

# December Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 3, 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 Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

- ❖ Shipe Park Mosaic Project Update
- ❖ Discussion & possible vote on resolution concerning tract of land across from McCallum HS
- ❖ Presentation by Ann Gill Howard, Exec. Dir. ECHO on a Solution to Homelessness
- ❖ HPNA 2013 Annual Budget Discussion

All Hyde Park residents are welcome.



## HPNA Holiday Party!

The holidays approach and what an excellent time to join with your neighbors to share a meal and raise a glass!

The Parlor, at 4301 Guadalupe Street, will be opening its doors to the Hyde Park neighborhood on Sunday, December 16, so we can gather, eat, and celebrate together. Bring a dish to share and bring your family. There will be activities for children. For adults, there will be a cash bar.

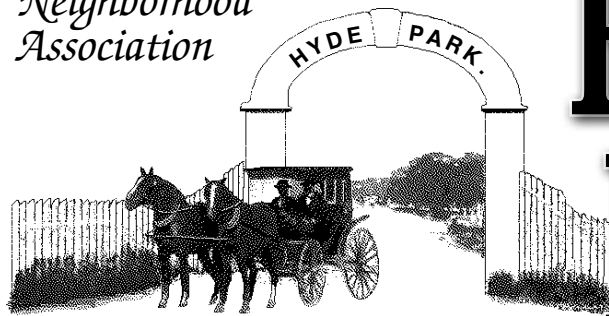
Gallery Black Lagoon, next door to the Parlor, will be open as well, giving us all an opportunity to explore its most recent art show.

So put aside December 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the final Neighborhood Association event of the year.

### HPNA Holiday Party

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Sunday, December 16, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Potluck with Cash Bar

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## Homes Tour A Huge Success

November 11 dawned as a beautiful day, breezy and just cool enough to be comfortable. It was the perfect day for a Homes Tour! Almost 400 tourists thought so as well because they made their way from one interesting house to another on foot, by bus, by car, and by bike.

It was a display of Hyde Park's finest and most livable homes. From the clean-lined, contemporary interiors of the Davis-Jesser and Wheeler-Anderson houses to the carefully preserved, ornate interior of the Williams house, their owners had made these houses their own.

We greatly appreciate the presenting sponsorship of Suzanne Pringle, Amelia Bullock Realtors. We thank our other sponsors and advertisers and all the workers who made the tour possible: writers and photographers; house captains and docents; ticket sellers; volunteer, flower, party, and route coordinators; publicist, artist, and web designer; and fundraiser. Without the input and dedication of all these people, the tour would not have been possible.



Docent Sutton Giese on the Carapetyan House porch: The home is owned by Paul Carapetyan & Julia Spann. Photo by Lorre Weidlich.

We want to correct an unfortunate error in the tour booklet: Carapetyan house owner Paul Carapetyan's business is Expert Service <[www.ExpertService.biz](http://www.ExpertService.biz)>, not Carapetyan Construction as reported. We regret our failure of accuracy.

We'll be reviewing the tour at the December Steering Committee meeting. If you attended or worked on the tour and have any input, let us know.

— David Conner  
Lorre Weidlich  
Homes Tour Co-chairs

# From the Co-Presidents

It has been a very busy few months in the Hyde Park neighborhood. Beginning with the Fire Station Festival towards the end of October (thanks again for all the hard work by the volunteers on the festival committee), to a festive and eclectic evening on Halloween, ending with the Hyde Park Homes Tour, our neighborhood has seen a lot of excitement during these great events.

The Hyde Park Homes Tour took place on Sunday, November 11th. Two main differences in this year's homes tour were moving the tour from Father's Day weekend to the fall and having the tour just on one day instead of two. The tour ended up as a big success! The HPNA raised funds with the tickets sold and corporate sponsors, and we realized that we can still pull off a successful tour with just one day.

We would like to thank the Homes Tour Co-Chairpersons, Lorre Weidlich and David Conner, for all their hard work. Also, thank you to all of the homeowners (Blake Hutson and Jessica Hoffman, Patrick Fagerberg, David Conner, Josie & Mark Jesser, Karen Saddeh & David Matthis, Tammy & Edwin Young, and Julia Spann & Paul Carapetyan) for opening up their homes and welcoming in all the visitors that toured the houses. A thank you also goes out to all the volunteers that worked on the tour, from docents to committee members. Every year, the tour reminds us of the great volunteer spirit present within the neighborhood and we look forward to many more homes tours in the upcoming years.

If you drive, bike, or walk by the intersection of 38th St. and Duval in the upcoming weeks, you will notice city work being done on the northeast corner. The landscaping and irrigation work will eventually bring the neighborhood a new green space which will be named Huffstickler Green. The HPNA and Hancock NA will share the responsibility of taking care of this green space (mowing, watering, and tree trimming) after the city finishes the installation and turns it over to our care. The HPNA Parks & Public Space Committee has agreed to oversee and maintain this new green space. We will also have a formal ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the green space. More details on the ribbon cutting will be coming soon.



Finally, our Tree Preservation Committee is looking for a new chairperson. John Paul Moore has recently stepped down as chairperson. We thank him for all his years of service leading this committee and for all his hard work in getting Austin Energy to realize that our trees are to be trimmed and cared for, not cut down. This fight with Austin Energy over the care and preservation of our century old trees is sure to continue

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## Pecan Press

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# Resolution Concerning Development Proposal Near McCallum

and we very much need someone to come forward to take charge of this committee. Please contact us to volunteer for this very important position if you can help.

- John Williams &  
Ashley Schweickart,  
HPNA Co-Presidents



## Hyde Park Poets

### Avenue B

Mothers pushing prams  
students pushing bikes  
grampa pushing his walker

— Fred C. Ruof

The resolution below was adopted by the HPNA Steering Committee on November 7th, 2012. Since that time, the development proposal submitted to City Council has changed. Therefore, the text of the resolution presented to the general HPNA membership at the December 3rd meeting may end up being revised from what the Steering Committee originally considered.

### HPNA Steering Committee Resolution

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee joins the Brentwood Neighborhood Association and the Brentwood Neighborhood Planning Contact Team in urging the Austin City Council to uphold the Brentwood Neighborhood Plan and current zoning on properties located at 828, 836, 900 and 902 Houston Street. Specifically, we oppose any change that would zone the above-mentioned properties to any classification other than the current zoning of SF-6.

The current zoning, SF-6, provides "moderate density" and serves as "a transition between a single family and multifamily residential use" according to the Austin Land Development Code. In fact, the Brentwood Neighborhood Planning Team had already upzoned these properties to SF-6 during its Neighborhood Plan process, specifically to allow for increased density on these tracts, while providing a critical buffer to existing single-family homes and the public

high school. It is clearly the appropriate zoning for this location.

The proposed rezoning of these properties would allow significantly increased density in immediate proximity to McCallum High School, which is the assigned secondary school for students in the Hyde Park neighborhood. The Traffic Impact Analysis for the proposed project shows Houston Street already operates at more than three times its desirable threshold. We believe the significant increase in traffic resulting from the proposed upzoning will create increased safety risks for neighborhood students.

For these reasons, and as a community which sends its children to McCallum High School, the members of the HPNA Steering Committee strongly urge City Council to uphold the Brentwood Neighborhood Plan and maintain the current zoning of SF-6 on the above mentioned properties.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment	2012-13 Membership	HPNA Membership Info
<b>Name</b> _____ <b>Phone</b> _____ <b>Address</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be notified via email of HPNA meetings and events. <b>Email</b> _____ <b>Dues (per person)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standard - \$5/year <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen- \$1/year <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash    Date _____ <i>All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.</i>	Bring to an HPNA meeting, or send to:  <b>HPNA Membership</b> P.O. Box 49427 Austin, Texas 78765  Make checks payable to HPNA.	All memberships expire on September 30th of each year. ✦ Membership in HPNA is open to all residents aged 18 years or older who reside within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of the designated boundaries. ✦ New members, and members who lapse in dues for over six months, are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the introduction of new Co-Presidents, Ashley Schweickart and John Williams.

Ari Witkin spoke briefly about the LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon. The February 17th run will use the exact same pathway through town as the last two years with the same closings. For example, the intersection of 45th and Duval: Duval southbound between 51st and San Jacinto will be closed but the northbound lane will be open. A charity for children will be raising money at 41st and Duval. In all, 26 charities plan to raise \$400,000, of which \$40,000 will go to Communities In Schools. Volunteers will cover all the water stops. Any person needing information about the schedule, traffic obstructions, police and emergency protections may call Ari or check with him by email at the Austin Marathon information below. He can provide directions to anyone needing to get around the obstacles on race day. The 2-1-1 help line will also be able to give information, so everyone is encouraged to use that service. LIVESTRONG is the title sponsor and a charity to receive donations.

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Margaret Valenti, Carol Haywood, and Glenn Rhoades from the City's Planning & Development Review Department attended to address confusion which is ongoing regarding neighborhood associations (NA) and neighborhood Contact Teams, the function and role of Neighborhood Plans (NPs), and zoning through Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts. This information is on the web or by contacting Ms. Valenti at:

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Ms. Haywood began the presentation by discussing the role NPs now have in the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan. Hyde Park adopted its NP in 2000, prior to the creation and utilization of Future

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Land Use Maps (FLUMs), which designate the land uses authorized within a neighborhood planning area. This past June, the Imagine Austin Plan, which comprises the 600 square miles surrounding Austin and extraterritorial land, was adopted. Within that plan, each NP is adopted as an attachment to the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan. Both plans are utilized for regulations and funding allocations, with the Imagine Austin plan directing the growth of the city overall. Comprehensive plans have been designed since 1979.

Mr. Rhoades then spoke about Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts (NCCDs). A NCCD establishes zoning regulations that are unique to a neighborhood planning area. Hyde Park (HP) has two NCCDs covering the neighborhood plan area, adopted in 2002 and 2005 respectively. Concerned citizens have had problems finding the NCCD maps and information on the City of Austin website. Glenn Rhoades stated that he can be reached to answer any questions about property use. He is available through email, <Glen.Rhoades@austintexas.gov>, or one may call the Development Assistance Center at 974-6370 or the Planning & Development Review Department at 974-2747.

During the Q and A that followed the presentation, it was pointed out that the Imagine Plan has growth concept maps that were created utilizing the FLUMs of neighborhood plans, but only a white space on the location of Hyde Park. Ms. Valenti responded that if anyone wants to amend the NP they can request it through the Contact Team through the information provided above. Ms. Haywood and Ms. Valenti also pointed out that the Imagine Austin process has been responsive to HP requests, as indicated by the removal of 38th Street as a growth corridor after neighbors communicated their disapproval of that part of the plan.

Neighbors brought up an example of the City staff providing construction permits in a manner which is counter to the language and intentions of the NCCD. Recently, staff members have permitted carports to be constructed in the front of properties, even though the NCCD states that garages are not allowed. Staff has stated that a "carport" is interpreted as not being a garage. Ms. Valenti suggested that neighbors report regulation infractions to Daniel Ward.

Neighbors note that Residential Building Review staff seem to be oblivious to plans written by neighborhoods. There was a question about training provided to employees in Residential Building Review, so they are aware of and able to follow Neighborhood Plans. The experience of neighbors is that current training efforts appear to be inadequate since the members of staff do not know the rules for construction in this neighborhood.

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Ms. Haywood stated that there is a high degree of turnover in the Residential Building Review staff and currently there are many new staff persons. Neighbors encouraged these staff members to come to our meeting. Ms. Valenti was asked to tell staff members to contact the NA to answer any questions related to the NP or NCCDs. Ms. Haywood also mentioned that the current Land Development Code is "complicated and should be simplified soon" as the City is currently undertaking an effort to update the Code. When asked if there is a history of neighbors being involved in staff training sessions, the answer was that the Contact Team has a role in communicating between the residents and the city employees.

Karen McGraw clarified that the purpose of the Neighborhood Plan is to inform the City regarding the neighborhood's priorities. She informed the group that Mr. Rhoades is located on the 1st floor at the Barton Springs Building and is very accessible if anyone has questions or concerns. Karen also stated that the NP should be a helpful tool for staff when reviewing a questionable permit application. She has been told by City staff members that they were unaware that Hyde Park's NCCDs are connected to a NP. Karen stated that the NP clearly has "intent" that can be helpful in answering questionable circumstances and occurrences. Mr. Rhoades responded that staff cannot permit based on "intent." Karen helped to give credence to the NCCD by reminding the City staff that the NCCD was drawn up with input from the city legal department, and there were reviews of every draft along the way to final version. Ms. Valenti stated that any question regarding historic preservation or the Local Historic District can be directed to Allison McGee.

Ms. Valenti next discussed the role and purpose of Neighborhood Contact Teams. Contact Teams are required by city code and specific duties include implementing and adopting a NP, writing bylaws, holding meetings, maintaining financial records, making amendments to the NP and resolving conflicts of interest. In contrast, city code does not require Neighborhood Associations.

Individuals eligible for membership on a Contact Team include property owners, residential renters, business owners, and official neighborhood organizations within the neighborhood planning boundaries. While Contact Team expenses could be paid through HPNA funds, expenses thus far have been incidental and Ms. Valenti can provide copying and printing services to the Contact Team if necessary.

The Contact Team functions in an advisory capacity to the City, but the Planning Commission and the City Council make final decisions on amendments to

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the NP or NCCDs. Contact Team meetings are defined within the bylaws and Ms. Valenti stated that she can be contacted if the bylaws are not followed. She said the rules have a "spirit or intent" to them that can be implemented. The discussion ended with questions about "spirit" and "intent" in this case being different from the earlier use of "intent" in the NP. There was no resolution to clarify a difference in using these terms in one area and not the other.

Announcements were made. Lorre Weidlich mentioned that the Hyde Park Homes Tour has a website for information and buying tickets at: <[www.hydeparkhometour.com](http://www.hydeparkhometour.com)>. George Wyche stated that a driving delivery route for the Pecan Press has opened, affecting 168 homes. He is looking for volunteers to fill this vacancy. Finally, Lisa Harris mentioned that any HPNA member is invited to attend the next central sector Austin Neighborhood Council meeting on Tuesday, November 6th at 8 a.m. at Tom's Tabooley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

– Mike Pikulski &  
Claire de Young,  
HPNA Co-Secretaries



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## Hope for Charlie

Charlie, a client at Hope Food Pantry Austin in Hyde Park, has a message for people facing troubled times. This message works whether that trouble is advanced breast cancer, as it was for her in 1996, or not having enough food, as it was last summer.

Her mantra is simple: Don't go into denial. Learn what you need to know. Talk to someone who can help you. And then hand it over to God.

Charlie could apply that same philosophy to her trip to Hope Food Pantry Austin last summer. "When I started coming here I didn't have anything in my house in food," said Charlie, a native Austinite who was named after her grandfather and aunt. "They have helped me to stay afloat to having food in my apartment. You can't take it for granted."

Hope, which is tucked in the back corner of Trinity United Methodist Church on Speedway, provides 70-80 families a week with 3-4 days of groceries. In 2011, with the help of more than 40 volunteers from churches and the community around the city, Hope distributed food to 8,282 individuals including children. So far this year, we have distributed groceries to over 9,800 people.

Many people who come to Hope are – like Charlie – older adults and people with disabilities. Hope also serves single parents and people who are homeless, jobless, or underemployed. Each family or individual receives staple items of meat, tuna, rice, beans, pasta, and canned fruit and vegetables, along with fresh produce and 5-7 "choice" items a week.

Many people who come to Hope – like Charlie – would like to work, but find it difficult because of disability, age, the need to care for young children, or the local economy. Charlie has been working since she was 15, and at almost 70 she'd still like a job, but she's not been able to find work since her cancer surgery seriously affected the use of her right arm in 1996.

At a recent visit to Hope, Charlie wore pink-red lipstick, a pink ribbon breast cancer survivor pin, and a cross with clear stones. Her hair was pulled back from her face, making her look younger than her 69 years. Whatever situation people find themselves in, Charlie believes in staying positive. "If you look at it in the positive view, you don't go into denial," she says. "It's a mistake not to talk about it. If you talk about it you can get it better."

Hope Food Pantry is open every Thursday and Friday morning. Clients must arrive before 10 a.m. and the order of service is determined by a drawing so arriving early does not ensure first service. Hope does not accept late arrivals. The kind and generous volunteers serve approximately 40-50 families each day. Hope is closed the week of Christmas and the New Year.

To donate or volunteer at Hope Food Pantry, email [info@hopefoodpantry.org](mailto:info@hopefoodpantry.org) or call Stephanie at 512-420-0710.





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# Hancock Golf Course Update

## Historical Designation

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Cultural Resource Specialist, Kim McKnight, has been working with a UT School of Architecture graduate student to research the historical significance of the golf course and the Hancock Recreation Center for the purpose of applying for a National Register Nomination. The research will also allow the Department to apply for a variety of subsequent local and state nominations. Once the research is completed, it is the Department's intention to host a public meeting to share the research results and the historic designation options. The application process will begin in Spring 2013.

## Reclaimed Water

The Department has been staging for the irrigation installation including tree protection and erosion control measures. Admittedly, the tree protection component has been a bit more extensive than originally expected but this necessary component will allow us to provide maximum protection to our beloved trees. Installation will begin next month. The golf course will remain open during construction; however, fewer holes will be available over the next two months of the project. The project team will begin work on the top half of the course (holes 6-9) leaving the bottom holes (holes 1-5) open and will rotate the closure as the top half is complete.

## Concerts at the Golf Course

Per suggestions from our community meeting, the Golf Division further explored the possibility of hosting concerts at the golf site. Approximately 71% of the individuals surveyed were not in favor of hosting concerts at the golf course. The reasons cited ranged from the neighborhood already fighting noise from downtown clubs, to fear of damaging the course, to increased traffic, to the opinion that concerts are not an appropriate use of the golf course. About 24% of the survey group thought concerts with "limitations" were acceptable. A sample of the suggested limitations included only classical music concerts or Shakespeare plays, only acoustical music, and only daytime hours. At this time, the Golf Division will not pursue concerts at Hancock Golf Course.

## Concessions

A comprehensive report regarding food and beverage concession options for the entire Golf Division is expected to be completed in December. This report includes options for the sale of alcohol and all associated insurance and licenses; options for bringing course food and beverage concessions in house instead of contracting the service; and options for alternative food and beverage concession opportunities. Upon review of the completed report, the Department will gladly share the results and propose a course of action for public input.

– Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director  
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Clues: [# in parentheses is # letters in answer words]

1. Bark on sweet rolls? \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
2. Peruvian plant makes it big in Erin. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
3. Don't drink it unless you're a Monarch larva. \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
4. Legume tree that could also be a grasshopper. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
5. Plain beans in ice cream? \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
6. Cousin of #2 making it big in Italy. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
7. Parasite that makes kissing cool. \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
8. Texas' state flower is one. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
9. This cashew relative makes many itch. \_\_\_\_\_ (6,3)
10. Yet another #2 relative; a fav of Raleigh. \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
11. A goblin could be goblin' one. \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
12. Daisy relative often linked to Kansas. \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
13. Yet another in family of #2; can you say baba ghanoush? (8) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Grass favorite of pandas. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
15. Relative of #11 often used in spitting contests. \_\_\_\_\_ (10)
16. Native of the Carolinas, not our sister planet. \_\_\_\_\_ (5,7)
17. Could be black, red, or bell. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
18. Subject to counting ... day-o. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
19. Pineapple relative seen as gray clumps in trees. \_\_\_\_\_ (4,4)
20. Not a fake stone; linked to Ireland. \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
21. Herb often used with chicken. \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
22. Colorado state flower. \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
23. #5 is in this group known for weird pollination. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
24. Folks who call it nopal like to eat it. \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
25. Spicy celery relative is #2 in popularity worldwide. \_\_\_\_\_ (5)



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In an October *Pecan Press* article, I reviewed the purpose of, and the timeline for, developing proposals for sections of the draft of the FBC. Although the proposals were expected to be presented to the citizen's Airport Boulevard Advisory Group (AG) in late October, the timeline has been pushed back until at least December.

The AG, at their next meeting, will be oriented to the draft. At subsequent meetings, the AG will review the draft and prepare for engaging community input. Community outreach efforts for interested stakeholders will involve neighborhood round table meetings and a Community Open House will occur in late Spring 2013.

– Doris Coward, HPNA representative to the Airport Boulevard Initiative FBC Advisory Group.



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9-POISON IVY; 10-TOBACCO; 11-PUMPKIN;  
12-SUNFLOWER; 13-EGGPLANT; 14-BAMBOO;  
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Bed bugs feed on the blood of animals. The common bed bug, *Cimex lectularius*, is most often associated with humans while other species of bed bugs feed on animals such as birds or bats. Most feeding occurs at night with bed bugs piercing the skin while people sleep. The bugs inject a fluid while feeding that can cause some people (about 50%) to have an allergic response causing the skin to become irritated and itchy.

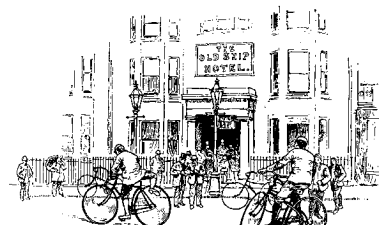
After feeding, bed bugs crawl away into hidden areas- mattress seams, headboards, nightstands, behind baseboards as well as other locations. They prefer to hide in locations that are close to where they feed, but they will crawl several feet to get to a meal. Over time, congregation areas become marked with blood, fecal material, hatched eggs and cast skins of molted bugs.

When travelling, always inspect rooms thoroughly for bed bugs before moving luggage into the room. If you are concerned about bringing bed bugs home, place clothing in the dryer (before washing) on high heat for about an hour.

For more information see the following website:  
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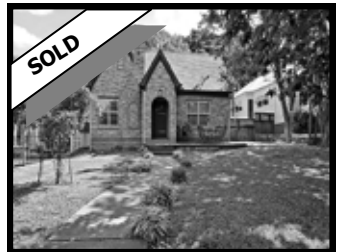
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