

February Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, February 5, 2018

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for February 5

- ❖ Welcome New Members
- ❖ Texas 25th District Candidate Introduction
- ❖ Building and Planning in Hyde Park: NCCD and Local Historic District 101, with Karen McGraw
- ❖ It's My Park! Day 2018 Update, by Jill Nokes of Friends of Shipe Park
- ❖ Announcements

It's My Park! Day 2018

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 3, 2018. Between 9 am and noon, hundreds of volunteers will join together to clean up and beautify the Shipe Park and Ney Museum grounds. Volunteers are encouraged to arrive at 8:45 am, so that the work can begin promptly at 9:00.

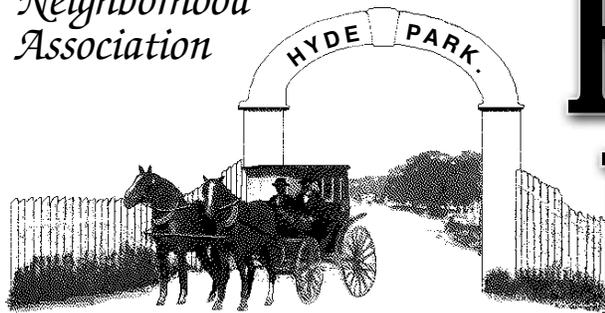
Volunteers will aerate and weed tree beds, spread mulch and Dillo Dirt, remove invasive plant species and debris, and otherwise improve the grounds. Live music and refreshments add a festive feel to the day. This is one community event you won't want to miss!

Register to volunteer online on the Austin Parks Foundation web site at www.austinparks.org. All volunteers who register online get a free T-shirt, so be sure to register early and indicate your size. You can also sign-up to volunteer on the day of the event. Last minute volunteers are welcome.

It's easy! It's fun! It's community building! It's My Park! Day.

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ASH Redevelopment Plan Advances

The troubled Austin State Hospital, once recommended for closure, has found new life, thanks to state financing of a major rebuilding project at its present site bordering the Hyde Park neighborhood.

Its change of fortune began with a 2016 proposal by state senator Kirk Watson, a Hyde Park resident, to seize the opportunity created by the newly-established Dell Medical School to establish what he called an "MD Anderson of the Brain" on the Guadalupe Street campus. His vision was that ASH expand well beyond its current focus as a residential facility for patients with severe mental illness to a center for comprehensive brain health that includes a wide range of conditions affecting Texans such as concussions, PTSD, Alzheimer's, and substance abuse. Services would likewise more broadly encompass inpatient, outpatient, and preventive care and hopefully become a model for the nation. There is a historic parallel in his proposal: the 1845 Texas Constitution mandating public funding for treatment of mental illness was ahead of its time. When the Texas Lunatic Asylum (now ASH) was built in the 1850s, its design in a park-like setting was purposely modeled on a contemporary reform movement that proffered a more effective and compassionate plan for patient care.

Senator Watson's ASH proposal gained traction when the state Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) released the results of its feasibility study in the fall of 2016. Its report examined the costs and benefits of numerous options, including moving the hospital and merging it with other mental health facilities. While the study made no specific recommendations, it found that keeping ASH on its current site was the least costly option. In May, 2017, Senate Finance Committee members Watson and Charles Schwertner, a practicing physician representing parts of central and east Texas served by ASH, collaborated to press for funding to improve state mental health facilities. Their advocacy emphasized better and more comprehensive care at lower costs, while reducing the current reliance on jails and hospitals to house some Texans with mental illness. This bipartisan effort succeeded in earmarking \$300 million in the 2018-19 budget for rebuilding state mental hospitals and improving patient treatment.

This January, the HHSC announced that the proposal to replace ASH at its current site has been approved; the first stage, the \$15.5 million master plan, will be led by the Dell Medical School. Consistent with Senator Watson's initial proposal for collaboration with stakeholder groups such as public mental health agencies, academic institutions, and

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From the Desk of the President



Recently, I was able to see a pre-screening of *The Post* with Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep, hosted by the *Texas Tribune*. The film is now in theaters everywhere and is an engaging film. If you have not yet seen anything about the movie, it tells the story of the newsroom and ownership of the *Washington Post* as it wrestles with acquiring and publishing the Pentagon Papers. The Pentagon Papers showed that the federal government had, among other things, been lying to the public about the course of the Vietnam War.

At this point, you might be asking yourself how this historical movie relates to our neighborhood. Well, I think the lessons that can be gleaned from the movie are equally applicable today. As our world becomes more divided, we have a tendency to rely on facts that only support our own opinions and denigrate facts that detract or counter our positions as "fake news." Just because one person says something does not mean that his or her understanding is correct and we must work to educate ourselves. The movie drove home the importance of the facts and educating the public so that members

of the public could make informed decisions. In fact, the Supreme Court, in its decision, reiterated that it is the role of the press to inform the public so that its members can make informed decisions to provide a check on democratic governments.

It is no different in our neighborhood; it is important for each of us to stay informed so that we too can provide a check on government, whether that is federal, state, local, or even neighborhood government. There are a lot of topics being discussed at each level that will have significant impact on our neighborhood, city, state, and country.

While I could fill volumes of this publication with my thoughts on these issues at the state and federal level, I want to focus on local issues here. CodeNEXT is the issue at the local level that will significantly impact the lives of each and every citizen of this city. The City of Austin's rewrite of its land development code will impact what can be built and where. Currently, our neighborhood will see limited direct impact under the most recent draft (as of this publication), because our NCCDs will be retained under the new code. While we will see only limited direct impact, this does not mean that our neighborhood will not see changes. It is incumbent on each of us to inform ourselves of the impacts of CodeNEXT on our city and our neighborhood. At both our March and April meetings, CodeNEXT

will likely be on the agenda and we will try to provide some education on the topic. But we should all seek out other sources of information. As much as we wish that we could provide all the education that Hyde Park residents need on

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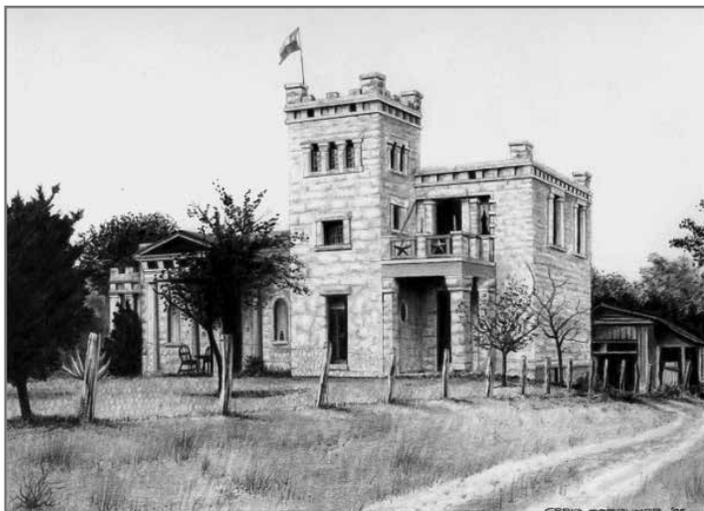
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News from the Ney

Cold January is over! February has arrived, and hopefully with a bit more warmth and congeniality. That would be ideal because the Elisabet Ney Museum will open February with a very unique and interesting outdoor event.

On Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4, the museum will produce BORDER | PROMISE.



For BORDER | PROMISE, visitors will help San Antonio artists Luis Valderas, Kim Bishop, and Paul Karma create enormous woodcut images printed on bedsheets by visitors walking on plywood board presses. Visitors will then help construct a “border bandage” by helping the artists hang the

prints on wires strung along Waller Creek, bisecting the Ney Museum’s grounds into its north and

south halves. You will really need to be here, participating, to get the full impact of the event.

The event will take place from 1 to 4 pm both days. BORDER | PROMISE is a part of Print Austin, the month-long printmakers’ festival. For more on Print

Austin, visit www.printaustin.org.

Later in the month, the museum will celebrate the opening of Catherine Lee: The Ney Project. In this special exhibition, *Hebrides #6, Clach An Trushal*, the monumental bronze monolith on loan from The Contemporary Austin, will be

joined by other powerful works by Catherine Lee, both inside and outside the museum. A Texan and internationally exhibited master sculptor and painter, Lee’s work reflects time, permanence, and majestic nature along with intimate reflections of ourselves. There will be an artist’s opening reception on Thursday, February 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and an artist’s talk on Saturday, February 24 at 2 pm. The exhibition will be on display through Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Meanwhile, the photography exhibition AWWAW: Austin Women by Austin Women, featuring five Austin women photographers’ portraits of Austin women at work, play, and contemplation will be in place through Sunday, February 19 at 5 pm, so please come check it out. It’s a great show revealing multiple approaches, techniques, intents, and stories, but all united in their subject matter. It’s part of the FOTOATX 2018 Photography Festival. Learn more at www.fotoatx.org.

Membership Information

- Membership in HPNA is open to all residents 18 years or older residing within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of its boundaries.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
- Membership dues can be paid in several ways: By signing up at an HPNA meeting or event, by mailing in the membership form, or by joining online using PayPal. To pay online, go to www.austinhypark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6.

Submission Information

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@grandecom.net.
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.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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AVERAGE SQ FT	1,508	1,912	1,661
AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$376.77	\$340.44	\$389.16
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	37 DAYS	40 DAYS	44 DAYS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 08/10/2017 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.



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Around & About the Avenues

Save the Date for the Egg Scramble. The kids are back to school and the holiday decorations are finally packed away... and what? It's already time to get ready for the Sixth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble! Mark it on your calendar for Saturday, March 31, 2018, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Shipe Park. This HPNA event, sponsored by Grande Communications, will have popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy as well as many fun activities including egg hunts, a bounce house, a face painter, and a balloon twister! If your child is going to participate in the egg hunt festivities, please drop off one dozen plastic eggs filled with age-appropriate treats any time between Saturday, March 24 and Friday, March 30 in the bins marked by age group on the front porches at 4307 Avenue F and 4613 Duval Street. Interested in volunteering? Go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: www.signup.com/login/entry/1037031760693172049.



Austin Marathon Coming through Hyde Park. On February 18, over 17,000 runners will be participating in the Austin Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K. While most of the marathon will take place south of Hyde Park, runners will be making their way as far north as 45th Street. The marathon begins early (wheelchair start is at 6:55 am) and the course officially closes at 2 pm. Hyde Parkers should be aware of road closing during those hours.



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Coyotes in Hyde Park? Repeated posting on both NextDoor and the Hyde Park listserv describe sightings of coyotes in the central city. While no posting to date describes a coyote sighting in Hyde Park, they do describe sightings around Waller Creek, so it's not far-fetched to assume they make their way up Waller Creek through Hyde Park. Coyotes have been known to prey on cats and small dogs, so keeping pets safe inside is a good policy. If you catch sight of a coyote in Hyde Park, please report it to the *Pecan Press* (with date, time, and, if possible, a photo)



Monthly Calendar

February

- 2 — Recycling Pickup
- 3&4 — BORDER|PROMISE at the Ney Museum
- 5 — HPNA Meeting
- 8 — DRC Meeting
- 12 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 14 — Happy Valentines Day!
- 16 — Recycling Pickup
- 22 — Opening Reception for Catherine Lee: The Ney Project at the Ney Museum

March

- 3 — It's My Park! Day at Shipe Park

Hyde Park Resident Recognized for Her Work in the Arts.

Ann Graham, arts advocate and longtime Hyde Parker, was recognized in a tweet by State Representative Gina Hinojosa for her work on the house bill that ensured transparency for



Gina Hinojosa @GinaForAustin · Jan 3

I am thankful this holiday for the work of Ann Graham, ED of @TXfortheArts. Fierce advocate for arts funding, Ann worked w/ me to develop & pass HB, ensuring greater transparency for the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) so that more communities can utilize it for programs like the arts.



the hotel occupancy tax, ensuring its availability for arts-related programs. Congratulations and thanks, Ann!



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Auto theft and burglary is rampant in the United States. In Austin alone, 4,338 vehicles were stolen and 8,635 were burglarized in 2016. The Auto Theft Division of the Austin Police Department sees a lot of cases where a burglar breaks into a car, finds keys to the second household car, and then steals it with those keys.



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In Hyde Park, there were 13 auto thefts in 2017. While this is a pretty low number, the thefts were largely preventable: 10 of the cars were left unlocked and 3 had the keys left inside. In addition, there were 50 burglaries of vehicles, which only emphasizes the importance of keeping valuables out of sight or out of the car altogether.

Unfortunately, there is often little evidence that can lead to an arrest in auto theft cases and vehicle owners incur all fees related to towing and storing their recovered vehicles. Having your vehicle stolen or burgled is certainly not a situation in which you want to find yourself.

The top three most commonly stolen vehicles in Austin are Ford pickups, Honda Accords, and Chevy and GMC pickups. These stolen vehicles are often used in the commission of other crimes such as robberies, drug buys, and even terrorism. Nationwide, 97% of car thieves were charged with additional crimes and 48% of bank robberies involved a stolen vehicle.

The good news is auto theft and burglary is largely preventable. More than half of stolen vehicles were left unlocked. Simply locking your door is a significant step towards preventing auto theft and burglary. Other effective means of protecting your car are the following:

- Keep valuables out of sight. Keep them locked in the trunk or take them out of the car completely.

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(the number in parentheses = the number of letters in the answer)

Clues:

1. Re: Pentagon Papers. (3,4)

2. Somali pirates take over his ship. (7,8)

3. City of brotherly love. (12)

4. Voice of a cowboy. (3,5) _____
5. The trade for Gary Powers. (6,2,5)

6. Meet his friend "Wilson." (4,4)

7. Joe Versus the ___?___ (7)

8. plus #9, separated by "in" = insomnia in the northwest (9) _____
9. see #8. (7) _____
10. The Road to ___?___ (9)

11. Life = a box of chocolates? (7,4)

12. Landing on the Hudson. (5)

13. ___?___ (6)

14. In Afghanistan: ___?___?___ War. (7,7)

15. Robert Langdon reads the clues. (3,2,5,4)

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ASH Redevelopment Plans...

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foundations providing mental health services in the central Texas region, these resources now compose a steering committee that will submit a master plan for a center for brain health on the ASH campus before the 2019 legislative session. The HHSC estimates the final costs of construction at between \$300 million and \$400 million.

Absent from the steering committee are stakeholders for historic preservation. The ASH administration building, begun in 1857, has been identified by Preservation Texas as the most important unrestored antebellum building in the state. The campus also contains buildings dating to the early 20th century, including a dormitory for black female patients. Early workers at the state hospital resided in bungalows in the western district of Hyde Park, and the ASH campus remains a precious bit of nature away from traffic greatly enjoyed by its neighbors.

The excitement generated by the planned center for brain health might be contagious. Just days after the HHSC announcement, two longtime supporters of the UT women's basketball team pledged an unprecedented estate gift of \$20 million to the athletic department to help fund a future Cecil Reynolds and Julia Hickman Center for Student-Athlete Brain & Behavioral Health. According to an announcement by the Longhorn Foundation, the on-campus center will apply an interdisciplinary approach in partnership with Dell Medical School's Department of Psychiatry and other UT departments and local medical providers to support the emotional well-being of students who face additional stress due to their unique roles as athletes. The center will provide clinical services to assess and treat a wide range of conditions such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, and sports-related concussions. The gift will also endow a professorship in brain and behavioral health at Dell Medical School and fund research to support evidence-based approaches to education, prevention, and treatment.

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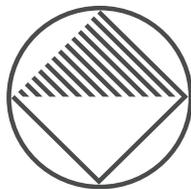


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And is, literally, swept off feet,
Floating to the source of said someone

What do I make of it now?
That lover is dead
But we shared magic
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— Herzele
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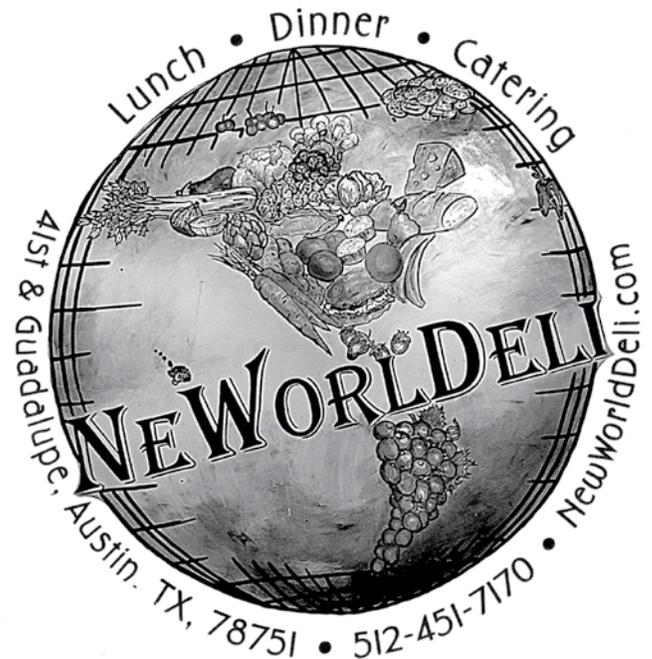
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Hyde Park Poets —

Waiting & Smelling, Rowdy Ladies Telling

Much of life is spent waiting,
Waiting in lines,
Waiting in doctor's offices,
Waiting for Santa Claus,
Waiting for someone, a relative,
A loved one, to arrive
Waiting to be picked up,
Riding in a car,
Waiting to get somewhere,
If you don't like waiting,
You are, basically, S-O-L
If waiting is hell for you,

Women learn to wait
On babies to be born
Speaking of which,
This is the reason I am writing,
Our assignment was to
Bring an aroma, an odor
That carries a memory,
Smells are the most evocative
Of all the senses and,
Even though the cells
Responsible for smells,
Are rapid adapting,
That is to say, one becomes
Accustomed to a smell
Very quickly, and yet,
As fast as the assault is felt
And as fast as it is forgotten,
Whatever is happening
When it is first smelled,
Burns into the memory so that
Should even a tiny whiff
Of that aroma, odor, or scent
Make its way to near the brain,
It carries with it the entire memory,

Which brings me, at last,
(I made you wait)
To the aroma/memory
I chose to share, tonight,
This is a scent, incomparable
By any other, an aroma
Known by every mother,
Known by any aunt,
Known by any person
Who has ever had the
Privilege of holding
A newborn baby,
Light as a feather,
Pure as crystal,
Soft as a cloud,
Infants come from
The other side and
Bring the scent
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— *Herzle*
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Around & About the Avenues

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Hyde Park B'n'B Recognized. Strickland Arms, Hyde Park bed and breakfast at 604 E. 47th Street, was featured in an article on Austin Culture Map on January 19. The article, "10 nearby bed-and-breakfasts perfect for a romantic weekend getaway" by Deborah Hamilton-Lynne, said the following: "The former home of Judge John McCamy Patterson, Strickland Arms was built in 1904. The house and grounds have been restored to include authentic accents, a beautiful entryway, a formal dining room where breakfast is served, and a wraparound porch. The property's gorgeous limestone patios and impressive gardens are shaded by massive pecan and oak trees, and it includes a modern pool and spa. Five rooms are available each furnished with period antiques. The inn is also within walking distance of several Hyde Park restaurants as well as the Elisabet Ney Museum." See www.austinculturemap.com/news/travel/01-19-18-romantic-b-and-b-hotels-inns-near-austin-central-texas/ for the original article.



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Automobile Theft...

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- Never leave your car running unattended, not even for a minute. Not only is it an invitation for thieves, it's also against the law. You can be fined up to \$200 dollars for leaving the key in the ignition of your unattended vehicle.
- Invest in an alarm system. Vehicle tracking, alarm systems, and sensors that detect motion tampering or glass breakage can both deter theft and help track your car if it's stolen.
- Engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on your car windows, major parts, and expensive accessories to make your car less desirable to thieves who want to sell it for parts. Austin Police Department offers this service for free and some insurance companies offer discounts to clients who get their VIN etched.

For more information about auto theft prevention, visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/auto-theft>.

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President's Desk... ...cont'd from page 2

this subject, there is simply too much information, too many considerations, and too many varied scenarios to process in one or two hour-and-a-half meetings. When we seek out these sources, we should be cognizant of the perspectives they bring and any inherent biases in the information that they present. Even the most diligent sources often have an inherent perspective, and in some cases they are skewed and amount to little more than propaganda.

Finally, as we learn about these changes together, it is critical that we are tolerant of those who draw different conclusions from our own. Too often we dismiss those who disagree with us as uninformed or wrong without considering their arguments and conclusions. If we understand their concerns and arguments, this only improves our own arguments and understanding. And often, if we just shout another person down, that person disengages and his or her perspective in the discussion is lost. I am reminded of a quote from one of my favorite movies, *V for Vendetta*: "Because while the truncheon may be used in lieu of conversation, words will always retain their power. Words offer the means to meaning, and for those who will listen, the enunciation of truth." If we use our own power, close mindedness, and bullying to denigrate alternative perspectives, then we cannot truly advance as a city, because those alternative perspectives help us to better meet the needs of all citizens. Each of us has a vision for the future of Austin and how we can improve our city. While our visions might not be the same, that does not mean that we cannot have a civil discussion and work to find common ground. During my tenure, I hope that the HPNA can be a place of robust debate about how to advance this neighborhood and this city in the future. We are always stronger together.

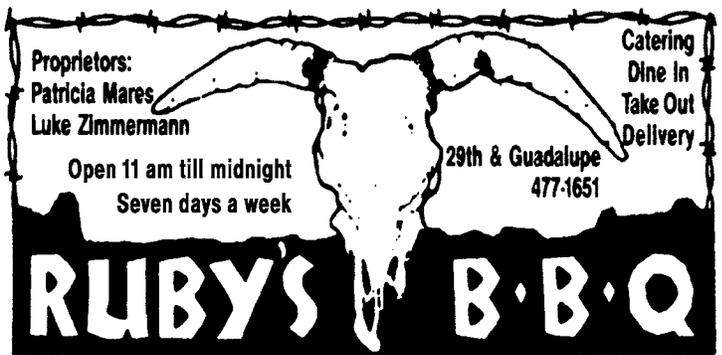
— Reid Long
HPNA President

Word Find Answers

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- Answers:
1)THE POST; 2)CAPTAIN PHILLIPS;
3)PHILADELPHIA; 4)JOY STORY;
5)BRIDGE OF SPIES; 6)CAST AWAY;
7)VOLCANO; 8)SLEEPLESS; 9)SEATTLE;
10)PERDITION; 11)FORREST GUMP;
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4211 AVENUE F

Spacious 1923 Victorian house plus garage apartment on oversized lot, 75' x 125'. House has 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LIV, screened porch. Apartment is 1 BR, 1 BA. Bonus workshop.

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3502 RED RIVER STREET

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4506 AVENUE C

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4521 AVENUE D

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4009 AVENUE D

Classic 1925 Hyde Park bungalow in heart of historic district. 2 BR, 1 BA, updated kitchen and hall bath, utility porch. Wood floors throughout. One-car garage.

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4202 AVENUE C

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