

April Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 5, 2010

Where: Hyde Park United Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

Who: YOU and your neighbors

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for April 5th

- ◆ **Austin Speech Labs** - neighbors Shelly Adair and Shilpa Shamapant discuss their nonprofit founded to provide language and speech services for stroke patients.
- ◆ **Appraisal Q&A**, Patrick Brown, Chief Appraiser for Travis County Central Appraisal District, discusses changes due to 2009 Constitutional Amendments and answers questions about improving appraisal process
- ◆ **Homes Tour Update**
- ◆ **Keep Austin Beautiful Clean Sweep on April 10th**

It's My Park! Day



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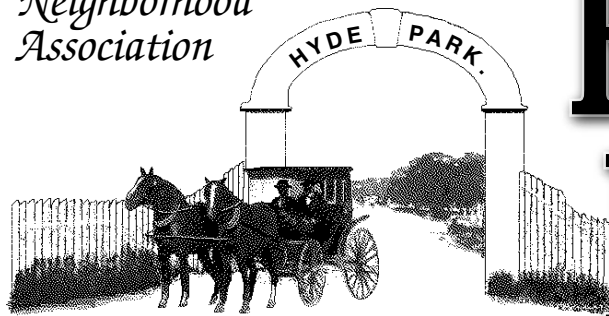
Hyde Park volunteers turn out for annual event helping to beautify Shipe Park. (See article pg. 9, and photo essay pg. 10.)

Hey!



Now that we have your attention... (See Hyde Park Gym article, pg. 12.)

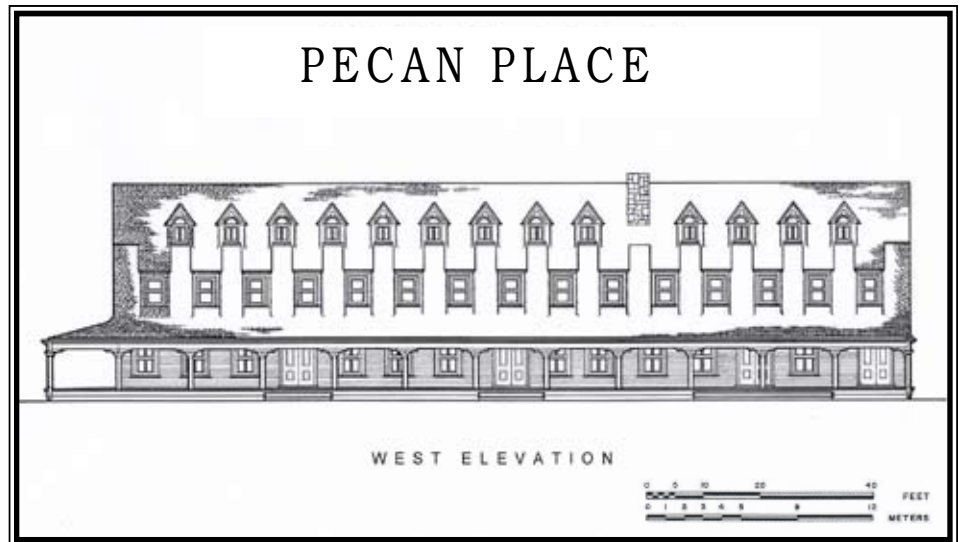
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New Neighbors at the Park



After a hotly contested demolition of three modest apartment houses in 2005, and years of on-again, off-again proposed developments, the turbulent corner of Avenue F and 44th Street, directly across from Shipe Park, finally has a permanent plan for the future. At the March meeting of the HPNA Steering Committee, representatives of the Austin Planning and Development Review Department and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice laid out plans to surprised neighborhood leaders, delighting some and alarming others.

According to Wendell Towery, Community Programs Director for TDCJ, plans call for the construction of a three-story, 14,000 square foot facility built in a confluence of turn-of-the-century architectural styles, including Italianate and Eastlake. "With its wood shingle roof, wrap around ground floor porch and muted, earth-tone Victorian paint scheme, this building

will be a neighborhood show-piece," he said. Although it cannot be considered a contributing structure in the neighborhood's drive to become a historic district, Towery said the structure will be more typical of turn-of-the-century architecture than the vast majority of commercial and residential structures already in Hyde Park.

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From the President's Desk:

New Era for HPNA and HPBC?

Change is in the air!

Hello Neighbors, looks like Spring 2010 is just around the corner. Hopefully, based on what can be seen from the budding trees, not too much damage was done to our urban forest last summer. Time will tell. Speaking of time, twenty years ago (ie. 1990), a contractual agreement was made between the neighborhood and the Hyde Park Baptist Church (HPBC).

The agreement stated that certain church-owned real estate would remain residential use and the church would not acquire and/or demolish houses. This agreement ends December 2010. In addition, the church currently possesses city-approved building permits which allow the church

to build on their properties facilities for offices, classrooms, and additional parking. Even though the church has not built what has been permitted, the church has kept these permits active. Now twenty years later - Spring 2010: The church has not acquired or demolished any houses in the twenty-year period. Matter of fact, the church is in the process of selling their "non-strategic assets," including the houses located on the 4000 block of Avenue F. Additional properties are destined to be sold. In addition, the HPBC's high school has moved to new facilities in Northwest Austin. As a result, the church's future needs and building requirements appear to have changed. Therefore, the HPBC's Strategic Future Group, headed by Bob Liverman, would like to present the church's future development and conceptual plans to the neighborhood. The HPNA Steering Committee will review these plans and then a series of neighborhood meetings will be held. Feedback, discussions, negotiations and input from both sides are needed to ensure that a viable and sensible middle ground is achieved. Hopefully, these negotiations will result in a win-win for both sides with a new agreement prior to December 2010. Therefore, active participation from the neighborhood is critical.

Yes, there is a lot on the neighborhood's agenda for 2010 - the Local Historic District (yes, we are almost there in getting the 51% property-owner sign-ons!); the 2010 Homes Tour; and now a revisitation of the 1990 HBPC/HPNA Agreement!

- David Conner
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PECAN PLACE: New Neighbors at the Park...

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Towery said the building, to be called Pecan Place, will serve as a half-way house for the Walls Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, serving as an "early-release gateway." According to him, the residential hall represents the latest thinking in prisoner rehabilitation. "The guys who are coming are typical of the U.S. prison population," he said. "They tend to be young, low-IQ males with poor impulse control. The worst thing you could do is cram them all together in a pressure cooker, which has been the traditional method of incarceration. In prison, powerful peer pressure forces inmates to be tough and violent. In a residential community like Pecan Place, peer pressure is directed towards good behavior." He said Hyde Park was chosen for its charm and stability and family atmosphere, all of which are seen by TDCJ psychologists as therapeutic.

Austin's only contribution to the project was clearing the way through the red tape maze, adjusting the zoning and garnering buy-in from the Historic Landmark Commission. "When the stars line up," said a city council staffer, "the city can move very quickly."

Towery said the Pecan Place community will seek an active role in the neighborhood, with inmates available at below minimum wage for house painting, light and heavy home maintenance, lawn care, auto repair, child care, and even cooking. In deference to local tastes, the men will not be allowed to operate leaf blowers, either at residences or at Pecan Place itself.

Towery reported that in similar projects across the country, neighbors were often curious and eager to interact with convicts. He admitted that he personally experienced "a certain frisson" just knowing that the guy mowing his lawn had served time for armed robbery.

Questioned about the appropriateness of using felons as babysitters, Towery described a 1999 pilot project in Pennsylvania that used parolees for in-house child care. He said, "It turned out that the best babysitters were hot check writers and credit card abusers. Go figure."

Somewhat like a fraternity, Pecan Place will be administered by a house mother. In this case, Mae Merriweather, who has run a half-way house in Beaumont for the past 13 years, was chosen for the job. Her staff will include an ombudsman who should be called immediately in case of disputes or problems with the inmates. "The last thing you want to do is set one of these guys off," Towery cautioned.

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place on the property in early June. Afterwards, a representative group of inmates will throw a watermelon party for their new neighbors, and the house staff will be on hand to answer questions. Hyde Parkers will have a chance to sign up for the Neighbor Buddy program of Pecan Place. The program allows neighbors 18 years and older to be able to "adopt" Pecan Place residents, and escort them to activities around town. "The big idea here is to role model ordinary behavior, which most of these fellows have never seen," Towery said. He added that Spanish speakers are especially needed.

Towery said the first batch of Pecan Place residents were enthusiastic when they learned that Hyde Park had strong Halloween traditions. "When they heard that, they thought up ideas for a 'scary fun house' in no time flat," he said. "These are young men with two strikes against them. Mostly from low-income and often abusive backgrounds, they've made some serious mistakes in their young lives. We at TDCJ are extremely grateful for the chance Hyde Park is giving these guys for another chance to turn their lives around. We think it's going to be a win-win proposition for them and for the neighborhood as well."

— Rollo Treadway



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Hyde Park's Invisible Neighbors

In February when nighttime temperatures dipped into the 20s, residents on Avenue F discovered a new neighbor. Almost hidden in a small pine tree was a diminutive eastern screech owl. This gray owl that is only 7 to 8 inches tall arrived each day shortly before sunrise and then departed within a minute or two of 6:30 p.m. You could almost set your watch by her arrival and departure times.

Screech owls are long-time, permanent residents of Hyde Park. These elusive and mysterious owls live in urban areas because their favorite food source is plentiful--mice and large insects. Yet they are seldom seen because they are nocturnal. They hunt all night and hide in trees during the day. If you walk the neighborhood in the evening you will occasionally hear their melodious trills. The trill in late winter is a quivering soft series of one pitch notes to call a mate or identify a nest site. By late spring and summer their call is a descending trill that is strangely akin to a horse whinny.

Facts about screech owls: They usually mate for life and are monogamous. In December the male finds a nesting site -- either a tree cavity or a nest box built to attract owls -- and he begins occupying it during the day. The male then spends the following weeks calling and encouraging the female to accept the nest site. If she accepts it, the female takes over the nest in March and normally lays 3 to 5 eggs. She remains in the nest most of the night keeping the eggs warm, and the male makes food deliveries to her throughout the night. In about 30 days, or mid-April, the eggs hatch and nightly food deliveries increase to feed the owlets. The owlets fledge and leave the nest by mid-May. The screeches then live outdoors until the next nesting season. Predators: great horned owls and hawks. However, since screech owls often fly close to the ground, their greatest mortality risk is being hit by fast moving cars at night.

Because anecdotal evidence suggests that the screech owl population in Hyde Park is declining, this spring a Screech Owl Survey has begun to monitor the number of owls and their location in the neighborhood. See the accompanying box.

— Amon Burton

Screech Owl Survey

This spring a survey of screech owls is being conducted in Hyde Park. If you see a screech owl or know where screeches are nesting, please send an email describing the location and time to the following address: <HPscreechowl@gmail.com> Or you can also leave a telephone voice message at: 473 8903 (please leave a return number)

Who Dat? Hoo Dat!

Namely, the screech owl pictured herewith, comfortably perched in extremely well-camouflaged fashion at an undisclosed location in the neighborhood. Due to security concerns, we are not able to divulge the precise location of its perch, but neighbors who manage to figure where the owl is are encouraged to welcome Hoo Dat to Hyde Park.



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Not to be outdone, pictured herewith, in notably swankier circumstances, is yet another Hyde Park screech owl -- identified by its landlords as R.O. (Resident Owl). As we went to press, Valentine's Day rumors of a budding romance between R.O. and Hoo Dat had yet to be confirmed. Stay tuned...



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HPNA: A Legacy of Preservation

The ongoing work to create Local Historic Districts in at least three areas of Hyde Park makes this a good time to take another look at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and its membership, history and goals.

First, it is significant that HPNA is a neighborhood association, a private nonprofit association with membership open to all residents within its boundaries. It is also important to understand what HPNA is not. It's not a homeowner's association, nor are we a branch of government.

Who can join: Anyone who lives in Hyde Park — owner-occupants and renters alike — over the age of 18 is eligible to join HPNA.

These are the HPNA boundaries:

North: 51st St. from Guadalupe to Red River; West: Guadalupe from 51st to 38th St. excluding the University of Texas intramural fields at 51st and Guadalupe; South: 38th Street from Guadalupe to Duval St. and 45th St. from Duval to Red River; East: Duval from 38th St. to 45th St. and Red River from 45th St. to 51st St.

How to join: All Hyde Park residents — old and new — are encouraged to join, either by submitting the written membership enrollment form on page 3 of this issue, or by signing up at an HPNA meeting on the first Monday of each month (meeting dates may be changed for holiday conflicts). Dues are \$5 per person per year. All dues expire on September 31 each year and are payable again in October. Senior discount dues are available.

How we got here: Since its beginning in 1974, HPNA has focused on the preservation of our historic homes and community.

It's a little known fact that HPNA was founded by a renter, not a homeowner, in the early 1970s. Janice Linder, then a UT graduate student renting her home on Speedway, learned of a plan to demolish the beautiful Queen Anne home we now know as the Elephant House at Ave. C and 39th Street. Janice spread the word among her neighbors, who came together to found a neighborhood association in order to save the historic home.

Among those Janet approached was a young wife, mother and election judge named Dorothy Richter, who lived with her husband Walter on Avenue G at 39th, where she still resides today. Dorothy provided a voter list of possible contacts and the ball began to roll. Merle Franke, the young pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, had just bought a home on the 4100 block of Avenue D; he and his wife Ginna became involved and Merle served as the first president of HPNA. The Frankes still live on Avenue D today. Among others who met often at Shipe Park were Fran Norman, a boarder at Rutledge House on Guadal-

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upe, and Tom and Ann Zelinka, who lived on Avenue G. Jack Evins succeeded Merle as the next president of HPNA. Though he rented at the time, Jack soon bought a home at 4104 Ave. F, where he and Debbie still live today.

Following the University of Texas' decision to stop requiring dormitory living in the 1950s, many family homes became rental properties and private development pressure grew to replace existing houses with apartment complexes to capture the expanding student rental market. In fact, Austin policy-makers began zoning much of the southern part of Hyde Park for apartments in the 1970s, a decision the HPNA worked successfully to reverse in the 1980s.

A Homes Tour is born: Anxious to preserve what remained of our neighborhood's important historic fabric, the founders of HPNA sprang into action. In order to draw attention to the beautiful (if sometimes dilapidated) older homes in the neighborhood, Janice and Fran organized the first Hyde Park Homes Tour in 1975 (we think), a walking tour on a hot summer day. An unexpectedly large crowd of tour walkers filled the intersection of Avenue F and 39th St. near the historic Mansbendel House. Dorothy brought a jug of ice water from her house to cool the crowd and they simply walked past the exteriors of Hyde Park's historic homes.

Dorothy and other neighbors tirelessly attended city hall meetings and the goal of preserving Hyde Park began to be realized when the Oliphant House was zoned a historic landmark in Austin's fledgling historic preservation program of the early 70s. HPNA continues this important work today through its effort to create the Local Historic Districts in Monroe Shipe's original Hyde Park, as well as in the Caswell area and in Hegman's Subdivision. The full HPNA membership has voted to approve the necessary funds, surveys and preservation plans for each of these efforts as they have reached fruition.

To sign a statement of support for the Hyde Park Local Historic District, contact LHD Chair Lorre Weidlich, <lweidlich@mail2sevens.com> The Statement of Support form can be found at <http://austinhypark.org/documents/lhd/statement_of_support.pdf> and printed

For questions about the proposed districts for Caswell and Hegman's Subdivision contact HPNA President David Conner, daypaycon@yahoo.com , 627-0813. <<mailto:daypaycon@yahoo.com>>

If you haven't joined HPNA yet – or in a while – now is the time to join and get involved with the upcoming 2010 Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour. See you at the April 5 meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Hyde Park United Methodist Church at Speeway and 40th St. No fooling!

– Catherine Moore

(Note: The assistance of honorary Hyde Park Mayor-for-Life Dorothy Richter in telling about the early days of the HPNA's history is herewith gratefully acknowledged.)

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It's My Park! Day 2010: Annual Effort to Improve Shipe Park

Saturday, March 6th was "It's My Park! Day" at Shipe Park (and dozens of other parks throughout the City of Austin). IMPD is the Austin Parks Foundation's premier annual event which provides the framework and support for a day of community service to improve Austin's parks and green spaces.

At least 180 neighborhood volunteers came out to Shipe, along with a contingent of workers from the Austin Parks & Recreation Department. Local business support for the event came from Grande Communications, Fresh Plus Grocery, The Griffin School and Book Austin Music. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and Friends of Shipe Pool were on hand to provide support as well. We greatly appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped out. Special thanks go to good neighbor Alison Young, project leader for this year's effort, who managed to perfectly coordinate all aspects of the event.

Let's take a look at some highlights of what we accomplished:

- Constructed a paver walkway from the big pool to the cabin and rest rooms;

- Laid bermuda grass sod and composted the big pool area;
- Aerated and mulched around all the park trees;
- Spread Dillo Dirt on the playing field;
- Cleared the creek of debris, weeds and invasive plants;
- Re-painted all the benches and picnic tables and the trash receptacles a very cool-looking blue;
- Weeded and tidied the gravel in the playscape and swing areas;
- Were entertained by musicians Brian Hudson and Leah Zeger!

As HPNA's Shipe Park Chair, I am honored to be associated with such a dedicated group of folks from the Hyde Park neighborhood who, through their voluntary efforts, continue to improve and enhance our local community. Take a walk through Shipe Park and see the latest improvements there for all to enjoy. This defines the character of a community that cares about itself and the environment.

So let's keep on top of the opportunities that exist to ensure our Austin Parks remain vibrant and healthy. Here's a list of things to do in support of this goal:

- Join the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association <www.austinhypark.org>.
- Contact the HPNA Shipe Park Committee, Mark L Fishman, Chair <mlfishman@gmail.com>.
- Join the Friends of Shipe Pool (contact Adam Wilson) <adam@griffinschool.org>.
- Thank the Parks and Recreation Department staff whenever you see them working on our park.
- Join the Austin Parks Foundation <www.austinparks.org> <<http://www.austinparks.org/>>.
- Plan on participating in the next It's My Park! Day in the spring of 2011.
- Keep Shipe Park Clean. Pick up trash whenever you see it.
- Let members of the Austin City Council know that Parks are important to you and need adequate funding.
- Report maintenance needs to the Parks and Recreation Department (contact Jimmy Cone at 927-8363) or <www.ci.austin.tx.us/connect/email_parks.htm>.

Thanks again to all the folks, volunteers and supporters who made this year's "It's My Park! Day" another great success!

– Mark L Fishman, Chair, HPNA
Shipe Park Committee

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HPNA Meeting Minutes: March 1, 2010

Co-Vice President Cynthia Lyons welcomed a small gathering of Hyde Park residents and introduced the first topic of the evening, the new **Dual Language program at Ridgetop Elementary School**. Celia Glick, Director of Dual Language for AISD, explained that she came from Lubbock, where she was principal for many years and initiated Dual Language.

Now there is much interest in this approach to teaching languages in Austin, and Ridgetop has been chosen for a pilot program next school year. Ridgetop Principal Joaquin Gloria III, who has a background in dual language, reviewed how the program will work. He has been giving tours of the school to parents from Mueller and Hyde Park who have been encouraging this new program, and he will continue to give them as requested. The benefits, in addition to the students' learning two languages, include few discipline problems, good attendance, and promoting academic achievement. Parents from other districts can apply for this program at Ridgetop until March 26, 2010. The application is available at the AISD website <www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/newsmedia/releases/?more=1969>, along with an explanation of this program. Mr. Gloria encouraged interested parents to call the school for a tour.

Next, we heard from Christopher Alberts, who is Volunteer and Special Projects Coordinator for **Foundation Communities**. He provided an interesting power point presentation about this nonprofit organization whose goal is to provide affordable community housing for homeless persons. In the last ten years they have gradually built apartments and now provide housing for up to 2000 families and individuals a year. Their residents pay rent according to ability to pay. Daycare, finance training, and learning centers are provided at the apartments.

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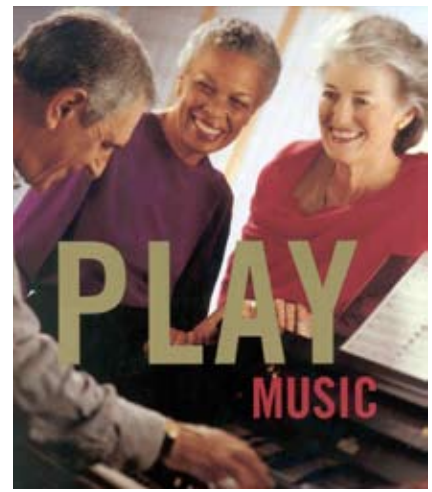
Neighbor Mark Fishman reminded all of the annual **It's My Park! Day** on March 6 when he will direct all the volunteers in the general cleaning and nourishment of Ship Park. New this year will be the construction of a paver pathway from the swimming pool to the log cabin.

Although Homes Tour Chairman Barbara Gibson, was not present, she sent word that the Austin State Hospital will be part of the tour this June.

– Sally Robey, HPNA Co-Secretary

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News From/About the Hyde Park Gym: Cover Girl!

We are delighted to report that the cover girl for this year's *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue (even non-sports fans know what THAT is!) was none other than model and actress Ms. Brooklyn Decker, a long-time member of the Hyde Park gym whose husband is tennis great and stellar Austinian Andy Roddick. Ms. Decker is pictured here in front of the gym with her trainer Lance Hooton -- who, in addition to Ms. Decker, also coaches Roddick, Huston Street, Matt Holliday and many other high-level professional athletes. Hooton is a consultant for the Kansas Jayhawks basketball team and has worked with universities and sports organizations across the globe. He started working out at Hyde Park Gym as a teen in 1982.

Big names aside, HPG caters to folks of all fitness levels and, according to management, welcomes all Hyde Park residents tired of the high-pressure and loud environments of corporate fitness centers. Feel free to contact the owner, Brook Jones, on his mobile phone 560 9466 or by email at brook@hydeparkgym.com.

(Our thanks to Mr. Jones for providing us with this info - see you at the gym!)



The Tree Tender

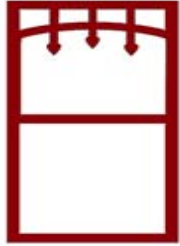
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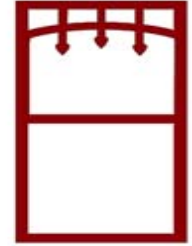
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floodlines 2010: the final performance

floodlines, the site-specific performance project conceived and directed by Jaclyn Pryor, will have its final performance on Sunday, April 11th starting at 2:00 p.m. For those of you who have yet to have captured a glimpse of *floodlines* as it has wound its way through the streets of Eastwoods, North University and Hyde Park once a year for the past seven years, this is your final opportunity to share in the ethereal beauty and the moving mystery of this work. Conceived in the aftermath of 9/11, *floodlines* transforms the neighborhoods into dreamscapes of beauty and loss, asking the question, "What does memory look and feel like?"

At the time of this writing, the performance was sold out, but you can add your name to the ticket waiting list by calling AusTIX at 512 474 8497 or catch a passing image on portions of Avenue G, 39th Street, Avenue B and Avenue D between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11th.

floodlines has left its "mark" on the neighborhood.

– Ann S. Graham

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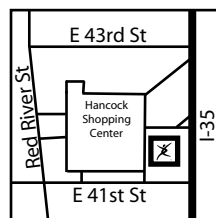
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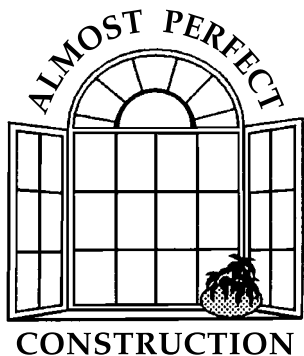
Dear Fellow Cheese-Loving Neighbors,

We used to live a couple of blocks from Neal's Yard Dairy in London's Covent Garden, so we know what a good cheese shop is. We're lucky now to have a wonderful source of cheese in Hyde Park, next door to La Dolce Vita.

As well as a range of exquisite local, not so local, and imported cheeses, Antonelli's sells charcuterie, speciality beer, wine and other delicacies, all of which you can hear lovingly described by owners John and Kendall. "The Préféré de Nos Montagnes is made rather like Reblochon, and comes from the same part of France — the Jura," John explains. "Like Reblochon?" It turns out that Reblochon is traditionally made with milk from the evening milking — it's richer and sweeter. Once you've tasted a cheese, as they encourage you to do, you're hooked.

John says he wants the store to be a neighborhood resource. He calls his customers by name and knows their preferences. If you haven't visited, don't delay! — Antonelli's Cheese Shop, 4220 Duval, 531-9610

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Clean Sweep on April 10

Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep event is happening Saturday April 10th, from 9-11 AM. This is an annual citywide event, and this year I registered a creek cleanup in north Hyde Park. Keep Austin Beautiful is providing us with garbage bags and some gloves. If you are interested in joining the project, you can register here:

www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/cleansweep

I named the event I registered "Waller Creek-north Hyde Park." I plan to start at the part of the creek immediately west of the dead end of 47th Street and proceed from there.

Volunteers who participate in one of the Clean Sweep projects are invited by Keep Austin Beautiful to attend their Volunteer Party and Environmental Fair immediately afterward at Waterloo Park. The Volunteer Party includes a free lunch, live music, children's environmental activities, recycled art and door prizes. If you are one of the first 4000 volunteers to register you get a free T-shirt.

— Lisa Harris

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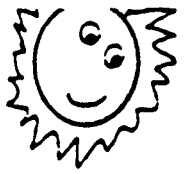
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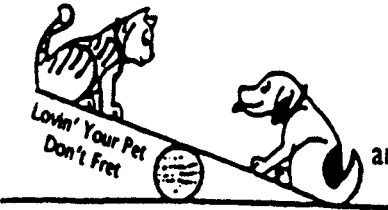
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The role of the HPNPCT (Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team) is to review and make recommendations on all proposed amendments to the adopted Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan.

Membership is open to property owners, residential renters, and business owners. At the January meeting new bylaws were adopted and officers were elected:

- *Chairman, Karen McGraw*
- Vice-Chairman, David Conner*
- Secretary, Ashley Schweickart*

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan 10th Anniversary!

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan was adopted by the Austin City Council on April 13, 2000. Many of the goals have been accomplished, such as rezoning the neighborhood via the two NCCD's. The Local Historic District is nearing public hearings and should be achieved this year. There are many goals that still need work. Priorities for new sidewalks and repairs are one topic that will surely be considered this year. The Plan, NCCDs and more can be found on the HPNA website and on the City of Austin neighborhood planning website.

Hyde Park Poets —

Pouring

The sound of the coffee maker
 intoxicates the air.
 The cup waits, ready.
 By the pot's plastic handle
 I lift and pour.

Although it's coffee,
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 I tip the little tub gently.
 A stimulant feeds the cup
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— *Elzy Cogswell*



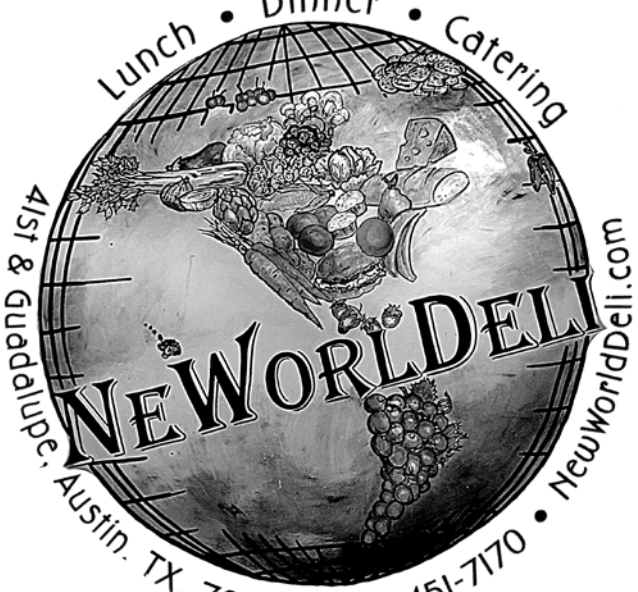
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Our beloved pecans, a mess do they make,
So why don't we wield an old push broom or rake
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'Cause we are the neighbors who know what is right.
We are the only ones who fight the good fight,
And those not right are most obviously wrong.
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This neighborhood's mine; for me but not for you.

Hyde Park longs for eras filled with history
But how we judge others — 'tis a mystery —
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— Fred Florence,
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— Nancy Taylor Day
March 11, 2010

Announcement

The Austin Poetry Society will sponsor an
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— Elzy Cogswell



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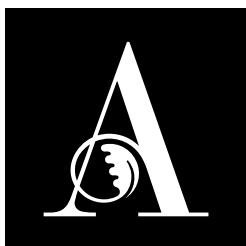
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