

# September Meeting

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for September 11

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

Meeting Topic: Welcome New Austin City  
Council Member Zo Qadri

- ◆ Meet and Greet and Q&A with New District 9  
City Council Member Zo Qadri
- ◆ Nominations of HPNA Officers and Steering  
Committee Members
- ◆ Updates:
  - Membership Software
  - I 35 Project
  - 2023 Homes Tour
- ◆ Announcements

We hope to see you at the meeting!

Not an HPNA member?

You're welcome to join the meeting anyway!

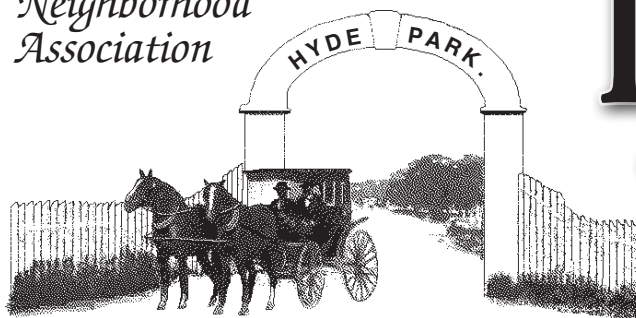
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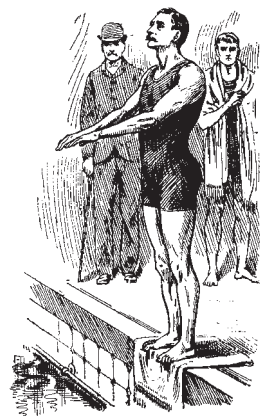
## Shipe Park Updates

On August 9, the City of Austin announced that Shipe Pool is one of six Austin neighborhood pools that will remain open on weekends through October 1. The announcement was part of the city's response to the extreme heat this summer. In addition to the neighborhood pools, Austin's five year-round pools as well as its regional pools and splash pads will have extended days. Admission fees will be waived for all pools except Barton Springs.

Shipe Pool hours will be 12 pm to 7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays through October 1. Hours might change depending on availability of lifeguards. Check <https://www.austintexas.gov/pools-splashpads> for more information on pool hours.

Shipe Park users might have also noticed that the Parks and Recreation Department recently resurfaced the basketball court and tennis courts. These much-needed improvements will assure safe and true playing surfaces for years to come. The Friends of Shipe Park are planning a celebration of the new, improved basketball court sometime this fall. Look for an announcement in a future *Pecan Press*.

— Jack Nokes



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Because the first Monday in September is Labor Day, our General Meeting will be on Monday, September 11, when we will host our new District 9 City Council Member Zo Qadri. CM Qadri was elected to the City Council seat previously held by Kathie Tovo. As I noted in my August letter, members of CM Qadri's staff have already met with neighbors in Hyde Park. However, this month's General Meeting will be the first time many HPNA members will get to meet CM Qadri since his election. I hope you all will join me in giving CM Qadri a warm and courteous welcome to Hyde Park.

There will be many things to discuss with CM Qadri. Over the past year the Austin City Council, in a stated effort to increase housing, has voted on a number of amendments to the city's Land Development Code. The Council's proposed zoning changes include the following:

- Eliminating 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.
- 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 unrelated adults per bedroom. This change will not affect short-term rental regulations.
- Changing the compatibility rules for placing tall buildings near single-family homes. Currently the distance required between those buildings and single-family homes is up to 540 feet. The City Council proposes to reduce this distance to 100 feet, with additional reductions available to developments offering affordable housing.
- 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 units on any single-family lot.

All of these zoning changes are proposed to apply city-wide and when they are finally codified either this fall or next year, they will have an impact on Austin neighborhoods like Hyde Park. HPNA's Steering Committee is interested to know what all of our HPNA members think. We would like to bring as many neighbors' voices as possible into a conversation about these zoning

changes and about what position, if any, HPNA should take on those changes. If you have thoughts, concerns, or questions about the new zoning rules, please contact me at [hydeparkna@gmail.com](mailto:hydeparkna@gmail.com). I will use your input to plan future General Meetings.

We also want neighbors to participate in a constructive conversation with CM Qadri when

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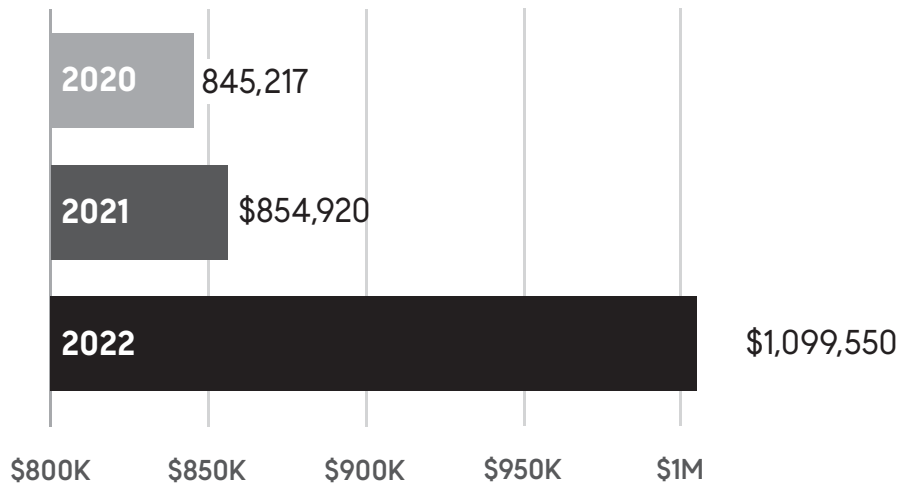
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**Fire Station Festival 2023.** Since 1971, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has gathered residents to support our fire station. This 1929 building was once in danger of closing, and with the annual festival we are able to celebrate its position in our neighborhood. Please join us for this year's annual Fire Station Festival on October 22 from 3 to 5 pm.



Festivities will begin at Shipe Park at 2:30 pm with the costume parade. We will make our way to Fire Station #9 at 4301 Speedway to begin the party. The festival will include music, refreshments, and tours of the fire truck. We will welcome past sponsors and new members of Hyde Park to host this event. To sign up to volunteer or read more event information, use the link at [www.austinhypark.org/firestationfest](http://www.austinhypark.org/firestationfest). A table for volunteer check-in will be located at the event



**Ney Exhibit Reviewed in Austin Chronicle.** De Tierra, an exhibit of the works of Alejandra Almuelle, was reviewed in the July 28, 2023 issue of the *Austin Chronicle* (Wayne Alan Brenner, <https://www.austinchronicle.com/arts/2023-07-28/review-de-tierra/>). The exhibit “unites two profound figurative sculptors, immigrants more than a century apart.” Brenner begins by answering the question, Who was Elisabet Ney?, proceeds to the question, Who is Alejandra Almuelle?, and develops a review that intertwines the two sculptors.



**7th Street Candle Company Presents Hyde Park Fall Market.** The 7th Street Candle Company at 507 West 41st Street, introduced in the July issue of the *Pecan Press*, will be holding a fall market with vendors, food and drinks, and a live DJ on October 1 from 12 to 4 pm. Entry is free and there will be crafts for children who attend.



**First Light Books Opens.** On August 19, First Light Books

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## Monthly Calendar September

- 7 — JS Dwellings Happy Hour
- 8 — Recycling Pickup
- 11 — General Meeting
- 12 — Steering Committee Meeting (tentative)
- 17 — Draw Your Own Path at the Ney
- 21 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Austin at the Ney
- 22 — Recycling Pickup

## October

- 1 — 7th Street Candle Company Fall Market
- 5 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night of Process at the Ney
- 12 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night in the Landscape at the Ney
- 21 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Community Art Bash at the Ney
- 22 — Fire Station Festival

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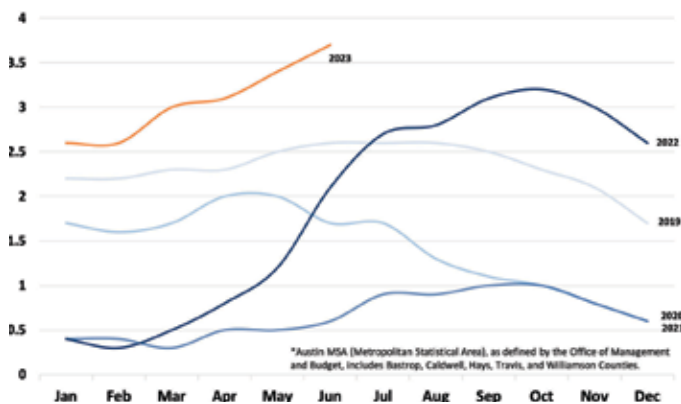
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held its formal opening in the former post office building at 43rd Street and Speedway. The opening was heralded with several articles: “We’ve got one shot to open up this bookstore’: FirstLight Books opens in Hyde Park” by Sean Saldana (KUT,



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August 22, 2023, <https://www.kut.org/texasstandard/2023-08-22/first-light-books-austin-tx-opens-post-pandemic-book-sales>) and “First Light Books Opens in Former Post Office in Austin’s Hyde Park Neighborhood” by Meher Qazilbash (*Tribeza*, August 16, 2023, <https://tribeza.com/culture/first-light-bookshop-and-cafe-opening-hyde-park-austin/>).

An independent bookstore with an adjoining café, FirstLight displays a carefully created ambiance: “The earthy palette and playful pops of color pay tribute (to) Hyde Park’s eccentricity and homeliness with a modern and sophisticated feel.” (*Tribeza*).



**Axios States: Hyde Parkers Drive Less.** Axios Austin, in the article “1 big thing: Austinites go far” by Nicole Cobler and Asher Price published August 4, 2023, revealed that the average Austin metro area household traveled more than 33,000 miles in 2022 – but Hyde Parkers (and residents of other activity centers like downtown, South Congress, UT campus, and Mueller) traveled far fewer miles. This resulted in a savings of about \$1,000 and the reduction of about 2,500 to 3,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. The conclusions came from a study by the Brookings Institution of auto, biking, mass transit, and walking data for 110 of the largest US metro areas. Overall, the Austin/Round Rock/Georgetown region ranked 29th in the country for most miles traveled last year.



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## News from the Ney

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Please join us as we celebrate this fall with a month-long series of free events, *Re-Imagining the Ney*, dedicated to giving the public an opportunity to help shape the future of the Museum. Through this program, visitors can learn about specific aspects of Ney's life while contributing ideas for upcoming programs and exhibitions. Each event will focus on different biographical topics of Ney's life, and the series will culminate with the day-long event, *Re-Imagining the Ney: A Community Art Bash* on October 21 from 3 to 8 pm!

- *Draw your Own Path* (in partnership with Austin Museum Day), Sunday, September 17, 2023, 12 to 5 pm

In keeping with the unique spirit of Ney, the day will host hands-on art projects led by local artists and educators that will inspire you to "draw your own path." Local artist collective, Atelier Dojo, will be on site to give live sketching demonstrations using Elisabet Ney's sculptures as models.

- *Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night in 19th Century Austin*, Thursday, September 21, 2023 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Discover Austin's unique history by stepping back in time with Elisabet Ney! Attendees will experience life in 19th Century Texas from local historians and artisans.

Join us in dressing the part in 19th Century frontier garments. Museum educators will also lead specialized museum tours of the building's hidden basement and guest community members will be invited to lead drop-in tours of Formosa using their unique points of view. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and enjoy curated food and drink pairings.

- *Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night of Process*, Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Experience Elisabet Ney's body of art and creative process in her very own historic art studio and home, Formosa. During this special after-hours event, attendees will learn how Ney executed her marble sculptures through live sculpting demos, hands-on activities, and interactive projects. Guest community members will be invited to lead drop-in tours of Formosa using their unique points of view. The Ney's education staff will also be on hand to answer additional questions regarding Elisabet Ney's studio practices. Curated food and drink pairings will be provided.



- *Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night in the Landscape*, Thursday, October 12, 2023 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Explore Elisabet Ney's rugged but majestic limestone homestead and art studio, Formosa, and unique 2.5-acre landscape through a variety of hands-on horticulture activities and demonstrations. Attendees will learn about the museum's surrounding native landscape restored to 19th Century Austin through specialized evening walks. Come watch the sunset with landscape architects and local ecologists as we discuss Ney's unique landscape and its historical significance to Austin.

- *Re-Imagining the Ney: A Community Art Bash*, Saturday, October 21, 2023 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Reimagine Elisabet Ney's iconoclastic life and brilliant art through the lens of contemporary artists creating site-specific art experiences in the Museum and across the entire historic grounds. Attendees will experience artist interventions, theatrical performances, and musical expressions immersed throughout the Museum's expansive grounds, paired with curated food and drinks from local vendors and specialized museum tours crafted by interpretive actors. Come celebrate the museum's evolving programs and exhibits and share your thoughts

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# Refresh and Design your Living Space with JS Dwellings

Another new business has opened in the neighborhood! JS Dwellings (<https://www.jsdwellings.com>), located next to Hyde Park Theatre, is an interior design firm focusing on both residential and commercial design. From renovations, furniture design, and custom new builds, JS Dwellings will create a heartfelt space that you'll love. The website also includes a Shop JSD (<https://shop.jsdwellings.com>) section with a curated collection of unique home goods sourced by interior designers. Many pieces are one-of-a-kind finds from their favorite reputable vintage and antique dealers.



Hancock resident Jackie Struesand and her husband, Evan, moved to the area in 2020 and fell in love with the neighborhood. Their kids go to local schools, and they also own Fortress, the retail space with amazing shoes, between Julio's and Quacks.

Jackie got her introduction to interior design from watching HGTV with her mom when she was young. She also loved rearranging her bedroom furniture to redefine the space. Later, she worked as a design assistant and realized she had found her career path.

She founded JS Dwellings in 2019. The team includes Heather Herndon, another principal designer, and Kait Johnston, a stylist. The firm was voted one of Austin's Best Interior Designers 2022 by *Austin Home* (<https://www.austinhomemag.com/austins-best-interior-designers-2022/>).

The new space is primarily an office; the team works out of it and uses it to host meetings with clients by appointment only. JS Dwellings offers free shipping or local pick-up from the space for online Shop JSD orders, but the only time people will be able to shop the collection in person is at the upcoming sip-and-shop event on September 7 (see sidebar for details).

Jackie and her team work closely with their clients to make their vision come to life. To get started, a Contact Us form is available on the website (<https://www.jsdwellings.com/contact>). The goal of the initial meeting with potential clients is to enable the team to learn the key bullet points about the project – what the scope is, what their budget is, how soon they need it done, and any other details that help illustrate the project. The initial meeting is also an opportunity for clients to get to know more about the team and how the team would work with a client to bring the client's dream to life.

– Ellie Hanlon

We are hosting a sip and shop happy hour to celebrate the grand opening of JS Dwelling Interior Design's studio space. Stop by to tour the restored Hyde Park building, enjoy refreshments from local businesses, and shop our newly launched Shop JSD collection in person.

We welcome you to join us on Thursday, September 7 from 5 to 7 pm at 4227 Guadalupe Street!

More details on Instagram, @[jsdwellings](#), leading up to the event.

## Hyde Park Poets

### Maggie

Little lady, I never met you  
But I am learning all about you  
As I draw and paint,  
You were greatly loved,  
That is written in your face,  
And your spirit flowed freely  
Out of the ends of your curls,  
You held onto your youth,  
For as long as you could,  
Your playful ways remain,  
I love your shaggy, furry paws,  
I love your intense stare,  
I am happy drawing you  
And I hope I can paint my delight  
Into your image.

– HERZELE

# Hyde Park Sidewalks

The design and construction of public infrastructure – meaning the elements that exist in the public space and provide for movement of both vehicles and pedestrians – are the connective tissue that ties all of the private buildings together into a cohesive community.

The design of these elements is crucial and should not be considered just an act of putting down some cement in whatever form and location is convenient at the moment of construction. Hyde Park's original developer, Monroe Shipe, dedicated streets and alleys to the city and indicated the layout of sidewalks and street trees between

the sidewalks and curb. Today, this is actually the standard city design. After many decades, where not all sidewalks were constructed, trees have grown up, either as volunteers or placed by owners who were not aware of conflicting with the intended sidewalk placement. The city's answer to this is field engineering, meaning rather than bothering with a cohesive plan, going door to door satisfying individuals. This has resulted in varying sidewalk solutions around the neighborhood and a deterioration in the original design of Hyde Park. The city is within its rights to ask that other elements wrongly located in public space (primarily fences and some landscaping) be removed in order to maintain the functional sidewalk system.

It is important that neighbors as well as city staff work together with an eye toward maintaining and completing the original Hyde Park design to the greatest extent possible.

The letter below, from the Texas Historical Commission in 1994, still pertains to the Hyde Park National

– Karen McGraw



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24 August 1994

Mr. Brunner Grau, P.E.  
City of Austin Public Works and Transportation  
Engineering Design Division  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

RE: ADA Curb Cuts in Hyde Park

Dear Mr. Grau:

Thank you for providing diagrams of proposed curb cuts in the Hyde Park neighborhood. Due to schedule conflicts I am unable to meet with you on Friday, therefore I am providing the following information to you by letter.

There are two reasons why the Texas Historical Commission has expressed concern over the proposed improvements: provisions in ADA for the preservation of historic integrity in National Register Districts, and the potential influence of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Hyde Park is a listed National Register Historic District, enclosed is a map of this district for your reference. ADA states that accessibility improvements should not threaten or destroy the historic character of a National Register property. Also, if this program is receiving federal support of any kind, Section 106 of the NHPA roughly states that federal support may not be given to projects which may have an adverse effect of the historic qualities of the property without mitigation.

The streetscape of Hyde Park is considered a character-defining feature of the district, and as such, should be preserved to the maximum extent feasible. To that end, it is our recommendation that landscape features including trees, shrubs, and garden beds should remain intact, and the historic Shadow Lawn markers should remain in their original

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*

locations. Given the character of the neighborhood and the layout of the existing sidewalks, it seems wise to make two curb cuts at the street corners, particularly where the sidewalk intersections are set back from the street. The layout proposed at E. 40th and Avenue G appears to succeed in this manner if landscaping can remain intact at the southeast corner.

If federal support is a part of this project, you need to coordinate with our office through the Section 106 process. Please call me if this is the case. We do not want to hinder accessibility improvements, only insure that the historic integrity of the neighborhood is not lost in the process. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa O'Connell  
Assistant Director  
Division of Architecture

enc: Hyde Park District map

cc: Karen McGraw

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# Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



## Special Note from the Author

Recycling education is my passion. My goal is to find the answers to recycling and composting questions and to communicate that information to my readers.

It's hard sometimes to find all the necessary information to ensure that compost and recycling are set out correctly. The information below will help my readers avoid the mistakes that result in problems with compost and recycling collections. The guidelines listed for both compost and recycling collection are for the safety of the city workers who frequently have to handle the carts and materials by hand.

### Challenges with Compost and Recycling Collection

Here are some of the challenges with compost and recycling collection and ways to deal with them.

#### Compost Collection

The biggest problem is that the cart is not being fully emptied or not emptied at all. Here are some of the culprits:



#### Pizza Boxes

**Problem:** Because of the shape of the 34-gallon compost cart, pizza boxes often get stuck and the cart can't be emptied.

**Solution:** Break up the boxes so that they come out easily (fluff, don't stuff!).

#### Grass Clippings

**Problem:** Some varieties of grass clippings pack down so much that the cart is difficult to empty.

**Solution:** Put these grass clippings into a leaf bag.

#### Sticks, Branches, Leaves, and Other Yard Waste

**Problem:** These are frequently not collected because they are not set out according to city guidelines.

**Solution:** Follow the city guidelines listed below:

- Small branches (no longer than five feet and no thicker than three inches in diameter) that do not fit inside the green cart must be stacked in manageable bundles and tied with string or twine. These bundles cannot weigh more than 30 pounds.

- Large brush and tree limbs longer than five feet and thicker than three inches in diameter are collected during periodic large brush collections. To dispose of limbs and brush without waiting for large brush pickup, Austin and Travis County residents can take these items to Austin Water's Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant (2210 FM 973, Austin, Texas). It is open 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. The materials will be composted and made into Dillo Dirt; see <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/dillo-dirt>.
- Leaves and other yard waste that does not fit inside your green cart must be placed in lawn and leaf bags or a reusable container no larger than 34 gallons. Any container cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. These need to be placed next to the green cart.
- Austin Resource Recovery will collect the contents of your green cart and up to 15 extra items placed beside the cart. Each bundle of sticks or limbs counts as one extra item.

If the above guidelines are being followed and your cart is not collected properly, call 311 to report it. The truck will often come back within a day or two to correct the problem.

*One of the best solutions is to get a larger compost can – 96 gallons. It is free. Call 512-494-9400 to get a larger can.*

### Recycling Collection



Recycling collection can be inconsistent. Sometimes, extra cardboard that is not flattened will be picked up and other times it will not. This inconsistency can be frustrating. I'm presenting the city guidelines so that, if they are followed, your recycling should always be collected.

The guidelines are as follows:

- Extra cardboard needs to be flattened into roughly two-foot-by-two-foot squares and bundled with twine. Set it out next to your blue cart.
- Extra recycling that does not fit in your blue cart with the lid closed should be placed next to your cart in a reusable container or a cardboard box. This is collected at no extra charge. If you would like to request an additional cart, call 512-494-9400. It is free of charge.
- Cardboard is not picked up with bulk collection.
- Wet cardboard, even if it has dried out, needs to go into your compost cart. It is no longer recyclable because the paper fibers are shrunk by the liquid and deteriorate as a result.

### Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center Update

Cell phones and hard drives that are taken to the recycle and reuse drop-off center are placed in a locked safe for security. They are later placed in a locked transport container to be sent to the recycler. At the recycling facility, these items are wiped and destroyed.

The Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center takes CDs and DVDs. They are disassembled and the parts that can be recycled (paper and cardboard inserts and the discs) are recycled.

Check the website for the Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center to learn what they accept and how to make an appointment to the center: <https://www.austintexas.gov/dropoff>.

### Question and Answer

*How can I help my community with books I no longer need?* There are many places to donate books. One that benefits prisoners is called The Inside Book Project. Books and educational materials are collected in Austin and sent to prisoners across the state. For more information, go to <https://insidebooksproject.org/>.

### 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](mailto:denahouston3309@gmail.com).

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he is our guest at HPNA's September meeting. To that end, we are preparing a list of questions for CM Qadri. If you have a question for CM Qadri, on any topic, please send them to <https://www.austinhidelpark.org/qadriquestions>. I will work with the Steering Committee to compile those questions and send them to CM Qadri.

Finally, you will find information in this issue of the *Pecan Press* about upcoming events in Hyde Park. Please consider volunteering as a house docent for the Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour on Sunday, November 12. Participating in the homes tour is a fun way to meet your neighbors and helps HPNA raise money to pay for events throughout the year. To volunteer, please go to HPNA's website at [www.austinhidelpark.org](http://www.austinhidelpark.org).

I hope to hear from you. And I hope to see you at the September's General Meeting and at the upcoming neighborhood events.

– Kevin Heyburn  
HPNA President

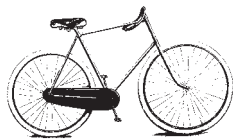
## News from the Ney...

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on the next evolution of the Museum. As the evening approaches, the event will transition into an after-hours event, featuring interactive projects and musical performances.

You can find out more about the Elisabet Ney Museum and all the Re-Imagining events and updates on these sites:

- Our website: <https://www.theney.org/>
- Instagram: @friendsofelisabetneymuseum
- Facebook: @Elisabet Ney Museum and @Friends of Elisabet Ney Museum



### Word Find Answers from page 7

- 1) HEAD; 2) CAUTION;
- 3) DANGER; 4) FOOL; 5) DOOR;
- 6) OPEN; 7) TOUCH; 8) PAINT;
- 9) EMPLOYEES; 10) DOG;
- 11) TRASH; 12) EXIT; 13) BOOKS;
- 14) RESTROOMS; 15) SMOKING;
- 16) EYES; 17) CLOSED; 18) HEART;
- 19) SECURITY; 20) FIRE; 21) CALL;
- 22) ONLY

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# BSA Troop 2019: What We've Been Up To

Troop 2019, which includes several Hyde Park scouts, has been on many great campouts and outings this year so far. Here are a few of our more recent ones. Back in April, we went up to Russell Park in Georgetown with Troop 49. The older scouts got an opportunity to work on leadership skills through teaching rank-advancement skills to the younger scouts. We worked on skills like fire building, knots, first aid, and knife skills.



Gianna N. and Harriet Z. Enjoy Slushies at the Kia Kima Trading Post, Photo by Sara Zettner.

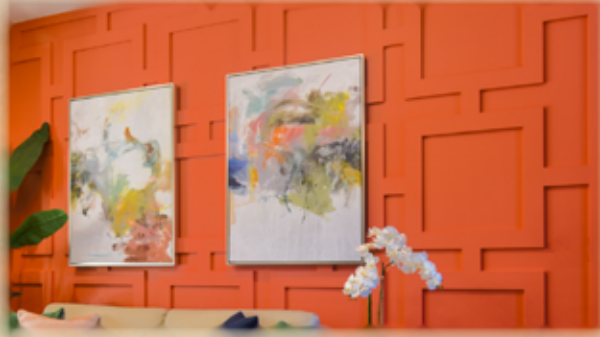


Ruby M. & Lindy G. Teach Knife Skills to Young Scouts, Photo by Kim Mitchell.

In May, we went to Matagorda Bay with our brother troop, Troop 410. We worked on the Kayaking and Oceanography merit badges with the LCRA. In June, we spent a week at the beautiful Kia Kima Scout Reservation in Arkansas for summer camp, where we worked on merit badges, hung out, and just had fun. The whole week was great, but some highlights of the week were the water slide and the homemade boat race.

In July, we participated in the Allandale Annual 4th of July Parade, and later in the month, as a conservation project, we went kayaking on Town Lake to pick up trash. We went out for three or four hours and then we had lunch together at Sazón on South Lamar. If you have a daughter aged 11 to 17 who is or would be interested in joining our troop, check out our website, [troop2019atx.org](http://troop2019atx.org), or our Facebook page, @Troop 2019. We have an Invitational campout coming up in September, so check the calendar on our website for details.

– Ruby Manning



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