

October Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 3, 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 Oct 3rd

- ❖ Vote on the resolution to amend bylaws for HPNA Steering Committee term limits
- ❖ Vote on 2011-2012 HPNA Officers and Steering Committee
- ❖ Presentation by Roscoe Overton on city council redistricting
- ❖ Update on crime and safety by Heather Freeman

Hyde Park Strives to Save Historic Baker School

Hyde Park residents and other concerned citizens appealed to the Austin school board in August not to sell Baker School but to maintain it as public school property and if necessary to consider a lease, rather than a sale.

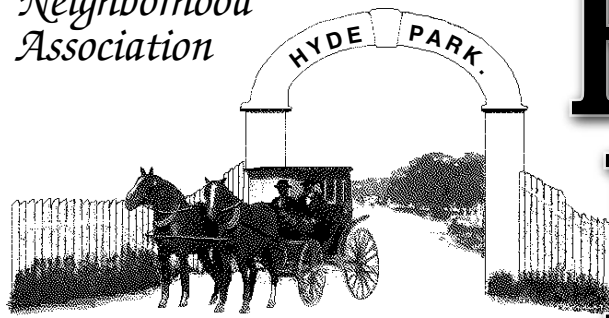
Residents expressed understanding that the school district is resorting to liquidating property to deal with funding reductions imposed by a state government that seems bent on starving public education, but pointed out the school board's fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers would be better served by a lease, creating ongoing revenue years into the future and preserving Baker for public use.

The century-old historic Baker building and surrounding 4.8 acres of grounds is the largest public space in Hyde Park and is a part of the Hyde Park Local Historic District.

Hyde Park Contact Team chair Karen McGraw pointed out that the \$7.75 million sale price adver-

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October 23rd: 37th Annual Fire Station Festival

The fabulously fun Fire Station Festival is almost here! Thank you to our funders, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) and Grande Communications.

Your Festival Planning Committee is hard at work creating another memorable event honoring the partnership between Fire Station #9 and our neighborhood while celebrating the effectiveness and impact of citizen involvement. The parade route and festival details may be found at this site thanks to Robin Silberling. <www.austinhypark.org/events/fsfestival> Linda van Bavel with Matthew Ott is designing and marketing the event to our friends and neighbors.

The festival activities begin at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, October 23rd, with a gathering at Shipe Park to form the traditional and eclectic Fire Station Festival Parade appealing to the child in all of us. The parade departs Shipe Park at 4:00 p.m. Wear your Halloween costume. Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons, pets, vehicles, movable objects, and yourselves. Prizes will be given in several categories. Bring musical instruments or noisemakers to play as you march in the parade. Gabi Snyder



Members of Pack 21 express apparent approval for the refreshments at 2010's Fire Station Festival. Photo by Jackson Brooks, a student at Lee Elementary.

and Kelly Schaub are creating an inspiring parade event. Not in the parade? Find a prime viewing spot along the parade route.

Meanwhile at the fire station, folks will be gathering at 4:00 p.m. to prepare for the arrival of the parade and get an early start in celebrating. Lynne Hohl-feld and Sarah Brooks lead set-up to provide the perfect festival environment. Joan Yamini with Walgreens creates a magical land

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From the President's Desk:

It's election time at HPNA. For the past month, we on the nominations committee (Cynthia Lyons, Carolyn Grimes, Michael Nill and I) have been putting a great deal of thought into whom to nominate and have been working hard to persuade people who were already doing a lot for our neighborhood to give even more by serving in our association's leadership.

While there are numerous ongoing issues that I could give updates on this month, I decided my main topic for this month should be the nominations committee's slate and a salute to those who have done a great deal for the association this year (and in some cases for many years) as part of the leadership but are not on the nominating committee's slate.

Ashley Schweikart has been involved in many HPNA efforts. She

has served as secretary of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team for some time and when we need volunteers for an effort she is always one of the first to agree to help. I am sure this is an incomplete list but she was one of our many wonderful volunteers at It's My Park Day and she is helping at National Night Out on October 4th. We enthusiastically nominate her for co-secretary.

through how to make our association more transparent. We are delighted to nominate him for one of the at-large positions on the steering committee.

Kevin Heyburn participated in HPNA before, during, and after the Local Historic District vote. While his concerns about the district were not always well-received, he always raised them in a constructive way. When it became clear that there were significant disagreements between neighbors about the district, he did a great deal to help us bridge the dif-

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President Lisa Harris presides at HPNA's September General Meeting. Photo by George Wyche.

Lynn Hohlfeld is an accomplished accountant. For several years she has been an important part of the Fire Station Festival team. We really appreciate that she has agreed to be nominated to serve as co-treasurer.

Michael Nill, while relatively new to the neighborhood, has made substantial contributions to our community already. This year he and his wife Irene Cohen graciously opened their home for the Homes Tour. He contributed greatly to the nominations committee and over the course of my year as president I have found his assistance invaluable in thinking



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ferences. He is also helping with our National Night Out. We are very happy he has agreed to be nominated for an at-large steering committee position.

John Williams has served ably as co-vice president this year and I. Jay Aarons has been a wonderful co-treasurer for several years and we greatly appreciate that both have agreed to be nominated for another term. I have agreed to be nominated for a second term as president.

The two current at large steering committee members whose terms are up this year, Dorothy Richter and Wanda Penn, have both made great contributions to HPNA over many years. We were torn between keeping such valuable members on the steering committee and nominating promising new people. While in the end we decided to nominate new people, we value what Wanda and Dorothy bring to the association. Regardless of whether they are elected to the steering committee again this month, they are both important leaders in our community. When and if 3801 Duval becomes Huffstickler Green, it will in no small part be due to Wanda's efforts; she tirelessly negotiated the bureaucracy at Austin Energy until they finally found mitigation money that they had awarded to HPNA but then misplaced.

Cynthia Majors Lyon has been a wonderful and energetic co-vice president for the past two years and has contributed to the association in many ways over the years. She has decided that right now she needs a break from being part of HPNA's leadership so she has more time for work, family, and all of her other commitments. We appreciate her service and hope she will serve again in the future.

Paula Rhodes has contributed to HPNA in many ways over the years. This year she been an able co-vice president and has worked hard on the Fire Station Festival team. Like Cynthia, she has decided that matters outside of HPNA need more of her time right now and has decided to take a break from participating in HPNA's leadership. We appreciate her efforts for the neighborhood and look forward to her rejoining the leadership in the future.

Carol Jackson has been a wonderful co-treasurer for multiple terms. She also has decided that she needs more time for her other commitments. We thank her for all her work keeping our books and hope that she runs for an HPNA leadership position again in the future.

Finally, Sam Waring agreed to be co-secretary this past year but circumstances resulted in him spending

much of the year as our sole secretary. He took wonderful minutes and we would have loved to nominate him for another term but he has indicated he would like to take a break from being an officer. We hope he will run again at some point in the future.

There are two positions on the nominations committee slate which we intended to fill but for which we had not finalized nominees at press time. John has agreed to be nominated either for vice president or for co-vice president. At this point he is our sole nominee for vice president. We intend to nominate a co-secretary to serve with Ashley but at this time are still working on recruiting for that position.

Please come and vote on October 3rd if you are eligible to vote!

— Lisa Harris
 HPNA President
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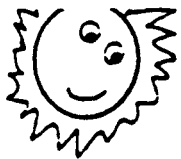
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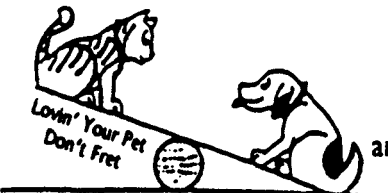
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tised for Baker is far below the square-foot assessed value of the Hyde Park homes surrounding it. A sale at such bargain basement prices would open the way for massive, well-justified appeals from other property owners, leading in turn to lower tax revenues both for schools and the City of Austin.

David Conner, former Hyde Park Neighborhood Association President, noted the history of the school and its status as contributing to the recently established Hyde Park Historic District. Speakers also noted that the City of Austin adopted the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan in 2000 that calls for the historic school facility to be returned to school use in the future.

Eric Stumberg, a member of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee, presented the association's resolution proposing a lease rather than a sale and encouraging an eventual return of the property to school use.

Susan Moffat, who served on the school district's Facility Master Plan Task Force that had proposed evaluating administrative buildings for possible sale OR LEASE as an alternative to closing active school campuses, pointed out the lease option seems to have been overlooked by the district.

Moffat observed proceeds from such an ill-advised one-time sale, "will be a drop in the bucket in AISD's annual budget. That income will be sucked up in minutes, the property will be gone, and we won't have the means to buy it back. With the city's comprehensive plan supporting densification, why let a valuable central tract go at this crazy low price when a lease could provide ongoing income and better options for long-term planning?" (A full transcript of Moffat's remarks appears on page 7.)

Ashley Schweickart, who has represented the HP Contact Team in the Imagine Austin planning project, pointed out that Hyde Park is frequently cited as an ideally livable "complete community" desirable for inner city neighborhoods, yet selling Baker will remove one of the leading factors contributing to the complete status of the neighborhood. School district staff is due to make a recommendation on Baker matter to the school board by October 15.

Baker School History

Hyde Park's founder Monroe Shipe envisioned a village within the city, with its own town center, parks, school, transportation and broad, tree-shaded, eminently walkable streets and alleys, its own mail delivery, street lighting and sanitation.

Shipe set about fulfilling his promise that Hyde Park would be a "place of perfect shade," lining these streets with elms, pecans, sycamores, catalpas and hackberries planted and transplanted from property he owned near Manor.

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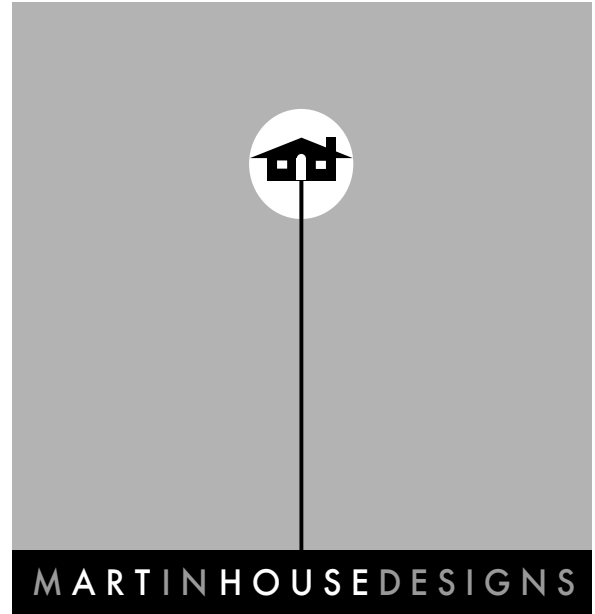
Many remain, joined by others sold by pioneer nurseryman Frank T. Ramsey. Shipe built two lakes and a pavilion in the southwest corner of what is now Hyde Park, taking advantage of the crowds that would flock on weekends to the beautified Austin State Hospital grounds just across Guadalupe.

Recognizing that he would need a school to attract families who might build homes in his new development, Monroe Shipe built the first Hyde Park School and, for the first year, paid its teacher, Miss Mary Lowry, from his own pocket.

This original school building was located on the east side of Speedway, between 38th and 39th Streets. It was built of lumber salvaged from the racetrack grandstands of the Texas State Agricultural Fair, as it was called before the State Fair was moved to Dallas. Shipe also used the salvaged material to build his own home at 39th and Avenue G and material from the original school building was used after the current Baker was built, for the home of wood-carver Peter Mansbendel, Shipe's son-in-law.

In 1892, the Austin School District purchased the original Hyde Park school building, added more rooms and assumed Miss Lowry's salary, keeping her as principal. In 1902, the school was renamed in honor of Dewitt Clinton Baker to recognize Mr. Baker's service to education in Austin. Dewitt Baker was an avid reader in five languages and deeply interested in general knowledge and education. Mr. Baker was among the founders of the Austin Public Library. He was the inspector of schools for Travis and Hays counties from 1872 to 1877.

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According to an account of Baker School's history published in the Austin Daily Statesman in October 1914, mothers at the school grew unhappy with the school building in 1908. Because of the limits of its size, Hyde Park children could not complete all elementary school near their homes, but had to go to Wooldridge to prepare to enter high school.

Miss Lowry responded, "Well, why don't you women change it?" She challenged them to organize a Mother's Club, to which they promptly agreed. The Mothers' Club's first meeting attracted more than 50 women and selected Miss Lowry as temporary chairwoman. Over the next few years the Mothers' Club succeeded in getting new rooms added to the original school, enough that Hyde Park's children could all complete their elementary education in the neighborhood.

In 1910, these women campaigned successfully for Austin's very first school bonds to pay, in part, for construction of a new Baker School. The school site was secured on land that had originally been a part of the original "Park" in Hyde Park, and the new 12-room brick Baker School opened in 1911. It was built on the original site of the Hyde Park pavilion. For the best part of the next 60 years, Hyde Park students wore the green and white colors of the Baker Buckaroos.

According to the Statesman account, Miss Lowry was succeeded by a new principal, W. H. Emert, "Miss Lowry having requested release from these arduous duties, she being retained as an efficient and much loved teacher of our little ones. There are few men and women who live in Hyde Park, born and bred there, who have not Miss Lowry to thank for much of the good they gathered from life's school." Lowry, whose own home survives a block away from Baker at 4001 Avenue C, earned the affection of a generation of students for her willingness to keep ringing the school bell until the last of the children she saw literally running late reached the schoolhouse door.

Former students have noted the architectural similarities between Baker and Fulmore Middle School, and a casual observer can readily recognize the identical brick-work patterns the two buildings share, although Fulmore's multiple changes and additions have obscured the original facade still visible at Baker. Renowned Architect Roy L. Thomas created a major addition to the school to keep pace with the growing baby boom in the 1950s.

Baker functioned as an elementary and junior high school until declining enrollment led to its closing in the 1970s. Today Baker is used as an administration building. Hyde Park residents have voted in the building for many years, enjoyed the playgrounds and broad, shaded lawn of this public space and have attended meetings and functions in the large cafeteria space. In recent years, the building has been used for exterior shots of the fictive East Dillon High School on the Emmy award-winning television series "Friday Night Lights."

— John Paul Moore

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Transcript of Susan Moffat's Remarks at Citizens Communication, August 22nd AISD Board Meeting

I'm Susan Moffat and I'm here to express concerns about the lowball asking price for Baker Center and to support leasing the site for ongoing income, rather than losing it forever in a fire sale.

As a former member of the Facility Master Plan Task Force, I was a strong proponent of evaluating administrative buildings for possible sale OR LEASE before closing active school campuses. At that time - less than a year ago - district staff put Baker's value at 8 to 15 million, with a sale price pegged at 11 million. Therefore, I was surprised to see this property listed just months later at only 7.75 million, more than 3 million under the sale price we were told. In fact, Baker's land alone appears under-appraised at about 25 dollars a square foot, when surrounding land is typically valued and taxed at 31 to 45 dollars a square foot.

As a Task Force member, I also suggested evaluating Baker for lease to provide ongoing revenue, an option that, to my knowledge, has never been fully or publicly explored.

Baker is a large historic building, with almost 66,000 square feet of space, and major recent bond renovations. It's located on 4.8 acres in a highly desirable neighborhood, close to excellent transit, shopping, UT and major medical employers.

The average office rental rate in Austin this year is 24 and a half dollars per square foot. At 66,000 square feet, Baker could bring in roughly \$1.6 million per year in rental income - in a market that is also trending up. The 7 million or even 11 million from a one-time sale will be a drop in the bucket in AISD's annual budget. That income will be sucked up in minutes, the property will be gone, and we won't have the means to buy it back. With the city's comp plan supporting densification, why let a valuable central tract go at this crazy low price when a lease could provide ongoing income and better options for long-term planning?

In closing, please consider your fiduciary duty to district taxpayers and don't give away almost five acres of prime public real estate in a fire sale deal. Thank you.

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With tight water restrictions in place, and record drought and heat sparking fires across our state, so close and so tragic just over the county line around Bastrop, some homeowners face a choice of saving green lawns or saving their trees. As for us, the choice is clear: Water the irreplaceable trees that are in very real danger of dying and leave the lawn for another day.

If it ever does rain again, really rain enough to break this drought, the lawn can easily enough be restored or xeriscaped. The treasured, mature shade trees we lose can never be replaced, not in the face of climate change, not in our lifetimes, not ever. They can survive with weekly deep, slow waterings. You can concentrate the water allowed each week by the restrictions, or the city allows you to water any day for as long as you are willing to hold a hose, under the branches in the shade. As high temperatures dip back into double digits, one could do worse. The water you use might be costly, but weigh that against the loss of property value and higher utility bills that Cynthia mentions.

Trees in Shipe Park are weathering the drought so far, thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Friends of Shipe Park to make sure that the sprinkler system installed several years ago is operating when authorized. The magnificent legacy post oaks on the Baker School grounds may already have been neglected beyond the point of no return. The city trees in right of way parkways in front of our homes are suffering from neglect as well, as are numerous trees on the North grounds of the Ney Museum.

Without a determined effort to save these trees, they will be lost never to return, and our beloved tree-shaded neighborhood, our entire city, will be a very different place.

- **Texas Forestry Service video with Screwdriver Test** <<http://tinyurl.com/3tvgyag>>
- **City of Austin Fact Sheets** <<http://tinyurl.com/3fcna66>>, <<http://tinyurl.com/4xkh6xu>>
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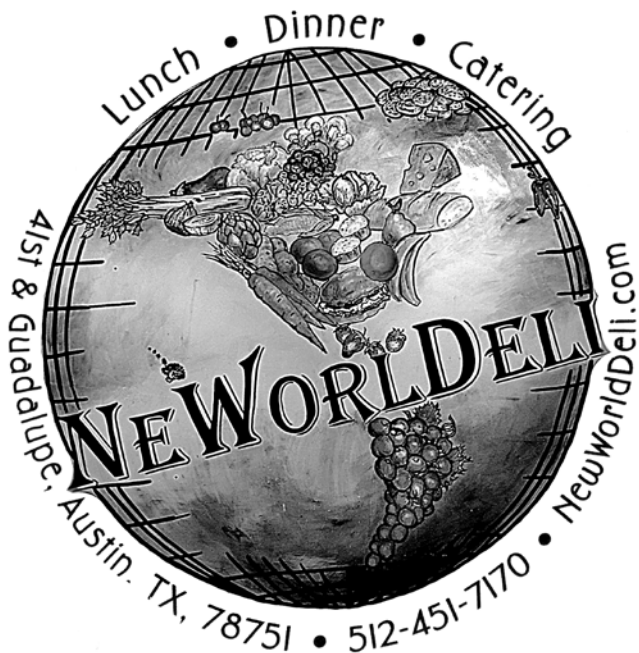


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"The Trees of Hyde Park and Beyond" by der Brat

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Clues: [# in parentheses is # letters in answer words]

1. Platanus found around Shipe Park pool. (8) _____
2. Quercus that loses leaves in spring (4,3) _____
3. Tree of state. (5) _____
4. Liquidambar with spiky ball fruits. (8) _____
5. One of the trees lost in Bastrop. (4) _____
6. and 7. Sophora secundiflora with hot beans (5,8) _____
7. see 6. (6) _____
8. It's what we call cedar really is (7) _____
9. Taxodium – a deciduous conifer. (4,7) _____
10. Not native; smooth bark, flowers like mad. (5,6) _____
11. Many people would like to hack one down. (9) _____
12. Not native; shiny leaves; called privet. (9) _____
13. Ulmus with little leaves. (5,3) _____
14. Quercus with pointy lobes – ole! (7,3) _____
15. Our native maple; sounds like a container of great age. (8) _____
16. Robinia: legume with name like a dark insect. (5,6) _____
17. Diospyros with smooth gray bark and dark, sweet fruit. (5, 9) _____
18. Maclura with warty green fruits. (4-4) _____
19. Populus with fluff in the fruits. (10) _____
20. Not just from Ohio State, but Texas or Mexican. (7) _____

(Hints on page 18)

Oops Dept.: Clue #10 on September's Word Find #1 should have said 39th Street.

– der Bratt

Invitation

**Remembering Celeste Cromack
(1939-2011)
2 pm, Sunday, October 2, 2011
4100 Duval Street
Austin, Texas**



Please join us to honor and remember the life of Celeste Cromack, friend, neighbor and coworker. We will meet at the home of Terry Meenehan, 4100 Duval Street, the house immediately to the north of the Cromack residence. Please bring your memories and stories about Celeste. Those who wish to may share with the group. Wine and light refreshments will be provided. Parking information is included below for those who will arrive via car.

There is no parking on Duval Street, but parking is available both west and east of 4100 Duval Street:

West of Duval: Park on Avenue H near its intersection with 41st Street, or along E. 41st Street near Avenue H. Access the house from the alley (between Ave H and Duval) through the back gate into the backyard of the Meenehan home. Watch for signs identifying the house.

East of Duval: Parking is also available east of Duval along E. 41st and E. 42nd streets. Cross Duval to 4100 Duval Street and enter through the front porch. Please Do Not Park In the Alley.

We wish to thank Terry Meenehan, Celeste's neighbor for 13 years, who has offered his home and backyard for the occasion.

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R.S.V.P. Please respond to Catherine Moore at <ch1moore@gmail.com> so that we may plan accordingly.

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of activities for children. Carol Jackson and Paula Rhodes with Hyde Park Bar and Grill make sure that we are refreshed with food and drink. Mary LaTouf is bringing La Strada again for our listening and dancing pleasure until 6:00 p.m. when the Festival ends.



Engine No. 9 at the 2010 Festival, photo by Jackson Brooks.

The photographer this year is Jackson Brooks of Avenue F who will be photographing it all. Jackson is a student at Lee Elementary and wanted to give us the Fire Station Festival from his point of view. Jackson may have a career in photography.

We are supporting Heart House again. <www.hearthouse.org>. Through their afterschool programs, they provide a safe haven for children and encourage good citizenship. Gently used books for K-6 children are needed. Bring books to Shipe Park and look for our volunteer with the red wagon to drop off your books before you march in the parade. Also, look for the donation box provided by Walgreens (45th and Guadalupe) at the Fire Station Festival.

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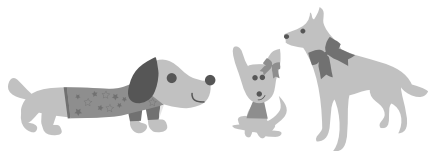
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Earwigs feed on other insects that are alive or dead. They will also feed on decaying organic matter, lichen, moss, fungi or greasy foods.

When earwigs are found indoors, they are moving in from outside as an accidental invader. The insects can be removed with a vacuum or broom. If large numbers are found indoors, you may need to treat with a residual insecticide outdoors. It may also help your management program to utilize some of the following:

- Replace old weather stripping around doors & windows
- Seal pipe penetrations and cracks & crevices with sealant
- Keep grass & foliage trimmed around the structure
- Eliminate damp areas in crawl spaces or around the foundation
- Reduce lighting around doors & windows or use yellow bulbs that are less attractive to insects

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Now the Cromack home is available for sale. A sturdy 1928 vintage bungalow, it is a Hyde Park classic that retains its original character and craftsman-style details. The electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems were updated about 15 years ago, when a new metal roof was also installed, but the house needs additional work.

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2011

Crime prevention and the justice system provided the topics of discussion at September's general meeting, as about twenty neighbors engaged in a back-and-forth with District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg.

President Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The first item was a "be seen" appearance from Carlos Lopez, who is running for Constable in Precinct 5. Neighbor Bruce Elfant, the current constable, is not running for re-election. Mr. Lopez is his chief deputy, and hopes to carry on directions established in the current administration.

Nominations for 2011-12 officers were received from the nominating committee, as follows:

- **President:** Lisa Harris
- **Vice President:** John Williams
- **Co-treasurers:** IJ Aarons & Lynn Hohlfeld
- **Secretary:** Ashley Schweikart
- **Steering Committee at-large members:** Kevin Heyburn & Michael Nill

Officers will be elected at the October meeting. Neighbors are reminded that only HPNA members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Juan Markham from Capital Metro gave a short presentation about their new **Adopt-a-Stop** program, similar to the TxDOT Adopt-a-Highway program. Cost to adopt a bus stop is \$35 for two years, and adopters will be identified at "their" stops by sign.

Regarding **Huffstickler Green**, Hancock and North University neighborhood associations have finally signed the agreement. The next step is to let the Parks Foundation relocate the account information, which they have mislaid.

National Night Out will be observed in the neighborhood on Tuesday, October 4th. Charlotte Herzele will be coordinating volunteers.

Bruning closure: Lisa reported that she and Bob Breeze were the only HPNA members at the meeting held by the city. A larger delegation from Northfield and Ridgetop were present to support the closure. The owner of Snappy Mart, located at 51st and Duval, is objecting to the closing, and says he is losing lots of business. Ali Muktari of TPSD says they hope to install the new traffic light controller at 51st/Airport in November.

The floor was then turned over to **Ms. Lehmberg**, who began by saying the district attorney's first job is public safety. In her career with the attorney's office, she worked with violent crime and property crime, as

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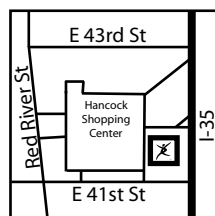
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— Carolyn Jones

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well as protecting children. She was a founder of the Children's Advocacy Center, expanding the concept to create a new domestic violence program. The DA's office also prosecutes environmental crimes, and has collected more than \$33 million in fines for environmental cases.

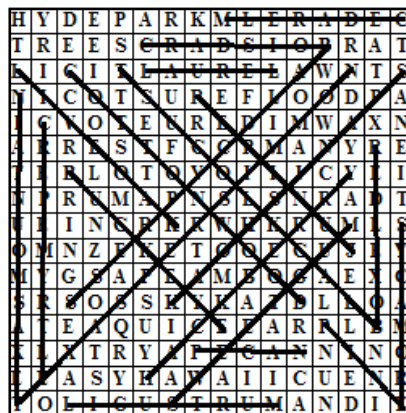
Ms. Lehmborg said the Travis County juvenile program is focused around the juvenile offender and helping to prevent recidivism. There is also an adult drug court program, which has an exceptionally high graduation rate of fifty percent. She noted the recent spike in property crime, and stated she's serious about striking at serial burglars. She also noted that the best crime prevention is a good neighborhood watch program, and advised using the Austin PD district liaison officers to raise concerns. When asked for points of contact at the DA's office for neighbors, she recommended speaking to Dana Blazey or Gary Cobb at 854-9400.

Lisa noted that the tire slasher trial has been moved to September 26th, although further delay due to docket scheduling issues is possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

— Sam Waring
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