dining all within a few blocks. I can get on board with that.



BC: You write about enjoying the quirks of living in Austin. What attracts you most to the city?

SB: There are still quirks, but the traffic makes them harder to access. My best memory from early Austin was when my parents took me to a restaurant in north Austin called "The Barn," where a gigantic block of swiss cheese with a knife protruding from the center was just part of your dinner. In the room next door, a swing was installed for a woman dressed in saloon attire who would get high enough on the swing to ring a bell with her foot. Quirky. Today, I can still find bits of old Austin that I love like Zilker Park, Dirty Martin's, Hole in the Wall, and Mt. Bonnell. They won't move Lady



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Spring has sprung in the neighborhood. The flowers are in bloom, fireflies are everywhere, and children and adults frolicked in Shipe Park during Hyde Park's 4th Annual Egg Scramble. The Scramble had a huge turn-out this year. We are grateful to Egg Scramble co-Chairs Michelle Rossomando and Tim Luyet and to fellow Scramble organizers Jennifer Suehs, Joanna Fitzgerald, Sandy Kearns, and John Williams for making this wonderful event a success. We would also like to thank the Easter Bunny for showing up again this year.

As we reported last month, a suspect in the stabbing on 45th and Speedway was arrested. At our April meeting, the HPNA general membership approved a letter to be sent to the district attorney, requesting that the neighborhood be kept informed of the upcoming prosecution, and asking that the suspect, if convicted, receive a just punishment. While both of us feel strongly that the neighborhood should not ask for a specific sentence, we felt it important that the district attorney know that the neighborhood is very interested in the case. As the case advances, we will continue to update the neighborhood through this column as well as through all other appropriate avenues.

Also at the April meeting, we heard about the initial plans to revitalize the shopping center at 43rd and Duval known as the Duval

Center. This project has the potential to transform a neighborhood gem and bring it into the modern age. It will also help the 43rd and Duval shopping center compete with the numerous other small neighborhood complexes, which are opening across Austin. Efforts to secure funding for this project are still ongoing, but those who have questions about the project or who are interested in helping push the project forward should contact Karen McGraw or Bick Brown.

Additionally, the membership approved a resolution supporting existing NCCDs and the entitlements that they confer. The Hyde Park neighborhood has used its NCCDs to guide the development and protect the historic fabric of our neighborhood. Unfortunately, the protections afforded by NCCDs are too often seen as a starting point for future developments. Take, for example, the proposal in East Austin of the enormous One Two East project, which we discussed in last month's *Pecan Press*. We are committed to working with other neighbors throughout Austin to protect NCCDs, as they are tools that neighborhoods have used to encourage smart development patterns. We believe that new building projects should make sense within the scale and history of the neighborhoods in which they are built.

Finally, there are several future developments, in or around the neighborhood, that the entire

HPNA membership and we are keenly watching. Within the neighborhood, AISD has put out a request for proposals for the Baker School site, along with nine other sites throughout Austin. While this request does not mean that the Baker School tract will be sold, the

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Resolution Regarding the Grove PUD

Editor's Note: For an explanation of the background of this resolution, see "From the Desk of the Co-Presidents" on page 2.

Whereas, the property in question, now known as the Grove at Shoal Creek (the "Grove") was purchased at auction by developer ARG/Milestone for \$17,000,000, more than the property was valued and has submitted Planned Unit Development (PUD) application for redevelopment of the site;

Whereas, the PUD application, with requests for 26 variances to the Land Development Code, includes a land use plan with 7 tracts of varying allowable uses and maximum building heights wherein the largest tract, B, calls for building heights up to 65 feet with some allowed up to 75 feet (6 or 7 stories tall), up to 1,515 residential units (including 180 affordable units) and an additional 600 units of retirement or congregate care housing, 225,000 square feet of office space, and 150,000 square feet of retail, no tracts dedicated to parkland but rather an "approximate" location for open space including 17 acres of open space with "open space" broadly defined by the developer to include uses such as private park, drainage, detention, and water quality facilities, and a traffic impact analysis (TIA) prepared by ARG/Milestone that anticipates traffic generation from the site to be 17,000 to 24,000 trips per day in addition to 7,500 trips per day now on Bull Creek Road;

Whereas, the site is currently served by one two-lane road, Bull Creek Road, which will handle the overwhelming majority of trips and one four lane road, West 45th Street, both of which have very limited access to a failing roadway in Loop 1 and have significant choke points along West 35th, West 45th, Hancock Drive, and Perry Lane, none of which can or will be improved significantly to mitigate the adverse impact of substantial traffic generated by the Grove;

Whereas, the site currently generates significant runoff even with very limited existing impervious cover that adversely affects neighbors along Idlewild Road and that also flows into Shoal Creek, which serves as the site's eastern boundary;

Whereas, the Grove PUD as currently set forth is not in keeping with key tenets of Imagine Austin as the site is not identified as a Regional, Town or Neighborhood Center nor is it identified as being in an Activity Corridor;

Whereas, the neighbors through the Bull Creek Road Coalition refined its future land use map to embrace some of the concepts of ARG/Milestone in what is referred to as its Alternate Vision of the Grove while respecting the input of those stakeholders who would be impacted by the development;

Whereas, the Grove is currently unzoned;

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Membership Information	Submission Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.austinhypark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@grandecom.net. <i>Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.</i> • Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com. <i>All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.</i> • Send your contributions to Kid's Corner to Jessica Charbeneau at ppkidscorner@yahoo.com.

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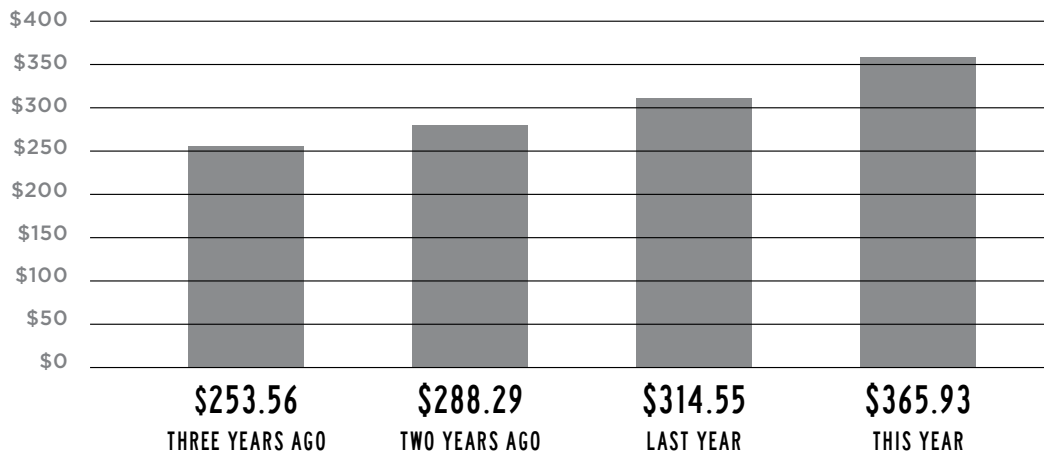
SAM ARCHER

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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The Arts in Hyde Park

Hyde Park Poet Publishes Book of Austin Haikus



Carlotta Stankiewicz

Hyde Park can applaud the achievements of another artist in its midst with the publication of Carlotta Eike Stankiewicz's first book, *Haiku Austin*. Its 150 short poems celebrate Austin landmarks, personalities, and events. The book was designed by former Hyde Park neighbor Anne Stevenson, and many of the poems are illustrated with beautiful color photographs taken by the author.

A Michigan native, Carlotta has lived in Austin for 24 years and in Hyde Park since 1995. She has worked as a creative director at a big Texas advertising firm, has served on the Board of Directors of the Writers' League of Texas, runs a blog called "The Well-Versed Mom" (www.wellversedmom.com), and is a past winner of Austin's annual O'Henry Pun-Off. *Haiku Austin* is her first book.

In her book, Carlotta uses haiku, a three-line poetic form: a 5-syllable first line, 7-syllable second line, and 5-syllable third line. The third line often ends the poem on a comedic or poignant note. Her haikus celebrate pleasures of Austin, both old and new.

She remembers a favorite restaurant, now closed:

Las Manitas

missing those migas
menudo and chorizo
ah, Lost Manitas.

She celebrates the Longhorns:

UT Football

fall comes to Austin
everything but the trees
turns to burnt orange

She even has a poem about the Congress Avenue bats:

Congress Avenue Bats

anticipation
congress Ave. watchers and bats
just hanging around



And she has a few poems about special places in Hyde Park:

Hyde Park Bar & Grill

ah, you chose wisely
seeking fries, you found
that fork in the road

and a lovely one about the Moonlight Towers:

Moonlight Towers

halos in the sky
blessing Austin with their glow
tempting teens to climb

Carlotta's book will be published in April. A book signing is tentatively scheduled at Austin's Malvern Bookstore in May.

— Kevin Heyburn



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HPNA Minutes: April 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by co-President Reid Long at the Griffin School, 5001 Evans Avenue.

The meeting began with announcements by Sharon Brown. First, Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo intends to approach the city's Economic Development Department for help in funding the 43rd and Duval project to be discussed at tonight's meeting. Second, Council Member Tovo is working with APD so that those who assist in solving crimes, such as the HPNA members whose publicity of the recent stabbing case resulted in an arrest, will be recognized for their civic contributions.

The first agenda item was a vote on a proposed letter to the Travis County District Attorney's office concerning prosecution of the recent stabbing case in the neighborhood. The general purpose of the letter is to underscore the neighborhood's continuing interest in the prosecution of this case. The letter reiterates HPNA's support for the victim, underscores the seriousness of the crime, and requests that the District Attorney's office keep us informed of continuing developments in the case. The vote in support of this letter was 25 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention.

The second agenda item was a presentation by architect Karen McGraw and local business owner Bick Brown on proposed improvements to the shopping area at the corner of 43rd and Duval Streets. This project began with a meeting in 1998 and the design has evolved over time with city input. The main goal is to make the intersection more pedestrian-friendly and to enhance social interaction. Key elements of the proposed design include widening sidewalks, adding seating areas, bumping out corner curbs, and highlighting crosswalks. Some of the more controversial design elements are the reverse-angle parking on a slightly narrowed Duval Street, advocated by the city, which raised members' concerns about bicyclists' safety. The project design is not yet complete, but the main focus now is funding the project, estimated at \$600,000. No action by HPNA was requested tonight, but members might be called upon to help lobby the city for funding. The speakers agreed to put key points on the list serve to help residents compose messages to Mayor Adler and the Austin City Council.

The third agenda item was a resolution generated by the controversial One Two East development project that currently threatens the historic Robertson Hill neighborhood and is opposed by OCEAN, the Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods. The main issue is the city's permissiveness in easing zoning restrictions to height and space requirements, resulting in proposed structures that are incompatible

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with the existing neighborhood and produce traffic overload on narrow residential streets. The resolution aims to stand with OCEAN and to put the city on notice that development projects must respect NC-CDs. The following resolution was passed without amendments by a vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

Whereas, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) supports the use of Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts (NCCDs) to preserve historic development patterns of cultural areas and to protect the long-term viability of existing neighborhoods;

Whereas, the HPNA opposes the granting of increased NCCD development entitlements beyond those previously granted via a full neighborhood planning process to development projects that do not respect the existing community context or that detract from the viability of adjacent residential neighborhoods;

Whereas, One Two East's developer has proposed, in excess of already relaxed compatibility standards, to construct two high-rise residential towers and intense retail up to 185 feet in height and up to 617,000 square feet in area on a site located along the eastern IH-35 frontage road between East 11th and 12th Streets, directly adjacent to the historic Robertson Hill residential neighborhood;

Whereas, if additional entitlements are approved for One Two East, it will disrupt an historic cultural area, threaten the long-term viability of an existing neighborhood, and set a dangerous precedent for modifying neighborhood supported plans for all Austin neighborhoods near regional centers and activity corridors; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the HPNA urges the Austin City Council to deny any increase in One Two East's development entitlements for this site and urges the Council to adopt protections and provisions that will mitigate any impact of its redevelopment on the adjacent neighbors especially those in the affordable housing trusts while upholding the zoning developed in the neighborhood planning process.

The final agenda item was the Shipe Park pool renovation. Mark Fishman reported that the city will hold two more neighborhood meetings to solicit local input. The city has hired Design Workshop, which is moving forward with a conceptual site plan that includes amenities and landscaping.

Announcements included the date for the neighborhood walk-around with Council Member Kathie Tovo and city staff for Saturday, April 23, from 10 to 12. A registration notice for those who want to participate will be posted on the list serve. April 9 is Keep Austin Beautiful Clean Sweep and graffiti clean-up will be the neighborhood's focus. Members were reminded that HPNA is keeping an eye on the AISD's notification of interest in selling the Baker School property and is also monitoring the Grove development project on Bull Creek for its potential impact on

our neighborhood. The city referendum on transportation companies and security checks is coming up on May 7, and representatives of both sides of the issue will present their case at the May HPNA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

— Susan Marshall
Co-Secretary, HPNA



Monthly Calendar

May

- 2 — HPNA Meeting
- 4 — Ney Writer-in-Residence Book Introduction
- 5 — DRC Meeting
- 7 & 8 — Ney Walking Tours of Landscape
- 9 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 13 — Recycling Pickup
- 14 & 15 — Artist Jenn Hassin at Ney
- 21 — Ney Day
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Kid's Corner: April Showers bring May Flowers

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Oh, glorious spring! This is our season, folks! Why not spend a fun afternoon with your kids making your very own maypole to celebrate the season? Just google "how to make a maypole" and check out all the options (the one from Modern Mom looks the easiest and quickest). Or, celebrate mom and spring with a trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Family Garden and explore some of the best blooms around. And don't forget to mark your calendars for a fun Ney Day at the Elisabet Ney Museum on May 21, 12 to 5 pm.

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The numbers in parentheses are the number of letters in the answers.

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2. It means okra. (5) _____
3. It can make a man or a house. (11)

4. Mashed up chick peas. (6) _____
5. Wormy pasta? (10) _____
6. Cabbage salad. (8) _____
7. It's what lots of things taste like. (7)

8. Oil, egg yolk, vinegar. (10)

9. Often found with meatballs. (9)

10. Uh ... tastes like fish eggs. (6) _____
11. Cheese sprinkled on #9. (8)

12. Chocolate candy or fungus among us. (7)

13. S'mores R Us (mainly). (12)

14. Dark rye bread worth five cents? (12)

15. Is one roasted on an open fire? (8)

16. Mint jelly go-with. (6) _____
17. Yellow seeds ground up in vinegar. (7)

18. Filled stomach to fill yours? (6) _____
19. Top you get from eating too many? (6)

20. One is mainly pecans and sugar. (7)

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Fourth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble

The Fourth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble brought fabulous weather and incredible attendance by neighborhood families to Shipe Park on Saturday, March 26. This HPNA event, which has quickly become an annual neighborhood tradition, entertained over 200 kids of the community with wonderful egg hunts and egg games on a picture perfect spring morning.



As the sun warmed the park, neighborhood resident Jeffrey Jester, Balloon Professor, wowed the kids with amazing balloon creations. Sparkles Costello decorated faces with paint creations such as rainbow

unicorns, tigers, monkeys, and butterflies. The face painter was made possible this year by Trinity United Methodist Church, a new sponsor to the event. Shelley Walters from Trinity UMC also manned a trade-in station where kids could exchange candy, found inside the plastic eggs, for stickers.

This year, the Scramble added two egg games to the festivities – the egg-on-a-spoon race and the egg toss. Kids and parents both participated in these fun games led by volunteers from Midtown Church. Large chocolate bunnies were given as prizes to winners of each heat of the egg-on-spoon race and the egg toss.

After a quick welcome speech by HPNA co-President Kevin Heyburn, the egg hunt was kicked off by HPNA Past President John Williams. First up were the littlest ones, ages 0 to 2 – what a great photo opportunity for parents and toddlers. Quick to follow were the 3- and 4-year-olds, obviously experienced from previous years in picking up as many eggs as they can handle. Finally, the 5- to 8-year-old group lined up across the bridge to hunt eggs on the other side of the creek.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Grande Communications, there was 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 Easter Bunny arrived after the egg hunts and took pictures with kids in the photo booth, provided by Carolyn Grimes of Coldwell Banker United, Realtors.



Other sponsors for the event included Walgreens and Bounce Around Austin. A special shout out goes to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and all the volunteers from It's My Park! Day for keeping Shipe Park looking so beautiful and getting it ready for this event. Thank you to Texas Chili Queens food truck for bringing the wonderful flavors of chili to those in attendance.



Finally, thank you to all of our neighbors who came out to enjoy the event. We hope that the Hyde Park Egg Scramble becomes as popular and beloved as the Fire Station Festival! See you next year on Saturday, April 15, 2017!

— Michelle Rossomando

Thank you to all of our volunteers: Danny and Carolyn Bivens, Don and Renee Andrews, Vicki Smith, Maggie Williams, Melanie Tolen, Artie Gold, Michael and Marcy Capochiano, Rachel Kitko, Bev Allen, Nena Kopecek, Dan Gardner, June Spikes, Janice Vanzura, Sarah Bate, Justin Breshears, Ben Juenger, Sharon Brown, Ken Ryall, Sam Fitzgerald, Ben Fitzgerald, Zeb Fitzgerald, Vince Williams, Carmela Williams, Joaquin Reynolds, Lorre Weidlich, and David Conner. Special thanks go to committee members Tim Luyet, co-Chair; Joanna Fitzgerald, Jennifer Suehs, and Sandy Kearns; Todd Pruner for providing the PA system; and John Williams for making announcements and putting together the music playlist. We could not have pulled off this wonderful event without you.

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Meeting Sarah Barnes... ...cont'd from page 1

Bird Lake, will they? Maybe that is the one thing I can count on always being there.

BC: Why did you write *Meredith & Me*?

SB: I wanted to share my family's story on how the birth of my daughter Meredith changed us from a family with typical expectations to a family coping with unthinkable change a daily basis. My challenges with Meredith are never over, but she gives me a reason for it all to matter.

BC: How long did it take you to write this book?

SB: Technically, it took 18 years because I wrote about my daughter from birth to her eighteenth birthday. The writing and editing took about a year. You cannot imagine the research of finding medical records and school records and scribbles on calendars that all came together to make this book happen. I really went back to my roots as a reporter. Some of the content from the columns do make an appearance in the book, but it is definitely a new story you have not read yet.

BC: What is your best advice for writing a memoir?

SB: For some memoirists, dates and times really matter, so allow time for that kind of detail. More importantly, there is nothing like just pouring your heart into your keyboard and getting that unedited draft. In

fact, it's essential. It's gut wrenching and hard, but it's hugely rewarding. You are really the only person in the world who can tell your story and that was what drove my machine.

BC: Do you have a favorite part of the book?

SB: Yes, many. The family vacations were good fun because we showed our sense of humor. Also, the very first chapter on Meredith's outing to the beach resonates with me still because I had this dream of how it might go and it was so much better than I expected. I mean, it really transcended everything about my hopes for the future.

BC: In the book, you describe some of the challenges you faced ensuring that Meredith received the best possible public education. What are some of the biggest hurdles you have experienced in this area?

SB: You know you can have as many meetings with the teachers and administrators as you want and sometimes your issue is a simple fix and other times you have to bring in support. But the hardest thing to change is school culture. I mean, you can't walk into your daughter's middle school and ask kids in general education to sit with her at lunch. You can't change the way they look at her. I have worked so hard to get Meredith involved in school carnivals or the prom so other kids can see she is a contributor. It's the most complicated part of her life and one that can still make me cry.

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News from the Ney

May will be a big month at the Elisabet Ney Museum!

The first event will come on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm, when the Ney hosts the Elisabet Ney Museum Writer in Residence, Antonio Ruiz-Camacho, for the US launch of the Spanish language version of his book *Barefoot Dogs*, entitled *Los Perros Descalzos*. The event will feature readings from both the Spanish and the English version of the book. Both language versions will be available for purchase and signing.

In celebration of National Wildflower Week, which is May 2 through May 8, the museum will have

walking tours of the landscape on Saturday, May 7 at 10 am and Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm. These will be held with help from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The recent work done on the landscape should result in some lovely and informative subject matter by early May.

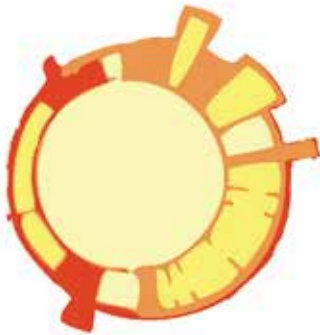
The West Austin Studio Tour (WEST) gears up this May, too. On Saturday, May 14 and 15, come see the work of Austin artist Jenn Hassin. Jenn's work is nationally known and pieces are exhibited in galleries everywhere. One of her pieces, which is ever-evolving, is featured at the Pentagon. Come hear the story of her work and meet the artist on the afternoons of those days.

Finally, on May 21, the Ney will host Ney Day! This, the fourth annual effort, is the museum's terrific celebration of women in music and the arts. In keeping with previous years, there will be music, activities, demos, food trucks, and more fun. Confirmed bands so far include SeVana Marimba, songwriter Betty Soo, and blues and soul queen Miss Lavelle White! Two more bands that you will recognize have not yet confirmed, but they promise to really fill out the show.

As always, check the museum's social media for the latest information. Look for Elisabet Ney Museum on Facebook and @ElisabetNeyATX in other platforms, or call the museum for details at 512-458-2255.

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HPNA Lifeguards...

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swim using the front crawl stroke and breaststroke.

- Making a timed surface dive of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
- Treading water for two minutes using only legs.

Application Process

Prospective lifeguards should apply at www.ausstinctivityjobs.org. (Search for the keyword "lifeguard.") After an application is submitted, the applicant must report for an interview with the City of Austin Aquatic Division within seven days at the Aquatic Division office, 2818 San Gabriel, Austin, Texas 78705. Every applicant will need a driver's license or valid ID and a social security card for the interview and hiring process. Any applicant aged 15 or 16 will also need a parent or guardian present during the interview.

After establishing eligibility and completing the interview process, each applicant will receive a conditional job offer, must complete the Lifeguard Training Course with the City of Austin Aquatic Division, and must pass the certification exam to serve as a lifeguard at a neighborhood pool. The course consists of 40 hours of training and takes place over two weekends (Friday 6 pm – 10 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 8 am – 6 pm).

Additional Information

Interested applicants should contact Adrian Skinner at adrian.h.skinner@gmail.com or 617-835-5132 for information about the HPNA Lifeguard Sponsorship Program and the City of Austin Aquatic Division at 512-974-9330 for additional questions about the City of Austin lifeguard program.

Co-Presidents' Letter...

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neighborhood association is watching the situation. We will continue to keep you informed as the school board continues its process.

Lastly, the Grove development at 45th and Bull Creek continues to move along the City process. This proposal will significantly impact the traffic patterns on 38th Street, 45th Street, Shoal Creek Boulevard, and Bull Creek Road. Furthermore, the development is substantially larger in scale than the surrounding neighborhood. And the Grove development contains substantially more density with less parkland than the City as a whole. For all of these reasons, the Steering Committee has recommended a resolution for consideration by the general membership calling upon increased collaboration by the Grove's developer with the community and calling for an alternative vision that promotes compatibility with the surrounding neighborhoods.

As always, we welcome topics for future discussion by the neighborhood association, and hope that you will reach out to either of us if you have a topic.

– Kevin Heyburn & Reid Long
HPNA Co-Presidents



Interview with Sarah Barnes...

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BC: Balancing the needs of siblings can be difficult and this is particularly true when one of the siblings has intellectual or physical disabilities. How did you and your husband navigate this terrain over the years?

SB: Well, our navigation is all over the map. You know, like all parents, we see great bonding one day and an unmanageable situation the next. My younger daughter is 15 and getting used to high school with a demanding workload and new friendships. Meredith has been in her comfort zone in high school for four years. The gap in intellectual growth and social maturity is an abyss that cannot be fixed. I think my daughters are the only ones who can truly define their sisterhood. They have a unique relationship that calls for deeper understanding.

BC: It must have been hard to share your personal story with such openness and honesty. What were your biggest fears when embarking on this project and were any of them realized?

SB: I had lots of encouragement from other journalists, but I knew that how I portrayed Meredith was up to me. I was worried I'd spill too much personal information; I lost sleep over it. What rescued me was my editor, who had worked at *The Washington Post* and helped me visualize what I was comfortable with. She was an outside observer in a way, so she had an unbiased view.

BC: What do you most hope readers will take away from Meredith and Me?

SB: I hope they take away stories about persistence and fortitude and what happens when one gets very bad news. I hope they can relate to wishing for that perfect life, but instead losing the fairy tale and having to start over. My book is not a parenting guide, but a true memoir of a mom who got through her daughter's two big surgeries, many sets of leg braces, five different types of school therapy, a middle school accessibility fight, and many happy milestones.

– Betsy Clubine

Around & About the Avenues

Graffiti Patrol Update. The graffiti abatement patrol did cleanups on March 27 and, as part of Keep Austin Beautiful Clean Sweep, on April 9. George Wyche, David Kivel, Kate Musemeche, Sumit Guha, and Lisa Harris participated in one or both. In March, they focused mostly on 45th Street, in April, on the south part of the neighborhood and Speedway.



The Latest Visitor to Hyde Park. If you were walking down a quiet street in Hyde Park on April 8 and found the usual



calm disrupted by the sound of roaring and the appearance of flames shooting into the sky, you probably already know about the visit to Hyde Park by Robosaurus, with a complete team of actors, attendants, and camera people. Discussions with Robosaurus' entourage revealed the following: He was there to star in a Bud

Lite commercial for the Mexican market. According to the plot line, a group of would-be grillers are unable to light their fire, so Robosaurus appears and lends his fiery breath to solve the problem. Why did the producers choose Hyde Park? They liked the houses.



Support for OCEAN Follow-up. From an email sent by Tracy Witte of OCEAN to members of the HPNA Steering Committee:

"Mary texted me the wonderful news about HPNA's vote (31-1!), and I wanted to thank you not only for your thoughtful attention to our formidable challenge but also for your decisive action to assist Central East and Robertson Hill. It was incredibly generous of you to lend so much space in the *Pecan Press* to our concerns, and your resolution was absolute perfection!

It is very reassuring to head into our hearing next Thursday with HPNA support. I cannot thank you enough for your advocacy and assistance and would be very grateful if you would share this note with the members of your committee that are not copied above to convey my appreciation to them as well. I hope to be in touch with you late next week to report a victory for NCCDs across Austin!"

At the April 14 City Council meeting, the developer requested a postponement, and City Council postponed the item to August 4.

Shipe Pool Design Workshop. On March 23, Austin Parks and Recreation Department held the first of three workshops about the redevelopment of Shipe Pool. Neighbors attended to hear the presentation, meet the design team, and register their preferences among the many available



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options. The design team provided background about existing site conditions and design challenges.

For anyone who missed the workshop, the presentation is available at www.austintexas.gov/department/shipe. A survey, to indicate your preferences, is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/shipepool.



Triangle Vote Follow-up. From an email sent by Jeffrey Howard, lawyer for the Triangle project, to Kevin Heyburn, HPNA co-President:

"I was out on Spring Break last week and so I did not get to send you an email. However, on March 14, 2016, the Board of Adjustment unanimously approved our variance requests on the following conditions: (i) the building setback variances were limited to 10 feet along the north property line adjacent to 46th Street and 0 feet along the eastern and southern property lines adjacent to the pond and City property, and (ii) the impervious cover variance was conditioned on our detaining extra runoff so that the runoff from the site was equivalent to the runoff that would occur if the site were developed at 80% impervious cover. The first condition is consistent with our site plan so we accepted that. The second condition is obviously what we presented to the Board as our commitment to Hyde Park.

Thanks to you and everyone with HPNA for your cooperation on this project."



Historic Zoning of ASH Update. The ASH Preservation committee met on March 31, chaired by Evan Thompson of Preservation Texas. There are two decisions of concern: the medical decision about moving the hospital and the political decision about the use of the land. Neither decision is imminent. The work of preservation is stalled because there is a vacancy in the superintendent's position. This means the medical decision with regard to moving the hospital is on

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hold. The state legislature is also involved in the decision with regard to the property, but it is not currently in session.

Thompson made a case for the historical significance of 15 structures on the ASH campus. While the Main Building is on the National Register of Historic Places, it has been significantly altered over the years, and there are no designations for the other buildings, which include dormitories, a power plant, the gate house, and the Black Women's Ward. There has been significant loss of historic structures as well as landscaping features over the years. At one time, the campus was renowned for its roses and was used by the neighborhood for recreation. The cemetery on 51st Street is believed to be the resting place of Civil War officers who were ASH residents. There are many surviving records which have yet to be examined. In short, Thompson makes the case that ASH is of great historical importance to the state. He hopes that the decision will be made to keep the medical facility in place. Failing that, he wants to preserve the historic buildings on campus. For both, he is soliciting the help of HPNA. He stresses that ASH was traditionally a part of our neighborhood and that ASH workers frequently lived here.



Violet Crown Festival Planned for Saturday, May 7, from 10 am to 5 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for a lively day full of stellar local art, music, and food - plus kids' activities! The festival will be located in the west parking lot of Brentwood Elementary School (accessible from Yates). Plan on walking or biking, as parking will be limited. The Violet Crown Festival is a shopper's paradise for anyone who loves beautiful, locally made goods. Fifty local artists and craft-makers will be showcasing their unique wares. Don't miss this opportunity to buy something special for yourself or for a loved one. (Hint: Mother's Day is the very next day.)

There is some great entertainment planned for this year's festival. On the music stage, an impressive line-up includes Feet First, Jungle Jill and the Jaybirds (great for kids!), Fingers and Lips, the Ron Titter Band, Punch Card, and Don Leady and his Rockin' Review. Check the website for specific times. In addition, there will be jugglers and the infamous tree man. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy over 20 kids' activities including spin art, Legos with Snapology, face painting, Mother's Day crafts, and many more. This year's festival will provide a unique opportunity to support local schools. The silent auction and raffle will benefit the McCallum Band, which is fundraising for a trip to Carnegie Hall. Make sure to stop by the Silent Auction tent and enjoy some good-natured bidding on items to help make the band's trip a reality.

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Other agents have frightened their buyers about the “handicap” of living in a Local Historic District, not understanding that the designation is an important part of the value of properties in the neighborhood because it is a protection against the neighborhood disappearing around them and being replaced with tacky modern boxes.

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Grove PUD Resolution... ...cont'd from page 3

Whereas, the City of Austin, and at the urging of representatives of the Grove, is currently denying its own citizens valid petition rights that would necessitate that the developer bring forth a truly superior PUD application that in turn is embraced by those most affected in order to receive a supermajority vote at Council; and

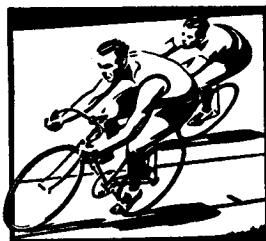
Whereas, ARG/Milestone has been unwilling to negotiate mass, scale, uses, parkland, and other issues that would make the Grove PUD superior in its integration into the middle of stable, established residential neighborhoods with minimal connectivity. Now, therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association

Urges ARG/Milestone to reduce the mass and scale of office and retail square footage by 50% in order to mitigate its impact on surrounding neighborhoods while still providing a compact and connected live, work, and play environment that will be an asset to those who live and work in the development as well as those who surround it;

Urges the Austin City Council to immediately require a supermajority at all three readings for any approval for the Grove PUD application in order to encourage ARG/Milestone to enter into earnest negotiations with stakeholders surrounding the development; and

Urges the Austin City Council to expect of ARG/Milestone the highest standards of superiority in every aspect of the Grove PUD application, to build a better PUD.



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