

# May Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 4, 2009

**Where:** Hyde Park United  
Methodist Church  
4001 Speedway

**Who:** YOU and your neighbors

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

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for May 4<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Jack Nokes - Shipe Park Water Irrigation Project
  - ❖ Niyanta Spelman - Rain Forest Partnership Project
  - ❖ Ice Cream for Everyone!
- See You There!

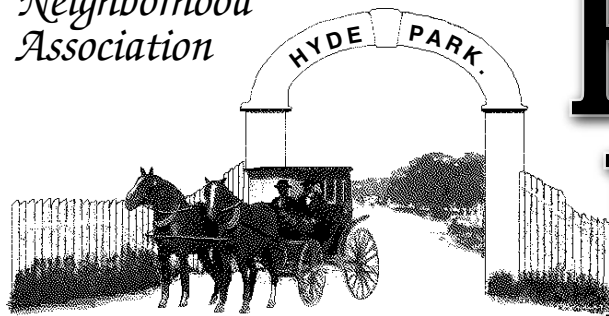
## Minutes of the April 2009 HPNA General Meeting

The first speaker was the hopeful proprietor of **Atticus Cocoa Lounge**, who announced her intention to open at the former site of Dodd's Auto Repair (43rd & Guadalupe). She came bearing chocolate samples (that will be available at her business) to share while she let the neighbors in attendance know about the new business. If she leases the space, it will require a use change from automotive to food use. She intends the business to be 50% retail and to sell chocolates, baked items, espresso, espresso drinks and wine. She won't be selling alcohol that will leave the premises. She took questions about the planned business.

Moses Rodriguez, **Code Enforcement Officer from the City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department** spoke next. He talked about the variety of issues that code enforcement officers within the city handle and take questions from neighbors. According to

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## Getting Ready: Hyde Park Homes Tour 2009!

Hyde Park Homes Tour 2009 is set for Fathers' Day weekend, June 20-21. If these floors could talk, the tales they would tell!

Six homes grace the tour this year, ranging in age from the 1800's to the 1900's. All boast attention to detail and designs to inspire. They are located at 4213 Avenue D (home of Michelle Paris-White and Douglas K. White), 3911 Avenue G (Eric Stumberg's home), 311 W. 41<sup>st</sup> (Wanda Penn's home), 302 W. 44<sup>th</sup> (home of Mike McHone and Sharyn Hamm), 4111 Avenue D (home of Paula Rhodes), and 4405 Avenue D (home of Arlinda Abbott).

Given the hiatus that the Association observed for 2008, we need the entire neighborhood to make this year's tour a success. This includes volunteering, making financial donations, tidying up your own home's exterior, and letting friends, co-workers, and relatives know about the HPNA Homes Tour. For financial donations or advertising, please contact Carolyn Grimes at 512-343-2528 or email her at <cgrimes2@austin.rr.com>.

Out of consideration for the homeowners who are so generously



4213 Avenue D (The home of Michelle Paris-White and Douglas K. White). More Homes Tour photos throughout this issue.

donating their homes for the Tour, and as a courtesy to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association for this critical fundraiser, we ask neighbors to please avoid having yard sales or other activities that would detract from the tour and make our neighborhood less inviting to our ticket holders. In addition to the houses on view, there will be live music and an artist fair. We do encourage lemonade stands, as they are always a hit with the tour crowds.

For more information, visit the tour website at <HydeParkHomesTour.org>.

– Barbara Gibson  
2009 Hyde Park Homes Tour Chair  
<bg@ghrdlaw.com>

# From the President's Desk:

## Blast from the Past

Hello Neighbors! I was performing house and residential research at the Austin History Center recently, and I was reading the real estate section in the 1946 Austin Statesman to determine what Hyde Park houses were selling for at that time. I came across an interesting real estate ad which read:

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*Downstairs there are 4 rooms, hall, and bath. The trim and other woodwork is unusually attractive. Upstairs has 3 bedrooms, 2 screened sleeping porches, and open deck across the front and side, and one large bath. The circular plot is paved on two sides. There is a large office, two store rooms, garage, and laundry room.*

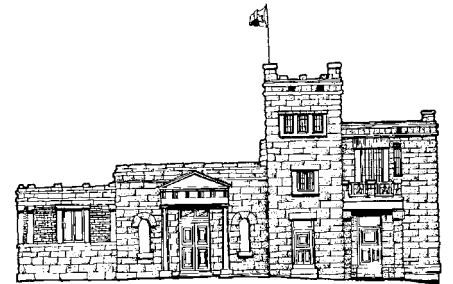
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Obviously, and thankfully, the Shipe House house was not turned into a dormitory. If so, Hyde Park may have lost one of its historic jewels. Nevertheless, looking into the future, our individual and collective efforts will help to ensure that Hyde Park will remain a vibrant neighborhood, and its historic character and distinctive structures reflecting that character will remain for future generations to enjoy.

— David Conner  
HPNA President  
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**Oooops! Dept.:** In last month's issue, we mistakenly attributed the photos of It's My Park! Day goings-on in Shipe Park to Mark Fishman, when in fact they had been taken by Lorre Weidlich. Our apologies to Lorre Weidlich. Our apologies to Lorre for the oversight, and our thanks to her for her help.

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# The Local Historic District Corner

Writer's note: This column will appear regularly while the Local Historic District project is underway. If you have any questions or concerns about local historic districts that you would like addressed, please get in touch: <lweidlich@mail2sevenses.com> or 300-2228.

## Thank You!

This column is a Thank You to all those people who have been involved in the creation of our Local Historic District Design Standards.

I know of no other neighborhood seeking a Local Historic District in Austin that has spent the time on its design standards that we have here in Hyde Park. First there was a year of monthly meetings, during which a regular group of 5 or 6 people (and many occasional participants) discussed and debated design issues. That was followed by a review and revision conducted under the guidance of a historic preservation consultant. Finally, there has been a discussion of those revisions by members of the Steering Committee, the Development Review Committee, and the original design standards subcommittee.

Every neighborhood in Austin working on a Local Historic District is facing the same challenges - balancing the preservation of the historic with the need to allow for change and adaptation to a contemporary lifestyle and balancing the freedom of owners with the concerns of their neighbors. Most haven't begun the process. One neighborhood, in fact, is waiting for us to finish ours before they begin. There have been numerous calls for the city to produce a

set of boilerplate standards that can be applied, with some modifications, to all historic Austin. One radical suggestion was that standards should not be a requirement at all; let the Historic Landmark Commission make all the decisions. These standards, however, provide us with a unique opportunity: to guarantee that our neighborhood does not lose the look and feel that we all cherish.

As you read over the latest version of the Design Guidelines, soon to be posted to our HPNA website, keep in mind that these were hammered out during incalculable hours of blood, sweat, and tears. Every paragraph, sentence, and word was subject to debate, modification, and deletion, during not one but two rounds of writing, editing, and revision. The conversation began with one group of people and expanded outward to several additional groups of people. Soon, it will expand to the entire neighborhood. We welcome your feedback.

— Lorre Weidlich, Local Historic District Chair  
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Moses, the number of City of Austin code enforcement officers has gone from 4 to 42 enforcement officers in the last 3 years with an eventual size of 100 enforcement officers. They handle issues including missing permits, abandoned houses, and property liens. Neighbors present asked a variety of questions, such as what to do when you see graffiti and current city regulations regarding how many unrelated individuals can live in a single family home with a secondary residence on the lot or in a duplex. He explained that the code enforcement officers handle land use violations including dangerous conditions on commercial properties and substandard and dangerous conditions on residential properties. He said that 311 is an effective way to report suspected code violations.

**District Police Representative Kelly LaHood** spoke next. She announced that due to reorganization, she is no longer the representative for Hyde Park. Hyde Park's new District Representative is Officer Dana Munguia, who was unable to attend the meeting. Officer LaHood gave an update on the integration of parks police with the Austin Police Department (APD). She announced that burglaries are up everywhere in Austin -both homes and vehicles. She also confirmed that APD caught someone in the act of poking a tire. He's been in jail for a month and a half. She finished by taking questions from neighbors.

The last speaker of the evening was neighbor Kent Rosivi, representing the group of neighbors who are proposing a **Rowena/Hegman historic district**. The proposed district will be Avenue F and Rowena from 47th St. to 51st St. He explained that the Austin Historic Preservation office in February concluded that 63 of the houses in this area are preliminarily

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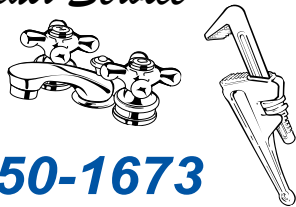
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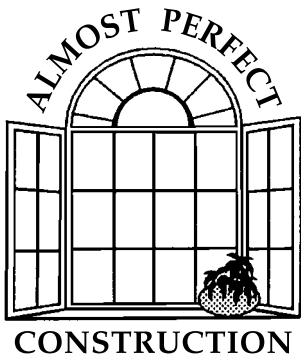


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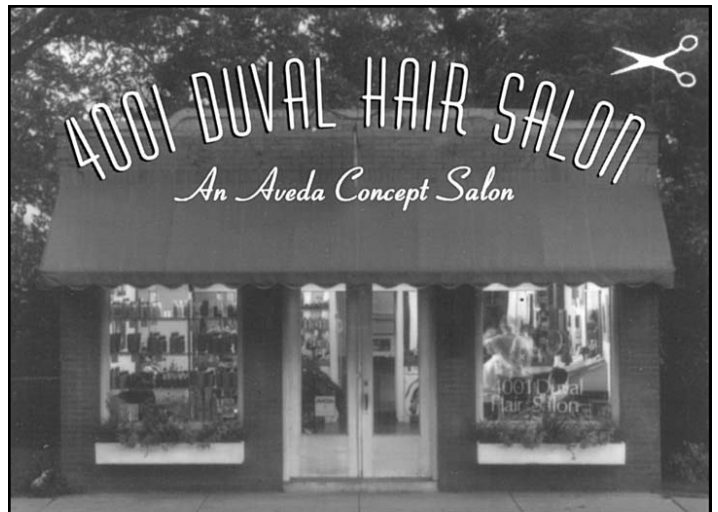


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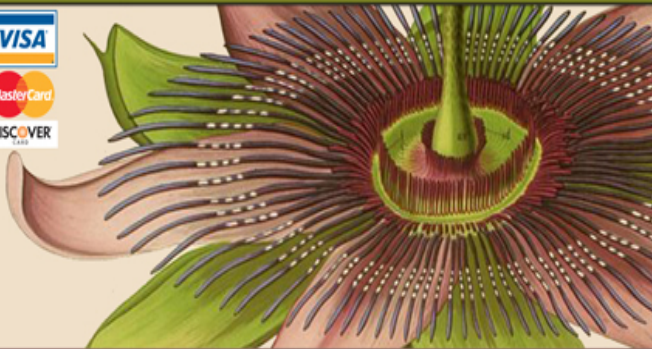
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contributing to a possible local historic district (requirements are that they must be 50+ years old and not significantly changed in style from the original construction). He reported that 30% of the neighbors who live in the proposed area are currently in favor of the district- the group is communicating with others in the area that have not been contacted as current regulations require that 60% of property owners be in favor of a local historic district. The group is starting to work on design standards and a preservation plan for the area. They have requested and received a bid from Preservation Central (a firm that is currently consulting with the Hyde Park Local Historic District Committee) to perform the survey work required. Mr. Rosivi then asked HPNA for \$1920 to retain Preservation Central on behalf of the Rowena/Hegman LHD group. Lorre Weidlich moved support and Catherine Moore seconded with an amendment to the motion to approve \$1920 for Preservation Central for photographic and physical documentation, and that HPNA approve the necessary budget amendment in amount of \$1920 in support of the effort. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned!

– Denise Girard, HPNA Co-Secretary,  
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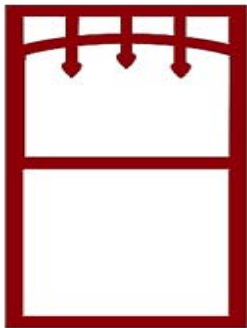
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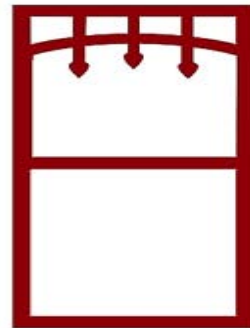
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# The penultimate floodlines 2009: Sun shines again on Hyde Park!

As of April 5, the sixth of seven once-a-year-performances of *floodlines*, the site-specific performance installation conceived and directed by Hyde Parker Jaclyn Pryor, has come and gone!

The opportunity to catch a glimpse of the funeral cortege, the sunbathers, the 'violinists', the running-of-the-brides, the lemonade girls, the 4200 block of Avenue D solemnly and patriotically dressed in American flags...those images have vanished except in our collective memories until the final performance in April 2010. None of this would happen without Jaclyn's vision for the project, but that vision was realized through the efforts of a small but talented production team (Marissa Flores, Holly Werstein, Maribel Selsky, and Ann Graham), over 60 actors, numerous area businesses, and many individuals who contributed to help make the project happen. I'd particularly like to cite those Hyde Park residents who performed in this year's event, those who contributed financially, and those area businesses which donated items or contributed to the success of both the performance and the garden party and benefit held at the Graham Johnson residence on March 28th...another sunny, brilliant (and windy!) spring day in Hyde Park.

Kudos to Hyde Park "actors" - Rich MacMath, Anne Wormer, Jaclyn Pryor, Derek Young, Doug Simmer, Andrew Danziger, Eric Graham, Alan Marburger, Jessie Woolley-Mac-Math, Dustin Wills, Giulia Walker, Gabriella Walker, Jennifer Vickers and Lee Walker (with appearances of Hyde Park Volvos owned by the York, Cotton-Steiner and Young families). A special thank you as well to those Hyde Parkers who supported the project financially - Charlotte Herzele, Deaton Kivett Bednar, , Margot and Grant Thom-

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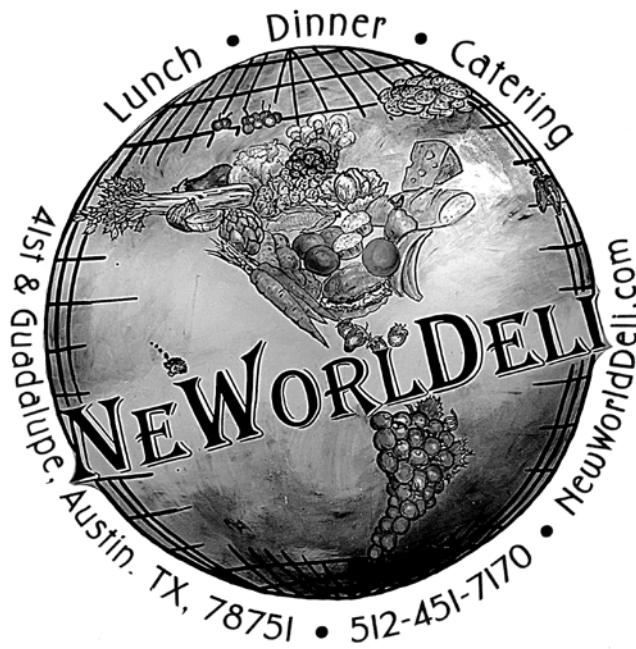
A round of applause for all while we catch our breath before the final performance of *floodlines* in 2010!

Thank you, Hyde Park, for being curious and supportive of the extraordinary in our daily lives.

— Ann S. Graham, Production Coordinator, *floodlines* 2007, 2008, 2009

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Teenagers from the Hyde Park Baptist Church, along with their parents, put on a terrific Rake-and-Bake day on the final Saturday of March.

After two days of rain and hail, the Saturday weather cooperated, as an army of people from elementary age up through the advanced stages of youthfulness showed up with rakes, brooms — and extra thoughtfully, those big paper bags — to rake lawns in Hyde Park for free. The idea was the brainchild of Michelle Taylor, the teen who was the impetus behind the idea, but nearly everyone — singles, families with kids, staff members, deacons, seniors, adult couples, and high school and college students — pitched in to help. They not only raked up lawns and beds but left behind ribbon-wrapped cookies, then hosted a lunch-time cook-out — with Ken Hitt and others manning the grill — for everyone in the neighborhood. The teens came around the day before to schedule the work, making lists and charts of everything to be done and coordinating by cell phone. Let there be no doubt about what they accomplished, blower-free, with the time-tested rake and broom. My own lawn benefitted, I must say, from the neighborly raking and elbow grease, then we shored up our energy at the cook-out, where there were games and face-painting for the kids and lots of good food. The end result was fellowship, fun, and a lot of blower-free, clean lawns. Many thanks to the Hyde Park Baptist Church and to each and every one of the Rake-and-Bake volunteers.

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## LeeLive!

"It makes me want to have little kids again, just so it could be a part of this event," said Hyde Park resident, Carol Burton, about LeeLive!, a live concert and auction at La Zona Rosa benefiting Robert E. Lee Elementary. Despite having adult children and grandkids now, Carol joined close to 500 hundred people from Hyde Park and nearby neighborhoods to support the public elementary school that has served the area since 1939.

Dancing to the voices and guitars of Kelly Willis and Bruce Robison, guests dined on County Line BBQ and pasta from Cannoli Joe's. Later in the night, the silent auction went live as parents and neighbors got into spirited bidding wars on items ranging from student made art, fine jewelry and professional construction services.

A goal of the event was to raise funds for the K-6th grade elementary school. Perhaps more importantly, organizers sought to foster community spirit. "We wanted to create a fun night when parents and teachers could get to know one another and when the larger community could connect to the school," said parent Laura Selis, the event's chair.

The response from the surrounding community was overwhelming. Several business leaders from the neighborhood demonstrated support by providing contributions and attending the event. Hyde Park Bar & Grill, Vino Vino, Fresh Plus, The Woodburn House, Mod Green Pod and Yost Automotive were some of the locally grown businesses to become sponsors. The developers of the Concordia property, East Avenue; Steve Vinklerek of State Farm Insurance; Grande Communications, Wells Fargo and National Instruments were key national corporate donors.

"Lee Elementary is a true asset to this neighborhood," said Carol Kim, a parent of a kindergartener and second grader. "This community clearly recognizes that when the neighborhood school flourishes, the surrounding neighborhood benefits as well."

The event raised over \$36,000 which will be used to help fund new and updated technology, foreign language instruction, playground equipment and other supplies and improvements.

— Jennifer Vickers



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**3103 Harris Park Ave** This 1930 Cottage, a short walk from UT, has four bedrooms and two baths plus a two car garage with a 500 sf upstairs apartment. It has a town-house-size lot, but Eastwoods Park is only steps away. **\$469,000.**



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# Crime Report



by Carol Welder

Summer is just around the corner, which means more outdoor activity including yard work and biking. Many of you will be taking trips too, so I wanted to pass on a friendly reminder to lock your homes, autos, windows and storage areas. Crime of opportunity is still the number one contributing factor in personal property theft.

In addition to the reminder to lock up your belongings, I have a few items to report. Over the past few months, I have attended a breakfast meeting of the Central Austin Neighborhood Council to discuss issues that affect quality of life. Carol Jackson and Lisa Harris have also attended representing Hyde Park. Other neighborhoods face the same crime and safety concerns that we do, such as transients in their parks and property theft. City Council member Laura Morrison attended the meeting on April 7th and listened to our concerns. Due to budget cuts, the police department is reorganizing and has cancelled its new cadet training academy, which causes great concern for some that there will be a shortage of new officers to replace those who will retire. Ms. Morrison did say that some of the cuts are still under review, so if you have some input that you would like to pass on, I would encourage you to speak up. Lisa Harris attended the Central West Commander's Forum on April 7th and reported that the main topic was the reorganization of APD. The North, Northwest and Downtown commands have been combined into the North Bureau. The boundaries are Town Lake, IH-35, Research and Hwy. 620. The idea behind creating a bureau is to improve response time, enhance communication within the bureau and have the ability to shift resources within the bureau to where they are needed most. The entire city is covered with three bureaus.

With the reorganization, Hyde Park has a new District Representative. Her name is Officer Dana Munguia. She has been in the Central West District for some time and is very familiar with our issues. If you wish to contact Officer Munguia, her phone number is 974-5440. I want to personally thank Officer Kelly LaHood for her willingness to attend Neighborhood Watch and HPNA meetings and to pass on important information and answer questions. Kelly is very passionate about making our parks and public places safer, and has led an effort within APD and the Austin Parks & Recreation Department to ensure that laws are enforced.

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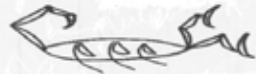
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Neighborhood residents are becoming more alert and more willing to call the police when a crime has been committed. Several arrests have been made over the past couple of months, hopefully resulting in a reduction in property theft. If you had a theft recently, you are encouraged to contact APD to see if your belongings were recovered.

Stay alert and vigilant, and don't hesitate to call 911 if a crime is in progress or 311 if it is after the fact. Have a wonderful summer and stay safe. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, please contact me at [cjwelder@msn.com](mailto:cjwelder@msn.com).

– Carol Welder  
 HPNA Crime and Safety Chair  
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## Blower-free Lawn Care

Following is a list of service providers we've contacted or have heard about who have indicated a willingness to provide blower-free lawn service, who understand the concerns of Hyde Park residents on the issue, and/or who expressed an openness to customer concerns about blower use. If you are currently using a lawn care company, you may wish to start with them, asking what options are available.


Please note that the companies and individuals listed below are listed solely on the basis of their willingness to provide blower-free service, and they have not been researched as to insurances, licenses, BBB membership, or any other compliances or customer service aspects, so please inquire.

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- ABC Services, 837-9500 (see yellow pages ad)
- A Perfect Service, 480-9771 (Charles) or 699-9574 (Melissa)
- Sacred Soil (call Maria Mabra), 633-0717
- Alex's Lawn Care (call Alex Urquidi), 459-1962
- Ronnie Valentine Lawn Service, (call Ronnie) 323-5045 (cell: 466-8397)

Note: If you are a service provider, or know of a service provider, who can provide blower-free service, please contact Mary Lou Serafine <[sonata0516@yahoo.com](mailto:sonata0516@yahoo.com)> or 220-5452 or John Kerr <[JFK@grande-com.net](mailto:JFK@grande-com.net)> or 451-3931) to be included in future editions of this list.

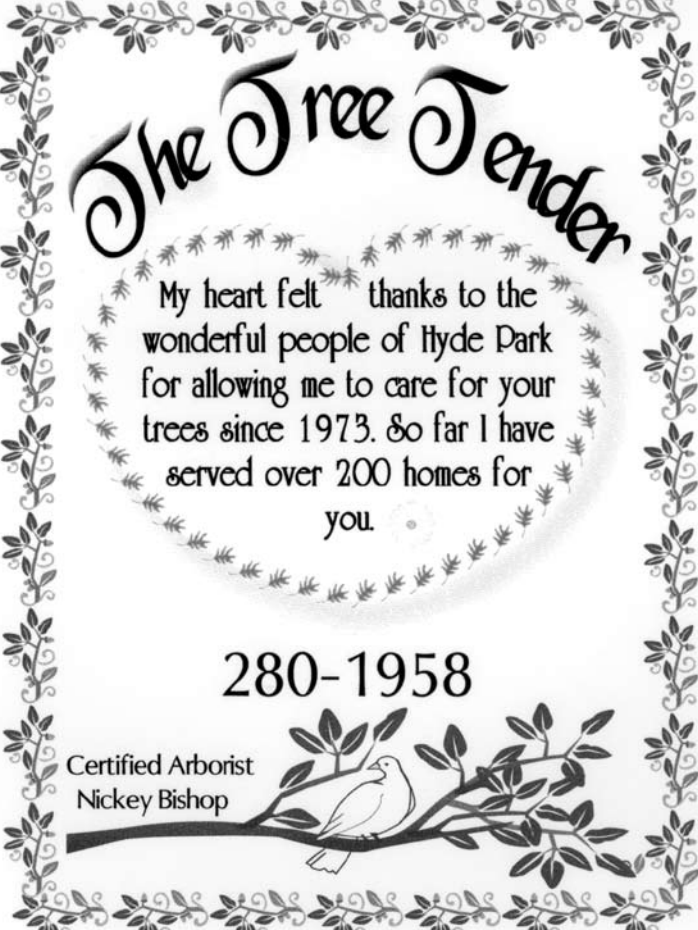
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## Pecan Unimpressed

To the Editor:

Please save yourselves some paper and take us off the Pecan Press list. You already know some of the problems I have with this little publication, but the current issue is offensive on several fronts.

One, if the Comp Norm thing is your April Fools' joke, you have gone too far. It should not be suggested that we contact our legislators when the issue at hand is bogus. The attempt to block a bill is a very serious thing, and I know there are people who actually believe what they read in the Pecan Press even when it is close to April Fools' Day.

Two, I think we get your position on leaf-blowers.

Three, if a real person named Cynthia Janis actually wrote that "We Could Car Less" letter, her rhetorical question is highly offensive. ("Have you ever seen an overweight person who uses cycling or walking as their primary mode of transportation?") Are overweight cyclists really as rare as non-judgmental Hyde Parkers?

Four, the "poetry" page is a complete waste of the paper (and therefore the trees) you seem to think Hyde Parkers value. No offense meant to Nancy Taylor Day as a person; I am sure she is a very nice person and a fine upstanding citizen. She certainly fills the shoes of Albert Huffstickler.

I just don't want any part of what you are putting out.

Thanks,

— Nancy Daley

## Hyde Parker Involved in Summer Money Academy for Kids

Dear Neighbors:

During these uncertain economic times, I wanted to take the opportunity to tell those of you with children about an exciting opportunity to get your kids financially savvy. I have recently started volunteering with The Money Academy, an Austin organization that teaches children about the value of money and how to handle personal finances. The hallmark of the program is "Entrepreneur Camp," which takes place every summer. In one short week, campers develop their own business idea, analyze the profit potential, and run a successful business. They create a real product, make real money, and then get to keep the profits! Through this process, children receive first-hand experience of how money works.

The camp is for kids aged 8-18 and is held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting in June and running through August. Each camp session is one week and tuition is \$300, with aftercare available. The camps are held throughout Austin, with a Central Austin location at Casa de Luz at 1701 Toomey Road. Registration is limited. For more information or to register online, visit <[www.themoneyacademy.net](http://www.themoneyacademy.net)>.

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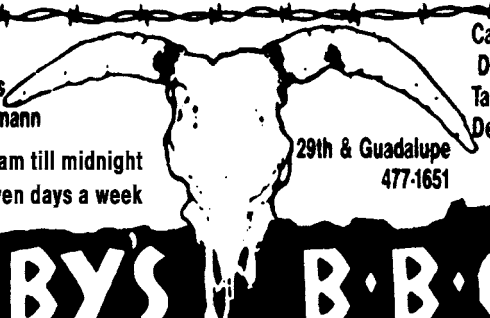
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# Hyde Park Poets

Elzy Cogswell reports that the Austin Poetry Society Fourth Thursday reading happens at 7:00 p.m., May 28th at NeWorldDeli, 4101 Guadalupe. This month, featured readings will be by poets in the ten-year anthology of the *Texas Poetry Calendar*. David Meischen annually co-edits the *Calendar* and was managing editor of the anthology, "*Big Land, Big Sky, Big Hair*." Hyde Park poets are welcome to bring their own work for reading in the open microphone.

Here's a poem by Mr. Meischen:

## Winter Sunlight

for Elwood and JoAnn Meischen

Life begins at any age, the surprise  
of it sudden as a blue norther sweeping  
the landscape clean, nothing between here  
and the North Pole but a single stand of barbed  
wire: a sky so clear with sunlight we forget the gray  
that hunkers down, that will not give us room to breathe,  
the hush at bedtime heavy as the grave that takes  
from us love's healing breath, leaves us alone  
to count the days we cannot fill with light  
until love comes again and  
touches us with warmth.

— David Meischen, reprinted from  
"*Big Land, Big Sky, Big Hair*"

## Today not Popeye - I AM what I Am

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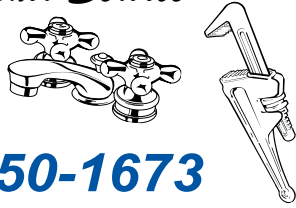
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## CruX

In that dark place where mind intersects chaos, there are no rules, there is only that wild, electric wind that seizes your thoughts before they're born and whirls them off into the glittering dark. How do you take a stand in such a place? How remember you're a body with a name attached? How gather the courage to walk out a door when you can't remember who's walking? How find the mechanism that lifts you up and directs your feet towards that distant opening? Just that much takes all your strength and this is only the beginning. Out the door, into the burning light, flesh suddenly alive to each moment's exposure. Carefully, one at a time, you string the beads of your day together, mind pierced by sound and light, eyes burning with exhaustion, no room in your heart for hope or prayer, stretched on the cross of your blighted consciousness. If there is hope, it's a dark room where you're left alone, no grating sounds, no piercing light. If there is mercy, it's a place to lie in the still dark not moving.

— *Albert Huffstickler*  
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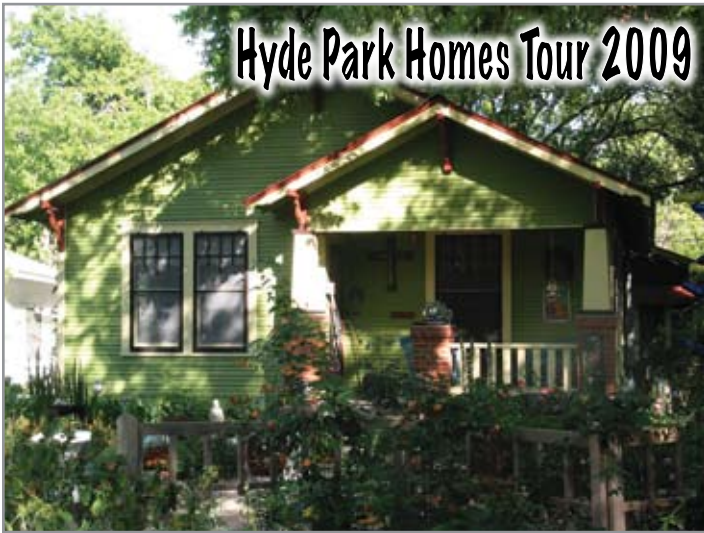
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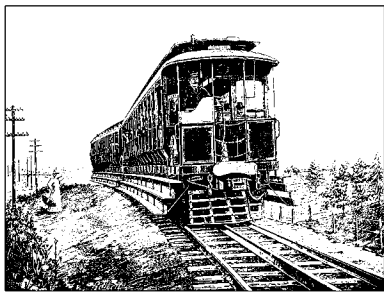
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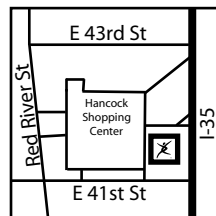


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Guadalupe from 29<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup>

## North Loop Strip

North Loop from Chesterfield to Avenue H

## South Lamar

South Lamar from Hether to Bluebonnet

## Northcross

Anderson Lane and Burnet Road



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# Hyde Park Poets —

## Love Is A White Picket Fence

I my mind I see her always surrounded by a white picket fence. Shoulder-high, not to be reached. This didn't start with her death. I think it started when she stopped sleeping with me. Or when it was decided that I would always go see her, she would never come to me. It shouldn't matter now but it does. It's part of this wrongness I feel about it all, part of why I can't seem to exonerate myself. I walked away finally, you see--not from her exactly: from the picket fence. I had enough fences of my own to deal with. I wanted us to at least try to reach each other. I wanted. . . I guess that sums it up. It was about what I wanted. Now she's dead and what I wanted doesn't matter--or only to me. Maybe if I'd just stood there and stroked the fence long enough, just stroked the fence, maybe that would finally have gotten through. But of course you don't just go around stroking fences, do you?

— Albert Huffstickler  
May 15, 2001

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Address: **4101 Ave A**  
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**FOR SALE**

[4101AveA.com](http://4101AveA.com)

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Cute 2/1 home (1426 sf) on a huge tree-covered .28 acre lot. Just north of Airport Blvd and adjoining the Mueller development hike and bike trail. (trail actually enters neighborhood via an easement on the west edge of the property) Close to everything, great investment potential, and at a bargain price.



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Listed For: **\$399,000**

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[www.Hancockview.com](http://www.Hancockview.com)

Stylish remodel across from Hancock Golf Course. Features include NEW electrical and plumbing/roof/siding with insulated exterior and most interior walls/energy efficient low-E Pella windows/slab granite counters in kitchen and baths/wood floors throughout/stainless appliances/HVAC system.



Address: **113 West 33rd Street**  
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**SOLD**

[www.33StClassic.com](http://www.33StClassic.com)

Classic Aldridge Place estate. 3081sf 4 or 5 bedroom/3 bath main house and 236 sf garage apt. Traditional brick construction, slate roof, original long leaf pine wood trim, beautiful hardwoods, amazing period tile work, stunning master bath, and antique lighting.



Address: **4701 Evans Avenue**  
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Great house on a great lot. Outstanding location- just a few blocks from all the Hyde Park shops and restaurants. Enormous 75'X135' / 10,125sf corner lot. Bright open floor plan with huge windows and hardwood flooring. Large hip kitchen, versatile utility room, formal dining room, and a study with french doors overlooking the huge private back yard.



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# HYDE PARK HOMES GALLERY



## 3910 Avenue H

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4BR, 3BA, 2Liv and 2Din  
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## 106 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street

Hyde Park cottage with spacious modern kitchen on corner lot  
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## 608 East 48<sup>th</sup> Street

Ready for move-in. One-story modern Craftsman home  
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## 602 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street

Beautifully updated bungalow with downstairs master suite  
3BR, 3BA, 3Liv and garage  
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## 4605 Eilers Avenue

Renovated Hyde Park bungalow with master addition  
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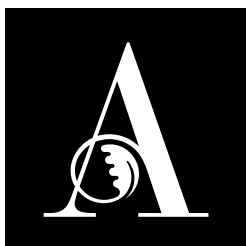


## 3312 Duval Street

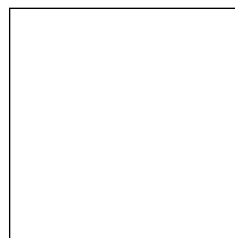
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