

# November Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 7, 2011

**Where:** Trinity United Methodist Church  
4001 Speedway

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

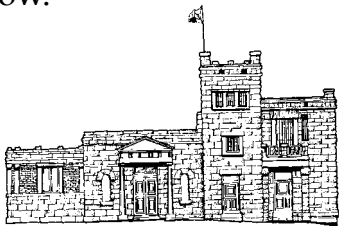
## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ David Connor will present Hyde Park treasures found from the Williams/Mansbendel house
- ❖ 43rd and Duval redevelopment discussion presented by Karen McGraw and Bick Brown
- ❖ Short term rentals discussion presented by Morris Anderson and Blake Tollett
- ❖ Livestrong Austin Marathon and Half Marathon - route through Hyde Park presented by Ari Witkin
- ❖ Crime and Safety update

## Holiday Party!



Mark your calendar for the Hyde Park Holidays Party at the home of Charlotte Herzele, Sunday, December 18th at 3916 Avenue H, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Details soon to follow.

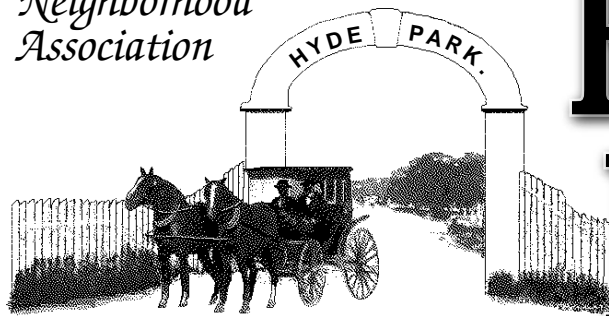


## November Issue Highlights

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## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Station Festival

On the afternoon of October 23rd children, adults and pets, many in wonderful costumes, gathered in Shipe Park for the parade to Fire Station #9.

David Conner, Michael Nill and I carried the HPNA banner at the front of the parade. Dorothy Richter greeted the parade as it arrived at the fire station. I introduced the new officers for the year and thanked the volunteers, but I should thank them here as well: this wonderful event came about due to the great work of Deaton Bednar, Linda van Bavel, Lynne Hohlfeld, Sarah Brooks, Gabi Snyder, Kelly Schaub, Carol Jackson, Paula Rhodes, Joan Yamini, Mary La Touf, Jackson Brooks and Robin Silberling. Joan Yamini announced the winners of the adult, child and pet costume contests. La Strada performed wonderful music while some children and adults danced. Other children played and adults talked and ate. Rep. Elliott Naishtat, Councilmember Bill Spelman and Constable Bruce Elfant attended. Jacqueline Galvan read a letter Congressman Doggett sent for the occasion. Walgreens sent us numerous volunteers, Grande Communications provided tents and assisted with funding,



The Parade gets underway for the 37th Annual Fire Station Festival - photo by Liz Lock

and Hyde Park Bar and Grill and Wheatsville provided food. **We set a new record for attendance - 712!**

This year we decided to try displaying awards visually rather than announcing each one because we had so many that it would have really impacted the flow of the event to announce each one.

### The award-winners:

- **The Richter award:** John Paul Moore and Catherine Moore.
- **Bridge-builder awards:** Lorre Weidlich, Carolyn Grimes, Kevin Heyburn, Joe Bedell
- **Service awards for research:** Wanda Penn, John Paul Moore and Doris Coward

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# From the President's Desk:

A big thanks to everyone who participated in our elections! I appreciate the opportunity to serve for another year. It looks like in the coming year we will again need to stay on top of multiple ongoing issues that are important to our neighborhood. I am confident that our team of newly-elected and continuing officers and steering committee members will allow us to do so.

The city will begin the process of adopting the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan shortly, but there are still opportunities to improve the plan before it is adopted. The plan is available at [www.imagineaustin.net/intro](http://www.imagineaustin.net/intro)

The city is soliciting input on priorities for implementing the plan via a survey at [www.imagineaustin.net/lpriority](http://www.imagineaustin.net/lpriority)

And there is an online tool (which had some bugs initially but hopefully will be fully functional by the time you read this) for discussion of how to improve the plan from the initial draft at <http://imagineaustin.icanmakeitbetter.com/>

One area of concern in the current draft of the plan is the designation of 51st St. between Hwy 183 and Duval and all of 38th Street as mixed use corridors. City staff have indicated that this does not mean the streets will be widened or zoning will be changed and that a "mixed use corridor" in the plan will be defined differently from the "mixed use" definition contained in neighborhood plans. Given the extensive use of the term "mixed use" in existing codes and ordinances it seems problematic to use such a similar term in the comprehensive plan when something different is meant. On October 12th, North University Neighborhood Association (NUNA) passed the following resolution regarding that terminology:

1. NUNA is opposed to the use of roadway terminology in the comprehensive plan that is the same as, or similar enough to be confused with, land use terminology used in the zoning regulations.

2. NUNA is opposed to the designation of 38th Street between I-35 and Guadalupe Street as a "mixed use corridor," "transportation corridor," or any similar designation.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team has not met yet at the time I am writing this but a similar resolution will be taken up at their October meeting.

Another important city conversation that we need to participate in is the Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative. We learned in September that the area from Caswell to Airport is currently proposed to be a residential transition zone, envisioned by the consultants as an area that will be a transition between very high density envisioned to occur on Airport Blvd. itself to the lower density of single family homes.

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Obviously the area between Caswell and Airport contains many blocks of existing single family homes. While designating that area as a residential transition zone will not force anyone to allow his or her house to be replaced by a duplex or triplex or apartment complex, there is clearly a possibility that it will put pressure on many of our neighbors.

It is disconcerting that there was no specific effort by the Airport Boulevard Redevelopment staff to inform us that they contemplated inclusion of a significant portion of our neighborhood within the plan area. It is troubling that so far none of the large public meetings concerning Upper Airport (Airport between Lamar and the Interstate) have been held on Upper Airport or in any of the neighborhoods directly adjacent to it. I also question whether it was necessary to schedule the third large public meeting to conflict with HPNA's general meeting for October.

Some nearby neighborhoods are represented on an Airport Boulevard Advisory Group that has been consulted on the redevelopment initiative and on scheduling meetings but up to this point we have not been. I have asked for Hyde Park to be given a seat on that advisory group and am hopeful that

by the time you read this we will have one. Doris Coward has agreed to serve on that group if we are given a seat on it. Meeting agendas for the Airport Boulevard Advisory Group are posted at <[www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/boards/bid73.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/boards_commissions/boards/bid73.htm)>

Information regarding the plan as it evolves is posted at <[www.airportboulevard.com](http://www.airportboulevard.com)>

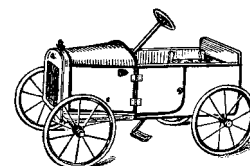
On October 4th Charlotte Herzele led us in another wonderful National Night Out; firemen and code enforcement staff stopped by. Thanks to the Melancholy Ramblers for providing wonderful music, so infectious that it inspired code enforcement staff to dance! Thanks to Blue Whale Moving Company for the many and varied pizzas they provided! And thanks to Charlotte and our wonderful volunteers for pulling the event together!

Continuing on the subject of public safety, at a September hearing the tire slasher suspect, who is representing himself in court, requested and was granted a continuance to October. In October he had me and many other people who live in Hyde Park, work in Hyde Park, work for the Austin Police Department or work for the District Attorney's office summoned to attend his jury trial on October 25th.

Finally, this year has been very hard on our city's plants. In late September a large limb fell from one of the trees at Shipe Park and damaged a bench. This reminded us that just as the trees in our yards have needed more watering than usual this year the trees in Shipe Park need extra help. None of the trees that surround the playground are close enough to the sprinklers to get a good watering from them.

So, I have submitted paperwork to the Parks and Recreation Department requesting that neighborhood volunteers be permitted to water those trees. When we get permission we will need to adhere to the city's watering schedule for commercial properties unless we have volunteers more patient than I who are willing and able to stand there holding the hose the entire time the tree is watered. If you are interested in taking a turn watering the trees please let me know.

— Lisa Harris  
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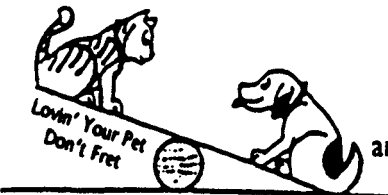
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## The Sound of One Branch Falling

Wednesday, September 28th, about 10 minutes before 7 o'clock my family and I were at Shipe park.



The kids frolic in the "pre-fallen" arms of a heritage oak. Photo by G. Wouter Habraken,

The kids (5 and 7) had just climbed in the center of the giant oak tree next to the bathrooms and we were taking pictures when we heard a very loud noise, much like a gunshot. There was panic, we ran, and then a huge branch of the tree came crashing down right at the spot where my wife Chandra had been standing just seconds before. It crushed the bench in front of the baby swings and shattered, but no one was hurt.



Moments later: fortunately nobody was standing here. Photo by George Wyche

On inspection, this branch had been damaged and had rotted through a good way. No doubt the drought was the final straw. The Austin parks crew was there the next morning to cut up the branch.

— G. Wouter Habraken

## Fire Station Festival...

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- **Service awards - crime and safety:** Heather Freeman, Teresa Griffin, George Wyche, Charlotte Herzele
- **Service awards - Homes Tour:** David Conner, John Williams, Catherine Moore, Deaton Bednar, Carolyn Grimes
- **Service awards - membership:** Jim Geneviro and Eileen Geneviro
- **Service awards- Shipe Park:** Adam Wilson, Alison Young, Rhonda Baird, Philip Baird, Mark Fishman
- **Service awards- Pecan Press:** Sarah Sitton, George Wyche and Wanda Penn
- **Service award- longtime service:** Grant Thomas

Thanks again everyone for helping to make this year's festival a record-setting success.

— Lisa Harris



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# RUBY'S B.B.Q

## HPNA General Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2011

President Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

The first item of business was a vote on the resolution to amend the HPNA bylaws regarding limits to the number of consecutive terms served by Steering Committee members elected at large. The bylaws would now state: "The voting members elected at large may be reelected; however, a voting member elected at large shall not serve in excess of two consecutive full two-year terms. The two consecutive two-year term limitation for voting members elected at large shall not prevent the election of such persons from further service as a voting member of the steering committee after an absence from that committee for two or more years." As instituting these term limits would be effective immediately, the terms of at-large members Dorothy Richter and Wanda Penn would expire. Lorre Weidlich and John Paul Moore brought up the possibility of tabling this agenda item until after the vote on the HPNA officer slate, but ultimately the vote was called and passed 24 - 3.

The second item of business was a vote on the 2011-2012 HPNA Officer Slate. As members of the Nominating Committee, Carolyn Grimes and Cynthia Lyon introduced the slate of officers. Lorre Weidlich and Dorothy Richter were both nominated from the floor, both for the position of Co-Vice President. Given these nominations, the final slate put to a vote was:

- President - Lisa Harris
- Co-Vice President - John Williams, Lorre Weidlich, and Dorothy Richter
- Co-Treasurer - I Jay Aarons and Lynn Hohlfeld
- Co-Secretary - Ashley Schweickart and Claire deYoung

The slate passed 33 - 0. Separately, Dorothy Richter was also nominated from the floor for a newly created position of Steering Committee Member for Life. A vote was called to bring this position to the HPNA Steering Committee for their approval and passed 24 - 0.

The third item of business was a presentation by Roscoe Overton regarding an idea of city council re-districting. The Department of Justice has stated that the City can rearrange the election process but cannot reduce the possibility of minority populations being able to elect a representative. The Austin Center for Peace and Justice is proposing to revise the election process from at-large to single member districts using the "8-4-1" Single District Model. Karen McGraw asked if the Center was proposing staggered terms and Mr. Overton stated that the 2011 Charter Review Committee has been asked by City Council to take up

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that issue (HP resident Susan Moffatt is on this Committee). Lisa Harris mentioned that at the next ANC meeting, which is open to the public, they will be looking at the five different redistricting models being proposed.

The final item on the agenda was an update on crime and safety. It was discussed that Tommy Kelly's trial hearing was pushed to October 24th at 9am. Tommy Kelly remains incarcerated as he awaits the trial hearing.

**Additional updates discussed included:**

- National Night Out scheduled for, October 4th from 7 – 8:15pm, Blue Whale Moving Company will provide pizza
- Fire Station Festival scheduled for October 23rd at 3:30pm
- Griffin School Grand Opening scheduled for October 14th at 6-8pm, 5001 Evans Avenue, Austin, TX (Old Trinity Methodist Church)
- Lisa Harris will be meeting the Parks Department on possibility of HP neighbors taking turns watering trees in Shipe Park to avoid issue of falling limbs due to drought
- The Draft of Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan is now available at <<http://imagineaustin.net>> and discusses the designation of mixed-use corridors within the HP boundaries
- The Airport Blvd. Redevelopment Initiative includes a Residential Transition Area from 45th to 51st east of Caswell where there is a possibility of increased density, The HP Contact Team meeting on October 24th at 7pm will discuss this
- Bob Breeze attended City Council subcommittee meeting where Bruning closure was discussed. Transportation Dept. commented that accurate traffic counts have been hampered by construction on 51st street. Councilmember Laura Morrison commented that although HPNA is against the closure, northern neighborhoods are for it. The closure has been adamantly opposed by the owners of Snappy Mart because they believe their business is negatively affected.
- Ridgetop Elementary's next Garden Day is Nov. 18th
- Carlos Lopez scheduled his campaign kickoff for Constable in Precinct 5 at Serrano's Symphony Square on October 6 at 5:30.

President Lisa Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

– Ashley Schweickart  
Co-Secretary



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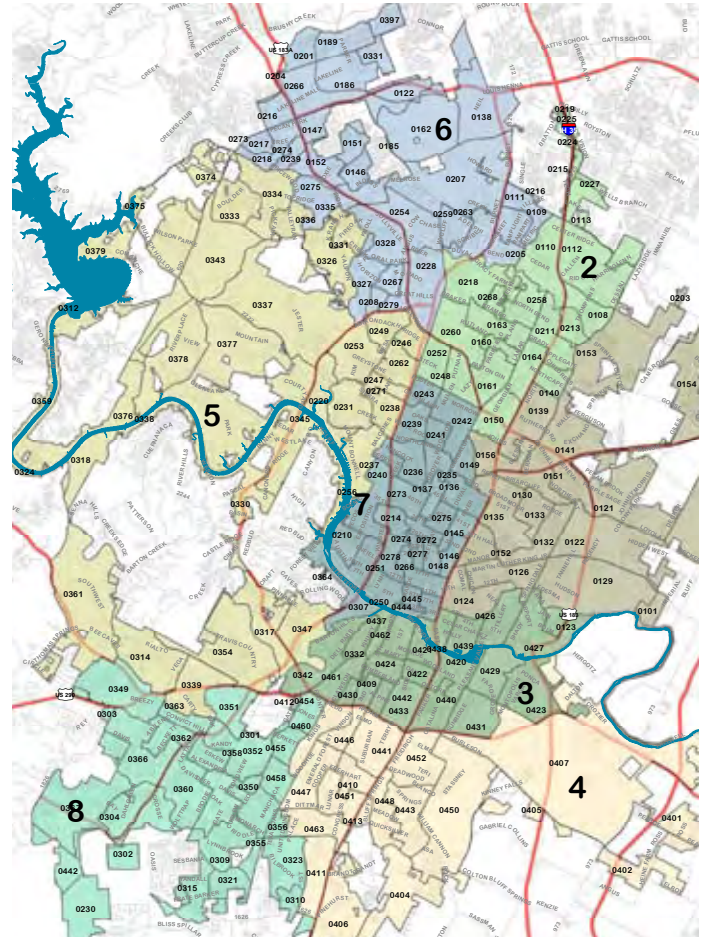
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## Advocating Single Member Districts

The 8-4-1 Single District Model Structure:

- 8 Districts elect one council member per district
- 2 Council members elected at-large in District A (East)
- 2 Council members elected at-large in District B (West)
- 1 The Mayor elected at-large (Total City)
- 13 Total elected Council members



The 8-4-1 model is based upon the current Memphis city council configuration. It is a geographic representation system with 8 individual geographic districts and 2 at large geographic districts District A (East) and District B (West), each overlaying 4 single member districts. Each individual district will have one council representative. The 2 at-large districts would have two seats or places for two at large representatives in each at-large district. A total of 12 council members would be elected under a geographic system. Only the mayor will be elected by the entire city.

How the district boundaries are drawn is very important. Working with A.N.C, the districts in the attached maps were drawn to ensure neighborhood integrity and current population demographics were finally recognized and respected. With 4 majority-minority districts combined into one at-large district (District A), African American and Hispanic representation in the at-large district is highly likely. SMD 1 will have the largest population of African Americans. Higher voter registration and voting patterns make this district an opportunity district for African Americans.

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Besides increasing minority representation and establishing a geographic at-large perspective the boundaries, as drawn in this proposal, increases representation of sectors of the community that have not felt represented. District 7 could conceivably have a UT Student as a council member. The southern and eastern communities will finally have a voice of their choice. In this system, every voter can vote for four council members. one council member from the voter's district, two members from the at-large district in which they live, and the mayor.

Nothing is a given. No seats are safe or protected. We must work toward soliciting and selecting qualified and committed candidates. We can build coalitions working for the common good. We believe this is the most representative and progressive proposal and we endorse its implementation.

— Rudolph C. Williams President,  
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## Avis Jane Davis & HPNA

**10 November 1947 — 30 September 2011**

Avis Davis was the first three-time president of AHPNA serving in the mid to late 1980s. She passed away Sept. 30th after a long battle with cancer. Services were held on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church



located at the corner of MoPac and Northland Dr. The family's 22 years in the Hyde Park neighborhood (from 1977-99) and relationships with neighbors were meaningful.

Avis and Don Davis purchased the historic Queen Anne-styled Oliphant House (1894) at 3900 Avenue C early in 1977. Having moved in 1971 to Austin from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where they met in graduate school, they lived in two

other places in Austin before settling in Hyde Park. In the mid-1970s, Don and Avis were looking for a place in walking distance of UT and large enough for a growing family and students who would live with them. When looking around with her mother, Avis spotted this house and learned that it had been on the market for some time. It was, in her words, her "dream house."

As Don and Avis soon learned, the two and a half story house had become something of an icon for the Hyde Park neighborhood. According to longtime resident Dorothy Richter, when it was threatened with destruction in fall of 1974, the situation became the catalyst that ultimately led to the establishment of the HPNA. Thus it was natural for the new owners to participate in the Association out of gratitude and civic responsibility. Though they both attended monthly meetings and held leadership positions, Avis became deeply involved. She saw that her role as a "stay at home mom" provided her with the time to devote to community issues, including attending daytime City Council and other meetings. The house was on the Homes Tour several times in following decades, and in 1984, Avis chaired the Father's Day weekend event, the 8th Homes Tour. Throughout the 1980s, Avis and the family enjoyed attending neighborhood Christmas parties at the Elisabet Ney Museum and the annual Hyde Park Fire Station Festival.

Avis was elected President of HPNA in 1987 and served during three critical years for the neighborhood and the Association. The 1980s saw a demolition and building spurt by Hyde Park Baptist Church that threatened to destroy the integrity of the neighborhood. The building out of the Church's basic block and beyond, the addition of a multistory parking garage, the moving of the Woodburn House (from the corner of Avenue F and 40th Street to the current location at Avenue D and 44th Streets), and construction of several blacktopped parking lots. All were demoralizing to neighbors concerned about historic preservation and neighborhood cohesiveness. The Association agreed to certain zoning changes, hoping

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that they would be sufficient to sate the church's appetite, called by some "the edifice complex," but to no avail. As positions hardened, some creative communication moves developed.

Avis and Don remember the spring of 1989 when challenging flyers were left on cars around the church and handed to attendees when entering or leaving church. Neighbors also picketed outside the sanctuary hoping that this might deter visitors and others so that the church's leaders would enter into more than a one-sided dialogue with HPNA over the building process. Perhaps a climax of these events occurred when Esther's Follies conducted a "morality play" on the steps of the HPBC sanctuary between services. The next day the church administration signaled a desire to talk and eventually a new process was designed to resolve outstanding issues between the Church and HPNA. During this timeframe, Hyde Park residents spent many hours in the basement of the old City Council chambers at one particular table. They spent so much time there that the table eventually became known as the "HPNA table."

HPNA responded to these events to maintain the importance of historic structures by applying for the establishment of a National Historic Register District during Avis' tenure as president. The U.S. Department of the Interior approved the application in August, 1990.

One neighbor, Wanda Penn, remembers a "typical Avis" incident during the family's years in Hyde Park. Avis met Wanda out walking in the neighborhood and told her that Fresh Plus was having a great sale on green beans. Avis handed Wanda some money so that Wanda could make her way up to the grocery store. This sort of neighborly interaction was one that Avis enjoyed and Wanda and others want to see continued.

Finding satisfaction in leading community groups, in the 1990s Avis joined the Friends of the Austin Public Library and became active in the annual book sale at Palmer Auditorium. She served as President of the group from 1994-1997, using her HPNA experience to protest library cuts in the city budget.

She also enjoyed immensely her work at Logos Bookstore, helping people find just the right book for their various needs. Meanwhile, in late fall of 1995 Avis was diagnosed with three kinds of cancer and underwent serious surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation, etc. immediately and in following years. The cancer seemed in remission at times, and she continued her enthusiasm for reading and books. For the past decade or so she was librarian at Covenant Presbyterian Church, a position she dearly loved.

Avis and Don lived in Hyde Park until the summer of 1999 when they moved to a smaller house on Harris Avenue, east of Duval?nearer to Robert E. Lee Elementary School which their three children (Luci, Sam, and Caroline) attended. When ovarian cancer reasserted itself in 2009, Avis underwent the standard treatments locally and study trials at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center?none of which proved effective. She had a peaceful passage at home with family bedside.

— Luci Davis

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Planning and Development Review  
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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to inform you that on September 12, 2011, the Steering Committee of Hyde Park Neighborhood Association voted to support David Triche's application for a variance. A previous owner of 3803 Duval violated city code in several ways. When he became the owner Mr. Triche began remedying those violations. He would like to come into compliance with regard to parking, but with the existing improvements he cannot do that and remain in compliance with regard to impervious cover. The amount of impervious cover he is asking to be permitted to add is modest and the benefit to neighbors of him coming into compliance on parking and moving the parking for the property onto the property is considerable. For that reason the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee voted unanimously to support his request for a variance.

— Lisa J. Harris  
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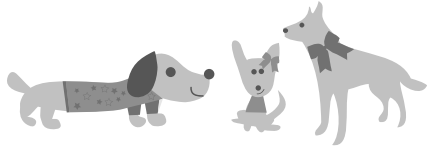
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Clues: [# in parentheses is # letters in answer words]

1. Part of it is The Drag. (9)
2. Formed by Longhorn Dam (4,4,4)
3. Forms Lake Austin. (3,6,3)
4. Crosses the bridge named for a Governor. (8,6)
5. A main boulevard running north and south. (5)
6. In here, looking straight up, you might wonder, ‘What does XASTE spell?’
7. A big name on 19<sup>th</sup> Street? (6, 6, 4)
8. Dorothy Ann Willis makes it big in 6. (3,8)
9. Led workers and ended up on 1<sup>st</sup> Street? (5,6)
10. Sometimes the big orange one on campus. (3,5)
11. “The” place where you can get really high in town. (9)
12. Runs under 4 roads in town. (8)
13. Building that was Austin’s first skyscraper. (11)
14. Mount supporting Covert Park. (7)
15. Sixth Street of yore. (5,6)
16. and 17. He’s honored in bronze by the lake. (6,3)
17. see above. (7)
18. Namesake of bridge on 360. (11)
19. Goddess of the Capitol. (7)
20. Mugshots on the wall in #6? (9)

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
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After 1955, the house was sold several times and was eventually turned into four apartments that were occupied by renters for over 30 years. The house was renovated by a historic preservation architect and purchased by John and Sidney Lock in 1997 who converted the property into a Bed and Breakfast. In that year the Heritage Society of Austin gave Adams House an award for historic preservation. Adams House was also granted Austin's Historic Landmark status in October 2010.

Liz Lock and her husband Eric C. Hughes took over management duties of Adams House in August of 2010. They have had a successful first year as innkeepers and they are looking forward to greeting new guests who leave as friends.

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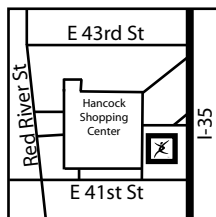
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I have grudgingly come to accept the poetic notion that the only true constant in our lives is change. In May Sri Atmananda Memorial School, located on the grounds of the Perry Estate at 41st and Red River, closed its doors. These were the doors that had worn the joyful, abstract mud and chalk decorations of the children who passed through them into a community of learners unlike any other in Austin.

Many children in our city, my two sons included, received incalculable gifts of true self-discovery, confidence in themselves and in what they are capable of imagining, solving, and learning thanks to the teachers at this school and their approach to education. Members of this close community, teachers, children, parents, and friends of the school came to understand that the sale of the school's unique and lovely property that had been a second home to us was indeed an ending but not necessarily a finite one.

With the generous cooperation of the new owners, a group of very talented teachers from Sri Atmananda opened the Progress School, now operating on the lower grounds, with a similar progressive approach to education. The building that once housed the Griffin School has reemerged as the Waller Creek School Building. Inside, students and adults from the neighborhood and the city will be able to engage in a variety of learning opportunities.

Bronze Doors Academy, developed and run by a former Sri Atmananda parent, is educating students using innovative, hands-on methods, and Socratic inquiry in its full-time, or part-time option for homeschoolers. My younger son, who had doubted liking any school after being at Sri Atmananda, is now raving about his Creative Writing and Stop Motion Animation classes there.

I have joined with two partners to open Freestyle Language Center in this new space to reach out to adults wishing to learn a second language. Freestyle has general and specialized classes, drop-in conversation practice, and organizes social events to give students an opportunity to gain fluency in informal settings. Our first offering for the community is a free Friday night film series.

French and Spanish-language foreign films, all subtitled, will be shown in the building's theatre which is part of the original structure that includes an acoustical wood ceiling worth a look in and of itself. Also operating in the newly configured space are two language programs for children: Chinese with Meggie, with courses for adults as well, and Olas Spanish Immersion for Kids.

Perhaps the poets had most of it correct. Yet while change is indeed constant in our lives, taking the best of what was, holding on to the relationships that helped to sustain it, and imagining new possibilities together, tells us that constant too are the bonds of community.

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## Giant Ragweed: Not Food for Gods

**A**mbrosia trifida is the name of the plant that around here we call giant ragweed or just ragweed. Some folks have unprintable names for this plant that grows profusely and is a prolific pollen producer. The genus name, *Ambrosia*, derives from the same Greek root word that gives us the name for the food of the gods in mythology. The plant was not given this name because it is especially tasty, but rather because it is extremely hardy; the root word means immortal. The species name refers to the leaves that usually have three lobes – trifid.

Under optimal conditions the plant can grow to over 10 feet in height. Starting in late summer the plants can start producing numerous small and rather nondescript clusters of flowers that release large amounts of pollen into the air, and subsequently up your nose.

Many people are allergic to chemicals associated with the pollen grains, which are rather small and covered with tiny points. Ragweed, like other plants that use the wind to get pollinated, do not have flowers with the showy, colorful petals that attract insects or other pollinators. Because they release such large amounts of pollen into the air they wreak havoc on the immune systems of the victims we call hay fever sufferers. It might be some consolation to these folks to know that these bouts indicate that their immune systems are quite robust. The inflammatory response of our immune system to the harmless pollen could be thought of as like the smoke detector that warns you of a fire in your home, but then also goes off when you simply burn your toast. A good immune system is like that smoke detector – a life saver when confronted by the many harmful assaults by the bacteria, fungi, and viruses that share our air space, but also a nuisance when the pollen floats in.

You may not have noticed another interesting fact about these plants: the young leaves and stems contain a red pigment. If you squeeze the tip of the plant, it appears as if it has bled on you. These red pigments, called anthocyanins, are common throughout many plant groups. One prominent idea about their value to the plants is that they protect young, actively-growing parts of plants from UV light damage. These pigments in other plants also serve to attract seed dispersers to the ripe fruits. In human nutrition they are thought to provide benefit as antioxidants. Regardless of this, I do not recommend eating this type of “ambrosia.”



Ragweed is a member of an enormous plant family – the aster or sunflower family. These plants produce clusters (“heads”) of small, tube-shaped flowers.

– By der Brat



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# Hyde Park Poets —

## Martinec the Magnificent

He dances around a ball of light  
 throwing shadows into the mist,  
 a bond of life being built  
 in exquisite evanescence.

He shakes his hands in the dark night air,  
 tin cans clank in rustic rituals.  
 He raises the spray here, then there,  
 adding yet more of the pungent chemicals.

And all the time hes humming to himself  
 seemingly mumbling incantations.  
 Figures emerge from the vaporous shelf:  
 a crown, a miter, a crenellation.

As if from the mists of a glistening stream  
 his hand draws forth a horse.  
 He sets it on edge, in harness to its team,  
 and there gives it life, and purpose!

Now on that board of burl and mesquite  
 in apple-woods king & queen slumber.  
 In their dreams do they ready to compete  
 with the opposites of their number?

Hoping theyll cross afield with sword and shield  
 striking independent of their conjuror?  
 Yet they will awake in the steps he has set,  
 forever pawns, in greater matters.

— E. S. Cuny



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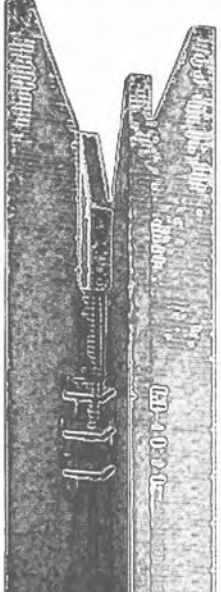
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 10:30am Morning Service  
 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday  
 7:00pm Bible Study

## Hints

### Pecan Press Word Find 3

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