

December Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for December 6

Important: The meeting will be *in person* at the Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue. For those who wish to attend online, use the Zoom meeting information.

- Welcome
- Blake Thompson presents his plans to commercially develop the Speedway post office and post office parking lot.
- Update on HPNA Holiday Parade (featuring Santa Claus) scheduled for December 11
- Announcements

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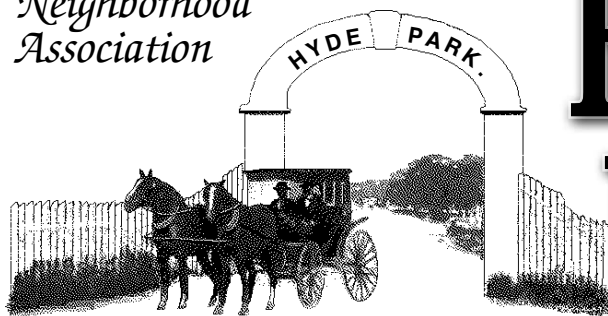


Hyde Park Holiday Event December 11, 2021

Holiday Parade Starting at the
Elisabet Ney Museum
Follow-up Gathering at Shipe Park
For details, see page 3.

Parade Kickoff
Elisabet Ney Museum
For details, see page 5.

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Exploring Hyde Park Griffin School

The building today occupied by the Griffin School began life as Trinity Methodist Church on February 24, 1947, when church parishioners broke ground for its Educational Building, the first step in its building campaign.

The church itself was chartered on December 22, 1946, with 80 charter

members under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Campbell. It was one of many new churches begun after the end of World War II. The congregation chose the name "Trinity" and began

meeting in Ridgetop Elementary School. Church members themselves did the work of constructing the building and held their first service there in the community assembly room on April 20, 1947, while the building was still being completed. The building was valued at \$15,000. Besides the assembly room, it had a nursery, kitchen, study and office for the pastor, and classrooms.

The church was officially consecrated to public worship by Rev. Campbell on Mother's Day in 1947. The church choir provided special music and the reverend chose as his sermon "Behold Thy Mother." By then the congregation had grown to 100 members.

After the Educational Building, the church grew steadily. It added another unit to its Educational Building under the leadership of Rev. C. Herman Murph, its second pastor, between June 1947 and May 1949; then it added a brick sanctuary under Rev. Raymond Brink, its fifth pastor, in 1955. The sanctuary combined traditional and modern elements.



Photo by Liz Williams

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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



The HPNA will hold an in-person general meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Griffin School, and we invite you and your neighbors to join us. For those of you who don't want to attend in person, we have maintained a Zoom link so you can attend online. Since March of 2020, HPNA's general membership meetings and Steering Committee meetings have been held on Zoom. However, now that the COVID threat appears to be diminishing, we have decided to slowly shift HPNA to in-person meetings. We plan to continue to do this while following the City's safety guidelines, which include requesting unvaccinated attendees to wear masks.

The principal speaker at our December meeting, Blake Thompson, will discuss his plans to develop the old post office on Speedway and the parking lot across the street from the post office into commercial retail space.

The old post office is not the only central Hyde Park property proposed for development. The new owners of the parking lot behind Quack's Bakery, on 43rd Street and Duval, have proposed a commercial and residential building for that site. A presentation on the proposed 43rd Street and Duval development is planned for an HPNA general membership meeting and for a Hyde Park Contact Team meeting early next year.

To celebrate the December holidays, on Saturday, December 11, at 5:30 pm, HPNA will hold a parade

through the neighborhood featuring Santa Claus. The parade starts at the Elizabeth Ney Museum and ends at Shipe Park, to be followed by an outdoor family-friendly gathering in the park. Prior to the Holiday Parade, the Elizabeth Ney Museum will have holiday activities for the whole family. More information about the Holiday Parade and the Ney's holiday activities is elsewhere in this issue.

We hope to have more indoor and outdoor neighborhood gatherings in the upcoming year, as long as they can be held safely. We anticipate that the Fire Station Festival and the Historic Homes Tour will be on HPNA's calendar next year, and we will need your help to make those events happen.

We are fortunate to live in Hyde Park and to have all of you as neighbors. We hope to see you at our meetings and at all the events we have planned in 2022. We wish you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

— Michele Greishaber
Lisa Harris
Kevin Heyburn
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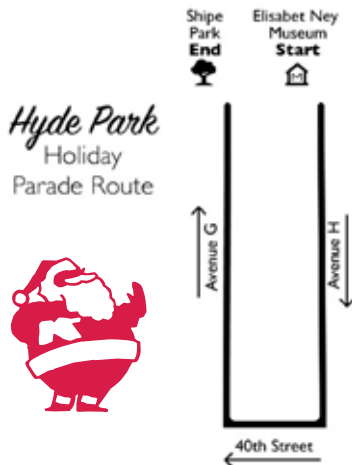
Hyde Park Holiday Parade

Santa Claus makes his Hyde Park return with a Holiday Parade on December 11! The parade will begin at 5:30 pm in front of the Elisabet Ney Museum, continue down Avenue H before turning west on 40th Street, and then go up Avenue G, ending at Shipe Park.

There will be music, and candy canes will be handed out along the route, with cookies and hot chocolate afterwards at the park. Along the route, Santa Claus and his helpers will be collecting donations of canned corn to benefit the Hope Food Pantry.

The parade float and setup has been generously donated by the SPJST Fraternal Benefit Society of Temple, Texas (Santa is a member), with cookies and hot chocolate donated by Quack's 43rd Street Bakery.

Ho-Ho-Hope to see you there!



– Stephen Gonzalez



Monthly Calendar December

- 3 — Recycling Pickup
- 4 — Landscape Day at the Ney Museum
- 6 — HPNA General Meeting
- 9 — DRC Meeting
- 11 — Holiday Art Fair at Fresh Plus
- 11 — Holiday Parade, with Kickoff and Follow-up Gathering
- 13 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 17 — Recycling Pickup
- 25 — Merry Christmas!
- 31 — Recycling Pickup
- 31 — Deadline for Donations of Canned Corn
- 31 — Happy New Year's Eve!



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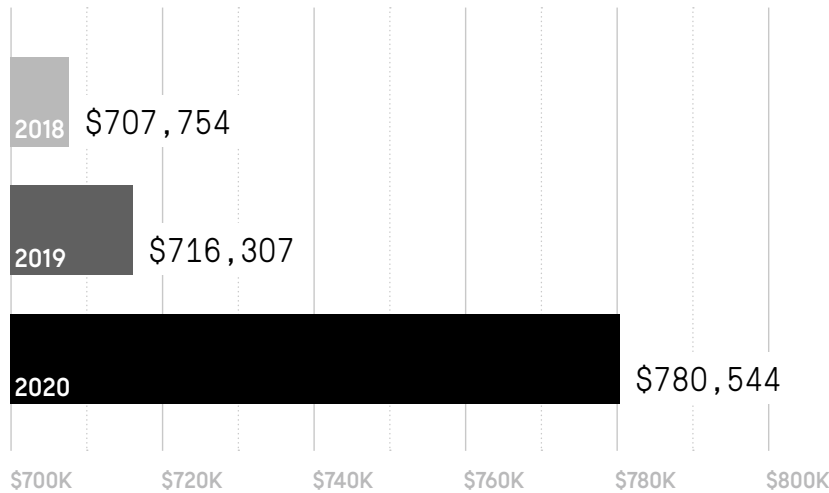
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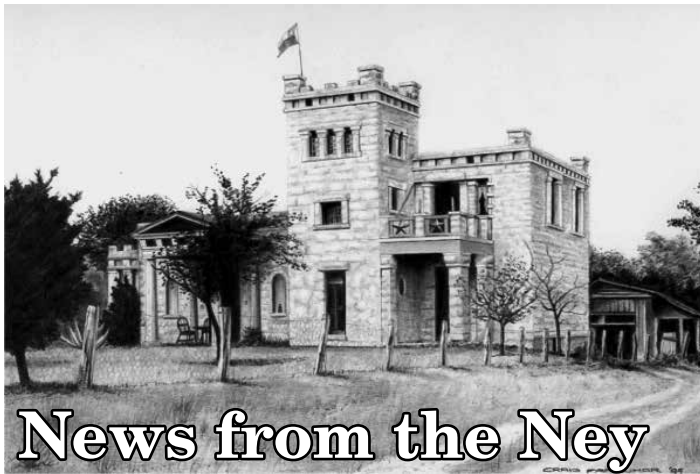
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Happy Holiday Season, neighbors! And be sure to visit in December!

After the gorgeous crescendo of florid yellow that November gifted the Ney, Environmental Educators Mino Giunta and Samantha Panger are fired up for another Landscape Day on Saturday, December 4, from 9 to 11 am. Join your neighbors for a tour of the late Autumn landscape, have a chance to do some nature-themed activities like seed balls and such, and maybe get your hands a little dirty in the process! By the way, that saffron symphony was provided by this year's unusually robust showing of Plateau Goldeneye (*Viguiera dentata*), which you'd have known if you had attended November's event!

The Ney will also once again be putting up the annual Wish Tree. This nearly decade-old tradition will move to the larger Texas Room this year and will be up by Wednesday, December 1. As always, you're invited to place your wishes on the tags and festoon the tree in the hope that some of your wishes come true!

You'll have a special chance to add to the Wish Tree when the Ney hosts the kickoff of the 2021 Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Holiday Parade! Holiday activities for everyone from kids to grandpas will be offered, with seasonal refreshments and of course many ways to fill out, decorate, and place your Wish Tree tags! Then away goes the parade at 5:30! The Museum's staff is so happy to be able to be a part of your holidays in this way. Masks will continue to be encouraged while indoors, but it'll be a warm and cozy time for all. Ho ho ho!

Love to all, as always, from the Museum, its staff, and the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum! Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



Word Find: Texas Movies

by der Brat

MOVIES ABOUT TEXAS
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 EABENDGROWHI ABBA
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 RSREDOORDOWNS LEH
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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

1. John Wayne hunting; set in TX but not filmed here. (3,9)

2. Hell or _?_ _?_ with Pine and Bridges. (4,5)

3. The Last _?_ _?_ with Bridges and Bottoms. (7,4)

4. Linklater film 12 years in making. (7) _____
5. Loveable killer Jack Black. (5) _____
6. _?_ _?_ Lights Go Panthers! Go Billy Bob? (6,5)

7. No _?_ For Old Men - Coens do TX. (7)

8. It's sure not France! (5,5) _____
9. Travolta at Gilley's. (5,6) _____
10. Really BIG movie about TX. (5) _____
11. They rob banks: _?_ & _?_ (6,5) _____

12. The Texas _?_ Massacre (8) _____
13. _?_ Dallas _?_ More football. (5,5) _____

14. Dazed and _?_ in Austin. (8) _____
15. Charlie _?_ War (7) _____
16. Dallas _?_ _?_ Oscar time for Matthew. (6,4)

17. State nickname with Kris and Matthew. (4,4)

18. _?_ McCloud Bud Cort in the Astrodome. (8)

19. Before Jaws his hunt in TX: _?_ Express (9)

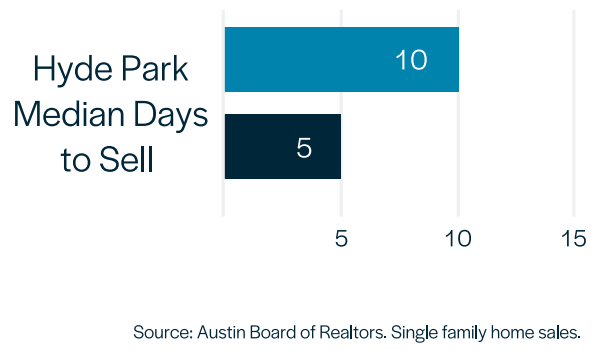
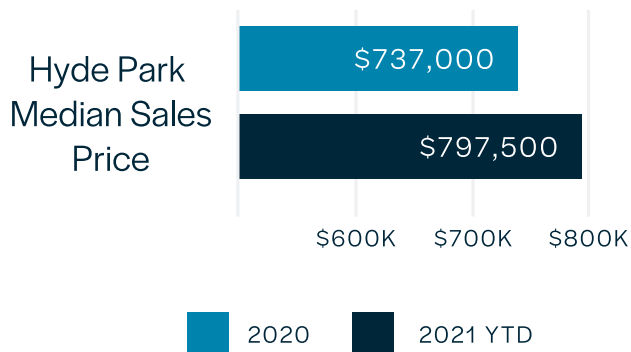
20. Wes Anderson does prep school in Big H. (8)

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: November 1, 2021

Kevin Heyburn welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda.

This HPNA General Meeting began at 6:00 pm, one hour earlier than usual, to accommodate special guests. Present at the meeting and acting as a Q&A panel for our neighborhood's crime and safety concerns were Travis County Attorney Delia Garza; Travis County District Attorney Jose Garza; First Assistant County Attorney Lucio Del Toro; Erin Martinson, head of the Special Victim's Unit in the DA's Office; and our neighborhood APD liaison, Officer Darrell Grayson.

County Attorney Delia Garza gave a brief presentation.

- Prior to Ms. Garza coming into office, from 2017 to 2019, the Travis County Attorney's Office, often weeks and months after the arrest, dismissed or rejected 38% of Criminal Trespass cases, 55% of Possession of Controlled Substance cases, 60% of Possession of Dangerous Drug cases, and 50% of Theft cases.
- The County Attorney prosecutes misdemeanor crimes, the DA prosecutes felonies.
- After becoming County Attorney, Ms. Garza created a new case flow allowing for earlier review of cases, which allows her office to identify and expedite cases that are commonly dismissed and process those cases sooner, increasing efficiency.
- Any case that involves a threat to public safety and/or another individual and/or involves physical harm will not be considered for early case review diversion, as such cases are not dismissed and require a more thorough review.
- Case flow before 2021 was the following: arrest, booking, magistration, docket, case filed, case reviewed.
- Case flow now is as follows: arrest, booking, case reviewed, magistration, docket, case filed.
- Case facts are now reviewed within 24 hours of arrest; cases are being prosecuted faster now.
- There is always a struggle between prosecutors and police officers; unlike the standard for an arrest, a conviction requires that jurors be convinced of guilt, and this can be very challenging.
- The County Attorney's Office also created a new Weapon Forfeiture Policy to formalize the removal of firearms from domestic violence offenders and to request weapon forfeiture in all cases where a weapon is involved or present during the offense. All prosecutors have been trained in the weapon forfeiture process.
- Case flow involving weapon forfeiture before 2021 was as follows: case filed, case reviewed, weapon forfeiture requested at case disposition.

- Case flow involving weapon forfeiture after January 2021 is as follows: case reviewed, weapon forfeiture requested as bond condition, case filed, weapon forfeiture analysis applied at every stage of case.

Travis County District Attorney Jose Garza gave a short briefing on what his office does to keep our community safe.

- The number one job of the Travis County DA is to keep the community safe and to do this in a way that is fair and equitable for all involved.
- DA Garza's office has processed over 500 indictments this year, including some very violent crimes.

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Hyde Park Poets —

Anyone Have a Heart?

“Anyone have a heart?”
Angry but justified, to some extent,
There he was, on the street, on the Drag,
With a sign as big as he was, with the plea,
“Anything – do you have anything”
Or something to that effect,
Then, he was angry, “Anyone with a heart?”
It ran through my head,
I fancy myself having a heart,
Sadly, the homeless don't take visa
Or use Venmo, so
It's not as easy as it used to be,
I suppose I could have, maybe should have
Opened my bag and felt around for my coin purse
As I did later, for the guy who put air in my tires,
It's easier to give money to people
Who have it than to people who don't.

— *Herzele*
09/14/21



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SOLD



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SOLD



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Erin Martinson (*erin.martinson@traviscountytx.gov*), head of the Special Victim's Unit in the DA's Office, discussed her role.

- Ms. Martinson and her staff work to connect with victims in an effort to get first hand experiences of the victims of violent crimes and to get recommendations from victims on how to improve and streamline the process.
- This information is provided to the DA so the process can be constantly improved.
- Erin is a Hyde Park resident and said she would do her best to continue to come to these meetings to serve as a resource for ongoing questions related to the criminal justice system, and she invited neighbors to reach out to her if they needed anything.

Officer Darrell Grayson, our neighborhood liaison from APD, spoke next.

- Although Officer Grayson couldn't comment on specific details of cases that are still open or under investigation (referring to the burglary of The Peddler bike shop and the mugging at Hemphill Park), he said these cases look positive with regard to bringing justice to victims.
- On Halloween weekend, there was supposed to be a large group of motorcyclists riding through the alleys of Hyde Park as part of an Alley Cat Scramble event (this also happened earlier this year in May); luckily, they didn't show up on Halloween.
- Officer Grayson complemented the prosecutors present at the meeting and stated how much he appreciates what they do after police make an arrest.
- Recently, Officer Grayson was reassigned to work on the city's homeless efforts. He is helping clear out public campsites and can currently work on neighborhood liaison issues only when he's not busy with that. They have made good progress at clearing out the homeless campsites and he hopes to have more time to commit to the neighborhood soon.

Question and Answer Session

- An HPNA member asked, during the Alley Cat Scramble in May, many motorcyclists ran red lights, didn't stop at intersections, and were speeding. Was anything done about these traffic law violations? Officer Grayson said that some of them got citations.
- An HPNA member asked, do you feel that you have the staffing you need to do a good job? Officer Grayson said they could use more staffing, but they're getting the job done.
- An HPNA member asked, what is being done about drag racing on Airport Boulevard? Officer Grayson stated that police officers assigned to that area are sitting in that area when not busy on other calls, hoping to catch street racers in the act.
- DA Garza commented on the importance of public safety. Last year in Travis County, car crashes were a leading cause of deaths; some drivers are taking unsafe risks.
- An HPNA member asked, what can someone do to get police or legal action taken when he or she observes domestic violence, but the victim is uncooperative in filing a complaint? Officer Grayson said that an arrest can be made based on injuries or witness statements, but that it's ultimately difficult to get a conviction without cooperation from the victim. Ms. Martinson added that if all witnesses do their part by making statements and there are marks or injuries on the victim, it is still possible to get a conviction even if the victim doesn't want to press charges or cooperate with investigators.
- An HPNA member asked, what should crime victims expect in terms of follow-up when reporting a crime? And if victims are not getting the communication they want, what should they do? Ms. Martinson responded that in her office there are counselors who are assigned immediately after they learn about an incident, and the counselors reach out within a couple of days. If victims want help immediately, they can call her office and can speak to someone immediately.

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Every morning I look out my kitchen window
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 And there it is, the only orange
 On the tree. Of course, it's green now
 But it will turn orange, soon enough
 And be sweet and rich, and delicious
 And I will enjoy every bit.

— Herzele
 11/09/21

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- An HPNA member said to Ms. Garza, I understand that your office has to prioritize violent misdemeanors over other misdemeanors, but what is considered a violent misdemeanor and what can be done about recurrent petty theft by the same individual, which is happening over and over? Citizens feel helpless to combat crimes like package theft, bike theft, and plant theft. Ms. Garza responded, crimes like DUI and assault always get prosecuted, but other crimes like property crimes are evaluated case by case. The best action you can take is to report every single instance of crime you observe: if it is in progress, call 911; if it is over, call 311. Assistant County Attorney Del Toro added, an assault is a felony, but a punch thrown in a fistfight could be a misdemeanor.
- Ms. Garza said that repeated misdemeanors could add up to a felony, but she clarified: if someone is convicted of a misdemeanor and keeps repeating the same problem behavior, the group of misdemeanors could be prosecuted as a felony. However, in the absence of a misdemeanor conviction, no matter how many misdemeanors were committed by the person, those could not be prosecuted as a felony.

Announcements

- Kevin reminded everyone to look at the most recent copy of the *Pecan Press* or the HPNA website to view some options for the fence that will surround the detention pond that will be located behind the Baker School. Neighbors can participate in a survey to select an option, and the results will be shared with city staff working on this project. For a link to the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7BYQSW5>.
- The December HPNA meeting agenda is still in the works.
- HPNA is planning on hosting a Holiday Parade sometime in mid-December; be on the lookout for more details soon.
- HPNA will finalize next year's budget in January.
- Kristen Remeza, Hyde Park's crime and safety representative, reached out to the City of Austin transportation department in anticipation of the Alley Cat Scramble and discovered the city offers signs to residents to remind people to slow down. More information is available at this link: https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Vision_Zero_Yard_Sign_Program.pdf.
- A friendly reminder to all participants attending the HPNA monthly meetings: please be sure to keep yourself muted unless you are actively speaking. We have been experiencing a lot of accidental background noises and conversations.

Kevin thanked Council Member Kathie Tovo and the County and District Attorneys for joining us and Lisa Harris for arranging for this neighborhood crime and safety panel. The meeting was adjourned.

— Submitted by Ben Reid
 HPNA Secretary





Lilac Or Blue

Walking a new route, I passed by a tangled mess of leaves
Yellow, brown, and green, and multiple shades thereof,
And, right in the middle of the mess was a morning glory,
Neither blue, nor purple was she, but somewhere in between
As if to challenge the casual viewer, "I am blue, I am lilac,
I am neither hue, I am not lilac, nor am I blue. I will capture
The artist's eye if he or she be willing to try."
Are we ever willing to deny that which is captured
By our eye?

— *Herzele*
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Around & About the Avenues

Hyde Park Holiday Art Fair. On December 11th, from 11 to 5, the very first annual Hyde Park Holiday Art Fair will take place at the Fresh Plus parking lot. Organized by Leila Levinson and Mary Trahanovsky of Hancock Neighborhood, the fair will feature 35 artists from Hancock and Hyde Park as well as other areas of town. Mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, paintings, woodwork, and textiles are some of the art that will be for sale. Come join your community for some fun shopping local and supporting art! We are very grateful to Fresh Plus for making this possible. – Leila Levinson



Austin Audit Podcast. Late last year, Austin's Auditor launched a podcast, Audit ATX, which gives Austinites an overview of what the Auditor's office has reviewed and what it found. Sometimes these 10 to 15 minute interviews cover matters that have been the subject of press coverage and other times they cover lower profile matters. I have to listen carefully but I find it a useful resource. The Auditor's office provides a link to the Audit ATX podcast as well as to its recent recommendations and investigative reports: <https://austintexas.gov/page/audit-reports>. – Lisa Harris



Hyde Parker Wins National Honor for Voter Registration and Education on College Campuses. Bruce Elfant, Hyde Park resident and Travis County tax assessor-collector and voter registrar, was named a 2021 Standout Local Election Official by ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, an organization of 496 institutions of higher learning representing 4.3 million students nationwide, for his efforts to register, educate, and create civic participation among students on college campuses for the 2020 Presidential Election. The Travis County news release stated, "Elfant ... is popular with students for his outreach on campus, advocacy for online voter registration and speaking up against legislative changes that make voter registration and voting more difficult in Texas." This was the first standout local official honor awarded by ALL IN.



Hyde Park Featured on Visit Austin. On October 18, Visit Austin, a website produced by the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau, published the article "Guide to Austin's Hyde Park Neighborhood." Written by guest blogger Alyssa Jarae, the article provided a brief synopsis of Hyde Park history, restaurants, and historic attractions; and it includes a reference to the Hyde Park Homes Tour. The article states, "Today, Hyde Park is considered part of Central Austin, but its residents continue to take pride in their neighborhood's unique identity." To see the article, see <https://www.austintexas.org/austin-insider-blog/post/hyde-park/>.



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Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



Holiday Time – A Bounty of So Much Stuff!

Life during the holidays is filled with abundance. It is a time of getting together with family and friends to celebrate the season with lots of food, gifts, and general merrymaking. All of this celebrating generates STUFF. I would never suggest we give up the wonderful things the holidays bring but, in this month's Lettuce Recycle, I want to help you deal with some of the fallout from this glorious bounty. In several months, this bounty becomes the focus of our de-cluttering mission for spring cleaning.

How to Recycle Some of This Abundance

- **Batteries** – Household batteries, including rechargeable, can be recycled at most Austin public libraries.
- **Gift Bags** – Gift bags cannot go into the blue recycling cart. They can be reused or thrown into the trash cart.
- **Gift Wrap Paper** – Wrapping paper (not paper with glitter or made of foil) is recyclable and can be placed directly into the blue curbside cart. This can include even paper with tape still on it.
- **Holiday Cards** – Plain cards can go into the blue recycling cart. Cards with glitter or other adornments go into the trash cart. Photo cards cannot be recycled. They must go into the trash 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 used items: <https://austinecnetwork.com/austin-reuse-directory/>. Another location to get 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. Only chunks of styrofoam are accepted at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. The recycling center no longer accepts styrofoam peanuts.

Extra Recycling and Trash

- **Cardboard Boxes that Will Not Fit into the Blue Cart** – Flatten the boxes and set them next to your blue bin on collection day. They will be picked up that day by either the recycling truck or another city truck.
- **Trash Overflow** – Extra bags of trash that do not fit into your trash cart with the lid closed must be placed next to the trash cart and tagged with an Extra Trash sticker. These stickers can be purchased at most local grocery stores for \$5.00 + tax. Extra bags without a sticker will be charged \$10.20 + tax per bag by the city.

PLEASE REMEMBER - WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Recycling contamination is a huge problem. If you are unsure about whether an item can be recycled, even after exploring all reuse and recycling options, put the item in the trash can rather than the blue bin to avoid any possibility of contaminating materials to be recycled.

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 recycling@hpxwbana.org.

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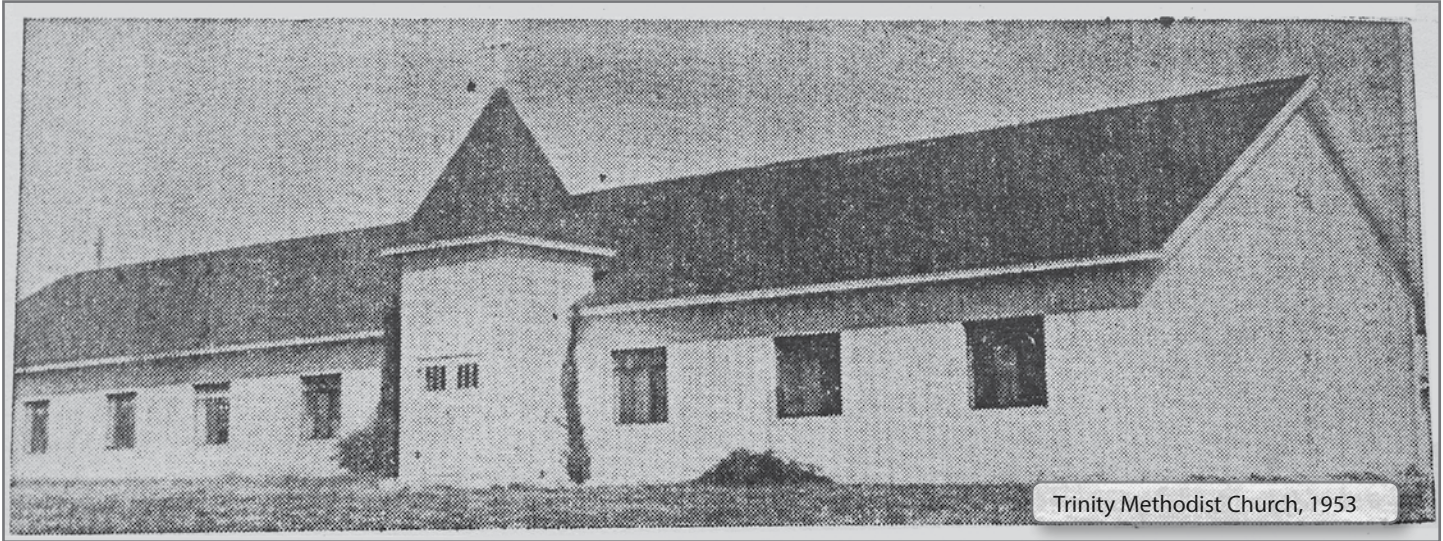


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Its outstanding feature was the trio of stained glass windows behind the altar. In 1968, the *Austin American-Statesman* wrote that Trinity had "the informal, friendly atmosphere of a country church in the city. It is known as 'a friendly church in the heart of Ridgetop.'"



Between 1955 and 2010, Trinity Methodist Church remained ensconced in its location at 50th Street and Evans Avenue, but by 2010 the congregation had grown and needed more space. At the same time, changes were happening to two other Austin institutions, Hyde Park Methodist Church and Griffin School. Long-established Hyde Park Methodist Church on Speedway had slowly declined and could no longer maintain its building. On the other hand, Griffin School, a college preparatory high school devoted to the arts and founded in 1996

by a group of people including current director Adam Wilson, was thriving and needed a new home. When Hyde Park Methodist Church vacated its location on Speedway, Trinity Methodist Church moved in. And when Trinity Methodist Church vacated its location at 50th Street and Evans Avenue, Griffin School moved in.

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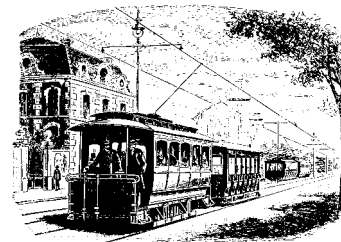
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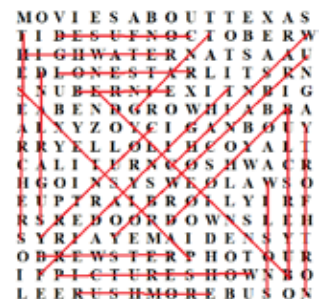
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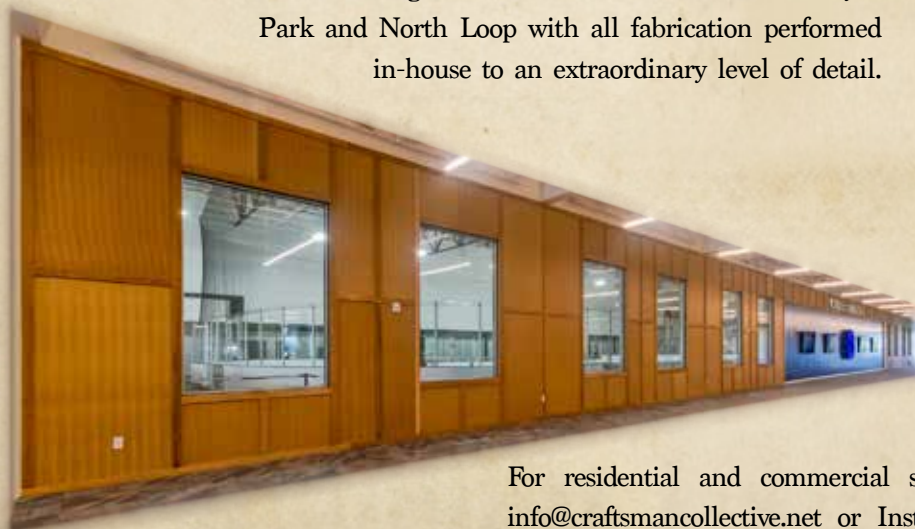



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