

May Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 3, 2010

Where: New Location
Groups for the Elderly cafeteria
3710 Cedar Street

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 3rd

- ❖ Tire Slashings - APD officers Kelly Lahood and Nicole Gray to attend
- ❖ Local Historic District Update

See You There!

The LHD Corner A Red-Letter Day in the History of Hyde Park!

On Monday, April 12, 2010, HPNA President David Conner delivered the final Hyde Park Local Historic District Nomination to the City of Austin Historic Preservation Office.

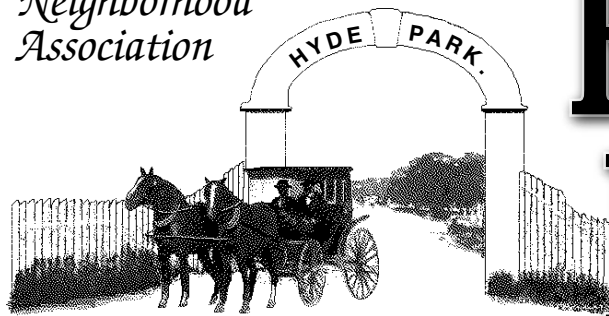
Signed support forms from several major commercial property owners - the post office building and its across-the-street parking lot, the Fresh Plus building, the Hyde Park Bar & Grill building, and the Hyde Park Bar & Grill parking lot - pushed us up to the necessary level of support.

We are fortunate that so many different kinds of Hyde Park property owners - home owners, apartment building owners, commercial property owners, and churches - all recognize the value of preserving the historic nature of the neighborhood and have come together to support the Local Historic District.

Continued on page 5

**2010 Hyde Park
Homes Tour Update
(see page 16)**

*The Hyde Park
Neighborhood
Association*



Pecan Press

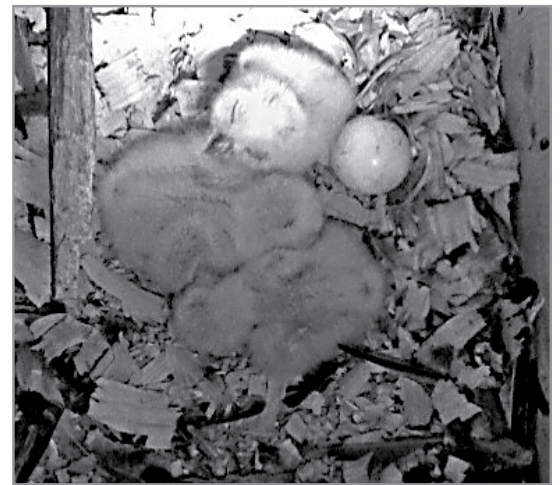
May, 2010 • National Register District Neighborhood • Vol. 36, No. 5

Update: Owl the News That's Fit to Print

There is good news to report in the wake of last month's *Pecan Press* article about the eastern screech owl that spent February in a pine tree on Avenue F. Turns out that a male screech owl persuaded her to move into his nest box located in a pecan tree on Avenue G. By the time the April issue of the *Pecan Press* was actually delivered, there were already five eggs in the nest box.

During the night of April 7th it became apparent that something dramatic was happening, because normal nightly food deliveries the male made to the female (who now was spending her nights in the nest box incubating the eggs) increased from about 7 to 17! On the morning of April 8th three fluffy owlets were visible in the nest box eagerly demanding food. Two of the eggs did not hatch.

So what's a day like for screech owls with young owlets? During the day the male hides in a tree near the nest box and the female tends to the owlets (sometimes, to be frank, appearing to be bored). But once the sun goes down the female escapes the nest box for thirty minutes or so of free



Well, Owl Be: In Fact, Three!

time and the male gets serious about hunting. Even the female joins in hunting for brief periods of time between spending time with the owlets. Food deliveries so far to the nest box have included moths (both small and large), dragonflies, lizards, mice, a small snake, and sometimes a bird that is stored for daytime food for the owlets.

If you want to see screech owlets during the nesting season--which is going on in April and May in Austin--there are two live web cams in Austin that stream live video or updated photographs of life in the nest box. As of April 20th, the female owls in both of these web cam nest boxes were

Continued on page 2

From the President's Desk: _____ Of Lawns and Chemicals

Last summer, even in the drought, I was able to keep my St. Augustine grass thick and green by using fertilizers, pesticides, and "weed and feed" regimes. I was looking forward to this spring with a thicker lawn. It did not happen. After the last cold spell, I noticed all the grass turned into hay down to the roots. Currently, there are a few new shoots showing in patches, but the damage was done. I decided not to replant and will just let nature take over. I did sprinkle a little grass seeds just to see what happens.

I asked myself what went wrong? Was it a grass disease or did the snow kill it? After doing a little research, I found out I was definitely not a "Green Grower".

The City of Austin has information available on pesticides and fertilizers related to lawns. The website is <www.cityofaustin.org/growgreen/data.htm> . It is noted that "weed and feeds" products combine both fertilizer and weed killer and are not environmentally-sound for several reasons. It is also noted that the best time to fertilize is not the best time to use a weed killer. Any chemical that is not absorbed by the targeted weed stays unused on the turf and will wash off during rain to Austin's creeks or filter into the groundwater. What scared me is that the weed-killing chemical can find its way indoors on shoes and hands and by my dog's paws.

The city suggests purchasing a straight fertilizer (organics are a good alternative) and then hand-pulling or spot-treating weeds instead (I did this last week - lots of exercise !).

The city also recommends that if you use a lawn care professional for yard maintenance, please ask your service provider to treat weed problems only when they are visible and then make sure the chemical isn't over-applied.

— David Conner
HPNA President
<daypaycon@yahoo.com>



Owl the News... ...cont'd from page 1

still incubating eggs. So the owlets should hatch by the time this issue of *Pecan Press* reaches your door. The owlets normally will not fledge and leave the nest until late May. The two separate Austin web cam sites of screech owl nest boxes can be viewed at:

<http://balinsky.com/owllcam>
<http://gargravarr.cc.utexas.edu/owl/>

But be warned: watching owlets is very addictive.

— anonymous



Hyde Park Neighborhood Association P. O. Box 49427 • Austin, TX 78765 <http://www.austinhdepark.org>

— HPNA Officers/Steering Committee —

- President**
• David Conner • daypaycon@yahoo.com 627-0813
- Co-Vice Presidents**
• Cynthia Majors Lyons • majorslyon@homesinaustin.net .. 407-8080
• Lisa Harris • Ljharrisus@yahoo.com 467-2504
- Co-Secretaries** • Denise Girard • dmgirard@grandecom.net
• Sally Robey • hotelrobey@aol.com 956-536-1544
- Co-Treasurers** • Carol Jackson • caroljackson@austin.rr.com
I Jay Aarons • ijaarons@aol.com • PO Box 49427, Austin, TX 78765
- Additional Steering Committee Members:** • Dorothy Richter • Stan Kozinzky • Wanda Penn • Kent Rosivi • Paula Rhodes • Mark Fishman
- HPNA Committee/Task Forces (w/chairs)**
AISD • Ann S. Graham, 3815 Ave H 458-8096
Alley Coordinator • Carol Burton, skwash@austin.rr.com
Austin Neighborhoods Council Rep. • Lisa Harris, ljharrisus@yahoo.com
Beautification VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Children's Programs • VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Church/Neighborhood Liaison • Niyata Spelman, 3802 Ave. F. 459-8349
Communications/Web • Robin Silberling, robin@wcook.org 452-1783
Crime & Safety • Carol Welder, cjwelder@msn.com 459-6205
Development Review
Catherine Moore, chmoore@austin.rr.com 569-1047
Finance • Nick Van Bavel, nvb123@yahoo.com
Graffiti Patrol VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Homes Tour • Barbara Gibson, hg@ghrdlaw.com
Membership • Jim & Eileen Genevro, jgenevro@earthlink.net 401-3803
Neighborhood Planning • Karen McGraw, 4315 Ave. C 459-2261
Local Historic District • Lorre Weidlich, lweidlich@mail2sevens.com
Shipe Park • Mark Fishman, mlfishman@gmail.com 656-5505
Sidewalks • Michelle Lee, michelle_lee7@hotmail.com
Social • Deaton Bednar, deatonbednar@grandecom.net
Tree Preservation • JP Moore, johnpaulmoore@austin.rr.com ... 789-7025
Triangle Development • Cathy Echols, 4002 Ave. C 206-0729
Zoning • Dorothy Richter, 3901 Ave. G 452-5117

Pecan Press

The Pecan Press is published monthly
by the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in Austin, Texas.

Note: Each month's ad and editorial deadline is
the 15th of month preceding publication.

Editor

Grant Thomas 450-0464 <hghthomas@youthlaunch.org>

Associate Editor

Sarah Sitton 459-4530 207 E. 39th St.

Poetry Editor

Nancy Taylor Day 892-0127 <poemmom@gmail.com>
4001 Duval (Salon) 78751

Crime & Safety Chairman

Carol Welder <cjwelder@msn.com>

Production Manager/Advertising Director

Robert M. Farr 731-0617 <bobfarr@austin.rr.com>

Mail Ad Payments to:

Carol Jackson. P.O. Box 49427, Austin, TX 78765

Mail Ad Artwork to:

Robert M. Farr <bobfarr@austin.rr.com>

7500 Chelmsford Dr. Austin, TX 78736

Distribution Coordinator

Rimas Remeza • 4105 Ave. F • 371-3158

<rimasx@yahoo.com>

Area Coordinators

North of 45th/West of Duval • Pam Dozler 458-8927

North of 45th/East of Duval • Jay Gerard & Carrie Laughlin 371-1546

South of 45th/West of Speedway • Robert Morris & Kathryn Kotrla ..
..... 371-7246

South of 45th/East of Speedway • Martha Campbell 452-2815

Contributors

Glen Alyn, Candy Gray Becker, Cynthia Beeman, Laurence Becker, Deaton Bednar, Mary Collins Blackmon, George Bristol, Chris Brown, Sharon Brown, Lewis Brownlow, Mark Burkhardt, Amon Burton, Martha Campbell, Inga Marie Carmel, Josephine Casey, Nicole Caspers, Kitty Clark, Betsy Clubine, Elsy Cogswell, Carol Cohen Burton, William Cook, Susan Crites Krumm, Celeste Cromack, Rob D'Amico, Herb Dickson, Avis Davis, Don Davis, Pam Dozler, Cathy Echols, Mark Fishman, Fred Florence, Merle Franke, Gregory Free, Larry Freilich, Eugene George, Mary Carolyn George, Barbara Gibson, Larry Gilg, Susan Gilg, Ann S. Graham, Carolyn E. Grimes, Lisa Harris, Anne Hebert, Rachel Hector, Ben Heimsath, Albert Huffstickler, Cynthia Janis, Liz Jones, John Kerr, Susan Kerr, Bo Kersey, Susan Kirk, Dennis Lensing, Jeff Lewis, Karen McGraw, Sharon Majors, Jason Mann, Libby Malone, Alan Marburger, Peter Maxson, Brook Meggs, Elaine Meenehan, Fred Meredith, Susan Moffat, John Paul Moore, Patty Mora, Jack Nokes, Jill Nokes, Wren Nokes Willeford, Wanda Penn, Cecil Pennington, Peter Pfeiffer, Dorothy Richter, Walter Richter, Kristen De La Rosa, Steve Sadowsky, Mark Sainsbury, Mary Lou Serafine, Jaime Shimkus, Cathy Short, Sarah Sitton, Thad Sitton, Clay Smith, Niyanta Spelman, Jenna Stephens, Julie Strong, Kathleen Strong, Debbie Trammell, Rollo Treadway, Lao Tzu, Jennifer Vickers, Katie Vignery, Sandra Villalaz-Dickson, Lorre Weidlich, Adam Wilson, Hanna Wiseman Jacobs, Joe Wiseman, Hermelinda Zamarripa.

Living in a Happy, Healthy Hyde Park Home

We live in a great neighborhood. We all know it, but we try not to brag about Hyde Park too much to our unfortunate friends who live in the suburbs. After all, Hyde Park was the suburbs once.

As an architect, I appreciate the neighborhood's rich historic fabric. I hope to live in my Hyde Park home long after my children are grown. If I am lucky enough to have a long life, I want to stay in this house as long as possible. As we grow older, however, changes in physical abilities can make daily activities challenging. Getting out of the tub, climbing up stairs, and cooking can become more difficult. We often adjust our routines to deal with our home's shortcomings, making it more difficult to stay independent.

Most of us want to stay in our wonderful Hyde Park houses and remain independent as long as possible in this neighborhood. We want it to be our decision when we move on to assisted living or a new location. That is why it is important to make improvements to our homes now.

Don't wait until you have an accident or are in a wheelchair to make your home safer and easier for you to go about daily activities. A home that has changed to meet your needs can give you the satisfaction of staying in control and in the comfort of your own home for a long time.

Changes to make your home more accessible don't have to look institutional if they are thoughtfully and appropriately integrated into the design. The lovely old homes we live in can adapt as our lives change. Most are single story with bedrooms and bathrooms on the ground floor. Stairs to the front door seem like a challenge, but there are many ways to add a ramp that integrates it with the existing house. Lever door handles and knobs are easier for everyone to use and are available in many attractive options. Grab bars can double as towel bars. Even just ensuring your house has adequate lighting can help make it safer. These modifications are often easy and inexpensive but can make your house more suitable for all residents, both young and old.

If you are concerned about safety in your home due to mobility issues or maintenance of an older home, consider conducting a routine safety check addressing items such as:

- Are there handrails on both sides of stairways outside and inside the home?
- Are there grab bars in the bathtub, shower, and toilet areas?
- Is there an adjustable-height or hand-held shower head?
- Are kitchen cabinets and cupboards accessible and easy to open?
- Is there ample light in all areas of the home?
- Are rugs or carpets secured to floor?
- In the kitchen, is a fire extinguisher within easy reach?

If you start identifying and planning for improvements now, you'll have a better chance of staying in your home as long as you'd like and enjoying the comfort and safety of your surroundings.

— Paula Rhodes, AIA, LEED AP
Logical Living Design
4111 Avenue D
<www.LogicalLivingDesign.com>



Caring for the dogs and cats of central Austin for nearly 40 years.
Located at 30th and I-35, by St.Davids
AustinVetHospital.com 476-9191

We Welcome Your Submissions to Pecan Press

Send in your articles, letters, and photos (but not your poetry*) by the 15th of each month to:

Editor, Pecan Press
4106 Avenue F
Austin, TX 78751
<hgthomas@youthlaunch.org>

*Send your poems to:

Nancy Taylor Day
4001 Duval
Austin 78751
<poemmom@gmail.com>

*Please enclose a self-addressed,
stamped envelope for return of your*

Note: The Pecan Press will not publish unsigned/unattributed poetry. All poems (even if written under a pen name) must carry a name and address or phone number for identification and verification purposes.

OPEN HOUSE December 9th, 5:30-7:30 (also January 30th, 9-12)



SRI ATMANANDA
MEMORIAL SCHOOL (K-12)
Education based on the fundamental dignity of the individual child.
4100 Red River / 512 451 7044 / samschool.org



Locally owned by
Keith Brown
Board Certified Master Arborist

Pruning | Removal
Treatment Programs
Consultation

996-9100

www.AustinTreeExperts.com

Meador Massage

healing since 2001

**Integrative Bodywork, Prenatal Massage
Cranio-sacral, Energetic Balancing**

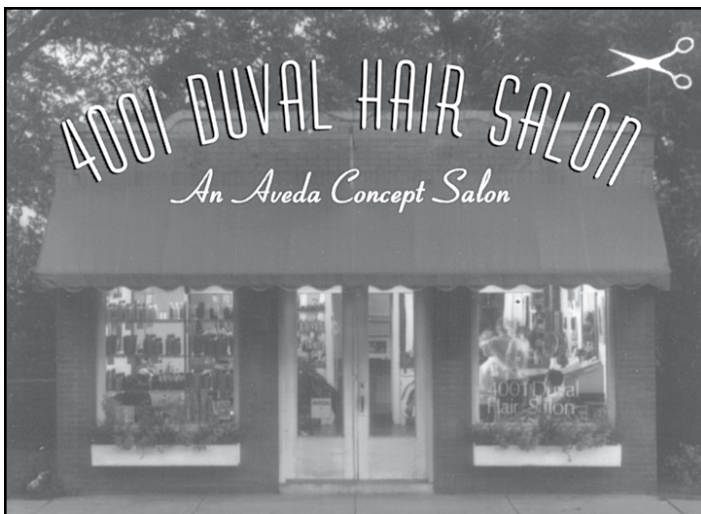
Conveniently located in the historic Flightpath

elizabeth meador, LMT

512-698-7772

elizabeth@meadormassage.com

www.meadormassage.com



FULL SERVICE SALON & ART GALLERY

AVEDA
THE ART AND SCIENCE OF PURE FLOWER AND PLANT ESSENCES

4001 DUVAL STREET 512.451.4034

Letters Dept.

Trinity United Methodist Church to Hyde Park: Howdy Neighbors, and Here We Come!

Dear Neighbors,

We are all very sad about the dissolution of Hyde Park UMC, and wish everyone there the very best. Trinity UMC has voted to move into the space after HPUMC closes on May 31st. We are currently located in the northern part of Hyde Park (50th and Evans) and have been struggling for years because our space has been too small for our vibrant congregation. Please be assured that we have no desire to be a mega-church, but are simply very aware that our current space of 8,500 sq ft is too small for our congregation. Hyde Park's building is three times the square footage of our current space. We will be moving into 4001 Speedway after some renovations are done on the interior. Trinity plans to make improvements to the interior over the summer, which will include providing space for Hope Food Pantry; the elementary school which now rents from us, AHB (Austin Home Base); renovating children's and youth meeting spaces; and making the building more ADA accessible (installing an elevator, 2 new new ADA restrooms, etc.). We are just launching our capital campaign to raise the money to make these improvements.

Trinity is a 400-member church with an average of 200 on Sundays in worship and is Austin's only Reconciling United Methodist Church, meaning that we have taken a public stand welcoming and affirming lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals. Trinity was originally a mission church out of Shettle's (Hyde Park UMC) in the mid-40s to help establish a Methodist presence in the Ridgetop area. Of course, Ridgetop is now a part of Hyde Park. We have a strong children's and youth program and are very excited about the opportunity we've been given, even as we're also sad for the congregation members of Hyde Park UMC. Trinity's current space is on the market and we have an offer from a local private and progressive high school whose values and vision are consistent with the neighborhood. We are hoping this all works out. My vision is that Trinity will be a 7-day and 7-night a week community church for the Hyde Park Neighborhood and central Austin, continuing to be a crossroads of progressive spirituality and social activism but at a more central location than our current space on 50th Street. Please email me at sid@tumc.org <<mailto:sid@tumc.org>> if you have suggestions or ideas or would like to make a donation to our capital campaign.

Sincerely,
Sid Hall, Pastor, Trinity
United Methodist Church
459-5835 x 11,
423-6887



The LHD Corner...

...cont'd from page 1

What Happens Next

Now begins the public part of the process.

The City of Austin will perform its necessary checks and calculations and then schedule a public hearing by the Historic Landmark Commission. Everyone within the boundaries of the proposed district and up to 500 feet outside of those boundaries will receive a notification of the date of the public hearing. At the hearing, speakers both for and against the district will have the opportunity to address the Commission. After the Historic Landmark Commission makes its decision, our nomination will go on to public hearings at the Planning Board and then City Council.

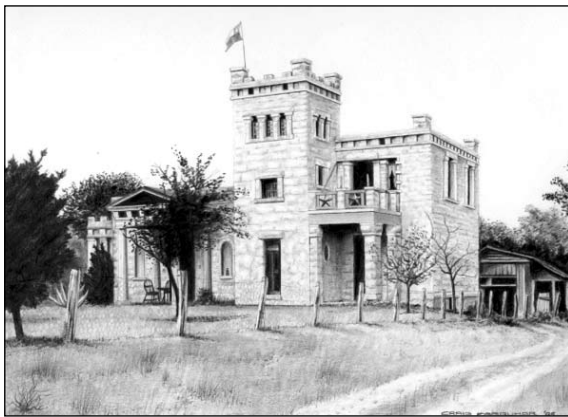
I urge all of you to attend all the public hearings and proclaim your support for the Hyde Park Local Historic District. If you can't attend, email your support to the members of the HLC, the Planning Board, and the City Council.

If you haven't signed a Statement of Support, it's not too late. Contact me and I'll deliver one.

– Lorre Weidlich
Chair, Hyde Park Local Historic District

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:

<lweidich@mail2sevens.com> or 300-2228.



Courtesy of Craig Farquhar

Proprietors:
Patricia Mares
Luke Zimmermann

Open 11 am till midnight
Seven days a week

29th & Guadalupe
477-1651

Catering
Dine In
Take Out
Delivery

RUBYS B.B.Q

PETE REED

Hyde Park Handyman

Big or Small, We Do it All

Free Estimates
(512) 736-6539

20 Years Experience



Byrd's Bicycle Landscaping

byrdsgardencare.com

1933 Littlefield St
Austin TX 78723

SCORPION ECO-IRRIGATION



IRRIGATOR LICENSE #LIH7243

Robyn Cloughley
512.636.1472
ROBYN@BYRDSGARDENCARE.COM

Lo-Tech, Lo-Emissions, Hi-Quality



repaintingtexas.com

- Exteriors
- Interiors
- Siding Replacement

INSURED
GUARANTEED

(512) 461-5797

Jim-Dandy, Inc.



Home Improvement
Remodeling
Repair


And Handyman Services

"No job too small"

(512) 763-1007

FLAMINGO

AUTOMOTIVE



VISA / MC / AMEX
459-9917
8-6 M-F

3512 Guadalupe
Austin, Tx.
78705

SACRED SOIL
ORGANIC GARDENS
LAWNS & LAWNSCAPES
MOWING & MAINTENANCE
512.633.0717

HPNA Meeting Minutes, April 2010

The April 2010 HPNA meeting opened with Hyde Park resident Shelley Adair's presentation about a non-profit organization she helped form, **Austin Speech Labs**. Their mission is to reduce the impact of stroke on language and cognitive functions for stroke survivors. She gave an overview of the philosophy and services of the organization that assists uninsured and underinsured stroke victims recover from the effects of their stroke with "boot camp" type therapy. Intensive speech, language and cognitive therapy is provided. Only one other program like this currently exists in the U.S. The programs are growing in participants and in scope. For more information on the organization and a May 20 fundraiser with UT coach Mack Brown, go to www.austinspeechlabs.org.

Patrick Brown, Chief Appraiser for the **Travis County Appraisal District (TCAD)** was the next speaker. He began by an overview of the tax calendar for Travis County. The valuation process starts in late fall. Property values are appraised January 1 of each year and from that date until late April, TCAD completes appraisals and processes applications for exemptions. The notices of appraised value are expected to be mailed April 26, 2010 and property owners have until May 31 (or 30 days after the valuation was mailed, whichever is later) to file a protest with the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal roll will be certified July 25. Patrick gave examples of how the appraisals are calculated based on land value, improvement value, and market adjustments. A property owner can protest on the basis of equity < that the property is not appraised the same as similar properties in the surrounding area, or value < that the property would not sell for the market value price. When a property owner protests, both an informal hearing and a formal hearing one week after the informal hearing will be scheduled. Last year 93000 properties in Travis County were protested. Mr. Brown stated that the property values may actually decrease an average of 3-4% in Travis County this year. Because of the big increases in value the past number of years in this area, even if an individual property does decrease in value, the property owner may not see a decrease in property tax due to homestead caps. He also mentioned that the Hyde

"Where Families
Grow Together"

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Hyde Park Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
 610 East 45th Street
 (512) 452-2596
www.hydeparkcc.org

Youth Groups
 1-12 Grades, meet on Sunday evenings.
 We will meet from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Parlor
HYDE PARK
SPECIALTY PIZZA
 Family owned & operated since 2000
 11am - Midnight / 1am Sat.
 Happy Hour 4:30pm - 7pm
 • Full Bar • Coffee & Teas •
 • Wireless Internet • Vegan Pizza Options •
 Dough & Sauce made Fresh Daily Smoker Friendly Patio
 512-323-0440
 4301 b Guadalupe Austin Tx 78751 www.myspace.com/theparlor

\$1.00 off large pizza with this coupon

Park area is a difficult area to assess because so many different styles and ages of homes exist; it's harder to find comparable houses. If you request a hearing you may request the information on the similar properties used in the appraisal of your home for both market value and equity. You may also request the appraisal field manual with information about class and grade definitions used by appraisers. Mr. Brown then took questions from the neighbors in attendance. TCAD offices are at 8314 Cross Park Drive in Austin in the Walnut Creek Business Park. The website <www.traviscad.org> has the property roll and detailed information on valuation, laws, tax calendar, forms and more.

HPNA President David Conner then took the floor for announcements and updates. The annual **Hyde Park Homes Tour** will be held Father's Day weekend, June 19 and 20. At this time, Tour chair Barbara Gibson has four homes confirmed and is working on four other possibilities. David closed the meeting by announcing that this was the last meeting at the Hyde Park United Methodist Church. The May meeting of HPNA will be held in the cafeteria at the Austin Groups for the Elderly building at the corner of West 38th and Cedar Street (3710 Cedar Street).

— Denise Girard, HPNA Co-Secretary
 <dmgirard@grandecom.net>

Specializing in the maintenance and repairs for your European Car



For Bookings

512.453.5050

OR

service@revolutionmotors.com

vw • audi • saab • mini • bmw • volvo • peugeot • mercedes

www.revolutionmotors.com

*These Coupons May Only Be Used One At A Time

	<p>10% off Parts & Labor for new customers on all repairs <small>(some restriction may apply)</small></p>	<p>FREE Check Engine Light Diagnostic Code SAVE \$85 <small>(some restriction may apply)</small></p>
--	--	--

Parents' Night Out at Trinity United Methodist Church

Twice voted *Austin Chronicle's*
 "Best Place to Leave the Kids"



2nd Friday of each month from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 \$10 per child; \$15 family maximum

For reservations call: 459-5835, ext. 14
 600 East 50th Street (one block east of Duval)

NOW is a great time for a positive, healthy beginning!
 Upgrade your current workout or start fresh. **Strong bodies don't just look good.** Improve your glucose and cholesterol levels, reduce blood pressure, and boost metabolism.
Let's get started NOW.

KIRBY'S

KIRBY SAMS, cscs
512.452.6533
 kirby@kirbysams.com

Hyde Park Gym
 4121 Guadalupe Street
 Austin Tx 78751



EXPERT HARDWOOD FLOOR REFINISHING

CUSTOM HARDWOOD FLOORS
 NEW INSTALLATIONS EXPERT SANDING
 & REPAIRS & FINISHING

Quality Service with Attention to Detail

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

**FOR CONSULTATION
 CALL DAVE – 257-2030**

"Over 40 Years Experience"



Featured in "Parade of Homes" & "AIA Tour"

IBEX PROPERTIES INC / Mark L Fishman, Pres.
 Hyde Park – Austin, Texas

**New Construction & Repairs (solar-builder)
 Property Management & Leasing
 licensed – bonded – insured**

**512.656.5505
 MLFISHMAN@GMAIL.COM**

 **Henderson
 Plumbing**
 452-5963

- ◆ Licensed plumbing repair
- ◆ Clean, personal service
- ◆ 29 years experience
- ◆ Drain cleaning

452-5963
 Leave message



**YOUR FARMER'S MARKET
 FOR THE OTHER 6 DAYS!**

**SUPPORTING
 LOCAL FARMERS
 SINCE 1976!**

Now OPEN 7:30am-11pm!

wheatville
food co-op

3101 Guadalupe • Austin, TX 78705 • 478-2667



CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK OF TEXAS

Inviting Neighbors to "Grow and Give"

Your backyard garden can nourish your hungry neighbors. Become a "Grow and Give Gardener" with the Capital Area Food Bank! Pledge to donate a portion of your vegetable garden to help hungry Central Texans. Your donations support the Capital Area Food Bank's Partner Agencies - soup kitchens and food pantries across Central Texas -- serving the hungry. The process is simple: bring your home-grown fruits and vegetables to the Capital Area Food Bank at 8201 South Congress Avenue (between William Cannon and Slaughter Lane), the produce is checked for freshness, and then given to Partner Agencies who distribute it to those in need.

According to the recently released "Hunger in America 2010: Central Texas Report," there's been a staggering 79 percent increase in Central Texas in the need for food assistance since the previously released study in 2006. The study also showed that 41 percent of Food Bank clients are children, more than 1/3 of older-adult clients go extended periods without food, and that 82 percent of clients are NOT homeless.

The numbers represent moms and dads who must choose between paying their rent or mortgage and feeding their children. They are older adults who worked hard their entire lives, retired on a fixed income, and now must choose between paying for medical expenses and eating. They are people who were recently laid off and are now left searching in a struggling economy for a paycheck to feed themselves and their families.

You can help! Give of your harvest. Take the "Grown and Give" pledge. Visit <www.austinfoodbank.org> and click on "How to Help" and then "Donate Food" to find out how. Or, call Jessie Curran at 512-684-2547 to pledge.

– David Davenport
 President & CEO
 Capital Area Food Bank of Texas



Violet Crown

Spring Festival


Brentwood Park
May 8, 2010 11AM - 6PM
ART BOOTHS • MUSIC • HISTORY • FOOD
KIDS' ACTIVITIES • WELCOME TENT
NEW! HEALTH AND WELLNESS AREA!

www.violetcrowncommunity.org

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:



Barnstormers Music Studios • Burnet Road Self Storage • Crestview Minimax IGA • Discount Electronics
 John Dunham/Juice Homes • HEB • L Style G Style Magazine • Rose & Associates Properties Realtors



GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

FRESHPLUS

GROCERY • MARKET • DELI

HYDE PARK CLARKSVILLE
 408 E. 43rd St. • 512/459-8922 1221 West Lynn • 512/477-5574



MAJOR LEAGUE SERVICE.

From backyards to big leagues, count on me to be there.
 I can help you get the coverage you need and the discounts you deserve.



Steve Vinklerek, Agent
 Bus: 512-452-0214
steve@steveinsures.com
www.steveinsures.com



State Farm™

• Jay Bolsega, Architect •

Currently seeking clients to assist with residential remodels, additions, and new construction



512-495-6515

THE RIGHT INVESTMENTS IN YOUR IRA CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

Judith S Girard
Financial Advisor

4101 Guadalupe Street
Suite 600
Austin, TX 78751
512-323-0060

To learn about the benefits of an Edward Jones IRA, call or visit today.

www.edwardjones.com

Member SIPC

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Starr Roofing

- ❖ Roofing
 - ❖ Gutters
 - ❖ Remodel
 - ❖ Mobile Storage
- 

Pete Reed
(512) 736-6539
(830) 825-3109 Fax
starrroofing@yahoo.com

Working Hands Construction

Minor to Moderate Repairs and Remodeling
Decks, Fences and Custom Woodwork
Pain-in-the-Neck Problems Solved
Friendly, Affordable, Hyde Park Based
Call Matthew Young 419-7650



Creature Comforts

Loving In-Home
Pet Care

512-413-4214

Cathy McDowell
www.creaturecom.com

Changes at 43rd and Duval!

Mr. Gaitan Retires...and Newly Renamed Duval Street Barbershop Welcomes Him Back!



Mr. Pete Gaitan put down his barber shears in January 2010 and handed over Gaitan's Barbershop to Phyllis Nunez, long time hair cutting partner, who has renamed the shop The Duval Street Barbershop! But, after just two weeks of retirement, Mr. Gaitan said he was ready to get back to cutting hair! You'll find Phyllis cutting hair for men, women and children Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and joined by Mr. Gaitan on Thurs/Fri/Sat! Walk-ins only...no appointments needed!

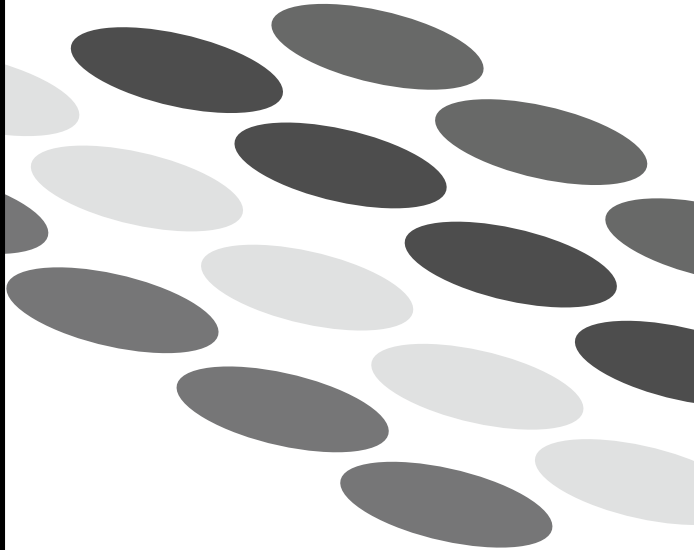
Neighbors to Hyde Park United Methodist Church: THANK YOU!

Over many years Hyde Park United Methodist has faithfully supported Hyde Park Neighborhood Association by providing meeting spaces not only for monthly meetings, but for countless committee meetings and special events. Hyde Park United Methodist has been our home and our partner in serving the Hyde Park community. At this time of celebration of the 100th anniversary of Hyde Park United Methodist, and Shettles Methodist before it, I offer our heartfelt appreciation to each of the members, pastors and staff of the church. Your help has been essential to our organization. As our relationship comes to an end with the closing of the church, we thank you for your hospitality and wish you the best in the coming years.

— Catherine Moore

(Editor's note: Catherine's grateful sentiments are those of us all...)

Play Twister® again.



Whole Family
CHIROPRACTORS

wholefamilychiropractors.com
512.505.8500

Twister® is a registered trademark of Hasbro Inc. Hasbro Inc. is not affiliated with Whole Family Chiropractors, LLC.



4310 Ave D

Listed at \$592,000



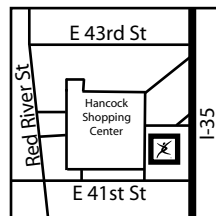
JASON HEFFRON
REALTOR®
MBA, CRS, GRI, ABR, SFR
(512) 658-8822
jason@juicehomes.com
www.juicehomes.com



Eat in. Take Away.

VOTED "BEST TAKE OUT"
BY
THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE

**Asian favorites.
Close to home.**



Hancock Center

1000 E 41st St
Austin, TX 78751

512.382.3860

peiwei.com

TEXAS LAWN SERVICES

Full Service Lawn Care

Mowing, Installs, Tree Trimming

Tree Installations

Commercial/Residential

512 810 9488

texaslawnservices@gmail.com

www.austintxlawns.com



Insured

Constable's Notebook

May 2010



by Constable Bruce Elfant

"War on Drugs": We are Losing

Former president Richard Nixon first used the term "war on drugs" 40 years ago when he declared drug use in America to be a "national emergency." In 1969, while just 15% of Americans said that they knew someone who had used drugs, drug use was on the rise and a significant percent of U.S. soldiers were becoming addicted to marijuana, heroin and other narcotics. In launching the war on drugs Nixon said, "If we cannot destroy the drug menace in America, then surely it will destroy us." That year the federal government appropriated about \$65 million for the war on drugs and just under 200,000 people were arrested for drug offenses.

In 2008 federal, state and local governments spent in excess of \$50 billion for direct costs of the war on drugs and about 1.7 million people were arrested for drug offenses. According to the FBI, an American is now arrested for drug possession every 18 seconds. More than half of the 2.3 million people incarcerated in the United States are serving time for drug offenses, most for possession. Much has also been written about the permanent underclass which has been created by the war on drugs that consists of tens of millions of people with criminal drug records who are no longer eligible for some government services, have trouble getting jobs, finding housing or even staying clean.

In addition to the money spent at home, the U.S. government also spends billions funding foreign wars to destroy poppy crops in Columbia, Guatemala, Panama, Ecuador, Afghanistan, Mexico and other countries. About 80% of drugs bound for the U.S. come through Mexico. And now the battle for control of the highly lucrative Mexican drugs cartels is spilling over into Texas and other southern states. We have learned that it is not easy, cheap or even possible to effectively eradicate crops or significantly restrict the transportation of drugs - even from the friendliest of countries.

Continued on page 14

GRIFFIN SCHOOL

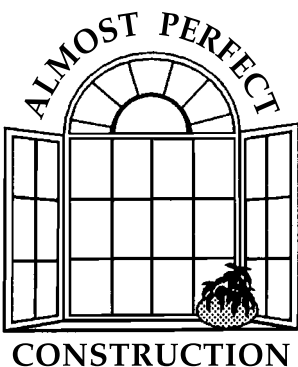
"Best Place to Be Yourself in School"

- Austin Chronicle Best of Austin Award

A college preparatory high school empowering a community of learners through a focus on the arts.

Now Enrolling for Summer School

www.griffinschool.org



Residential Remodeling
From Additions to Repairs

Quality Work
Since 1980

Member, Green Builders

Joe Zakes

445-4470

apcaustin.com



FELICIA RAINS

Classical Piano Instruction
Lessons in the convenience
of your home.

Did you know ?

Students who study music perform better in math and language in elementary school.

Students who study music have higher average SAT scores.

Source: PBS, Public School Review

feliciarains@hotmail.com

(512) 670-8888

Now accepting students ages
4+ for Spring/Summer 2010.

**Lucien, Stirling and Gray
Advisory Group, Inc.**



Located in the Historic John Rutledge House

4005 Guadalupe · Austin, TX 78751
(512) 458-2517
www.lsggroup.com

**THE FINANCIAL WORLD HAS
CHANGED...**

Your personal situation has been impacted and the need for a new plan of action has become a high priority.

Now, more than ever, you need prudent and timely advice from an independent financial advisor who works for **you**.

Give us a call or visit our website.



In Hyde Park since 1992

TEXAS's OLDEST and LARGEST Video Store!



Rare and Unique Movies for the Connoisseur



- Over 80,000 movies!
- Cult classics and rarities!
- New releases!

2
LOCATIONS

2915 Guadalupe
10am - 3am
4803 Airport
10am - 12am

Employee Picks. Reviews. Movie News.
Contests. Giveaways.

ILuvVideo.com

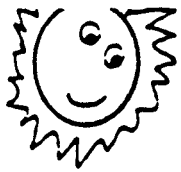
Register online at ecocleanaustin.com for a chance to win \$100 FREE dry cleaning!



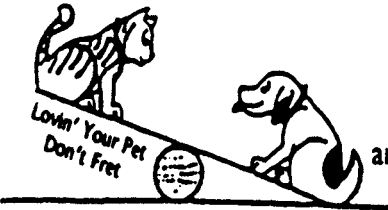
EcoClean
Non Toxic Dry Cleaning and Laundry

2915 Guadalupe
ecocleanaustin.com
(512) 236.8645

- ⊙ better for the planet.
- ⊙ gentler on your clothes.
- ⊙ Safer for your family.



and **Amore Always Petsitter**
Certified Dog Trainer



Roberta Maleski

(512) 296-5196

amorepets@sbcglobal.net

www.amorealways.com

Constable's Notebook...

...cont'd from page 12

For 40 years law enforcement officers have arrested and incarcerated millions of people for possession and trafficking of drugs, implemented "Just Say No", DARE and other anti-drug programs, interdicted millions of tons of drugs and destroyed millions of acres of poppy crops in dozens of countries. Yet after spending about a trillion dollars to "destroy the drug menace" U.S. citizens now consume about two-thirds of the world's illegal drugs. The drug war has inflicted heavy casualties on American, Mexican and other citizens. It has created a lucrative cottage industry of gangs, drug cartels and terrorist organizations, and has adversely affected our national priorities, economy and national security interests - but it has not reduced drug use in America.

Albert Einstein once said that the definition of insanity was doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results. Before committing to continue a costly strategy that has failed to produce desired results, President Obama and Congress should conduct a thorough review of our efforts over the last 40 years, seek out the best practices of all nations and develop a more effective international strategy to reduce drug use. If our strategy does not change we should not expect a better result. Please send me your thoughts to <bruce.elfant@co.travis.tx.us>. Next month I will discuss various proposals to reduce drug use that you and others have suggested.

Hyde Park Poets —

Nature How We Doth Love Thee

We follow sunshine across the floor
 2 feet of light piled against the door
 and spread across the freshly mowed lawn
 just a message: deep winter has flown
 or receded to north sprawling plains
 releasing zeros, no snow, now rains
 creeks and rivers filled, carrying more
 downstream, fish, fowl this season adore,
 rushing back to the genesis stone
 picking up memories halfway home
 sailing along sunbeams whooping cranes
 wildflowers and kale adorn the lanes
 far north crocuses, apples in bloom
 catching shadows from sunlight or moon

— Nancy Taylor Day
 3.26.2010



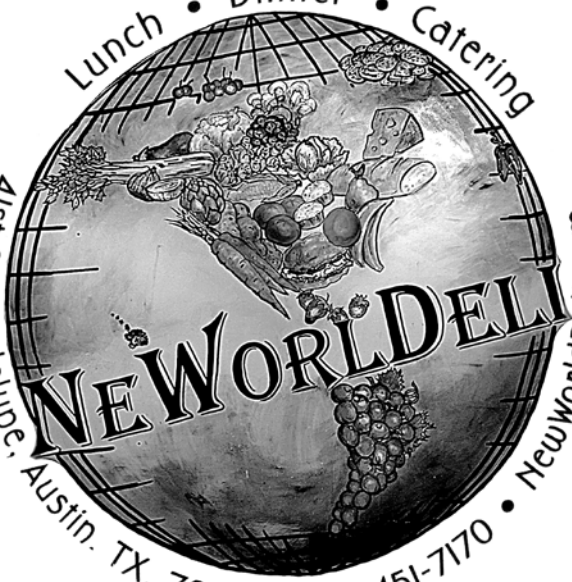
serving
Hyde Park

Patty Mora
512.420.0035

www.PetGirlsPetSitting.com

NOW OPEN SEVEN NIGHTS
Come enjoy a delicious entree!

Lunch • Dinner • Catering



NEW WORLD DELI

41st & Guadalupe, Austin, TX, 78751 • 512-451-7170 • NewWorldDeli.com

Full Bar! Happy Hour 4-6pm
 Enjoy a Delirita from the Deli Lama!

TAKE CHARGE! A Personal Finance Discussion Group

When: Saturdays, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Hancock Recreation Center @ 811 East 41st Street
Host: Mary Ann Osborne, MBA
Cost: 1st session free, \$10/session thereafter



- *Budgeting/Organizing*
- *Retirement Plans*
- *Taxes*
- *Investing*
- *Mortgages*
- *Money and Marriage*
- *Expert guests will be included*

For information or registration, contact Mary Ann at 366-5946 or mary.ann.osborne@gmail.com

jackalope ranch



227 Turkey Drive • Dripping Springs 78620
FOR SALE mls 4389019 \$1,200,000



www.227turkeydrive.com



300' Pedernales River Frontage



1306 Harriet Court \$266,000



MID-CENTURY MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICE

- Private Offices
- Prime Central Location
- mls 2488924

FOR SALE or LEASE

1307 East 38th-1/2 Street
 \$450,000 | \$2,950/Mo.



LYON
 real estate

Suzee Brooks, REALTOR®



Nature+Architecture=Living In Art

mobile 512.740.5771 • office 512.499.0499 • fax 512.499.0460 • suzee@lyonrealestate.net



2010 Homes Tour Gains Momentum

The 2010 Hyde Park Homes Tour is around the corner! It is scheduled for Fathers' Day weekend June 19-20. From the State Hospital through some grand surprises west of Speedway to the home of Mike Mullen and Kathleen Monahan at 3215 Duval, we have history, style, and community to share. In addition to the State Hospital, the 2010 tour will feature homes from the 1800's to 2000's.

The featured homes that I can reveal at this point are the New York- designed and decorated home of Charlotte Herzele at 3916 Avenue H, the historic home of John Mayfield at 3824 Avenue F (Peter and Clotilde Shipe Mansbendel House), the beautifully updated abode of Jack Hohengarten and family at 4114 Avenue H, and the tremendous home and grounds of Mike Mullen and Kathleen Monahan at 3215 Duval, plus some surprises to be revealed at a later date.

As always, 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>. Remember that in return for their time and help, our volunteers get to enjoy the Tour at no charge.

As in previous years, proceeds from the Tour will be directed to various neighborhood improvement projects and activities. Out of consideration for the homeowners who are so generously donating their homes for the Tour and to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association for this critical fundraiser, I respectfully ask neighbors to avoid having yard sales or similar activities that would detract from the Tour and make our neighborhood less inviting to our ticket holders. Lemonade stands by the children of our neighborhood were a big hit with the crowds last year, and we hope they spring up again.

I encourage all to enjoy our Tour buses led by docents who share the history of Hyde Park as you ride in comfort to the featured homes. There will also be live music and an artists' fair. For more information, visit the tour website at <www.HydeParkHomesTour.org>. We'll see you in June!

— Barbara Gibson, 2010 Homes Tour Chair <bg@ghrdlaw.com>

City Plumbing Company

35 YEARS EXPERIENCE

453-1115

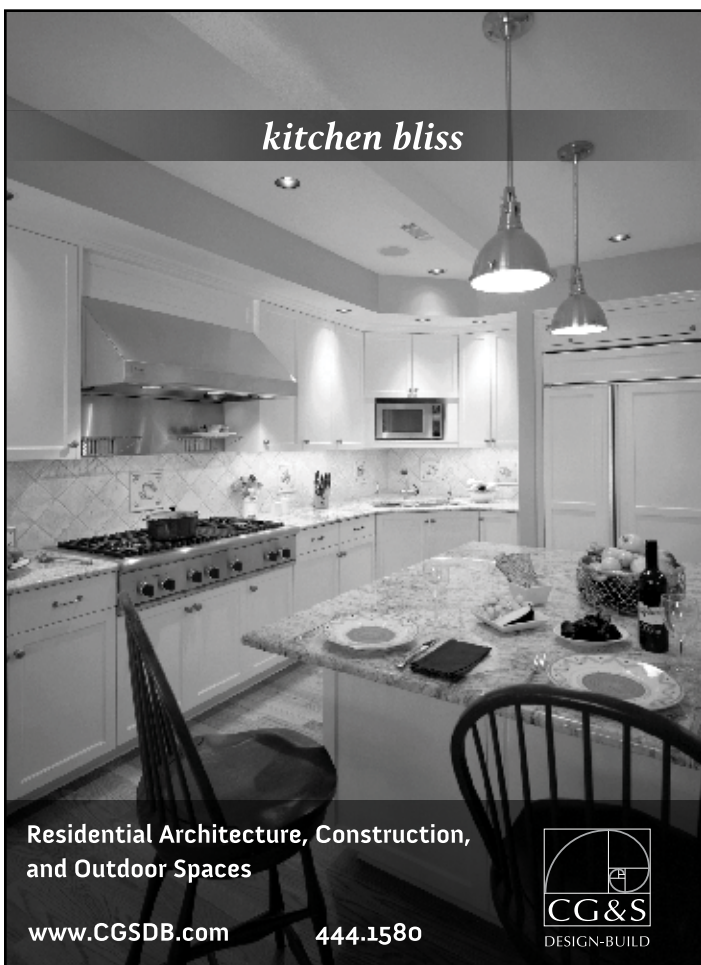
Sewer and Water Heater Replacement

Slab Leaks • Gas Leaks

Sewer and Drain Cleaning Service

Repairs • Re-pipes • Remodels

ALL YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS



Vintage Properties Available



508 Texas Ave - Just listed: storybook Tudor style brick house with two bedrooms, one bath, 1433sf with the charm of grandmother's house, at the corner of Texas and Liberty Streets. Four blocks to Lee Elementary **\$429,000**



4311 Avenue F - Just listed, Vintage 1922 bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen, formal living and dining, large master (could be family room); low-maintenance garden with tropical and native plants, rear deck and storage building that is potential studio. Near Shipe Park. **\$439,000**



826 Harris Avenue - **SOLD** - Charm, character and convenience - all in this updated, energy efficient 1939 traditional home with formal living and dining, large kitchen & breakfast room, 1 bedrm & bath downstairs; 3 beds, playroom and bath up; 2-car gar. 8 blocks to UT, 1 to Lee Elementary **\$591,862**



3911 Duval Street Updated bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and detached studio. Wood floors, modern island kitchen, close to Hyde Park amenities. **Coming soon!**



Lin Team
Old Austin Realtor®


*Helping people save old Austin,
one house at a time....*

512-472-1930 lteam@austin.rr.com
www.TheKinneyCompany.com

Something About

White shirts, after being in fashion and out, being over shadowed by pastels and windowpane plaids, by dark shirts overlaid with pale ties, but it's that flash of starched white with dark slacks, a crispness that means business without being overpowering, that says I'm serious without pulling one into the morose dungeon foreclosure, that has become wait person's uniform in fine restaurants, and every Bond has at least one scene in crisp white shirt they stand out even as they do not stand out, the safe shirts, the normal shirts, still there is something about white shirts and dark slacks the cache of long running utility with a hint of sexiness

— Nancy Taylor Day
April 19, 2010



1605 PEASE

If you live in Central Austin i.e. the 03 zip code and you are now or soon could be thinking about downsizing but can't ever imagine leaving the neighborhood, you need to consider a condo at I605 Pease Road.


5 units, 3 2BR/IBA and 2 1BR/IBA units will be available this spring. The units are under renovation and landscape improvements are under way.

For preliminary information, call 512-474-1632 and ask for information on I605 Pease or call 512-731-4471

Like Hyde Park, we are one of a kind.

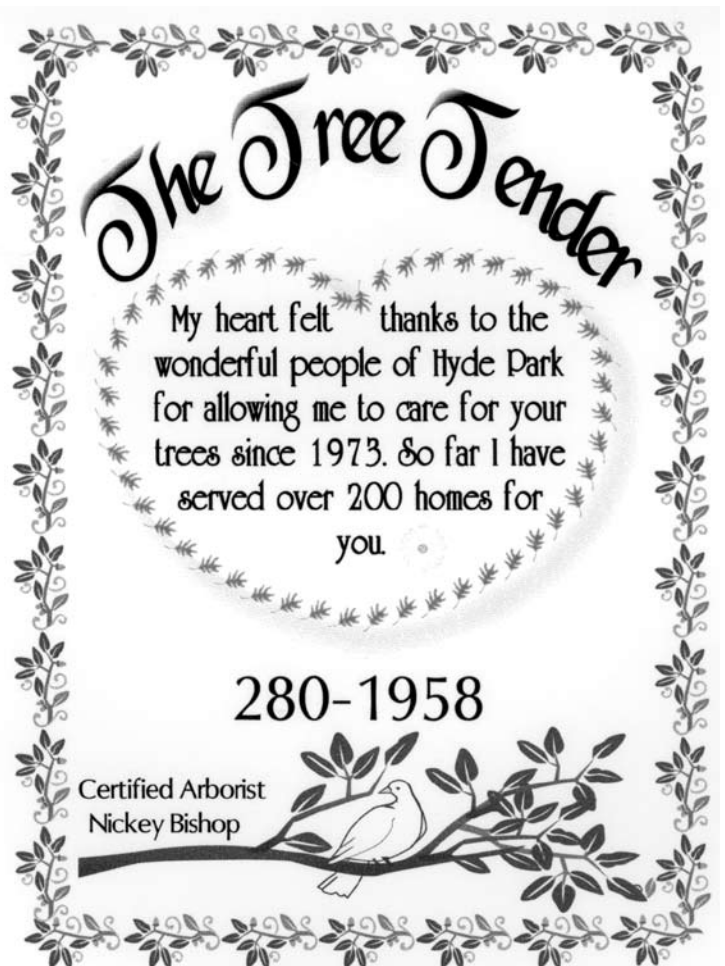


 Premier Realty
Your neighborhood REALTOR
Sales • Investments • Property Management

Guadalupe St.

W. 34th St.

512.479.9922
3401 Guadalupe St.
www.PRAustin.com

Call today for a **FREE**
broker's analysis &
consultation.




The Tree Tender

My heart felt thanks to the wonderful people of Hyde Park for allowing me to care for your trees since 1973. So far I have served over 200 homes for you.

280-1958

Certified Arborist
Nickey Bishop





HybridRealtor@Stanberry.com

Hyde Park Resident & Neighborhood REALTOR®



Address: **4509 Avenue D**
Listed For: **\$289,000**

FOR SALE

Stylish bungalow in fabulous location. Features include recent paint and refinished floors and large heavily treed yard. Amazing location, just a block from Shipe Park, and just blocks from Hyde Park area shops and restaurants. Don't miss this bargain in highly desirable Lee Elementary



In partnership with solesforsouls, I will be donating 200 pairs of shoes for those in need with each real estate transaction. Check out solesforsouls.org to see how you can get involved! I will be having an art show/ silent auction of my paintings at Quacks during July with 100% of the proceeds going to solesforsouls.

Address: **1200 Norwood Road**
Listed For: **\$199,000**

FOR SALE

1200Norwood.com

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.



Address: **3512 Clarkson Ave**
Listed For: **\$183,000**

FOR SALE

CENTRAL AUSTIN AT A BARGAIN PRICE, Cute 2/1 home on private tree covered lot that backs to a creek. Close to downtown, UT, the new Mueller district with it's extensive hike and bike trail system and new retail development, and an amazing collection of local restaurants. Well maintained and updated and features hardwood flooring and central heat and air conditioning.



WANTED:

I have a client looking for an spectacular arts and crafts home. He is interested in homes priced up to \$1,000,000, and the more original the condition, the better. Please call Jeff Baker at 619.7421 if you have been thinking of selling your home.

Address: **113 West 33rd Street**
Listed For: **\$775,000**

SOLD

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.



Jeff Baker 619-7421

ABOR, REALTOR®, Former State Licensed Appraiser
Also check out JeffBakerArt.biz

Stanberry Associates

REALTORS®

HYDE PARK HOMES GALLERY



Sold

4202 Avenue C

1922 Hyde Park bungalow
2BR, 1BA and 1Liv plus 1BR,
1BA garage apt.
Listed at \$398,000



Just
Listed

3312 Duval Street

City Historic Landmark, The Finch
House, 1928 Colonial Revival
estate with 4BR, 4.5BA and 4Liv
Listed at \$1,500,000



Just
Listed

4001 Avenue C

City Historic Landmark
1907 Victorian home on
double corner lot
Listed at \$650,000



For
Sale

4507 Avenue D

Updated Hyde Park cottage
with large screened back
porch 2BR, 2BA and 1Liv
Listed at \$385,000



New
Price

5108 Martin Avenue

Beautiful 3BR, 2.5BA home
with 1BR garage apartment
Listed at \$465,000



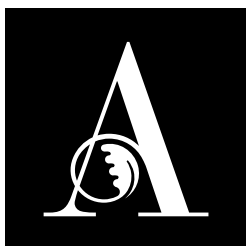
Just
Listed

4203 Avenue A

Recently updated bungalow
with beautiful gardens
2BR, 2BA and 2Liv
Listed at \$399,000

Your Hyde Park Real Estate Expert

Call Suzanne today for a free market analysis on your home
or investment property. Suzanne has over 18 years of
experience marketing and selling Hyde Park.



**AvenueOne
Properties**



Suzanne Pringle

REALTOR®, Broker
Mobile 512.217.1047
pringle@aveone.com
aveone.com