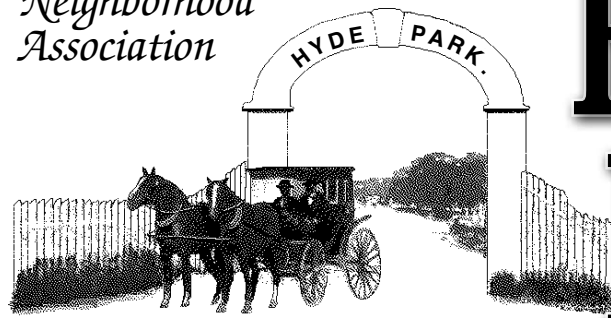


July Meeting

HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the July meeting has been cancelled. We hope to see you later in 2020.

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The Long Road to a New Pool at Shipe Park

After three long years without a neighborhood pool, our beautiful Shipe Pool has finally opened. Friends of Shipe Park (FOSP) was disappointed not to be able to host a pool party to celebrate the pool's grand opening due to the Covid-19 virus, but we are still very pleased with the way the pool turned out. It's a thrill to finally hear the sounds of folks splashing and enjoying the water.

We wanted to take a moment in give new and old neighbors an insider's view of the pool construction so that folks would know how important it proved to be to have neighbors serve as voluntary owner's reps during the design and building process.

The story begins in 2014, with the completion of the Aquatic Assessment report that documented the structural condition of all the city's pools. In particular, it identified pools that could not be renovated, but instead had to be replaced with new pools or closed altogether. Eighty-year-old Shipe

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Hyde Park Celebrates the Graduation of its Seniors

On Friday, May 19, 2020, twelve high school seniors celebrated the end of our K-12 experience in the place

where, for many of us, it all began: Hyde Park. We walked north on Avenue D wearing our graduation gowns (purple for LASA, blue for McCallum) while being cheered on by the audience: our family, friends, neighbors sitting on their porches, and complete strangers who happened to walk or cycle by.

We took our seats in a semicircle of liberally spaced chairs arranged

around a podium. It was the first, and maybe last, Hyde Park neighborhood graduation. All of us had grown up partially or entirely in this neighborhood, including six of us, myself included, on Avenue D.

With our coveted Erwin Center graduation postponed (later to be cancelled) and the idea of a virtual graduation unappealing, our ceremony was proposed by my mom and organized by her with the help of the good people on our street. A kindly neighbor provided the sound system, a parent down the street lent emceeing skills, and another parent offered words of encouragement in an inspiring commencement speech.



The Graduates, photo by Anne Hebert

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While it's wonderful to be sharing good news about the pool opening and graduation celebrations, we cannot ignore this moment in time; its historical underpinnings; and the great disparities among Austin residents, which have been made worse by the pandemic. Individually and as a community we are grappling with blatant and insidious consequences of racial discrimination and injustice across society, not just limited to policing and the criminal justice system.

We remind ourselves that this is not the time to step away from critical conversations about racism and bias against Black residents, even if the conversations are uncomfortable or if the issue begins to fade from the news. We encourage you to stay similarly engaged in conversations – and actions – about how to craft a community that proactively asserts the rights

of all residents and the value of all voices. Talking with friends and neighbors is important, but we also urge you to discuss these issues more broadly, especially as the City Council wrestles with questions

about the future of policing along with how we respond to, and rebound from, COVID-19, which is having a disproportionate impact on the area's Black and Latino communities.

While face-to-face meetings are still on hold, HPNA is putting together small working groups around a few key topics including how to address updates to the land development code and improving bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety. In addition, the Nominations Committee will be looking to fill several open seats on the Steering Committee. If you are interested in becoming involved or have a topic you would like to see addressed in the coming year, please contact hydeparkna@gmail.com.

– Best Wishes,
Betsy Clubine & Sarah Cook
Co-Presidents, HPNA



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Project Connect Update

On June 10, Austin City Council unanimously voted to approve the Project Connect Transit Plan, and financing for Project Connect will likely appear on the November ballot. The project is designed to link the entire city and meet the transit needs of Austin's rapidly growing population, which is expected to double by 2040. More than 40,000 people have been engaged in discussion, shaping, and improvement of the plan over the last two years.

Of the \$9.8 billion total budget, Cap Metro estimates that local taxpayers will be asked to pay \$5.4 billion, with the hope that federal dollars can be secured to make up the remaining \$4.4 billion. According to Phil Jankowski of the *Austin American-Statesman*, in an article on June 10: "That amounts to a 25% increase to the city's portion of property tax bills, or about a \$360 increase to the tax bill of the median homeowner."

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Where are the Baby Swings?

It's been over three years since we've had baby swings at Shipe and folks are asking, "When can we get them back?" Friends of Shipe Park leaders reached out to the City of Austin to ask just this question. According to PARD, baby swings are on their radar! Swings have not been reinstalled at the site due to safety issues with the surfacing, which is currently pea gravel. Their goal is to have the area converted over to EWF, which would make the area compliant and would allow the swings to be installed. They hope to have the swings back in service once playgrounds are officially reopened from the Covid 19 closures.

– Betsy Clubine



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Hyde Park Haunts

Special Hideouts during the COVID-19 Crisis

Well, so much for “Hyde Park Haunts.” After the COVID19 crisis hit us in March, there wasn’t much haunting to be done anymore, except my “haunting” my refrigerator, or, if I’m ambitious, “haunting” my garage while doing an extensive clean-out that had been put off for months. Okay, years.

A few disclaimers right out of the gate. First, COVID-19 has been an awful sickness that has effected and killed people all over the world, and over 120K Americans alone, and I don’t mean to dismiss the crisis. Second, my family has been extremely lucky with our health and employment circumstances during this crisis, unlike so many in our community who have been tragically affected either physically or financially or both. I come from a place of privilege to be able to write about enjoying Hyde Park during the lockdown. There are many in our city and our own neighborhood who are not in a place to “enjoy.” For that, I am very sorry.

That said, being home everyday has been an interesting experience for parents and kids. Between difficult negotiations about how to behave, what rooms kids are allowed in and not allowed in during parents’ work, and how remote schoolwork by computer is not optional, we have had some good close family moments. I have to say that if I have to be confined to a neighborhood, Hyde Park and Hancock have been the best. Because so many things were closed for so long, I began to spend days, if not weeks, never leaving our walkable neighborhood, never having much need to get behind the wheel and venture out onto the boulevards and freeways of ATX. Quite a contrast from a few months before, when long sits at stoplights and fighting traffic were daily activities here.

Shipe Pool has been delightful. After waiting (... and waiting...) for this extensive pool rebuild to be finished, I was prepared for another summer of disappointment as COVID-19 hit and thus another summer without a neighborhood pool. I was pleasantly wrong! The place is beautiful and clean and refreshing and wonderful: Swimming with a view of the Ney Museum, lots of happy neighbors and kids. The place is beautiful and clean and refreshing and wonderful: Swimming with a view of the Ney Museum, Lots of happy neighbors and kids. The city has taken a number of precautions - they take your temperature before you get in, take your contacts in case contact tracing would ever need to be done, and only open

at 25% capacity so you can keep a safe social distance from other swimmers. There are 3 open shifts per day and it’s suggested you get there a half hour before to line up to get in. I have only gotten there once and not gotten in - and that was a delightful evening last Friday at 5 pm when we stayed in the line and enjoyed the warm park and the excitement of the kids and neighbors for 45 minutes or so until some people left and we were allowed in. Shipe Park pool is an awesome addition to the neighborhood and you should visit if you haven’t. I just can’t get through an Austin summer without a pool.

We’ve also been experiencing the amazing and pleasant walkability of our neighborhood almost daily. I just love the unique character of almost every house you walk by in Hyde Park. There is always something to see, a particular historical period for each house, and beautiful yards and flora everywhere. And since the COVID lockdown, there seem to be lots more neighbors out walking or out in their yards.

One of our favorite walks is the Hancock Park

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Monthly Calendar

July

- 3 — Recycling Pickup
- 6 — Deadline for submission of photographs to SUFFRAGE NOW, Ney Museum
- 9 — DRC Meeting *
- 13 — Steering Committee Meeting **
- 15 — Contact Team Meeting ***
- 17 — Recycling Pickup
- 31 — Recycling Pickup

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Preparing for the Opening, photo by Lorre Weidlich

Opening Day at Shipe Pool

As of this publication, the following rules and hours apply. However, these might change. To locate the most recent rules and hours for Shipe Pool, check the Friends of Shipe Park website (<https://shipepark.org/pool-schedule/>).

- Open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, 1-7 pm in 2 hour blocks (1-2:45 pm, 3-4:45 pm, 5-6:45 pm). Exits and entries will be allowed.
- Arrive 30 minutes before each block for prescreening. Temperatures will be taken, and guests must provide a name and either a phone number or email, for contact tracing if needed.
- Entry is "drop in" only. There is no reservation system. Come dressed to swim, because changing rooms and showers will be closed, although bathrooms will be open for use.
- Masks are required, including for lifeguards, except while in the water, when masks are not allowed.
- Capacity will be 25% of normal occupancy limit, including lifeguards, and 6' social distancing is required.
- Pool area will be cleared for sanitizing for 15 minutes before each block opens. All touchpoints (rails, ladders, bathrooms, gate, and so forth) will be disinfected with a bleach and water solution per CDC guidelines.
- Pool will be chlorinated above normal City of Austin standards but still within a range that maintains safety and comfort for the swimmers.
- Bring your own camp chair. Benches will be closed off to prevent close proximity seating and co-mingling of possessions.
- Lifeguards in the duty chairs are focused on water safety and will not be responsible for social distancing enforcement. Do not ask lifeguards in duty chairs to engage. Lifeguards on the ground will enforce policies outside of the water. Persons not complying with these policies will be asked to comply or law enforcement will be called.



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The Graduates

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We were also joined and entertained by two Austin musicians, Nakia and former Hyde Park denizen Carrie Rodriguez, who elevated the ceremony from homegrown to completely legit. I also had the opportunity to say a few words myself on the theme of change. At one point, each graduate was called to stand awkwardly in front of the podium while our emcee read a list of his or her high school accomplishments, favorite memories, and plans for next year. While we were all grown in the same garden, so to speak, we're all going to very different places after high school. Illustrating this perfectly is one pair of stepsiblings heading to college in Tacoma and Miami, which I think is about as far apart as two people can get from each other in the continental US without falling into the ocean.

My favorite part of the ceremony was without a doubt the after-party, if it's even fit to call it that. A few of us who hadn't gotten together in a long time stood in a circle, drinking root beer and eating homemade graduation cookies, catching up on our current situations and reminiscing about our time at Lee



Graduation Speaker, photo by Anne Hebert



Graduation Music, photo by Anne Hebert

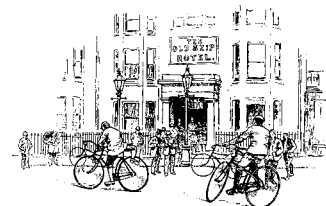
Elementary. It was better than anything the Erwin Center had to offer in my mind: the shared experience and sense of nostalgia without the hassle of parking, fighting crowds, and trying not to drop dead from boredom at all the names being called. Looking back on it, I wouldn't choose to graduate any other way.

I'll conclude with an excerpt from the speech I read to the class of 2020 on the topic of change.

"In the words of the best fortune cookie I have ever eaten, 'Change is not just a part of life, it is life.' We all miss the events and final reunions that were planned for the end of the year but don't think that we were robbed of a 'high school experience,' whatever that means. The only true 'high school experience' is our own individual one, and we have just completed it. There is no 'could have been' or 'should have been.' Only what was, is, and can be. Congratulations everyone, I'm so glad we got to share this journey together. The future may be uncertain, but it is certainly bright."

— Champ Turner

Editor's Note: The *Austin American-Statesman* included photos of the Hyde Park graduation in its article "Class of 2020, an opportunity for greatness" on May 31, 2020 (<https://www.statesman.com/opinion/20200531/herman-class-of-2020-opportunity-for-greatness>)



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Golf Course. What used to be a pretty sleepy corner of our city has become a thriving magnet of runners, golfers, pet-walkers, and people out picnicking or drinking wine out on the grass. Doing a mile walk around the perimeter, you see wooded paths and stairs that make it feel like a real hike, including also sidewalks with some great views on the eastern side. And running it is a real workout, which is great in such a fit city with so many closed gyms. There is also some surprising wildlife along Waller Creek as you climb down to get out of the way of potential golf shots.

Also, while I have seen pictures of the Grotto Wall at Sparky Pocket Park in every tourist brochure and website about Austin ever since we were looking to move here, I have never actually gotten out to see what is surely the world's most fabulous and interesting rehabbed electrical substation ever.

Another favorite walk has been down to Eastwoods Neighborhood Park. Hancock neighborhood, south of 38th Street, becomes this magical part of Austin with some amazing homes, surprising hidden streets, and Waller Creek bridges and outlooks that represent some of the amazing central Texas natural beauty. Eastwoods Park is a surprise, tucked away in a place where the houses give way to a large woods with welcoming paths and bridges in nearly every direction. And, since the COVID lockdown, it is often full of people and activity: tennis players, picnickers, and cozy conversations of people who, well, just needed to get out of the house.

As things are slowly and cautiously coming back, our walks can be combined with a masked stop into Quacks or Juiceland or a quick dinner item pick-up at Fresh Plus. Julio's, the neighborhood workhorse of quick dinner every evening you just can't cook again, has been open for carry-out with all their usual friendliness and warmth.

Since the lockdown, my world has suddenly become smaller and I feel we have become more connected to the neighborhood. That's been a benefit. I'd encourage everyone to get out, to walk, to greet neighbors (from six feet away!), to patronize our much-loved neighborhood businesses, and keep our neighborhood vibrant. This place is worth it.

— Troy Gilbert

About me: I'm a temporary stay-at-home dad of twin 12-year-olds. I crash landed in Hyde Park after a quick move from California to help my aging in-laws. Amazed and intrigued by this funky neighborhood, I get to spend some time hanging out here. I'm constantly fascinated by the people, places, and stories that make this such a unique corner of such a unique city.

Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



Austin Recycling and the Green Fence

The “green fence,” an import policy established by the Chinese government in 2013, profoundly affected the recycling world by prohibiting contaminated recyclables. In 2017, the “national sword” was announced. This policy set strict contamination limits on recyclable materials. This means China will not accept shipments that are mixed with trash, unclassified plastics, the wrong types of recyclables, or low-quality recyclables like greasy paper goods. This ban officially began January 1, 2018.

These policies were the result of China’s receiving so much contaminated recyclable material from all over the world that it became uneconomical to process it. Historically, China exported their plastic products around the world and, after their products were unloaded, the empty cargo containers were returned with recyclable material. This material was processed into new products to be exported.

This worked well until the materials sent back to China were so contaminated that they could not be made into new products and had to be sent to Chinese landfills. Now, China has taken a stand: they are no longer going to take our garbage (contaminated recyclables), send it to their landfills, and have less usable product to turn into exported goods.

Consequently, many American recyclers now have nowhere to send their recyclable materials. Many communities and municipalities have had to rethink what they are going to do with the materials they collect and must institute better collection and sorting processes to reduce contaminated materials. This can all be quite costly; some communities are having difficulty financially managing this.

How Does This Situation Affect Austin’s Recycling Program?

The City of Austin has contracts with two materials recovery facilities (MRFs): Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) and Balcones Resources. These companies process the City’s recyclable materials by sorting, baling, and selling recyclable materials collected from the City of Austin’s residents, businesses, and the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. According to the City of Austin’s Resource Recovery Department, both processors had long-term plans in place long before the Green Fence. TDS and Balcones Resources continue to sell 100% of all recyclables coming from the city to their respective contractors.

Are We Still at Risk?

I stated above the City of Austin’s position on the health of our recycling program. Even though it sounds strong, I personally feel that recycling contamination is a big problem in Austin. It is critically important that we each do our best NOT to put things in our blue curbside bins that will adversely affect the recycling processing streams. Please note the photo below. The plastic bag must not be placed in our blue bins. The metal coat hang-

er is also a contaminant. Both items will compromise the sorting equipment at the processing plants and add to recycling contamination. Here are the most frequent contaminants that cause problems in the Austin recycling program:

- Plastic bags
- Metal coat hangers
- Hoses
- Styrofoam
- Wet paper
- Pizza boxes
- Old clothes



Many recycling customers believe in “wishcycling” or wishful recycling: “If I put it in the recycling bin, someone at the recycling plant will pull it out if it is not recyclable”. Not true! This thinking is what caused all the problems in China. Please remember:

When In Doubt, Throw It Out!

How Is Contamination Costly to Ratepayers?

The city pays money (based on weight) to the materials recovery facility (MRF) for all material brought into the recycling facility. The MRF then sorts and processes recyclable materials and sells them. The city receives a portion of the revenue from those sales. For any non-recyclable (contaminated) items, the City doesn’t receive any revenue and, in addition, pays a processing fee for the MRF to haul them to the landfill. If the City pays out more in processing fees than it receives in revenue, ratepayer collection fees must go up to cover the difference.

Questions from our Readers

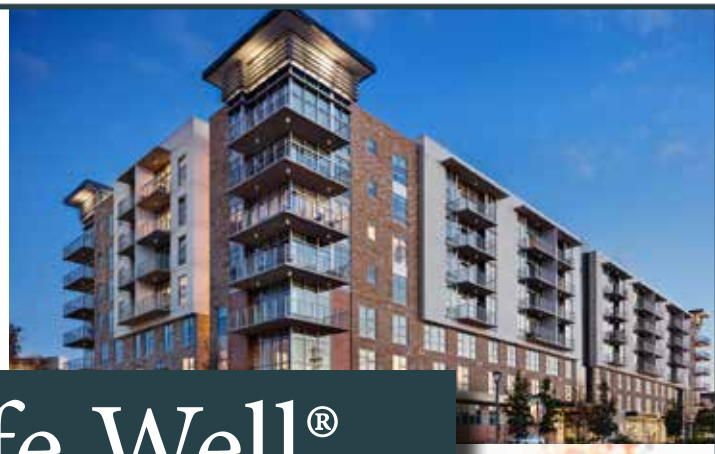
Can oatmeal boxes go into curbside recycling bins? Yes, the cardboard oatmeal boxes (like Quaker Oats) can go into blue curbside bins.

What are trivial plastics? This is a term given to plastic products that we choose to use but are more easily replaced than other plastic products. For example, a non-reusable plastic water bottle can be easily replaced with one that can be used over and over again, like a stainless steel insulated bottle. A non-trivial plastic would be the plastic syringe used for flu shots and medical injections.

Do I need to completely remove paper labels from the plastic bags I put into the collection bins at the grocery store? Small labels left on the plastic bags do not interfere with the plastic recycling processing. Large paper labels should be removed.

Check out the very informative City of Austin recycling website, <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>. Stay tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to recycling@hpbwana.org.





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Shipe Pool, Finally...

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Pool was near the top of the in-need-of-replacement list, along with Govalle and at least a half dozen others. At the time, FOSP was very concerned that Shipe Pool could be permanently closed.

That year the Austin City Council had approved bond money for the badly under-funded PARD Aquatics Department. Unfortunately, Shipe wasn't on the list. However, Council Member Laura Morrison came to our rescue. In the process of amending the budget, Morrison proposed to fund the rebuilding of the Shipe and Govalle pools with Certificates of Obligation. These are essentially bonds for borrowing money to be paid back through property taxes, except they don't require voter approval. Staff calculated that the debt service on the \$6.6M to rebuild both pools would add \$1.02 per year to an average property tax bill.

With the money secured, the city hired Design Workshop to gather public input and design the pool. The landscape architecture firm held a series of stakeholder workshops over two years to listen to neighbors' preferences and responses to each phase of design. Shipe Park has many restrictions to site planning: much of the park lies in a flood plain, historic trees must be protected and treated, the mural on the pump house had to be preserved, and the pool area and park entrance had to be upgraded to make all facilities ADA accessible.

Meetings were lively and sometimes heated. The new city standard required that all neighborhood pools be 75' long (instead of Shipe Pool's original 100'). FOSP was able to persuade the city and designers to widen the big pool by one lane, ensuring the pool had the same volume as the old one, even if it was shorter.

We learned that the Texas pool code requires a certain number of toilets and showers, based on the size of the pool. The new bathhouse is beautiful, but the toilets inside the fence will only be accessible during the very short pool season. So once again, FOSP made a suggestion: use pool funds to renovate the bathrooms in the adjacent log cabin to ADA standards so they could be used year-round. This change was the impetus to renovate the 1933 shelter house or historic log cabin. FOSP had been discussing this with PARD for years: we insisted that it would be really sad if the cabin were allowed to continue to deteriorate while right next door was a sparkling new pool. When PARD gave the go-ahead on this, FOSP applied for and received a \$50,000 grant from the Austin Parks Foundation. We then ran a neighborhood campaign and raised over \$42,000 to match the APF grant.

There were a lot of delays and bumps on the road, including an aggravating 6-month delay while the city vacated a utility easement on 44th Street before construction began. Because construction was so

active in Austin, at first there were problems locating and hiring a construction firm.

The pace of construction was brisk at the start, but slowed down towards the end, which drove all of us crazy. In the end, the city invested much more in our project than the original \$3.1 million in bond money. We got a new sprinkler system, many new trees, a shade structure over the wading pool, and expanded landscaping where the old wading pool had been. The heritage trees received some much-needed TLC like air spading and compost, and the foundation of the cabin was revealed after having been built up over the years.

Anyone who has been involved in a complex construction project will tell you that good relationships are essential to a successful outcome. FOSP was welcomed as the owners' rep and worked collaboratively with the pool planners, PARD reps, Public Works project managers, the general contractors and others. While the project was painstakingly slow, we all shared satisfaction with the final result.



Waiting, photo by Betsy Clubine

A word about Friends of Shipe Park: We are an all-volunteer group of neighbors who have been leading It's My Park Day clean-up days every March for over 10 years at Shipe Park. We follow in the footsteps of earlier groups in the 1990s who built the stone wall and arch on 45th Street and who led the charge for the playscape. FOSP is open to everyone; and now that the pool and cabin are finished, we want to invite a new group to join and be the stewards and advocates for our neighborhood park in the future. Tasks and obligations are not onerous, and any participation is welcome. Please contact Jill Nokes jill@jillnokes.com if you are interested in learning more. Please consider getting involved at whatever level you feel is right for you. Also, you can keep up with activities at Shipe Park at www.shipepark.org or on our Facebook page.

— Jill Nokes



Project Connect Update... ...cont'd from page 3

"This is a transformational project for our city no matter where you live in Austin," CM Kathie Tovo noted at the online District 9 forum on May 19. "It is going to be bringing multiple light rail and metro rapid lines to Central Austin with connections to metro rail."

Specifically, the proposed plan includes a new commuter rail line, light rail system, and downtown transit tunnel designed to make trips faster – an innovative plan that has worked well in other growing cities in the country. The plan also includes revised Metro Rapid routes and deployment of an exciting zero-emissions fleet.

"We've all enjoyed the benefits of seeing what our city and what our country can look like when there are fewer cars on the road," Tovo commented at the May 19 forum. "So, it's a particularly important conversation right now to talk about what the benefits would be of a zero emissions fleet. It means better air quality for Austin. Electric bus, electric rail, [and] electric circulators will all contribute to a healthier environment for all of us."

The light rail aspect has three components: the Orange Line, first on the implementation list; the Blue Line, part of the project's second phase; and the Gold Line. The routes are as follows, according to CapMetro (<https://capmetro.org/projectconnect/ways-to-move/lightrail/>):

- The *Orange Line* light rail would connect North and South Austin. It would operate for approximately 21 miles with 22 stations, providing service from

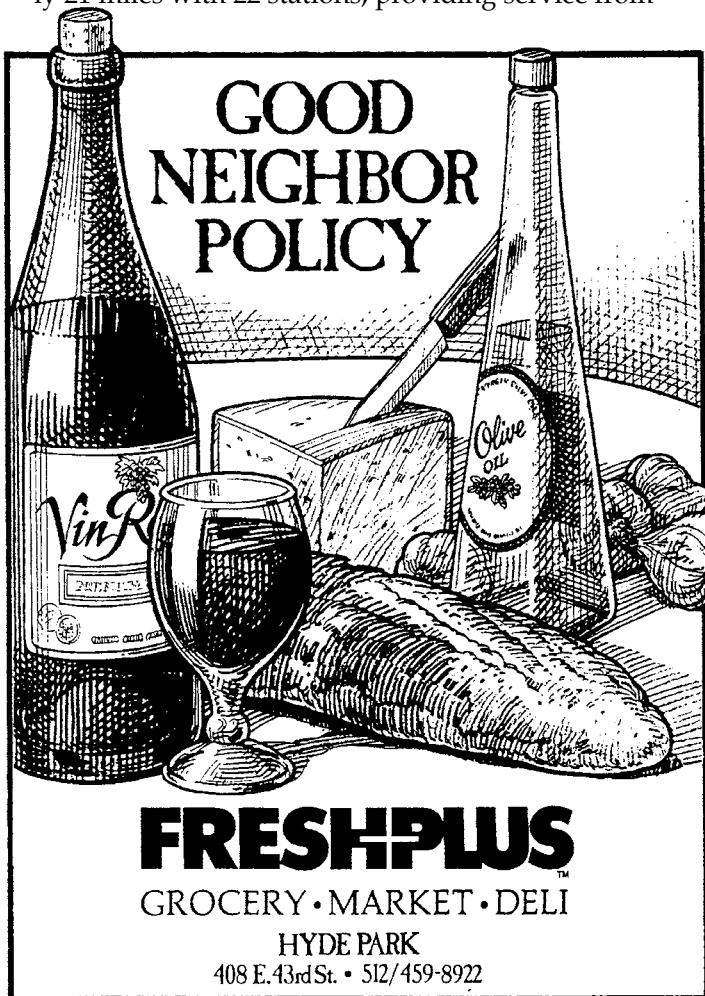
TechRidge to Slaughter Lane along the North Lamar-Guadalupe corridor, connecting the UT campus and downtown before crossing Lady Bird Lake and traveling along South Congress to Slaughter Lane.

- The *Blue Line* light rail would operate for approximately 15-miles with 20 stations, running from downtown to the Airport, providing service along East Riverside Drive across Lady Bird Lake to the Convention Center and west on 4th Street to Republic Square. It would then operate along the Orange Line's path to US 183 and North Lamar.
- The *Gold Line* light rail would operate for approximately 9.5 miles with 15 stations, from the ACC Highland campus along Airport Boulevard and Red River into downtown, across the river and down SoCo - greatly improving access throughout the Central Austin corridor that is increasingly becoming a retail, business, and residential hot spot.

The Orange and Gold lines are projected to be on the perimeter of Hyde Park, one along Guadalupe and Lamar and the other along Red River and Airport. The Guadalupe-Lamar light rail proposal has been supported numerous times by HPNA, most recently in 2016, and it appears in our Neighborhood Plan.

Steering Committee will keep you informed of changes and updates to Project Connect planning and implementation. That said, a valuable source to stay abreast of Project Connect is its regular newsletter, available at <https://capmetro.org/>.

– Joan Burnham
HPNA Steering Committee Member



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News from the Ney

The Elisabet Ney Museum has reopened, welcoming its first visitors in months on June 17, 2020. At the time of this writing it remains open, and, of course, it is hoped that that is still the case at the time of your reading this! That said, it might change with the fluctuating situation.

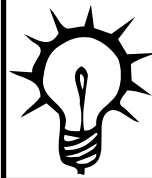
Presuming that it is still open, there are guidelines that visitors must follow, including wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and accepting a reduced site capacity. The second floor and tower, sadly, are closed for the time being. For more information on visiting guidelines, please visit www.elisabetneymuseum.org. Whatever the case might be, museum staff is ready to answer questions at 512-974-1625, and visitors are asked to call before they enter to ensure that there is space in the building to accommodate everyone.

Of note, the wonderful special exhibition, Barbara Attwell: REWYLDING, which was expected to end in April, has been extended till July 26, so everyone can see the marvelous work. The exhibition is both indoors and outdoors, and has enchanted everyone who has seen it.

And, in August, the Ney will open SUFFRAGE NOW: A 19th Amendment Centennial Exhibition. In SUFFRAGE NOW, the Museum asks contemporary

Texas women photographers to share photos that comment on the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The open call for submissions has been extended to July 6, so if you feel that your work suits the subject matter, feel free to submit it! Photos can be old or new, but must be taken by the submitting photographer. For open call guidelines, see [https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/images/Parks/Elisabet_Ney/Suffrage Now Open Call Guidelines.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/images/Parks/Elisabet_Ney/Suffrage%20Now%20Open%20Call%20Guidelines.pdf).

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