

April Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 2, 2012

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for April 2nd

- ❖ City of Austin PARD Golf Manager, Kevin Gomillion discusses the future of Hancock Golf Course
- ❖ Vote on issues related to Hancock Golf Course

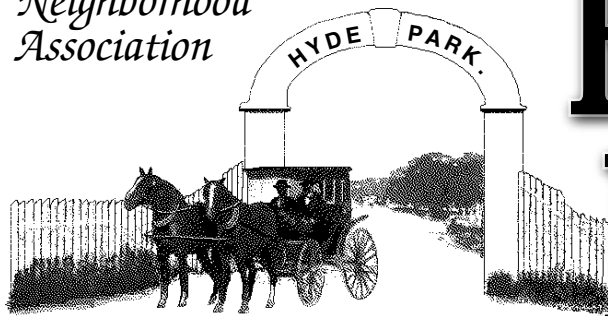


Concept illustration of the elevated six-lane 45th Street Crosstown Expressway to provide East-West connection between I-35 and MoPac.

Happening Around Hyde Park

- **Hyde Park Game Night** - April 11th, Wednesday 7:00 -8:30 p.m., 4110 Avenue G. Games for Adults and Children. Join Us. More details on page 3.
- **Hazardous Waste Collection** - Come properly recycle all of your automotive fluids, cleaning products, fertilizers, paint, pesticides, solvents, light bulbs, and batteries at Shipe Park on the first Saturday of each month. April 7th at Shipe Park from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

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Shipe Park to Have Covered Tennis Courts, Picnic Area; Bocce for the Oldsters

Proposals for the greatest changes to Shipe Park in half a century were presented recently at the quarterly meeting of the HPNA Long-range Planning Committee. Details of a courtesy visit by a team of planners from the Texas Department of Transportation were provided by a committee member who asked to remain unidentified as she is not authorized to speak to the media.

The TxDOT team laid out a vision of improvements that will be offered to the neighborhood as part of a remediation effort accompanying the construction of the much-debated, long-delayed 45th Street Crosstown Expressway, due to begin construction in 2014. The six-lane freeway will connect I-35 and MoPac with on-off ramps at Guadalupe and Burnet Road.

Grover Benson, senior planner for TxDOT, said the expressway will rise almost 50 feet above street level, thus leaving the park and the houses along 45th Street relatively undisturbed. HPNA is free to come up with its own suggestions for remediation, but Benson offered a local example. Since the expressway will block the sunlight, the predominantly residential area between Burnet Road and Bull Creek Road has opted for installation of long-lasting Evr-Green™ turf and shrubs.

"There was some initial grumbling among the neighbors there who were attached to their

lawns and shrubs," he said. "But the exceptional attractiveness of the artificial shrubs and turf, and the fact that they require no water and virtually no maintenance except for occasional dusting, finally won everyone over."

Due to the centrality of Shipe Park in the life of the neighborhood, Benson said TxDOT planners focused their attention on ways to improve it. The freeway itself will cover the northern third of the park, including the tennis courts and Waller Creek.

Illumination has long been problematic for tennis players at Shipe, with blinding sun by day and shadowy lighting by night. Under the proposed plan, daylight will be carried by fiber optic cable from the overpass, bathing the courts in cool, even illumination. "At noon you will be playing in total shade," he said.

Night lighting will be nearly three times brighter than the current lighting and more evenly

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From the President's Desk:

Thanks to everyone who came out for It's My Park Day this year! It was another wonderful event! Special thanks to Rhonda and Philip Baird for leading the event, and to Mark Fishman, Adam Wilson, Jill and Jack Nokes, Alison Young and all the other Friends of Shipe Park who assisted in organizing the event! It was also wonderful to see the expanded mosaic mural. If you haven't been by the park in a while I recommend stopping by to see the new mosaic on the poolhouse wall that faces the pool.

You have a couple opportunities to participate in community events other than meetings in our neighborhood this month. On April 11th, we're having game night, organized by Deaton Bednar, Barbara Gibson, and Elise Krentzel, and on the morning of April 14th we are holding a Hyde Park graffiti

cleanup as part of Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep event. If you want to participate in the graffiti cleanup and let me know right away, I may still be able to update our volunteer information with Keep Austin Beautiful so you can get a T-shirt and a wristband for their volunteer appreciation lunch that follows the cleanup.

April 14th is also the date of the Longhorn Run through part of Hyde Park. The route is up on the HPNA website, <www.austnhydepark.org> and on page 9 of this issue.

A month or so ago we had a changing of the guard at the HydeParkAustin yahoo group. Thanks to William Cook for his years of service as moderator of the group and to Sara Bircher, the new lead moderator, for her work moderating the group. As many of you know, the yahoo group serves many HPNA members, many other Hyde Park neighbors and many people outside the neighborhood who are interested in Hyde Park. It is a place for discussion, announcements, missing pet notices, found pet notices, and many other types of communications.

We also really appreciate Paul Kamprath, who edits another important means of communication in our neighborhood, this newsletter. Articles published in the newsletter do not need to be written by HPNA officers or

members; if there's something creative that's going on in the neighborhood that you would like neighbors to know about, you have a neighbor that has done something remarkable, or you have some other news that you would like to share with the neighborhood please write it up

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Hyde Park Game Night

Social time with neighbors, old and new. A little friendly competition. A change from the daily routine. Game Night. Wednesday, April 11th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Barbara Gibson is hosting Game Night again at her home, 4110 Avenue G. In February, we played charades and Banagrams with a lot of laughter and high energy. I clearly need to work on my gaming skills.

Elise Krentzel will be on hand to lead children in games appropriate for their ages. As the weather warms, Elise has plans for backyard games on a large concrete patio in Barbara's back yard.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association provides snacks and we need to bring our beverage of choice for the evening. You should join us and bring your favorite game (no gambling such as poker or bingo, please).

Contact us if you have questions or comments. We hope to see you there.

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and send it to Paul. Thanks also to our poetry editor, Charlotte Herzele. If you have written a poem, taken a photograph in the neighborhood or painted or sketched a picture that you would like to share please send it to Paul or (for poems) Charlotte so that it can be considered for publication.

The revised Imagine Austin comprehensive plan is now available on the city website at <www.imagineaustin.net/chapters>

Mixed-use corridors have been replaced with activity corridors. The growth concept map can be viewed here <www.imagineaustin.net/growth-concept-map>

The mixed-use corridor that originally was to run from 183 on the east to Duval and then up Duval to 53rd St./North Loop, ending at Lamar has been replaced with an activity corridor that runs from 183 to Airport, then up Airport to 53rd and then down 53rd to North Loop, ending at Lamar. It appears to me from enlarging the map as much as I could on my computer that 38th St. adjacent to Hyde Park is not slated to be an activity corridor but I have heard some reports that it

is. Contact Gregory Claxton if you want clarification on that or any other aspect of the plan; email him at gregory.claxton@austintexas.gov or call him at 974-7630.

If you want to see what in the plan has changed in response to public comments you can access that information at <www.imagineaustin.net/chapters#comments>

Currently March 27th is the last date that Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the Imagine Austin plan.

City elections are coming up. I don't have information on the date for the City of Austin Ethics Review Commission candidate forum but it should be this month; check the city of Austin website or the Austin Area League of Women Voters website for updated information on when it will occur.

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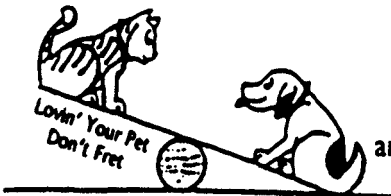
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distributed. And since nothing will grow under the freeway, a third tennis court, turned 90 degrees from the others, will be added between the existing courts and Avenue F. "Shipe Park will become a mecca for serious tennis players," Benson predicted, "especially at night."

Daisy Collingwood said she was concerned that the highway would "divide and destroy" Hyde Park, and that the noise would seriously degrade the tranquility of the neighborhood. Benson said the point of the raised freeway was to save the park, "what would destroy it is to have condemned enough land on both sides of 45th Street through eminent domain for a six-lane freeway."

As for noise, Benson said it was part of modern city life. "Standing under the freeway won't be as noisy as living two doors down from a leaf blower," he said. He added that he lived only a half mile from Hwy. 183, and at night it sounded "a lot like the surf at Port Aransas."

South of Waller Creek would see the addition of at least two concrete picnic tables and benches. Benson added that "the elderly do love their bocce," so at least one bocce court will also be included, probably between the basketball court and the creek.

Dale Rutkowski took sharp exception to Benson's remark. He said he was "sick and tired of people assuming older folks were a bunch of drooling, doddering, weaklings." He said he was 71 and could bench press more than most 30-somethings in Hyde Park and he would fight any man in the room who said it wasn't so.

Benson apologized; after a brief discussion it was decided to henceforth refer to older Hyde Parkers as 'oldsters.'

Committee chair Jean Wright moved that the committee accept TxDOT's preliminary plan; it passed 6 to 1. Benson said designers would have more detailed plans, complete with drawings, in time for the June HPNA meeting when the final proposal will be voted on by the members.

The meeting was adjourned.

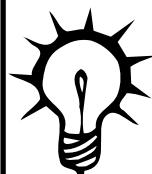
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- Science of life. (7) _____
- The science of interactions of electrons and protons. (9) _____
- Starry sort of science. (9) _____
- Can get rocky in this science. (7) _____
- Environmentalists' field. (7) _____
- Force over mass according to Newton. (12) _____
- Iron pigment in you. (10) _____
- Underlies continental drift. (5,9) _____
- First suggested by Democritus. (6,6) _____
- He started a revolution in 16th Century. (10) _____
- Acid with information. (16) _____
- A region having a particular climate and organisms. (5) _____
- Root word means to know in Latin. (7) _____
- Colorful finding revealing expansion of universe. (3,5) _____
- Force holding nuclei together. (6,7) _____
- It's often a natural selection. (9) _____
- Heavy subject of the weakest force. (7) _____
- A critter's place in nature. (5) _____
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HPNA General Meeting Minutes for March 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Harris at 7:06 p.m. The first item on the agenda was a presentation on the Upper Airport Blvd. Initiative by Jorge Rousselin of the City's Planning and Review Department.

Mr. Rousselin began with an overview of the initiative. As the Imagine Austin comprehensive planning research reveals that Austin's population is expected to double in 30 years, and Airport Blvd. is in the middle of several predicted sectors of growth, the City is looking at (1) what public improvements can be made to Airport Blvd., and (2) what private investments can be made along Airport Blvd. This initiative is NOT going to take private property by eminent domain, NOT increase the right of way along Airport Blvd., NOT displace homeowners or encourage demolition or rezoning of residential property, and NOT increase traffic. The goals of this initiative are:

- Establish a walkable, mixed-use, vibrant corridor;
- Provide more transit options (no longer auto-centric);
- Coordinate public and private investments; and
- Establish tools and rules to develop along the Blvd. (form-based code).

Mr. Rousselin then discussed the timeline for the initiative and outreach efforts currently underway. In 2010, the City Council directed the planning department to enter into a contract with a consultant to assess current conditions along Airport Blvd. and make recommendations. After hiring Gateway Planning Group, in September 2011 the City kicked off the initiative with a Visioning Charette. Then, in October 2011, draft Vision Maps were created to describe the potential future development pattern along Airport Blvd. Next, in November 2011 the City held a Mobility Concepts Public Forum. Since then, a Citizens Advisory Group, of which Hyde Park resident Doris Coward is a member, has met and made recommendations on the initiative. Now, during February through April 2012, the City is conducting public roundtables to refine the vision of the initiative. Next steps, starting in April, will be to create recommended changes to the land use code. Finally, the initiative will be proposed to the City Council by Fall 2012 to take action.

Mr. Rousselin next pointed out some "Placemaking Spotlights" along Upper Airport. First, the Highland Mall Redevelopment Area was discussed, which is owned by a few private developers, including Austin Community College. The possible vision is to utilize the large parking lots for development and create parking garages in the interior of the development. A second Placemaking Spotlight is the Proposed Fiskville

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Station Area, which is a proposed transit oriented development (TOD) along the red line. Travis County owns a lot of property in this area and wants to create an employment center with 1,000 jobs. Finally, the Adjoining Area to Hyde Park was discussed. The Airport Blvd. Plan does NOT include any portion of Hyde Park, but abuts the neighborhood at 51st and Caswell and again between 45th and 47th along Bennett.

Mr. Rousselin then described Form Based Code. Form Based Code simplifies land use regulations and incorporates into code the vision of the community. This system considers how buildings are laid out on a plot of land, the relationship of buildings to the street, and identifying public spaces, etc. Austin utilized Form Based Code when creating the 1839 Waller Grid and Hyde Park's NCCD is very similar in that it describes building character, building form, building type, and design characteristics, and is place specific and responsive to the local character of the community. Thus, while today's Airport Blvd. corridor is auto-dependent, with aging buildings and no coherent public realm, the future of the corridor with Form Based Code could have a vibrant character with broad market potential.

Most recently, a Character Map for Upper Airport Blvd. was drafted in February 2012 to identify the following zones: (a) Mixed-use Highland Mall, (b) Civic Campus, (c) Highway Mixed Use, (d) Corridor Mixed Use, (e) Fiskville TOD, (f) Commercial Transition, (g) Local Mixed Use, and (h) Neighborhood Transition. For the two areas abutting Hyde Park, Commercial Transition and Neighborhood Transition zones are proposed. The City is looking for Hyde Park to provide input as to what building types, forms, and characteristics are desirable to the Hyde Park community for these "transition zones." As an example, the Ridgetop Neighborhood recently took pictures of homes in their area and categorized these pictures based on desirability. The City would need this input to be provided to them before the planning department approaches City Council in May.

After initial Q&A with Mr. Rousselin, HPNA members decided that those residents interested in providing feedback to the City on the Upper Airport Blvd. Initiative should meet on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Finally, Lisa Harris provided some updates. First, if anyone has comments on the Game Warden Tract site plan, which was recently released by the City, please contact Karen McGraw. Second, the Imagine Austin plan has been modified to remove the term "mixed-use" for 38th and 51st Streets. Along 38th, the new term is "activity corridor" and 51st is no longer highlighted - 53rd Street/North Loop is now the designated "activity corridor."

The official meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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When I moved to Austin in 1979, I was amazed at the public parks I found in every neighborhood. People swam, played tennis and golf, and ran on trails throughout the city. Austin had the most parkland per capita of any American city. This was particularly impressive to me because I came from Fort Worth, a place where no one could do anything fun at all without belonging to a private club. I hoped things had improved there over the years but when I visited last June I found that ALL the public pools were closed for the summer due to budget reasons!

Over time, I learned that Austin's abundance was not an accident, nor the result of any greater wealth. Austin for the most part had always been a middle-class town with an economy dependent upon university and state government jobs. So, what accounted for the many public parks? I discovered that years ago visionary city leaders such as Mayor Tom Miller, Councilwoman Emma Long, Lady Bird Johnson, Roberta Crenshaw, Beverly Sheffield, Mayor Roy Butler and Roy Guerrero committed the resources to establish recreation facilities all across town. They led in developing not just parks and pools but centers with extensive programming, including organized sports, dance classes, summer camps, arts and crafts classes and neighborhood festivals. These leaders were also instrumental in opening opportunities to African Americans, forming the basis for Austin's more liberal reputation among Texas cities. Their courageous leadership created the foundation for Austin's attractiveness and growth.

Sadly, our City officials in recent years have forgotten or abandoned that vision. They are starving the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) while seriously contemplating giving public money to private organizations run by people not accountable to the citizens. They demolished the old Austin Recreation Center by neglect and are now contemplating selling off the newer facility there. They have practically destroyed Hancock Golf Course by not watering it, despite the gray water line passing alongside, or investing in maintenance that would make it attractive to golfers and then claiming it is not economically viable because it isn't played enough! With the increasing density of Central Austin and the anticipated closing of Lions Municipal Course, Hancock could be a very active course if it were improved and maintained.

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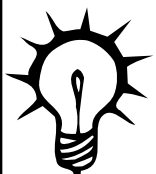
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Longhorn Run : Saturday, April 14, 2012

UT Student Government and RecSports are excited to bring the Longhorn Run back to UT and the Austin community. The organizers recognize the impact the race will have on neighbors surrounding campus and are hopeful that race day can be a positive experience for everyone affected by the course.

Although the race begins and ends on campus, it will affect Hyde Park. The race will travel north on Guadalupe from 29th to W. 34th Street. It will head east on W. 34th Street and then go north on Speedway, east on 42nd and south on Duval to Harris Avenue. After heading east on Harris, the course goes south on Red River and back onto campus. The race map is attached as a reference.

The Hyde Park area will be affected between miles 2 and 4 of the course. We anticipate the fastest runner will be to the 2-mile mark (W. 34th Street) at approximately 8:10 a.m. and the slowest runner will pass the 4-mile marker (where Harris meets Red River) at approximately 9 a.m. Please note that we are utilizing partial street closures.

To make it as convenient as possible for egress/ingress, there will be Austin Police Officers at 38th and Speedway and 38th and Duval. We anticipate the race pack will be thinned out by the time the runners get to Hyde Park and the officers will allow cars through the intersections when there are breaks in the packs.

To move east/west, residents are encouraged to use Dean Keeton or 38th Street. The westbound lanes of Dean Keeton will not be affected and only one lane of eastbound Dean Keeton will be closed. E. 38th street will have Austin Police Officers at Duval and Speedway to allow traffic through while protecting the runners. To move north/south, residents are encouraged to use Red River or Guadalupe north of 34th. If you need to head north or south near campus, Red River will have one lane open southbound.

Our goal is to have runners off of the city streets by 9:30 a.m. but definitely through Hyde Park by 9 a.m. We know that this is an inconvenience and we want to minimize that as much as possible.

Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated. To learn more about the race, visit

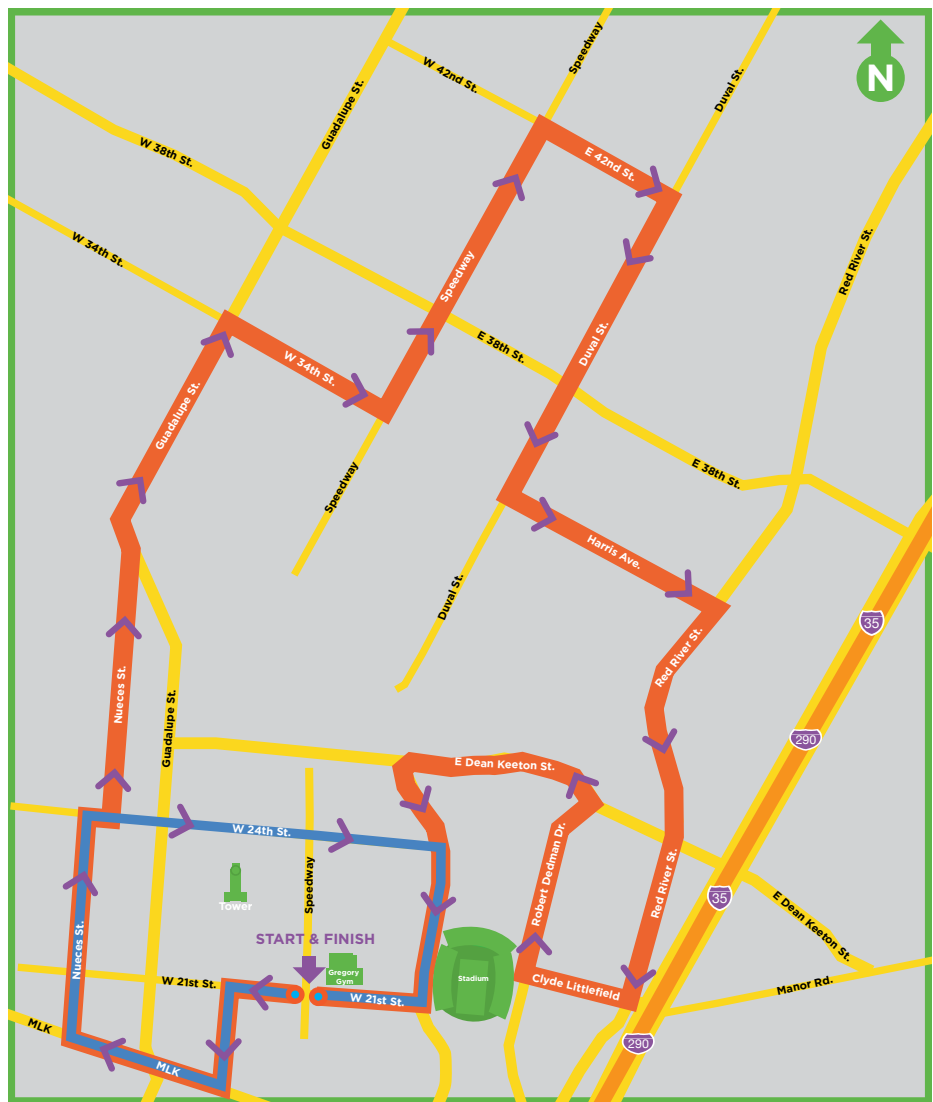
www.utlonghornrun.com. The Longhorn Run benefits the UT Student Government and Recreational Sports Excellence Funds. Resources from the SG Excellence Fund are meant to equip student groups with the tools to advance current projects or ideas, while promoting the ideals of giving and a spirit of service on the UT campus. The Recreational Sports Excellence Fund is focused on placing resources where they are most immediately needed to ensure that UT students have access to the highest quality recreational program in the nation.

– Jennifer Speer, UT RecSports,
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Longhorn Run 2012

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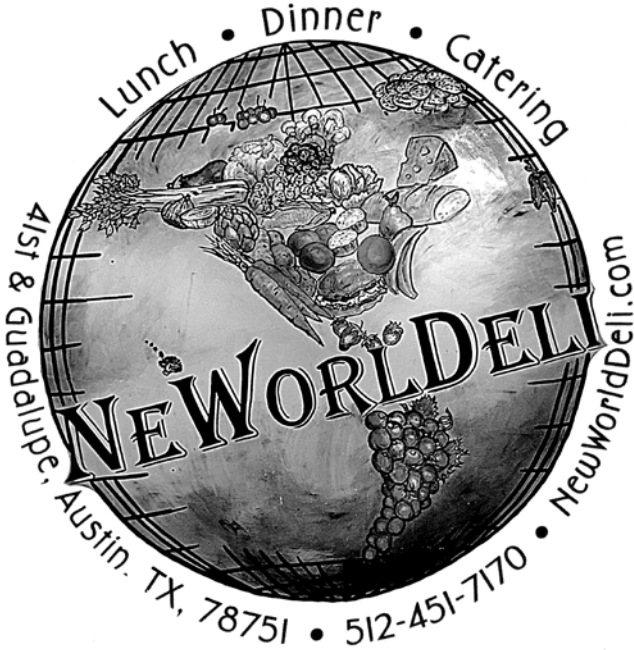
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Controversy Over the Future of Hancock Golf Course

Since November, City of Austin officials have been holding meetings to discuss the future of the Hancock Golf Course. The City has now narrowed its focus to one proposal, that is, convert the course into a park.

Using the land for development is not and will not be under consideration. Indeed, any such proposal would have to be approved by the voters of Austin. However, attempts to find alternative solutions to maintain the grounds as a golf course, originally up for consideration, now seem to be off the table as far as the City is concerned – a turn of events that prompted the Hancock Neighborhood Association (HNA) to write a letter of protest to the mayor.

Because of its proximity, the decision regarding the land will have long-term impact on Hyde Park. The City is hosting an open meeting on March 24 (too late for results to be included in this issue of the magazine). Happily, City officials will also make a presentation to HPNA at its April 2nd meeting. The presentation, followed by questions and comments, should provide an opportunity for Hyde Park residents to become better informed and voice their opinions.

The City has documented the finances of the course, and clearly it is no longer sustainable in its current state. According to statistics produced by the City, the rounds of golf played at the course have declined by 67% since 2000, and the annual deficits to the golf course have grown from \$146,195 in 2007 to \$218,096 in 2011. Budget cuts, drought conditions, and the cost of watering the course with potable water have caused significant deterioration of the course itself. An irrigation system to tap into reclaimed water would cost about \$400,000. At its current expanse of only 50 acres, the course has short holes; and the City claims stray golf balls have been a hazard to traffic and nearby homes.

After the initial presentation, HNA submitted a list of questions to clarify financial issues to see whether changes to current practices could bring the course to profitability. It does not believe the questions and issues about potential profitability have been adequately addressed by the City. And now the City is poised to ask the neighborhoods for input on what they would like to see in a park that replaced the course. This has brought the charge that the City is putting the cart before the horse. It has also been argued that the course should be preserved for historical reasons: it is apparently the oldest surviving golf

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*Beauty will come in the dawn
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Hancock Golf Course...

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course west of the Mississippi in continuous operation. Also, there is some fear that the closure would put too much stress on the remaining golf courses in the city. Another concern is that the City may not yet have been clear enough on the availability of funds to convert and maintain a park.

On the other hand, some feel that the conversion of the course to a park would in the long run better serve more people and families in the neighborhood. Even if funds were applied to repairs needed to make the course more viable, the course would still not be ideal for golfers. The City planned a survey of areas golfers, but results are either not yet in or have not been released.

The HPNA Steering Committee has not taken a position on this matter, but is strongly encouraging residents to come out for the discussion and presentation at the HPNA general meeting on Monday, April 2. It is expected that there will be votes taken on one or more resolutions that emerge from the presentation and ensuring discussions. See you there.

— Michael Nill

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Butterfly Gardening

Butterfly gardening can be a wonderful way to invite nature into your backyard. With a little knowledge on local butterflies and the correct plants, you can create a garden that allows you to watch butterflies in various life stages. Adult butterflies feed on nectar, gathering it from flowers. Larvae, or caterpillars, feed on plant foliage, so if you do not like to have your plants eaten by insects, butterfly gardening may not be for you.



Some larvae feed only on particular plants. The following is a list to help you with your plant selection:

Butterfly	Plant
Monarch butterfly	milkweed, butterfly weed
Queen butterfly	milkweed
Viceroy	cottonwood, poplar, willow
Black swallowtail	parsley, dill, fennel
Spicebush swallowtail	spicebush, sweet bay, sassafras
Pipevine swallowtail	Dutchman's pipevine
Giant swallowtail	citrus, Hercules club
Brazilian skipper	canna
Brush-footed butterflies	nettles, thistles
Hairstreak butterflies	pecans, walnuts
Gulf fritillary	passionflower vines
Giant purple hairstreak	mistletoe
Gray hairstreak	legumes
Question mark	hackberry, elm
Texas crescent	shrimp plant, dicliptera, ruellia
Painted lady	hollyhock, thistles
Buckeye	plantain, snapdragon

Adult butterflies need a source of nectar in the garden. The following is a list of plants they might like:

Plant name	Flower color
Asters	lavender, pink, purple, white
Blazing star	lavender
Butterfly bush	lavender, purple, white
Butterfly weed	orange, yellow
Cone flower	fuchsia
Flame bush	red-orange
Goldenrod	yellow
Ironweed	pink, purple
Lantana	combinations, lavender, orange, pink, white, yellow
Loosestrife	lavender
Mexican heather	lavender
Mexican milkweed	red-orange, yellow

Plant name	Flower color
Mexican mint marigold	yellow-orange
Mist flower	blue, white
Phlox	pink, purple, red, white
Salvia	blue, lavender, pink, red
Verbena	blue, lavender, pink, purple, red, white
Zinnia	orange, pink, red, white, yellow

Support Austin's Parks...

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The Imagine Austin planning process has asked us to identify what makes Austin good and what makes us want to live here. These are important questions to ask ourselves because so often we take our public amenities as a given. We don't see the lovely parks and historic buildings and neighborhood schools as something that might not be here, so we take them for granted -- until they are threatened. These neighborhood resources are the foundation that builds community, defines culture, and makes a city work. Yet I believe all these things are endangered by the trend toward expecting everything to pay for itself and function without public support. This short-sighted thinking risks the loss of irreplaceable assets and essential elements of Austin's egalitarian lifestyle.

The present work of the bonds committee is an opportunity to push back on this trend and renew our commitment to public facilities. I encourage people to express support for a bond package that includes investments, improvements, and deferred maintenance for our parks. Other measures are needed in the regular budget but the bonds offer an immediate opportunity to repair some of the shameful neglect of recent years.

I believe the Austin we have enjoyed as a legacy of those earlier visionary leaders is worth fighting to maintain. Everyone can make their views known on this by going to <http://SpeakUpAustin.org>. Progress on the bond work can be tracked by checking in on the City's website at www.AustinTexas.gov/Bond-Development.

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Hyde Park Poets —

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Less than zero
Is a song that Elton John wrote,
Sub-zero
Is the name of a refrigerator
Minus one - one less
The song was about how he felt,
I guess
Who knows what he was thinking
Or feeling?
I just like the song

More than zero
I could say, today,
Less than one hundred, but
Above ground
Way more than zero

“More than zero”
Does not have the same impact
Or appeal
We resonate more with pain
Less with joy

There is something more profound
About sorrow, than joy
That would make you listen
To Less than, rather than
More than Zero.

— *Herzele*
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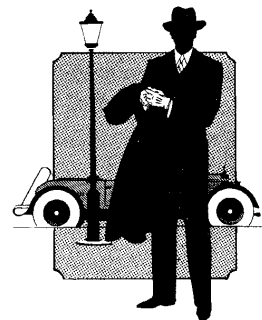
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Austin Parks Foundation's "It's My Park Day" 2012

The annual effort to improve Shipe Park now scheduled for the first Saturday each March as "It's Shipe Park Day" Saturday, March 3rd 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.

Over 100 neighborhood volunteers came out along with a contingent of folks from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Local business support for the event came from Grande Communications, Wheatsville Food Coop, The Griffin School & Mary LaTouf of Book Austin Music. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and Friends of Shipe Park were on hand to provide support as well. We greatly appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped out. Special thanks goes to neighbors, Phillip and Rhonda Baird, hosts again for this year's effort, Adam Wilson, Jill and Jack Nokes and Alison Young. They managed to perfectly coordinate all aspects of the event.



Sara Hensley, Austin PARC Director & Dorothy Richter, Hyde Park Mayor for Life

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

- **Tree Planting;**
- **Presented the second installation of the Shipe Park Mosaic Mural Project designed by Austin artists Pascal Simon and Holli Brown;**
- **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 park benches, picnic tables, trash cans and posts "ShipePark Blue";**

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- Cleaned the swimming pools;
- Yarn Bombing led by Caroline Wilson - Keep your eye out for pieces popping up around the park;
- Entertained by Brian Hudson and musicians from the Griffin School.



Volunteers planting a tree on "It's Shipe Park Day."

As HPNA Shipe Park Chair, I am once again honored to be associated with such a dedicated group of folks from the Hyde Park neighborhood who through their voluntary efforts continue to improve 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.austinhydepark.org;
- Contact the HPNA Shipe Park Committee, Mark L. Fishman, Chair mlfishman@gmail.com;
- Join the Friends of Shipe Park (contact Adam Wilson) adam@griffinschool.org; and on facebook www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofshipepark;
- Thank the Parks and Recreation Department staff whenever you see them working on our park;
- Join the Austin Parks Foundation www.austin-parks.org;
- Plan on participating at It's My Park Day in March of 2013; and
- Keep Shipe Park Clean. Pick up trash whenever you see it.

— Mark L. Fishman, HPNA Shipe Park Committee Chair



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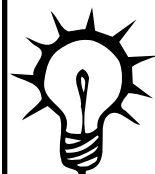
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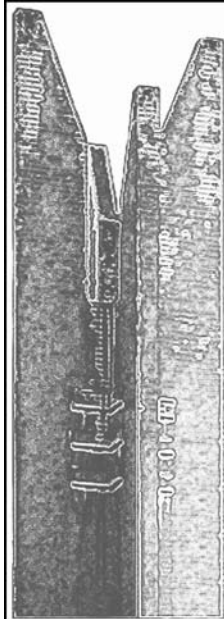


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Grand Lady Turns 95

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Florine, as all will attest, is a wonderful mother and homemaker, her profession throughout most of her life. She is renowned for her cooking skills, with two of her most sought after dishes being chicken and dumplings and homemade coffee cake. Rarely has there been a day in the Weiss home when there was a "cold stove." Even today, one can always smell good eats cooking on Florine's stove for her family and friends.

Flowers have been Florine's forte over the years, as friends and neighbors can attest. Her green thumb can make even the saddest of plants come back to life. Her yard is always filled with the bright and happy colors of begonias, roses and other plants welcoming all who visit and stay in her home. She takes great pride in the beautiful trees, plants, and flowers which surround the Weiss home, one filled with much love over the years.

May God bless Florine on her 95th birthday and may she continue to bless the lives of family, friends, and neighbors in the years to come.

— Karolyn Kay Weiss

Hyde Park Poets —

NY Looks Beautiful

Crystal clear
Bright, sparkly lights
Buildings, lit up,
Red, white, and blue,
Now, I 'm at the waist level
Of tall buildings,
The magic of bridges,
In the middle of a city,
Does not escape me.

— Herzele
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At a gathering,
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“That should be a movie,”
One of them says,
So it should,
Let the movies continue.

Memories decay
Not only that, but,
We remember the same events,
Differently from one another,
Between the different and the decay.

What remains of an actual event,
Between the differences and the decay,
I can remember whatever I like and
Hang onto the feelings
I think I had.

— *Herzele*
10/21/2010
for *Jaclyn Pryor*

Infundibulum – Vickie’s Art Piece

Scars on beads
Swirling infundibulum
Gold, with raised
What are these?
Scarification - tribal ritual
though I am largely certain
that is not what inspired
the raised symbols
Could be runes, more likely
than ritual markings
Yet, the vortex
Certainly suggests
Ancience (I mean that- as of ancient time)
The question arises
Is it runes on the glassy texture:
Scars on beads
Or, a jeweled path
Through secret meaning.

— *Herzele*
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City Seeks Better Ways to Control Speeders

One of the sad side effects of living central in our lovely university town is speeding motorists on our streets. Sometimes, alcohol is a factor in this irresponsible behavior. Fortunately, the City of Austin is actively seeking citizens to help facilitate their speed mitigation program on an ongoing basis, while funds last. They are seeking a contact person for every block of an affected street, not just one per neighborhood or street. If speeders are a problem on your block, this appears to be a sterling opportunity to step up and take action without a large time commitment. However, since the program works on a small block-by-block scope, it is likely that blocks with severe speeding problems will not receive the attention they deserve if the response to the program is apathetic.

As one might expect, speed mitigation commonly means speed bumps, speed humps, speed tables, speed cushions, roundabouts, medians, chicanes, and bulbouts. However, depending on feedback from the applicant and the community, it could potentially be something more elaborate, like a traffic circle or other designs.

Interested Hyde Parkers should go to <www.austintexas.gov/departments/local-area-traffic-management> and click on "application packet" in the last paragraph. Print out the last page and send it to 505 Barton Springs Rd, Austin TX 78704. For your convenience, the other salient points of the document are summarized below.

If (and ONLY if) the engineers find your block suitable for "speed mitigation," this is what you'll be expected to do:

- Ask your neighbors to sign a form supporting the idea. The engineers will tell you which neighbors to contact, and if you cannot contact that neighbor you can mark him/her as "not contacted."
- Create a speed mitigation group with a few neighbors and advise the City on the design of your speed mitigation object, i.e., you will be able to tell the City what you want on your block. Not only will your group be increasing the safety of your street, but it will potentially be able to make a lasting mark that also beautifies and enhances. You can even design the device to be decorative or functional (combined community garden/traffic circle) but if it turns costly the City may ask you to pitch in.
- Occasionally help weed/clean the speed mitigation device, if it needs it.
- Be the point of contact if the City has questions.

These are simple requirements and they give participants great latitude to work with the City and be involved in the process. The project manager for this effort is Renee Orr, <renee.orr@austintexas.gov>. She says that all applications are considered and ranked twice per year, presumably so they can handle the worst problems first.

— Dave Chang

Letters Dept.

Editor's Note: The following letter, addressed not to us, but to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles was recently penned by HPNA President Lisa Harris concerning her position regarding parole considerations for the Hyde Park tire slasher. Neighbors who value their property in a similar manner are encouraged to do the same.

Lisa J. Harris
4522 Avenue F
Austin, TX 78751
March 4, 2012

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 13401, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: INMATE NAME: Adams, Tommy Joe AKA Tommy Joe Kelley
W/M DOB: Jul 12, 1963
SID INMATE NUMBER: 02807412
TRAVIS COUNTY CAUSE NUMBER(S): D1DC11-300379


Dear Board Members:

I respectfully protest the release of this inmate because during the time I have lived in Hyde Park (since 2005) this offender's persistent efforts to damage property in our neighborhood has made stopping the incidents in which damage is done to multiple tires on a vehicle a consistent major focus of our neighborhood watch efforts. Many people had to replace multiple tires on a vehicle more than once in a year. Neighbors told me of their anger and stress and the times they stayed up all night looking out their front window trying to catch the offender in the act. The offender continued this damage over approximately sixteen years. The year that Mr. Adams has been in jail awaiting trial and beginning to serve his ten year sentence our neighborhood has been the first year in a long time in which there were not nights when someone punctured every street-side tire of every car parallel parked on a block or nights in which three or four tires of many cars in an apartment complex parking lot got punctured.


Mr. Adams should not be considered for parole at this time because at his trial this fall we saw nothing in his testimony that would give us reason to think that he would not immediately resume his efforts to damage property if released. The consequences of his crimes must be severe enough to deter him from offending in the future.

Respectfully yours,
Lisa J. Harris
President, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association



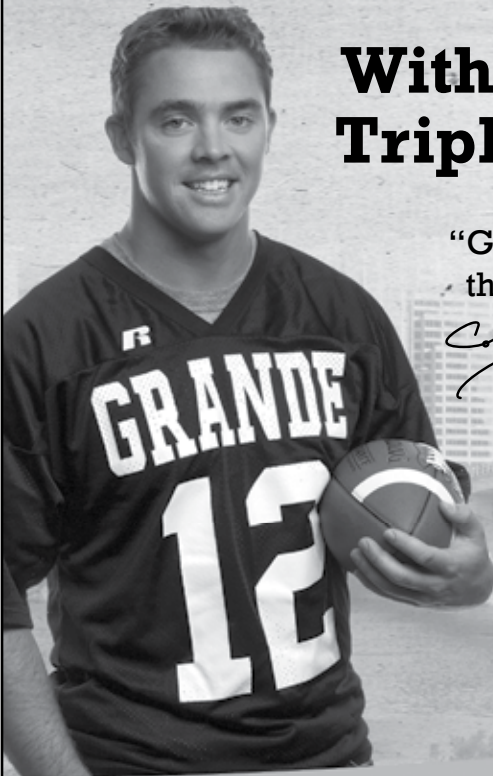


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