

# February Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 6, 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 Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Pecan Street Inc. - presentation seeking Hyde Park residents to participate in Smart Grid.
- ❖ "Greening" Historic Homes - presentation by Michelle Paris

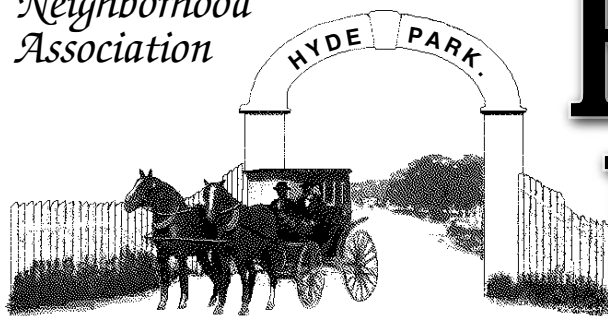
## Pecan Street Smart Grid Demonstration: Sign Up Today!

Pecan Street Inc. is currently seeking volunteers in the Hyde Park neighborhood to take part in its smart grid research project, a deployment of home-based consumer technologies designed to make energy management more efficient, more intelligent and more cost-effective for Austinites like you.

You may have heard of Pecan Street's efforts to bring smarter, cleaner energy management to the Mueller community and Austin at large. A nonprofit organization, Pecan Street Inc. and research partners from The University of Texas, National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Environmental Defense Fund are working together to understand the impact of smart grid technologies in residential homes. Our work is funded largely by a \$10.4 million smart grid demonstration grant from the Department of Energy, and fully supported by Pecan Street's local partners: the City of Austin, Austin Energy, The University of Texas, the Austin

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## Hyde Park Groups Create Dialogue, Get to Work to Combat Food Insecurity

On MLK Day weekend this year, a few Hyde Park community institutions joined forces to create a dialogue about the issue of *food insecurity* and to establish a new community garden that will grow fresh produce for those who cannot adequately feed themselves.

On Sunday night, Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC) hosted a "Peace through Pie Social" and encouraged community dialogue about hunger, the value of gardens, and the importance of community engagement with these issues. Then on Monday, volun-

teers gathered at Griffin School to break ground on the Griffin Community Gardens, establishing 12 raised garden beds which will be available to community members and will be a source of fresh produce for the Hope Food Pantry housed at TUMC.

The events were an amazing collaboration of a number of community organizations: TUMC, Griffin School, Center for Inquiry Austin, AHB Community School, Theatre Action Project, Peace through Pie, and HPNA.

Each event started with a pie social - an event promoted by Peace through Pie as a vehicle for positive social change. Neighbors brought savory or sweet pies along with their pie stories to share with others. From quiche to apple to lemon meringue, participants ate their way through dozens of delicious pies, viewed video clips arranged by AHB's Ali Ronder, and had small group discussions with support from discussion leaders from local family farms and nonprofit organizations that focus

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Connor Binns and his Buttermilk Pie at Trinity Methodist Church "Peace through Pie Social." Photo by Mylene Baumuller

# From the President's Desk:

My column in the paper edition of the *Pecan Press* last month was rather cryptic due to a misprint and missing text. It is printed in its entirety elsewhere in this issue.

It was shocking to have several violent incidents occur in a short period of time and so close to our neighborhood early this year. We need to be careful and watch out for each other. We haven't put as much energy into neighborhood watch since the tire slasher has been off the streets but given those events it's a good time to make sure we have all blocks covered. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

On a happier note, thanks to Deaton Bednar, Barbara Gibson, and Elise Krentzel for the game nights that they are organizing. The first

one will take place this month on Wednesday, February 8th. Game night will occur every other month and there will be an opportunity to play games, meet your neighbors, and find out which of your neighbors are seriously competitive.

I am pleased to report that the city's Airport Boulevard Advisory Committee has elected Doris Coward to membership so our neighborhood is now represented on that committee. She plans to update us periodically on that committee and Airport Boulevard redevelopment.



Kitty Clark celebrates her 90th birthday with her great grandson. Photo by Jan Ohlsson.

Congratulations to Kitty Clark on her 90th birthday this January! Many neighbors and friends, including several elected officials, came to help her celebrate. Her son-in-law, Jan Ohlsson, sent us a couple of the photos he took at her birthday party. In one photo she is holding the City of Austin proclamation celebrating her birthday and in the other she is with her great grandson.

Sara Krause at the city's neighborhood partnership program contacted me in early January to let me know that she is working on having the project for the green at 3801 Duval finalized. Because we have had a bit more rain, the city has lifted its landscape installation prohibition so it is likely that work on the green can start soon after it receives final approval.

Gary Schatz, Assistant Director for Transportation Management, contacted us to let us know about the

rollout of a new Local Area Traffic Management Program. The guidelines and procedures are effective January 1, 2012, and his department began accepting applications for speeding mitigation on January 18, 2011. They have two request cycles per year. The first cycle for the year will consist of the first 60 requests that arrive. If they find with their existing resources they can process more than 60 applications in a cycle, they will do so. Details of the program and an application form are on the resources page of the HPNA website. You can also go to the following page on the city website:

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On January 12th, Council passed a resolution that hopefully is the first step in ensuring that the threatened closure of Shipe Pool due to budget constraints does not become an annual event. It directed the City Manager to draft an aquatic facilities comprehensive master plan through a public process, with the participation of neighborhood associations and other interested stakeholders, incorporating an analysis of all existing aquatic facilities including physical condition and historic significance; a future needs assessment based on population growth projections of size and geographic distribution; inclusion of best practices for both operations and programming; and an assessment of funding sources. It further directed that the aquatic master plan include strategies to ensure that Austin's neighborhood pools remain open and free.

The city has been developing a good neighbor policy for affordable housing developments. Council has directed that affordable housing developments, and in particular permanent supportive housing, be distributed throughout the city. Since many people have not seen permanent supportive housing in person I have been working with Foundation

Communities to organize an open house at one of their permanent supportive housing communities. They have a reputation for building developments that are good neighbors. Learning about the steps they take to be good neighbors should be helpful for us in assisting the city design guidelines to help other nonprofit and for-profit developers build permanent supportive housing that is an asset and not a liability to the neighborhoods in which they are built. The open house will be in late March. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Finally, we were notified recently that an application for a site plan for the game warden tract, former Parks and Wildlife Department land on 51st Street, between Intramural Fields and the houses that adjoin Rowena Ave., has been submitted to the city. The ordinance in which this tract was zoned is available on the HPNA website. The application is to build apartments there. You can find information on the city website at:

<[https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/b\\_showpublicpermitfolderdetails.jsp?FolderRSN=10684545](https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/b_showpublicpermitfolderdetails.jsp?FolderRSN=10684545)>

As we receive additional information, we will share it.

– Lisa Harris  
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## Happening Around Hyde Park

- **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. February 4th at Shipe Park from 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- **Hyde Park Game Night** - Join us! Games for Adults and Children, Wednesday, February 8th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at 4110 Avenue G
- **Rainforest Partnership announces the 2012 Films for the Forest Contest**, now part of the Community Screenings at the SXSW Film Festival. **Deadline for entries:** 11:59 p.m. February 10th. **Topic:** Forest-Community Connection. **Length:** 30-300 seconds **Entry Fee:** \$10 <[www.rainforestpartnership.org](http://www.rainforestpartnership.org)>

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment	2011-12 Membership	HPNA Membership Info
<p>Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be notified via email of HPNA meetings and events.</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p><b>Dues (per person)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard - \$5/year    <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen- \$1/year</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Member    <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member</p> <p>Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check    <input type="checkbox"/> Cash    Date _____</p> <p><i>All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.</i></p>	<p>Bring to an HPNA meeting, or send to:</p> <p><b>HPNA Membership</b> P.O. Box 49427 Austin, Texas 78765</p> <p>Make checks payable to HPNA.</p>	<p>All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✦</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✦</p> <p>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.</p>



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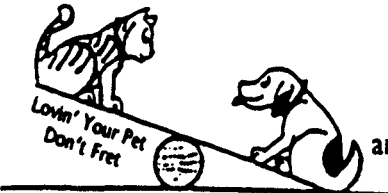
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## Combating Food Insecurity...

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Rebekah Jongewaard, Stephanie Nguyen, and Jeff Capra building the Griffin Community Garden beds. Photo by Azurean Teeple on hunger, gardening, and social justice. It was a wonderful night.

The next day, we had a pizza pie social at Griffin School and got to work: Volunteers built the cinder block and mortar raised garden beds that are the foundation of the new Griffin Community Gardens. They installed 10 new trees donated by Native Texas Nursery. They made donation bags for the homeless filled with basic useful things like socks, snacks, and soap. Kids made wildflower seed bombs and played on the giant mound of soil for the gardens. It was satisfying work and lots of fun!

In the coming weeks, Griffin School will be completing the infrastructure for the new beds including the installation of an irrigation system to enable drip watering for the gardens. The school is starting a new PE class - "Gardening" - to its existing offerings, and its student will begin cultivating a spring garden to benefit the Hope Food Pantry. The school is working on a user agreement for the community gardens - neighbors who want to help structure this system are strongly encouraged to contact the school now and to plan on attending the gardens launch meeting on February 7th. There are now 20 new garden beds with high quality organic soil (from Geo Growers) and drip irrigation capacity ready for adoption by neighborhood gardeners - come dig into the fertile earth at the Griffin Community Gardens this spring!

### How you can get involved:

- Have your own plot in the Griffin Community Gardens and/or get involved with this new neighborhood project: come to the launch meeting on Tues., Feb. 7th, 5:30 p.m. at the gardens at 5000 Martin Ave. Contact Stephanie Etkin, <stephanie@griffinschool.org> or 454-5797, or go to <griffinschool.org> for more information.

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- Host your own Peace through Pie social: go to <[peacethroughpie.org](http://peacethroughpie.org)> for support and ideas.
- Donate and/or volunteer at the Hope Food Pantry at TUMC: <[hopefoodpantryaustin.org](http://hopefoodpantryaustin.org)> for more information.
- Create your own effort to advance social justice, community engagement, and peace!

Special thanks to all of the neighborhood leaders and volunteers who came together in honor of MLK Day to make these events so enriching and satisfying! We hope that neighbors will carry the efforts begun on MLK weekend forward throughout the year and stay engaged in making our community a more peaceful, caring, and just place to live!

— Adam Wilson, Director, Griffin School

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## Smart Grid Demonstration...

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Technology Incubator and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce all endorse our first-of-its-kind research.

We'll deploy systems in over 700 houses through our smart grid demonstration with the intent of testing smart appliances, green building, energy storage, plug-in electric vehicles and more — and because you live in Hyde Park, you may be eligible to participate in this exciting program.

What does this mean for you, a homeowner? First and foremost, a technology package provided by a company like Best Buy, Sony or Intel would be installed in your house. We're testing a variety of products, so these packages differ from one another but are all geared towards helping homeowners better understand and control energy consumption.

The duration of our testing phase is two years, during which you and your family are encouraged to interact with the technology. Some systems will monitor your energy use and report it to you in real time via an Internet portal; others will include stand-alone devices that allow you to manipulate your energy consumption.

Participation is totally anonymous and totally free. The project is an ambitious effort intended to not only "smarten" up the utility's grid, but also find true benefits that energy customers want. And it's only natural that the place to take on the technology and environmental challenges of reinventing electricity would be Austin — a dynamic high-tech community with a passionate green soul.

To qualify for the Energy Internet Demonstration, homes must be single-family, owner-occupied dwellings. If you're interested in signing up, email us at <[participate@pecanstreet.org](mailto:participate@pecanstreet.org)> for more information, or call 782-9213. Check us out online at <[www.pecanstreet.org](http://www.pecanstreet.org)>.

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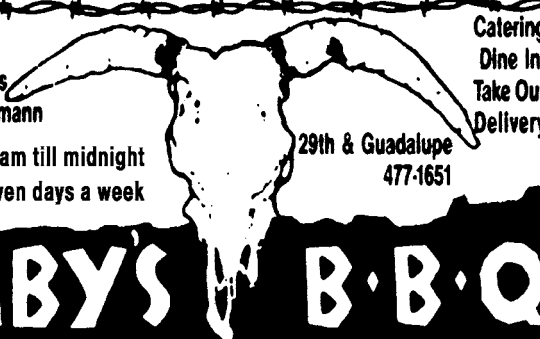


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## From the (January) President's Desk:

Editor's Note: Due to some complications in the previous issue this column is being reprinted.

A big thanks to Ellen Williams for agreeing to serve as our representative to Austin Neighborhoods Council. She participated in the Austin Neighborhoods Council meeting in late November and I was very impressed by her thorough preparation and thoughtful questions. I already can tell that she will represent Hyde Park very well!

This month we will vote on the resolution regarding changes at 43rd and Duval that was printed in the December Pecan Press. The resolution wording that was printed in the December issue may have given the impression that we already voted on it but that is not the case. At the December steering committee meeting, we voted to amend the wording slightly from what you saw in December; the amended resolution and the other two resolutions we will consider this month are printed elsewhere in this issue. We expect that a stakeholder meeting regarding 43rd and Duval will be held during the first week of January. When that has been scheduled the day, time, and location of the meeting will be published on our website and sent out to the Hyde Park Austin discussion group and the HPNA-notice google group.

A Ridgetop neighbor has requested that we amend the language in the mixed-use corridor resolution that reads, "HPNA is opposed to the designation of 51st Street or 38th Street between I-35 and Guadalupe Street as a "mixed-use corridor," "transportation corridor," or any similar designation." Her request was that we exclude the portion of 51st Street that is within Ridgetop, most especially the portion that is between Airport and I-35. I think it would be a good idea to amend the resolution to weigh in only on the portions of the roadways that directly adjoin Hyde Park rather than the larger portions currently described in the resolution. While residents of surrounding neighborhoods share our dissatisfaction with the term "mixed-use corridor," there is not universal agreement that all similar designations are unsatisfactory.

The trial closure of Bruning Avenue has concluded and I expect that the road will have reopened by the time you read this. The primary purpose of the closure was to mitigate congestion on 51st Street. The Transportation Department did not find that the closure resulted in significant reduction in congestion. Gary Schatz, Assistant Director for Transportation Management, directed in early December that within

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two or three weeks from that date the following three changes would occur:

1. The temporary closures at either end of Bruning Avenue will be removed and the intersections returned to previous conditions. The traffic signal at E. 51st Street, Duval, and Bruning will be returned to normal operation and the crosswalks revised to reflect the five-legged condition.
2. Two speed humps (not speed cushions) will be installed along Bruning Avenue prior to the removal of the temporary closures.
3. The temporary devices, turn prohibitions, and traffic signal at E. 51st Street and Clarkson will be removed. Two-way stop control will be reinstated with Clarkson traffic stopping for E. 51st Street traffic.

One frequent complaint that Northfield neighbors raised when they argued that Northfield should remain closed to through traffic was that having so much traffic (much of it speeding) on a road without curbs or sidewalks causes difficulties for pedestrians. The purpose of the Bruning sidewalk resolution on the agenda for this month is to communicate to Northfield and the North Loop Planning Team that if they choose to lobby for sidewalks to be added to any portion of that street that we will advocate in favor if asked. If we adopt that resolution, I will send it to Northfield Neighborhood Association and the North Loop Planning Team so that they will know that they can call on us for support.

Seth Johnson has suggested we might also express support for a crosswalk on 51st Street in the vicinity of Ridgetop Elementary. I think that is a good idea; we should probably contact Northfield in the near future and see whether this is something they are working to accomplish and, if so, what their thoughts are on the best location for a crosswalk.


Finally, thanks to the Austin Independent School District's Board of Trustees for their December 12th unanimous vote not to accept either of the bids for Baker School!

— Lisa Harris  
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Hyde Park resident Kitty Clark celebrates her 90th birthday in January 2012 with a proclamation issued by the City of Austin. Photo by Jan Ohlsson

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# HPNA General Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Harris at 7:05 p.m. Lisa made two quick announcements, the first that tonight a meeting was held between APD and Heritage Neighborhood Association regarding the assaults that have occurred since New Year's Eve. The second announcement was regarding Thursday's City Council meeting where Austin Energy's rate increase proposals will be discussed.

The first official item of business was the 2012 Budget Presentation. The Budget Committee met in December to draft the budget, which was amended at December's Steering Committee meeting and is now presented to HPNA. Treasurer I Jay Aarons presented the budget spreadsheet portraying the 2011 budget, the 2011 actual expenses, the 2012 draft budget, and the amended 2012 budget. Main revenue sources include the *Pecan Press*, the Homes Tour, and Membership Dues. The main expense is the *Pecan Press*, but John Williams, Eric Stumberg, and Bob Farr worked to re-bid the printing cost and were able to ensure that the print expenses will be less than budgeted.

Dorothy Richter expressed concerns that the money spent on the Fire Station Festival and the Volunteer Appreciation Party was excessive. I Jay stated that in 2011, only \$1,800 of the \$3,000 allocated toward Volunteer Appreciation Events was expended. Michael Nill also stated that the Steering Committee agreed to look at a line item breakdown of the costs incurred by the Volunteer Appreciation Party. John Paul Moore asked to amend the budget to state that the newly formed Game Nights will not include games of chance. Finally, I Jay clarified that with HPNA now meeting at Trinity UMC, we no longer incur rental costs, but we do make an annual \$1,000 donation to the church. The budget was voted upon as amended and approved.

The second item of business was a possible vote on a resolution in opposition to the designation of 38th and 51st streets as mixed-use corridors in the draft Imagine Austin Plan. Both the North University Neighborhood Association and Hancock Neighborhood Association have passed similar resolutions already. Wanda Penn and John Paul Moore both stressed the importance of the resolution covering the entirety of both 38th and 51st Streets from I-35 to Guadalupe Street, as 51st Street is vulnerable to changes to the present residential configurations. John Paul stated that we should continue to work in solidarity with our surrounding neighborhood associations on these matters. The resolution was voted upon and approved.

The third item of business was a possible vote on a resolution in favor of 43rd and Duval Streets intersection and safety improvements. Karen McGraw stated that she spoke with representatives from the City Transportation Department regarding safety improvements and traffic calming. Discussion ensued regarding the loss of parking spaces, due to street narrowing and the potential closing of the alley between Dolce Vita and Julio's. There were

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also questions regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety. Karen mentioned that presently the speed limit is 35 MPH along Duval, within the commercial corridor and that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan recommends lowering speeds to 30 MPH.

Members mentioned the public discussion held on January 5th regarding these improvements, where the owners of Asti, Fresh Plus, Julio's, Quacks, and Hyde Park Bar & Grill met with interested neighbors from Hyde Park and Hancock. The Hancock Neighborhood Association will be voting on this resolution on Jan. 18th and requested that Karen provide the range of possible parking spaces lost given these changes. Bick Brown emphasized that the drawing of the Hyde Park Plaza is only a conceptual design at this time. When asked about thoughts from the business owners he stated that there is a "general consensus" that they want this plan. Discussion moved to the City's interest in reverse-angle parking. Kevin Heyburn motioned for an amendment to the resolution, which would remove the words "reverse angle parking on Duval Street," but this motion failed. The resolution as written was voted upon and approved.

The fourth item of business was a possible vote on the draft resolution in support of sidewalks for Bruning Avenue. There was no discussion on this item and it was voted upon and approved. The fifth item of business was a presentation by the Texas Gas Service, but they were unable to attend the meeting.

Next, Doris Coward spoke about the Airport Blvd. Redevelopment Advisory Committee, which she is now a member of. The Committee met on Dec. 15th and was provided the draft airport improvement proposal. Members provided comments by Jan. 6th. The City compiled these comments and presented them at the next Committee meeting on Jan. 25th. Doris made comments on pedestrian access across Airport and pass-thrus between buildings. Doris stated that stores along Airport are closing and John Paul Moore informed the HPNA that numerous houses are being bought just east of Airport behind the stores. Other members of the Committee include ACC, Redleaf (developer of Highland Mall property), Catellus (developer of Mueller development), and Cap Metro. Lisa Harris noted that Ridgetop Elementary School currently has no representative on the Committee.

Finally, John Williams spoke about the City's meeting on the Hancock Golf Course. Lisa and John met with PARD in November along with representatives from Hancock. The City presented that the golf course has lost \$75,000-\$150,000 a year for the last 10 years and the City would like to turn the land into a park. If the City converted to reclaimed water, there would be an up-front cost of \$350,000 to make the switch, but then the City would save \$50,000 a year, thus the conversion would pay for itself in 7 years. There was disagreement between PARD and Golf Enterprise over who would pay for the transfer to reclaimed water. John Williams stated that work should be done on improving communication with City so that HPNA is able to have more representation at future meetings regarding the golf course.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22.



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## Clotilde Shipe's Surviving Schoolwork

This is the second of two English papers of Miss Clotilde Shipe found in the attic of the William T. Williams and Valerie Mansbendel Williams House. The first paper appeared in the January 2012 issue of the *Pecan Press*.

– Transcribed by David Conner

### A Country Store By Miss Clotilde Shipe (1897)

In the fall of 1895, I went on a visit to some friends who lived in a little village in eastern Ohio. The name of the town is Paris. It is in the eastern part of Stark County. The county seat of Stark County is Canton, which is the home of President McKinley. Though Canton is a great manufacturing city, little Paris has no manufacturers. Paris is situated five or six miles from the rail yard. It is strictly a country town. There are probably no more than one hundred houses and they are so scattered and far apart that it was hard to tell where the town commenced or the farms ended. Nearly everybody in town either owned some land nearby or worked on the farms.

There was a schoolhouse, a little church, a blacksmith shop, a small tavern, and a general country store. In the center of the town was about an area of ground which the villagers called "The Park" where at some time, there had been shade trees, but now the only shade was furnished by one sickly looking locust tree and telegraph pole. The wire in the pole did not stop in Paris, but connected some other town. At one end this park stood a hay scale which I learned was the common property of the town.

The store was an one story building about fifty feet long, thirty feet wide, and six feet high. The front end of the building faced south. Across this end was a board awning to keep out the sun. Above the front were three steps leading up to the double doors. The doors sat back two or three feet and on one side of this recess, stood a barrel on which there were brooms, ax handles, and wooden rakes. On the other side was a pile of washtubs, and one filled with nails.

On the sidewalk in front of the store, stood plows, barrels, cultivators, seed drills, and other farm machinery. Along the north side of the building was piled a long row of barrels of salt. In the sidewalk in the north were double doors heading to the cellar.

In entering the store, I found it to be a room about thirteen feet high, the width and length of the building (note: the Teacher grading the paper commented "Clearness" on this sentence). To the left was a counter, the full length of the room which extended across the rear, leaving a three foot space at either end for the purpose of pass-

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ing behind the counters. Behind the counter were shelves, and on the shelves in the left were arranged dry goods in a great variety. On the shelves at the rear of the store were displays of a great variety of things. There were oils for masons, squarelevels, and plumbs; carpenter tools such as saws, planes, braces, bits, augers, chisels, hatchets, screwdrivers etc; farmer's tools such as large crosscut saws, tree pruning shears, picks, and axes, etc. In front of the rear counter stood open kegs containing various sizes of nails, spikes, horse shoes, heavy twine, and coils of rope of various sizes. In the end stood heavy scales used for weighing nails, and other heavy goods also for weighing sugar, coffee, and other heavy groceries which were kept in the bins under the counter or in drawers under the shelves.

In the cellar were barrels of molasses, oil, tar, vinegar, and a large pile of salt pork; also a box in which was kept butter, lard, and eggs, etc.

The proprietor of this store was a man about sixty years old, tall, and slender. He was a good-natured, kindly looking Pennsylvanian German who could talk English, German and a little French. His trade was with a mixed class of farmers. This old gentleman calls his customers in a very genial and hearty manner. Everyone seemed to like him and even the farmers' little children were attached to the old storekeeper, for it was his custom to notice every child that came to the store. He seemed to be fond of children, and frequently gave to the smaller ones a little candy or a stick of cinnamon. The work about the store was largely done by the old storekeeper's sons so that the principal occupation of the old storekeeper was to meet his customers and talk about the crops and the weather.

(Teacher Note: "Very Good. Your description showed that you are a careful observer.")

## Hyde Park Poets —

### Untitled

You are beautiful and charming and becoming more so.

No amount of exercise or lack thereof could change that.

Some people are beautiful on the inside and others are beautiful on the outside.

But you, my dear, are the rarest of beauties.

Your beauty comes from every cell of your soul and every pore of your person.

Your spirit soars above the common thought and sails through humanity as a siren call to perfection.

To be in your presence is to be humbled by comparison but lifted by inspiration.

Oh, if only I could be as thee.

— George Kivett

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## Hyde Park Game Night

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Barbara Gibson is hosting Game Night at her home, 4110 Avenue G, the second Wednesday of every other month, beginning February 8. The games begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Elise Krentzel will 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. Adult games being considered are charades, Mexican Train, dominos, hearts, bridge, spades, backgammon, chess, and Pictionary. (Not poker. Not bingo.)

Come play with us. Meet neighbors if you are new to Hyde Park. Hyde Park Neighborhood Association will provide snacks (got to keep up the fuel for that competitive edge). Bring your beverage of choice and any games you want us to play.

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

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## Hyde Park Homes Tour: Veterans Day, 2012

The HPNA Steering Committee took a good look at the annual Homes Tour and decided it was time to make some changes. Thirty years ago, Father's Day weekend was a great time for a Homes Tour; today, the middle of June is far too hot. So the Steering Committee made a decision: the 2012 Hyde Park Homes Tour will take place on November 11, 2012 – Veteran's Day.

In keeping with the holiday, we would like to focus on the participation of Hyde Parkers in the military. Do you have a collection of military memorabilia that you would be willing to share? Did your home formerly house a participant in a branch of the service? If so, we'd like to hear from you.

– Hyde Park Homes Tour 2012 Co-chairs:  
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I was reminded of this spirit of giving when I assisted the Helping Hand Home staff gather the gifts from Hyde Park neighbors and friends after the Holiday Party. This was the most generous year ever and the most varied, from gifts, to gift cards to cash donations and a large cash gift from the Warren Skaaren Charitable Trust. In turn, the Home teaches the children under their care to be generous. The power of giving provides hope to these troubled children who themselves may not have experienced generosity until coming to the Home. Please see the article from the Home reprinted below: Better to Give than Receive.

Thank all of you for continuing our strong sense of neighborliness and caring for the Helping Hand Home (a part of our neighborhood sine 1893!).

— Linda Pennington



## Better to Give than to Receive

We have all heard the saying that it is better to give than receive. Recently the children at Helping Hand Home have had the opportunity to experience this reality firsthand during Story Time with Ms. Eileen. Many friends of HHH know about Ms. Eileen, a long-time volunteer who continuously pours into our children with both her time and resources. Her biweekly Story Time is a favorite activity among both staff and children at Helping Hand Home as she takes everyone on an exciting new adventure each time.

More than just a time for reading, Story Time is also where Ms. Eileen teaches children about generosity toward others. Recently she and the children at Helping Hand Home jointly selected a new worthwhile cause to support: providing wheelchairs for disabled children in Uganda. At the end of each Story Time Ms. Eileen gives every child a quarter, which can be saved or given to support the Free Wheelchair Mission and other selected charities. As the children

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learned more about the worldwide effort they were helping support, their generosity increased. "They learned so much and they felt so good about themselves for having saved their hard earned quarters," says Eileen.

Last week marked an exciting milestone: our children raised 260 quarters, enough to provide their very first wheelchair to a child across the globe. "Our children were so moved and felt so good inside to know that they were truly helping someone who needed their help." The giving did not stop there. Justin, an 11-year-old boy at Helping Hand Home, quietly got up and asked permission to go get something. He quickly returned with a box. Inside were donations he had been collecting on his own for months in hopes of one day giving them to a good cause. Justin went up to the front and emptied his entire donation box into the group collection jar - enough to provide two additional wheelchairs!

As Ms. Eileen reflects on this tremendous act of generosity she says, "I wish you could have seen the expression on his face when he presented his entire savings. His beautiful smile lit up the room. He will never forget the magical moment he experienced knowing that he was doing something so heartfelt and so great as to give this wonderful gift to someone who cannot walk." Partners of this effort were equally touched. "Tonight is a story I will always tell and remember. These kids, who have lived through so much, have even lost their parents through no fault of their own... giving from their hearts," said Lynne Dobson, an Ambassador for Free Wheelchair Mission.

The children at HHH are also working to support other charitable causes. Within the next few weeks they will have raised enough money to help dig a freshwater well in Ethiopia in partnership with Water 2 Thrive, an organization working to bring clean water to rural communities in Africa. These admirable efforts remind us that we never have so little that we cannot give of ourselves. We are so proud of our children and excited by the possibilities created through their generous hearts.

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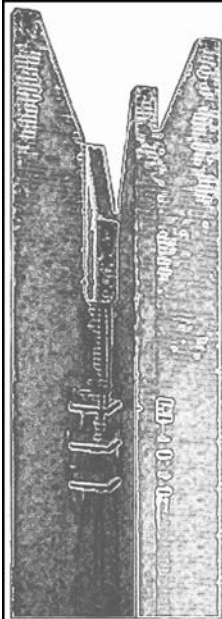
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# Hyde Park Poets —

## Afterward

No, he did not slip the surly bonds of earth to  
touch the face of God.

What dog would?

He slipped his surly leash and stuck his nose in  
God's crotch instead.

As any dog would; I think the Old Guy likes it.  
And then he took the kind of romp he hadn't  
had for a while.

Charging into the brush after skunks that can  
no longer spray him,

finding something dead to roll in, missing the  
irony,

zooming up and down the length of some green  
field,

crying Crusade! against the infidel squirrel and  
pressing the battle on.

Back home, sticking his face in the food bowl  
and gorging,

gorging the food from the other dog's bowl, too,  
then collapsing on the stinky mat for a long long  
nap

free from pain.

Good dog.

— Barry Brummett

## Angles in Mexico

I lay on the bed  
In the villita (mas grande que una casita)  
In Mexico,  
Half awake,  
Or maybe three quarters,  
Listening to the birds  
And the laughter of my family at play,  
And stared at the angles  
Of the various beams, doorways,  
Mirrors and valences,  
And marveled at the odd confluence

So, one can create depth  
By representing the TRUE way  
These things come together,  
Not in straight, symmetrical lines,  
Not as you would think,  
That is why not everyone is an artist;

It made me think about that guy  
Who paints amazing scenes  
On sidewalks,  
It's his angle.

— Herzele, 1/09/11



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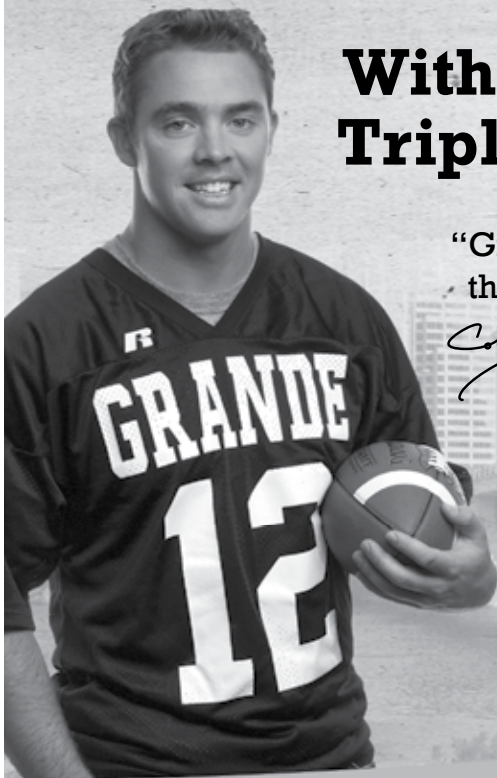


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## 4522 Avenue C

High-end renovation of 1922 Craftsman bungalow. Over 2,900 sq ft with 4BR, 3BA, 3LIV plus screened-in porch. Fabulous center island kitchen, downstairs master suite and guest bedroom.

Just Listed at \$699,000



## 4206 Avenue B

1925 bungalow located in heart of Hyde Park's historic district. 3BR, 1BA, open living/dining, enclosed utility porch, deck. Long leaf pine floors, high ceilings, many recent updates.

Listed at \$379,000



## 608 East 41st St.

Artsy & eclectic 1930s home overlooking Hancock Golf Course. 4BR, 3BA, 2LIV & 1DIN plus screened-in porch. Two master suites. Native gardens. Corner lot. 2-car carport.

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## 608 East 48th St.

For Lease - available now! Recently remodeled one-story Craftsman home. Open floor plan with 3BR, 2.5, 2LIV, 1DIN. Attached carport. Fenced yard. Appliances included.

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## 800 East 44th Street

High-end remodel of classic 1941 Craftsman cottage on corner lot. Deluxe gourmet kitchen with commercial stainless appliances. Spa-like baths. Open floor plan with 3BR, 2BA, many upgrades.

List Price \$399,500



## 817 East 38th St.

Traditional all-brick one-story home on tree-shaded lot across from Hancock Golf Course. 3BR, 2BA, 2LIV & 2DIN. Family room with large wood-burning fireplace and built-ins. Two-car garage.

List Price \$349,000



## 503 East 41st Street

Beautiful 1920 Victorian home on oversized lot with pool, patio, tree house & chicken coop. 3BR, 3.5BA, 4LIV, 1DIN. High ceilings, stained glass windows, long leaf pine floors. Garage & workshop.

Listed at \$629,000



## 101 West 32nd St.

1925 brick Tudor Revival style home on corner lot in Aldridge Place. Updated kitchen and baths. Flexible floor plan with 4BR, 3BA, 2LIV, 1DIN. Fireplace, arched windows, French doors.

Listed at \$695,000

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