

December Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for December 4

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Griffin School (5001 Evans Avenue) and on Zoom

Meeting Topic: Future Plans for the Elisabet Ney Museum

- ◆ Presentation by Jade Walker, Site Coordinator and Curator of the Elisabet Ney Museum
- ◆ Updates:
 - Membership Software
 - 2023 Homes Tour
 - I 35 Project
 - Holiday Party
- ◆ Announcements



We hope to see you at the meeting!

Not an HPNA member?

You're welcome to join the meeting anyway!

Join Zoom Meeting at 7 pm:

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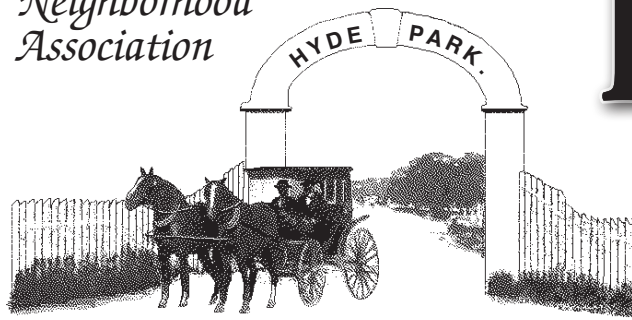
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Holiday Party and Parade

This year's Holiday Parade and Party will take place on December 9. The parade will begin at 5:15 pm and end between 5:45 and 6, with the party commencing at 6. This year the HPNA will be hosting an online silent auction, with all proceeds going towards the Helping Hand Home on 38th Street and Avenue B.

Scan the QR code on the illustration to bid on donated items from our neighbors and neighborhood businesses. We are extremely grateful for the donations from Ms. Katherine Staples, Tiny Grocer, Allday Pizza, Lazarus Brewing, Fairweather Cider, First Light Books, Jen Berbas Realty, Duncan Park Capital, Asti Trattoria, and Rainey Street Ventures.

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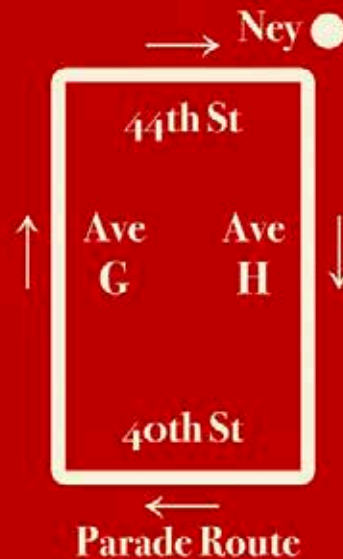
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HYDE PARK Parade & Party

DECEMBER 9

Parade begins and ends at the Ney Museum
5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

NEY PARTY & NIGHT MARKET
6 – 8 p.m.



SILENT AUCTION benefiting the Helping Hand Home



Food & drink provided by the HPNA

Please help us help our most needy neighbors this holiday season by bidding on our amazing auction items!

– Stephen Gonzalez

From the Desk of the President



Dear Neighbors:

As I write this letter, the Austin City Council is scheduled to vote on December 7, 2023 on a number of amendments to the city's Land Development Code, with the stated goal of increasing the City's housing supply. The Council's proposed zoning changes include the following:

- Eliminating city-enforced occupancy limits, thereby increasing the number of unrelated adults allowed to live in a single-family home, duplex, or apartment from four unrelated adults to up to three adults per bedroom. This change will not affect short-term rental regulations.
 - Revising regulations that apply to a property with two housing units.
 - Reducing the minimum amount of land required for building in Austin single-family zones by half and allowing property owners to build up to three housing units, including tiny homes, on any single family-zoned lot.
- The City Council recently voted to eliminate minimum parking requirements for Austin business and residential property owners. With exceptions for disabled parking, under the new rules, the property owner will determine how many parking spaces the owner's property needs.

All of these zoning changes are proposed to apply city-wide and when they are finally codified, they will have an impact on Austin neighborhoods like Hyde Park. If you are interested in learning more, please go to <https://publicinput.com/ldupdates>.

If you would like to weigh in on any of these changes, please write to the City Council at <https://www.austintexas.gov/email/all-council-members> and to Hyde

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Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.

• Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.

All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.

HPNA Membership Renewal Season Is Underway — Here's What to Know

Many HPNA members have begun receiving emails to renew their membership for 2024. Yearly memberships expire at the end of December.

Please follow the links in the email to pay your 2024 dues online, before your membership expires at the end of December.

Of course, if you chose to auto-renew when you signed up, you'll receive advance notice of being charged for the 2024 dues. Those who joined for multiple years will not be receiving reminder emails, as you're current until the end of the year your membership expires.

Remember, our bylaws prohibit you from voting on HPNA resolutions if your membership expires; it takes 30 days from getting current to regain your voting privileges.

Need to join HPNA? Visit austinhypark.org/join.

Can't remember what you signed up for? Search your email for the keywords "HPNA GlueUp" to find confirmation emails from earlier this year.

If you have any questions about your status, about renewing, or about changing your membership type, email chriswooster@gmail.com to get sorted out.

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- Email reminders for renewals
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Residents 18 or older living within the boundaries of Hyde Park are welcome to join. Current members may vote on HPNA resolutions concerning issues facing our community. New and lapsed members (over six months) must wait 30 days after dues payment to vote on HPNA resolutions.

Learn more about membership options and policies at austinhypark.org/join or join us at a general meeting.

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New Member Renewing Member

Membership Types (choose one):

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Hyde Park Poets

Invisible

You can't always see pain,
A wrinkled brow, pursed lips,
Furtive eyes, they all suggest,
Maybe, not all is OK,
But, mostly, short of starvation,
And devastation of war,
Day-to-day we do not see pain,
Most try to keep it hid,
Part of denial that might work,
We don't really want to see,
The pain of others,
We say, "Why didn't you say something?"
But we know that if you did say something,
We might not want to hear it,
Personally, I fear a floodgate breaking,
Out of sight, out of mind,
Stays invisible.

— Herzele
04/02/23

HPNA General Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2023

Kevin Heyburn, HPNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

He announced that there was a larger online audience than in-person audience for this meeting, possibly due to the time change.

The first agenda item was a presentation from Matt Hinsley, Executive Director of Austin Classical Guitar (ACG). ACG is now headquartered in the Baker School. They bring guitarists from all over the world to perform. Matt has been the Executive Director of ACG for 28 years. He started as a master's student at UT. He said it has been a wonderful journey watching the organization grow. ACG not only promotes music but uses the guitar to change lives. Matt believes music is an answer to some of the difficult issues facing us: isolation, trauma, and anxiety. A major service ACG provides is educational programs. Faced with a big opportunity to add guitar in the public schools, they worked with AISD to build a program that grew to be offered in every school in AISD and has grown to 45 school districts in Texas as well as other states.

ACG has a little theater called the Rosette at the north side of the Baker School location. They love to bring music from around the world. They have produced over 100 shows with music from over 20 countries. They have partnered with Alamo Draft House since 2010 to present movies with live music. When you visit the Rosette, you will see a paper guitar, made of bits of paper that were rolled up. It was made by a young man as a gift for his teacher. Many of their performances can be found on their

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Around & About the Avenues

Graffiti Cleaners Needed. Graffiti patrol volunteers are doing monthly cleanups of the graffiti that we can safely remove from public property. The cleanups take place on second Saturdays, moving to third Saturdays in the event of rain or a holiday. If you would like to volunteer with us please email ljharrisus@yahoo.com so that each month you can be included in the discussion of what time of day we'll be doing the cleanup. — Lisa Harris



First Light Books Recognized in Austin Chronicle. First Light Books, Hyde Park's new bookstore, was one of the stores explored in the article "A New Chapter for Austin's Small Bookstores," published in the *Austin Chronicle* on November 10, 2023 (<https://www.austinchronicle.com/arts/2023-11-10/a-new-chapter-for-austins-small-bookstores/>). The article looks at several new bookstores in a city that, according to the *Austin Chronicle*, "loves to buy books." Located in the former post office on Speedway, First Light Books includes "an eclectic newsstand; a coffee bar that opens at 7am and is joined by beer, wine, and small bites in the afternoon; and a meaty selection of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and a surprisingly vigorous art book section."

Monthly Calendar December

- 1 — Recycling Pickup
- 4 — General Meeting
- 5 — Protest Deadline for Zoning Changes
- 7 — Hanukkah Begins
- 9 — Art Market & Holiday Sidewalk Sale,
440 block of E. 43rd Street
- 9 — Hyde Park Parade & Holiday Party at the Ney Museum
- 11 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 15 — Recycling Pickup
- 25 — Merry Christmas!
- 29 — Recycling Pickup
- 31 — Expiration Date for 2023 HPNA Memberships
- 31 — Happy New Year's Eve!





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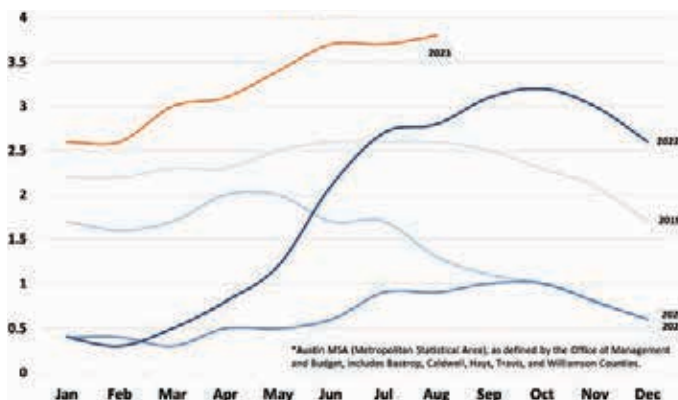
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Next Kevin called for a vote on HPNA officers. Suzanne Walker is stepping down as Co-Treasurer. Kevin nominated Ann Duncan, who is currently Co-Secretary, to replace her. Kelsey Brown, who is a historic preservationist and has been on the Homes Tour committee, was nominated to replace Ann Duncan as Co-Secretary. Both nominations were approved by a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The next agenda topic was an update on the I-35 expansion and discussion about HPNA's response. Brendan Wittstruck is Chair of the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition (NCINC) and Kathy Jackson is the Hyde Park representative. Brendan started by asking some questions about how familiar the audience was with the TXDOT plans and NCINC, and what people thought was the most important issue. His final question was whether HPNA should be involved in actions to mitigate the expansion.

Brendan talked about the cost of \$4.5 billion and eight-year timeline. He stated that the current plan provides for two managed lanes in each direction. He also talked about the construction of vertical caps covering 30 acres that TxDot will allow but not finance. The cap is like a park. The City of Austin needs \$800 million by December 2024 to move forward with the plan. Construction in the Hyde Park area is expected to take place between 2026 and 2031. Displacement is a major concern in Cherrywood and Hancock neighborhoods. 111 total residential and business displacements including four historic buildings will be affected, including the *Austin Chronicle* building. The City Council asked for a delay pending further analysis of air quality concerns. Brendan showed a diagram of the proposed design for Airport Boulevard with a convoluted crossing path of over one half mile. Discussion followed about whether to oppose the project or try to work with TXDOT.

Next, several announcements were made:

- The Homes Tour will be Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 11 am to 5 pm. The current issue of the *Pecan Press* has an article about the homes on the tour.
- All member dues for 2024 will require renewal in January.
- Membership has grown from about 100 people in March to over 300. For any questions, contact Chris Wooster.
- The HPNA Holiday party will be on December 9 and will feature a parade from 5:15 to 5:45 pm. The Santa family will be on the float this year. The party will be from 6 to 8 pm at the Elisabet Ney Museum. The online auction will be live on the website the week before. HPNA has received over \$3200 in-kind donations. Auction proceeds go to the Helping Hand Home for Children.
- The December meeting will feature a speaker from the Elisabet Ney Museum.

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Heyburn, HPNA President, at 8:20 pm.

— Submitted by Ann Duncan
HPNA Co-Secretary

College Mascots

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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

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3. Southern Cal (7) _____
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6. UCLA (6) _____
7. Bama (7,4) _____
8. Miami [FL] (10) _____
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16. Georgia (8) _____
17. UTEP (6) _____
18. UTSA (11) _____
19. U of W or UCONN (7) _____
20. Counter culture mascot for UT (10)

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2709 Park View Dr. · \$935,000
3 BD · 2 BA · 1,660 sq. ft.

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208 E 33rd St. · \$795,000
2 BD · 2 BA · 1,183 sq. ft.



304 W 41st St. · \$699,000
3 BD · 2BA · 1,459 sq. ft.



2902 Oak Park Dr. · \$15,000 /mo
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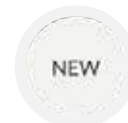


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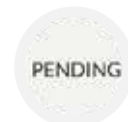
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Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Minutes: October 23, 2023

Attendees:

Voting Members: Alexa Corbett, Alexandra Bangs, Andy Homer, Ashley St. Clair, Billy Corbett, Chris Carty, Darren Schlissel, David Connor, David Whitworth, Deaton Bednar, Gene Cuny, Jean Bertrand, Joe Bedell, Kate Behrman, Kevin Heyburn, Lewis Leff, Linda Van Bavel, Lorre Weidlich, Maria Elena Cigarroa, Maury Sullivan, Nancy Hohengarten, Nathan Bangs, Nick Van Bavel, Pat Tuohy, Paul Smith, Pete Kennedy, Reid Long, Susan Moffat, Todd Pruner, Wanda Penn, William (Billy) Nelson.

Visitors, New Members, and Ineligible-to-Vote Members: Karen McGraw (ineligible due to conflict), Barbara Gibson (chair, not voting), Steve Bratteng, Rob Howard, Jocie Hooper, Kim Krauklis, Bennett Maddox, Jackie Burniske, Susan Kirk, Diane Wegel, Jesse Lundsford, Ray Brimble.

Call to Order. Chair Barbara Gibson called the meeting of the HPNPCT to order at 7 pm. A quorum was present.

Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved via email prior to the October meeting.

Code Amendment Updates. Vice Chair Susan Moffat gave an update on current proposed city Land Development Code amendments. Those interested can learn more at <https://publicinput.com/ldcupdates>.

High Street Project Presentations. Attendees listened to two presentations regarding the proposed rezoning for the parking lot on the southeast corner of 43rd and Avenue H.

- Neighbor Nick Van Bavel gave a ten minute presentation making a case against the zoning changes requested by the developers of Hyde Park High Street LLC. Reasons given included the increased parking burden on Hyde Park streets, more traffic into the neighborhood, potential harm to existing business due to reduced parking, a missed opportunity for more housing, and the potential size of the new building relative to other neighborhood structures.
- Micah King, representing the developers of Hyde Park High Street, LLC, presented the case for the requested zoning changes. Reasons given included making lots 6 and 7 General Retail (GR) in order to provide zoning consistency, providing additional retail and restaurant options for the neighborhood, reducing impervious cover, fixing the “pond” that often appears on the southeast corner of Avenue H and 43rd Street, and an opportunity to build community. Because most of the property in question is already zoned GR, maintaining this valuable commercially zoned property as a free parking lot is currently untenable.

High Street Project Q&A. Chair Barbara Gibson opened the floor for attendees to ask questions related to the presentations. Questions included reasons for the lot owner’s initial confusion about zoning designation for some of the lots when they were first purchased, potential parking concerns related to the project, project benefits for the neighborhood, and whether the developer would be required to abide by historic landmark guidelines. **

HPNPCT member Billy Nelson asked to present a possible compromise between the two sides. This compromise, based on previous conversations with developer Jesse Lundsford, would reduce the building size from the requested 16,000 square feet to 12,500 square feet and would reduce the restaurant size from the requested 2,500 square

feet to 1,500 square feet. Billy said that this compromise was something for which the developer had voiced verbal support. Mr. Jesse Lundsford then stood and addressed the meeting, confirming that he and Billy had indeed discussed the terms of this compromise and that he was in fact willing to amend his zoning application to reflect this compromise if the neighborhood would support it.

Motions and Voting. Four separate motions were put forth and voted on as follows:

- Motion 1: Nick Van Bavel put forth a motion to recommend HPNPCT oppose the requested zoning changes. Jean Bertrand seconded the motion. That motion was superseded by Motion 2.
- Motion 2: Lorre Weidlich proposed a substitute motion to table Nick’s motion and all further discussion until the developer could come back with a revised rezoning request addressing the compromise Billy Nelson had put forth. Susan Kerr seconded the motion. The motion failed with 8 members voting in favor out of 31 voting members.
- Motion 3: Nick Van Bavel proposed a motion for the HPNPCT to oppose the current zoning request and ask the Planning Commission to postpone its vote on the requested rezoning. The motion failed with 18 members voting in favor (Contact Team bylaws require a 2/3 majority to approve).
- Motion 4: Billy Nelson proposed a motion that the HPNPCT support a revised zoning request that would include the below compromise solution as proposed during the Q&A discussion:
 - Project limited to 12,500 SF total new development (not including the commercial kitchen that exists at the south east corner of the property);
 - Included within this maximum development may be a single restaurant whose total floor area does not exceed 1500 SF;
 - All commercial entrances and activity shall be oriented towards 43rd Street and not oriented towards Avenue H;
 - Developers will respect a 5’ setback on 43rd Street and the standard setbacks as currently applied on Avenue H.

David Connor seconded the motion and it passed, with 21 voting in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention (several members present chose not to vote in any category, but did not raise their voting cards to officially be counted as abstaining).

Adjourn. There being no further business, Chair Barbara Gibson adjourned the meeting of the Contact Team at 8:30 pm.

** Nick Van Bavel requested that the following statement be added to the minutes on behalf of two neighbors who could not attend the meeting: “Unfortunately Amy and Marcus Schwartz cannot be present. They thoroughly oppose the project due to noise and privacy issues as their townhouse at 4210A Avenue H is directly across the street from the project and their master bedroom faces Avenue H. In the evening, the light and noise will likewise constitute a nuisance. We appreciate the authorities taking this into consideration on this proposed project.”

– Submitted by Todd Pruner
HPNPCT Secretary



Fall Events in Hyde Park: Fire Station Festival

A neighborhood tradition continued on October 22, as neighbors gathered to celebrate Fire Station #9. This event began to celebrate the saving of the neighborhood fire station and has transformed into a reunion of neighbors, businesses, and local leaders.

The costume parade included favorite storybook characters, Disney characters, and Barbie and Ken.

Our own neighbor, Mayor Kirk Watson, kicked off the event with a welcome and an announcement of the costume contest winners. We enjoyed music from the Bluegrass Outfit, popcorn, face painting, photo booth pictures, and wonderful company.

Thank you to the HPNA members, officers, and Steering Committee for their support of this event. Thank you to Mayor Kirk Watson for joining the party; to event chair Stefanie Bertram; to food and beverage chair Anne-Marie Griger; to Lee Elementary dad, Stephen Gonzalez, for securing sponsorships and booths; to Marsha Riti for our flyer and logo; to Chris Wooster for website support; to Kip Dollar for printing our banner; to Sharon Brown and Katie Vignery for directing volunteers; to the Bluegrass Outfit for their wonderful music; to our local churches, Hyde Park Baptist Church Acteens and Ridgetop Church members; to Jen Berbas and her entire team at Berbas Group for their commitment to set up and take down; to the firefighters of Station #9 for serving our neighborhood and welcoming our residents every year; and to Dorothy Richter; whose work in preserving the fire station and the Hyde Park neighborhood we celebrate.

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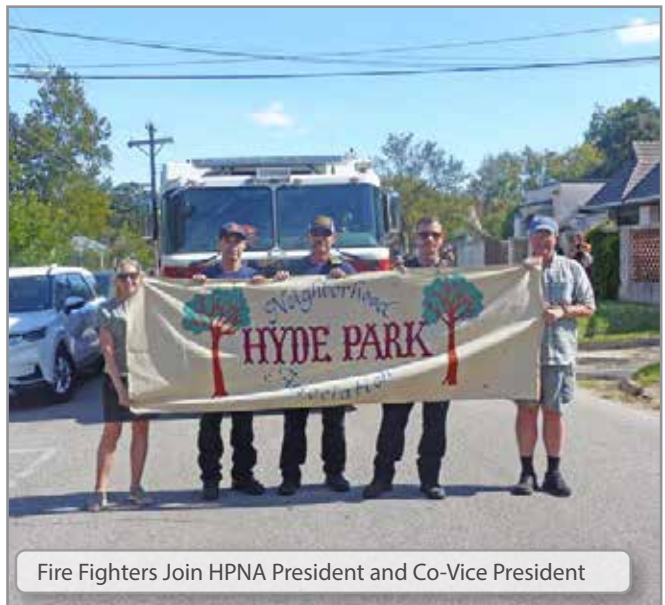
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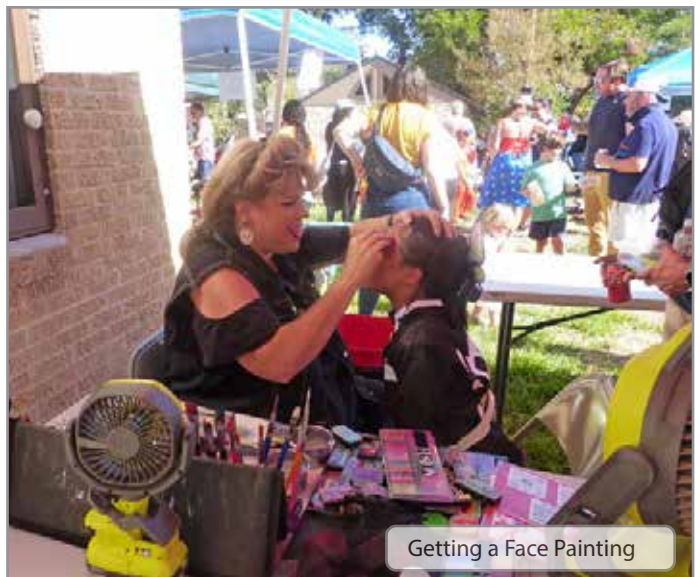
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Fire Fighters Join HPNA President and Co-Vice President



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Fall Events in Hyde Park: Movie in the Park



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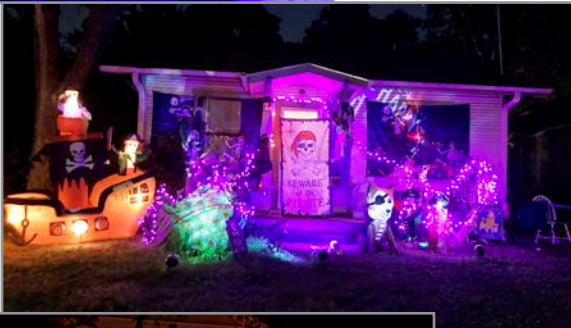


Before the Movie, a Competition

Fall Events in Hyde Park: Halloween



Photos by Kevin Heyburn



Fall Events in Hyde Park: 2023 Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour

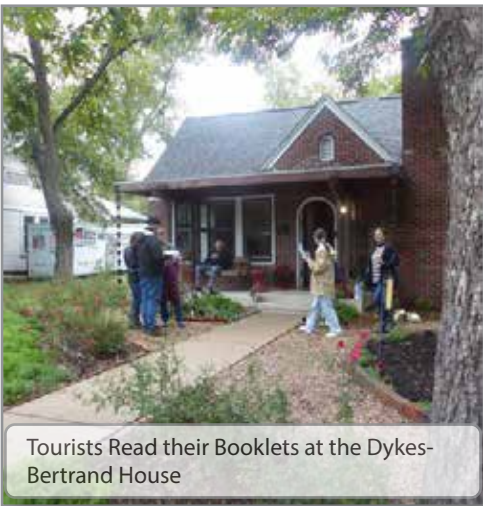
Despite the damp and overcast day, the tour was a big success this year.

The tour started at the Elisabet Ney Museum where 828 ticket holders were processed by Ellie Hanlon and her team. 621 tickets were sold and 207 complimentary tickets were given to our volunteers and sponsors.

The tour then proceeded to six fine homes. First, it went to the Dykes-Bertrand House, built in 1928, which is a lovely example of the Tudor Revival style. Then it went on to the Herzele House, built in 1927, where guests were greeted with live music provided by the talented students of the Songbird Rising Suzuki School. Third stop on the tour was the Curl-Crockett House, built in 1894 and featuring the spirit of James R. Curl played by talented young actor Will Kearney. The Schenken-Oatman House, built in 1909, was a fine example of good restoration. While it looks just as it did in 1909, photos from the 1960s reveal how close it came to falling down. This year we welcomed two houses for their first appearance on the homes tour: The Welsh-Rice House, built in 1910, was located on the old trolley car line developed by Monroe Shipe and the Cooke House, built in 1924, reflects the classic Craftsman style that was popular and prevalent in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

Thank you to the 117 volunteers including house captains, docents, and tour check-in helpers. Special thanks to the planning committee: a seasoned group including Ellie Hanlon (ticket sales and publicity), Susan Marshall (tour sponsorships), Lorre Weidlich (booklet editor and layout), David Conner (house selection), Kelsey Brown (research and writing), Chris Wooster (technical support), Suzanna Walker (treasurer), Zeke Barbaro (advertising design), Kip Dollar (volunteers), and Kevin Heyburn (organization and host of a great afterparty). Also, thanks to the talented students of Songbird Rising Suzuki School.

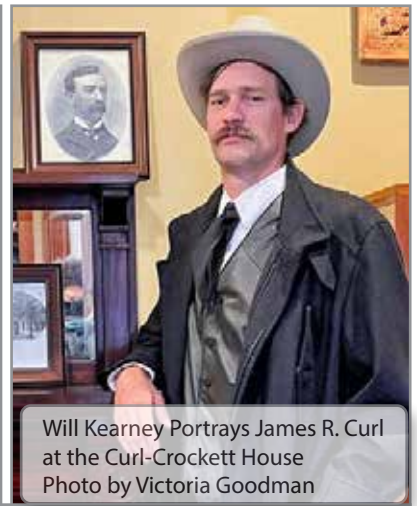
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Tourists Read their Booklets at the Dykes-Bertrand House



Tourists in Line at the Herzele House



Will Kearney Portrays James R. Curl at the Curl-Crockett House
Photo by Victoria Goodman



Songbird Rising Students Entertain Tourists



A Tourist Prepares to Enter the Schenken-Oatman House



Ticket Sales Team at the Ney



Greeting Tourists at Welsh-Rice House



A House Captain and Tourist at the Cooke House

A very special thank you to the homeowners who opened their homes for the enjoyment of others. Their gracious willingness to share the history of Hyde Park is what has kept this event going for 44 tours between 1975 and 2023.

— Kip Dollar
Homes Tour Chair



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Holiday Recycling



The holiday season presents many recycling challenges. I am happy to provide some ways to meet those challenges easily. Happy holidays and happy recycling!

- **Boxes and Mailers:** Boxes (even with tape and staples) can go into your blue recycling cart. Plastic mailers need to go into the plastic bag collection bins at the grocery store (remove the label). The brown Amazon mailers with a middle layer of white foam (even though they say “recyclable,” as shown in the photo) cannot be recycled in our market. These must go into your trash cart.
- **Batteries:** Household batteries, including rechargeable, can be recycled at most Austin public libraries and at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.
- **Gift Bags:** Kraft Paper or plain paper gift bags can be placed in your blue recycling cart. Gift bags with any foil, fabric, adornments, glitter, beads, or handles cannot be recycled unless the handles and adornments are removed from the bag.
- **Gift Wrap Paper:** Wrapping paper (but not paper with glitter or made of foil) is recyclable and can be placed directly into your blue recycling cart. This can even include paper with tape still on it.
- **Holiday Greeting Cards:** Plain cards can go into your blue recycling cart. Cards with glitter or other adornments must go into the trash cart. Batteries must be removed from musical cards and recycled with batteries. Christmas photo cards can no longer be recycled and must go into the trash cart.
- **Holiday Light Strands:** Strands of broken lights can go to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. Do not put these into the blue recycling cart.
- **Holiday Party Waste:** With curbside composting, we can now put our party-generated paper plates, napkins, and food product into the green compost bin.
- **Household Clutter:** Holiday time is a great time to get rid of old stuff to make room for new items coming in. There are many wonderful organizations in Austin that will happily accept these items. Use this link to the Austin Reuse directory to help find a home for your old stuff: <https://www.austinreusedirectory.com/>. Another source for getting rid of this clutter is the Buy Nothing Project. For more information on the project, go to <https://buynothingproject.org/>.
- **Styrofoam Peanuts and Bubble Wrap:** Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap that are clean and in good condition will be accepted at most mail box stores. Bubble wrap can also go into the plastic bag collection bins at most grocery stores. Styrofoam is accepted only at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center, but the recycling center no longer accepts styrofoam peanuts.



Styrofoam Collection Community Initiative

The Rotary Club of Austin - Southwest has begun a styrofoam collection project. It is held on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 1 pm at the SFC (Sustainable Food Center) Farmer’s Market in Sunset Valley. Club members will take the styrofoam to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. This is a wonderful community service.

Recycling Presentations

I have made several recycling presentations to community groups around Austin. I have done them on Zoom and in person. If you are interested, please contact me at denahouston3309@gmail.com.

Questions and Answers

How do I recycle old, broken toaster ovens? These can go to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.

How do I recycle bottle caps? These are too small to go into the blue recycling cart. Austin Creative Reuse will be happy to take them.

Is the plastic bag insert from cereal recyclable? Yes, if it is clean and dry, it can go into the plastic bag collection bin.

Can wine corks go into the green compost bin? No, these cannot. Most wine corks today are synthetic and will not compost. Spec’s Wine stores have collection bins for corks. Austin Creative Reuse also takes wine corks.

Do I need to remove the sprayer component in spray bottles? No. You can put the entire bottle (including the metal spring) in the blue cart.

Suggested Reuse Ideas from Readers

University of Texas Reuse Store: The University of Texas has a surplus reuse store. It is full of stuff from all departments of the University. For more information, visit <https://alcalde.texasexes.org/2023/09/surplus-reuse-store/>.

Ice Packs: Clean, dry icepacks can be recycled at Capital Food Bank, at 6500 Metropolis (not Montopolis) Drive. Leave them in the food donation box, which is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and is located on the Burselson side of the property.

Cereal Boxes for Compost Collection: It has been suggested that empty cereal boxes and paper sugar and flour bags be used to contain the compost that goes into the curbside can.

Please Remember:

- When in Doubt, Throw it Out! Recycling and composting contamination is a huge problem. If you have exhausted all reuse possibilities and are still unsure, put the item into the trash can.
- Nothing Smaller than a Credit Card in the Blue Bin.
- Remember the City of Austin Recycling Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

Stay tuned for future tips for creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to denahouston3309@gmail.com.





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News from the Ney

As we welcome December at the Elisabet Ney Museum, we reflect on the many accomplishments of the year with high hopes for a new year of programming and initiatives.

In 2023, the Elisabet Ney Museum embraced a year of discovery and community involvement. We welcomed a new Director to the site, Jade Walker. She has aspired to keep the good work of Oliver Franklin moving forward and introduced new initiatives with artists in the community, among other things. In addition, the Museum, with the help of the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum and various generous grants, launched both a new Interpretive Plan to help guide the next steps for museum interpretation and exhibitions and a Rehabilitation Landscape Plan to take a closer look at our historic landscape, led by Ten Eyck Landscape Architects and Catherine O'Connor. We had a very successful year participating in our city wide giving campaign, Amplify, and sponsored new artist projects by over a dozen female artists. We also introduced a new community partnership with the Multicultural Refugee Coalition. This project will span three years and involve creating relationships with new audiences and shaping a shared vision of how the Museum can contribute. Our ambitious program schedule hosted over 5000 guests. Annual events like Ney Day unfolded on the museum grounds, complemented by fresh initiatives like Artist Salons and the Ice Cream Social, adding vibrant new dimensions to traditional programming.

We thank the over 1000 voices who shared their insights during eight months of community outreach and engagement with our program series, Re-Imagining the Ney. This month-long series of free events dedicated to giving the public an opportunity to help shape the future of the Museum was wildly successful and activated Formosa and the grounds in new and dynamic ways. In addition to sharing the Museum's mission, we had the privilege of spending time with you and your families and hearing your thoughts on programming, improvements to the site, and much more.



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We are pleased to share new initiatives in education including not only the interesting aspects of Ney's life and her vast contributions to the field of art, but also the importance of the Museum's unique historic landscape. Keep your eyes open for offerings at the Museum to learn about the many plants and animals that inhabit the grounds. Share in community book club events with our local community partners and artist salons to be in community with creatives across our beloved city. We are pleased to share traditional program favorites like Ney Day while also offering lectures and screenings to learn more about the history of Austin, the process of art making, and the way to engage with native Texas plants.

The Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum continue to work hard to support the Museum's evolution through a comprehensive interpretation plan to share Ney's story from a new vantage point through changing exhibitions and programs. Committed funding for the interpretation plan includes the Terra Foundation for American Art, the Summerlee Foundation for Texas History, the Still Water Foundation, and many of you! In tandem, fundraising efforts continue to address the Museum's historic landscape while substantial upgrades to the studio and grounds will be started through a City of Austin Capital Improvement Project in 2024. The group encourages you to visit their website to find ways to get involved and share as the year closes. You are a part of this story!



Re-Imaging the Ney: A Community Art Bash.



The Museum staff and the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum thank the neighborhood for being such an important part of the Ney. We wish you well this holiday season and look forward to the bright year ahead at the Museum!

You can find out more about the Elisabet Ney Museum, The Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum, and all the Re-Imaging campaign updates at these locations:

On our website: <https://www.theney.org/> or <https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/elisabet-ney-museum>

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Park's City Council Member Zo Qadri at <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/about-council-member-zohaib-zo-qadri>. As of this writing, most of the City Council members, including CM Qadri, support these zoning changes.

The local organization Community not Commodity is urging Austinites to protest the zoning changes. More information about why CnC thinks you need to protest and on how to file a protest on or before the December 5 deadline can be found at Community not Commodity's website at <https://fileyourprotest.com/>.

CM Qadri made the case for some of the proposed zoning changes when he came to speak to the General Membership in November. I thank him for speaking to our members and urge you to learn why he supports the zoning changes by subscribing to his newsletter, which you can find through the link I have provided above. In one of his recent newsletters, CM Qadri said that the new city rules lifting the mandatory parking requirements do not apply to NCCDs such as Hyde Park Park's (<https://mailchi.mp/austintexas/district-9-newsletter-11-3-2023?e=3de10eb20a>).

We had a very successful Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour last month. My thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in the tour, especially the home owners, tour sponsors, homes tour committee, house captains, docents, and all of the guests who visited the homes. The rainy weather did not appear to deter many people.

We hope to see you at this month's General Meeting. Jade Walker, the Site Coordinator and Curator of the Elisabet Ney Museum, will tell us about the museum's future plans. We also hope to see you at the Ney on December 9 for HPNA's annual Holiday Party.

Finally, please don't forget to renew your membership in the HPNA this month. More information about how to do that is in this issue.

— Kevin Heyburn
HPNA President

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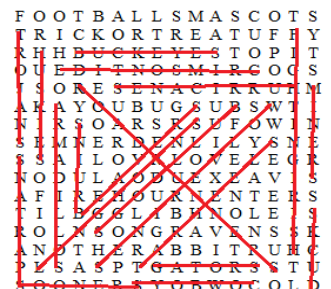
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