

When: 7:00 pm Monday, March 2, 2020 Where: Griffin School 5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for March

- ➡ Welcome
- Presentation and Q&A on the Fire Station Renovation, by a Fire Station Representative
- ✤ Land Development Code Update
- ➡ Announcements

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association NDE PARA PROBA PROBA

MERLE FRANKE (1924-2020)

Dastor Merle George Franke, our beloved and long-

L time Hyde Park neighbor, died and entered the fulfillment of his baptism on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Merle was born in Arthur, North Dakota on October 6, 1924 to Max and Louise Franke. The middle of seven siblings, he grew up on a rustic farm until age 11. Merle graduated from Carthage College in Carthage, Illinois,



graduated from Northwestern Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was ordained into the United Lutheran Church of America (now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in 1948. While in seminary, Merle directed the choir at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, where he met Virginia (Ginna) Mollan. The two were wed on May 18, 1947. They had five children and were married for 72 years.

After living in many parts of the United States, Merle and Ginna and their children moved to Austin in 1964 and lived at 4102 Avenue D for nearly 50 years. Merle served as pastor of First English Lutheran Church for twenty years. He was associate pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Austin and interim pastor at many area churches during retirement. Merle served on the Synod Council of the Lutheran Church in America, which met several times a year in New York City. An excellent singer, Merle sang at a piano bar in New York City, where he was

DOROTHY RICHTER (1921-2020)

orothy Richter, fondly known as the Mayor of

D'Hyde Park, died on January 30, 2020 at the age of 98. Quick-witted, resourceful, and congenitally unafraid of authority, she was a friend and mentor to many Hyde Parkers. Her wealth of knowledge, snappy retorts, and plain common sense will be deeply missed.



A longtime environmental and neighborhood activist, Dorothy was instrumental in saving many of the historic buildings that have come to define the area today, including the Shipe House, Fire Station #9, the Woodburn House, and many others in and around Hyde Park. Tipped off about an impending demolition of the Barker House on Duval, she used her car and bike to block demo crews until she wrangled a restraining order from a judge on a Saturday.

Dorothy was smart and persistent, with a natural gift for public relations. In the 1970s, when the city announced plans to close Fire Station #9, she organized a children's march with banners and bicycles, and invited the local press and TV stations to cover the event. Her media-savvy tactics quickly paid off. After a rousing City Council meeting in which Dorothy testified wearing a borrowed firefighter's hat, the city agreed to keep the firehouse open, a victory residents still celebrate at the annual Fire Station Festival and

Both photos by Lizzie Chen

From the Desk of the Co-Presidents

We are so excited for the renewal that spring brings. This year, that renewal will include the reopening of Shipe Park and the return of the annual Egg Scramble some weeks later. This year, the Egg Scramble will dovetail with Ney Day, making for a truly fun-filled day for families with children of all ages. We share a debt of gratitude for the neighbors who are making these things possible, both long-time advocates and new volunteers who are stepping up so ably to keep traditions alive.

For the latest news on these and other events, please come to our March meeting. In addition to updates, we'll hear from the city of Austin on its plans to modernize the Hyde Park Fire Station. As highlighted on our website, "Austin Fire Station #9, at 4301

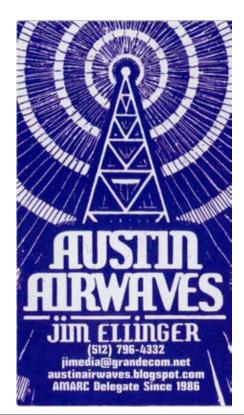
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Speedway, officially opened on August 1, 1929. Its distinctive Tudor Revival architecture, exemplified in the half-timbering of its gambrel roof, qualify it as an Austin Historic Landmark and a contributing structure in the Hyde Park Local Historic District."

Our neighborhood's connection with Fire Station #9 is deep – and particularly poignant now, after the recent death of Dorothy Richter. Dorothy initiated the fight to save the fire station in the late 1960s and again in the mid-1970s, and in so doing, launched our annual Fire Station Festival. You can read more about Dorothy, the Mayor of Hyde Park, in this issue.





After our guest speaker from the city at the March meeting, we'll be talking about the land development code. Join us for an update on petitions, the outcome of the second reading debate and vote, and other related issues. As always, you don't have to be a member to attend.

Here's to wildflower season!

- Sarah Cook and Betsy Clubine Co-Presidents, HPNA



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HPNA Minutes: February 3, 2020

Co-Vice President Paul Smith called to order the monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association at 7:02 pm on February 2, 2020 in the Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue. As the first agenda item, Mr. Smith invited local political candidates to briefly speak to the members.

Erin Martinson spoke about her campaign for Travis County District Attorney; Laurie Eiserloh spoke about her campaign for the Travis County Attorney seat; and Julie Oliver asked for help in the March 2, 2020 primary for her campaign for the 25th U.S. Congressional Representative seat.

Co-Vice President Paula Rhodes introduced the second agenda item on Google Fiber installation by welcoming Google Fiber Government and Community Affairs Manager, Daniel Lucio, to address the members.

Mr. Lucio said Google Fiber began its Austin installation plan in 2014 and the roll-out has been slow as the process involved learning lessons iteratively. Mr. Lucio said that Google Fiber has completed installation of most of its fiber backbone, which runs down Duval Street, adding that Google Fiber will begin connecting everywhere in the neighborhood within the next six months. The installation work will divide the neighborhood into quadrants, with the crews beginning work at the northeast area of Airport Boulevard and working their way west and south. He said the current tentative plan for construction completion and service starts is June or July 2020.

Responding to a question by Mr. Smith regarding installation methodology, Mr. Lucio said Google Fiber learned during its South Austin installation drive that the traditional method of boring, which is shooting conduit cable 8 to 10 feet below ground underneath utilities, is very disruptive, very slow, and very difficult in Austin's limestone geology. He said Google Fiber changed its installation methodology to be almost 90 percent micro-trenching, which involves cutting 1- to 1.5-foot seams between the street and the curb and running line to houses only once the owner has requested connection. Mr. Lucio said that the crews respect the right of way to the curb access, adding that there are crews on-site for immediate repair and coordination with homeowners regarding sprinkler lines and other issues. He added that this repair work is warranted for at least one year and some of the water leak situations can be reimbursed.

Speaking on the Google Fiber service packages, Mr. Lucio said they will offer broadband internet speeds of 1000 megabytes (aka 1 gigabyte) of data per second for \$70.00 a month. No deposit is required; customers can cancel at any time; one access point per house is typical, with duplex or multiplex properties receiving their own connection design; and the company provides the router and modem with no additional fees. He said the original service offer of a large connection fee and then free service for seven years is no longer available. Mr. Lucio said the houses on numbered streets in Hyde Park will be connected according to their customized design plan, adding that commercial spaces are different and have a different installation plan. He urged neighborhood

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Number of Homes Sold	27	25	18
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Avg. Square Feet	1,714 SF	1,817 SF	2,022 SF
Max Price Sold	\$1,200,000	\$1,185,000	\$1,220,000
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I think it was the first couple of months we lived here. We were coming from dinner (probably Vino Vino) and were walking down the sidewalk on Guadalupe looking at the moonlit Hitchcock-esque outline of the old building at the state mental institution, when we noticed a small, unremarkable storefront on our left that had the sign "deli" and was hosting – a classical guitar concert. We stopped in. Amazing guitar players. Great cup of tea. Really nice crowd. It seemed a little "weird," very much in a "Keep Austin Weird" kind of way.

Greg Bontempo, the proprietor of the New World Deli, is a local small business owner who epitomizes the determination to resist urban blandness and corporate takeovers to really keep an original, creative, neighborhood-mindful business going year after year. His friendly, warm demeanor coupled with his very high level of energy leads him to know customers really well. "I still have the first dollar I made at New World Deli, from my first customer, Jim, who became a regular here. I saw him for years." He wistfully adds, "If you stand in one place long enough you can see the world passing you by." People come by and see the New World Deli still here and much like they remember it. Greg has lots of stories about customers. He remembers Ford and Elizabeth, a couple of UT fraternity-sorority sweethearts who fell in love, stayed in Austin, got married, and had four children - and were New World Deli regulars the entire time.

Greg opened the New World Deli in the 1990s, when it was a lot easier to open a small business than it is now. The taxes on the building have gone up 300% since he started. The whole "Keep Austin Weird" vibe and live music really counted in the '80s and '90s. He was required to have 28 parking spaces when he opened, and that was about the most difficult thing about it. In this neighborhood, parking was the most valuable asset.

Greg was inspired to start the New World Deli soon after his dad passed away. His dad was an old deli man from way back, in New Jersey. Greg loved the way his dad knew and talked to customers. He could talk to anybody. Greg wanted to keep that tradition.

Greg decided he would do something to honor his father. He and his wife started looking for deli locations in Austin. This place used to be Joel T's, a coffee shop; Greg bought them out, took over the lease. It was half the present size. When the next-door business space became open, Greg took the space over and tore out the dividing wall himself to enlarge the space. After he cut out the wall, he laid tile, pulled up the old carpet. He had no idea if they could handle extra rent. It was all word of mouth, no advertising. Greg was looking to build a small business that represented Austin, not fancy, chrome and glass. He opened the New World Deli (NWD) only four or five weeks after the coffee house closed. It was easy to do back then – all they needed was a health inspection. They got a lot of people the first day, and a lot more the second day. Greg assumed NWD would be a lazy venture and they would just break even. But customers came and stayed. It got busier and busier, he hit his financial break even the second day of business, and he ended the first month in the black.

Greg and his wife pretty much raised their kids at NWD. To quote from their web page: "In the early days you would often see little Abigail taking a nap on the bread shelf while Claire glided around visiting customers on her red scooter! Nowadays Claire is attending the University of Texas and enjoys working at the counter during the summer months, Abby loves to help on the counter and little Emma can be seen bussing tables and running food."

One day Jan Seides, a local musician, came in after her venue in South Austin shut down. She wanted to do an open mike night and would play just for the tips and the joy of performing for people. Most Austin musicians have day jobs. She performed, brought a crowd, all of a sudden they had Wednesday-through-Thursday live music. A quick look at the New World Deli calendar today – *https://www.neworldeli.com/music* – shows there is live music there pretty much every night. They have tried all kinds of things – poetry, music, comedy – but high-quality music has remained most popular.

Artists get a percentage of sales and tips; the key is usually if the local artist has a following. Greg does a lot of consulting with people wanting to start music venues in Austin – and you have to watch the numbers closely, keep the performers who bring in customers, and limit the ones who don't. Greg says you have to say "no" to lots of people. One of the biggest draws has been Alex Harvey, who did a

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Around & About the Avenues

Save the Date for the Egg Scramble. Twenty-two months in the making, Hyde Park's Seventh Annual Egg Scramble is emerging from the Shipe Park construction ready for another morning of Egg Day festivities. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 11, 2020 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Shipe Park. This HPNA event, graciously sponsored by Grande Communications, will have treats, crafts, and family fun in addition to the Egg Scramble. 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, April 4 and Friday, April 10 in the bins marked by age group on the front porch at either 4203 Speedway or 4307 Avenue F. Interested in volunteering? Contact Madison Inselmann, the new Egg Scramble Chair, at *mxinselmann@gmail.com* for more information.

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Amplify Austin 2020 Calls Central Texans to Raise Money For Local Nonprofits. I Live Here I Give Here (ILHIGH) is proud to announce its eighth annual Amplify Austin Day, from 6:00 pm March 5 to 6:00 pm March 6. Over the past seven years, Amplify Austin Day has raised more than \$57 million for Central Texas charities. Amplify Austin is asking Austinites to donate to any of over 750 nonprofit organizations. The hope is to raise \$12 million in 24 hours. Go online and make a gift of any size at *AmplifyATX.org*. The site includes keyword and cause category search features to help people locate their favorite causes. See "News from the Ney" in this issue.

Hyde Park Moonlight Tower Undergoing Restoration. The moonlight tower in Hyde Park is the latest in the city of Aus-

tin to be removed for restoration. On January 25 and 26, it was decabled, dismantled in sections, dissembled on the ground, and hauled offsite for refurbishment. The tower steel will be sandblasted followed by a primer coat and a special epoxy final coating. Cables will be refurbished and new LED light bulbs will replace older warm-glow bulbs. Scheduled reinstallation is between four and six months, pending unknown



Photo by Dave Bowen

Monthly Calendar *March*

- 2 HPNA Meeting
- 3 Primary Election
- 5 DRC Meeting
- 5–6 Amplify Austin
- 9 Steering Committee Meeting
- 10 Recycling Pickup
- 21 Memorial Service for Dorothy Richter
- 24 Recycling Pickup

issues. The moonlight towers are typically refurbished every twenty to thirty years. The company performing the removal and refurbishment is Enertech, from New Braunfels. For a history of Hyde Park's moonlight tower, see "Exploring Hyde Park: Austin's Moonlight Towers" in the *Pecan Press*, September, 2015.

Chronicle of KOOP History Includes Hyde Park Broadcaster. In its January 22 article, "Forged by fights and fires, KOOP Radio at 25 is stronger than ever," author Deborah Sengupta Stith chronicles the history of KOOP radio. For that history, she interviewed one of its founders, Hyde Parker Jim Ellinger. In 1984, Jim and a group of companions initiated a quest for a co-op radio station. Eleven years later, after years of negotiating with UT over the frequency, it finally began broadcasting, and Jim's voice was the first on the air. The troubles didn't end with the UT settlement: there were years of infighting over the station's direction, people left or were dismissed, and a lawsuit was filed. One result of the turmoil was Jim's suspension; he believed its cause was his discussion of the lawsuit on the air. In his words, "I have been waiting 20 years to be invited back." To read the entire article, see https:// www.austin360.com/entertainment/20200122/forged-by-fightsand-fires-koop-radio-at-25-is-stronger-than-ever.

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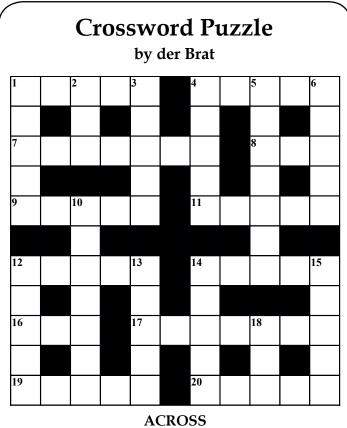
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- 9. Unicellular fungus.
- 11. Amounts per.
- 12. Slick fabric.
- 14. Hobo.
- 16. Taro stuff.
- 17. Whole number.
- 19 Race with teams.
- 20 Cyndi says it changes everything.

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- 1. E on the dash.
- 2. Asian way.
- 3. Warning.
- 4. C this for Ludwig's 5th.
- 5. Well-regulated in the 2nd.
- 6. Hideous footwear?
- 10. One had a fabled message for a grasshopper.
- 12. Uber in German?
- 13. Making annoying sounds.
- 14. Sacred object.

15. A bash.

18. Juniper-flavored drink.

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Following Hyde Park Candidates. Hyde Parkers Erin Martinson, running for Travis County District Attorney, and Laurie Eiserloh, running for County Attorney, were featured in the article "All Reformers Now" in the February 7 issue of *The Austin Chronicle*. The author, Michael King, discussed the candidates in three county races, including District and County Attorney, with an emphasis on the desire of candidates to reform aspects of the current judicial system. See https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2020-02-07/ travis-county-primary-candidates-jockey-to-champion-criminal-justice-change/. In addition, the same issue featured "Austin's sexual assault controversies roil the D.A.'s race," by Sarah Marloff, which included Erin Martinson's observations about the failure of incumbent Margaret Moore to pursue sexual assault cases. Find this article at https:// www.austinchronicle.com/news/2020-02-07/austins-sexual-assault-controversies-roil-the-district-attorneys-race/.



New World Deli... ...cont'd from page 5

residency at NWD. He's written songs for Billy Ray Cyrus, Tanya Tucker (remember "Delta Dawn?"), Lobo, Dusty Springfield, Kenny Rogers (he wrote three songs on *The Gambler album*). He's played NWD often; watch their calendar for him. New World Deli's partnership with Austin Classical Guitar has also been fruitful and brought lots of great, serious music to the neighborhood.

Greg has noticed a lot of changes in the Hyde Park neighborhood over the years. The stretch of Guadalupe near the state hospital facilities was almost derelict when he opened; the neighborhood is more vibrant and gentrified now. The culture of Austin is what he wants to keep. Keep it weird. He wants to make it different than anyplace else. "Wherever you go, embrace the culture," Greg told me, "or we won't have culture."

- Troy Gilbert

About the author: 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.

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THE VILLAGE

Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Minutes: January 27, 2020 4001 Speedway, Austin TX 78751

- 1. **Call to order**. Chair Lorre Weidlich called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present.
- 2. ASH Resolution. Contact Team members considered and unanimously approved the following resolution: "The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team supports the creation of transitional housing on the Austin State Hospital campus for persons with serious mental health issues who are also experiencing homelessness." (Barbara Gibson, Motion; Nick Van Bavel, Second. Vote: 10-0-0).
- 3. Land Development Code Update. Betsy Clubine reported that signature collection is going well for the petition drive that might allow residents to have a voice in proposed changes for Hyde Park's LHD and NCCDs. Contact Team members expressed willingness to update both the Neighborhood Plan and the NCCDs, whether or not our petitions or the current unrelated lawsuit succeed, and discussed ways in which the city's desire for increased density could best be achieved. Emphasizing that a well-defined public process would be necessary for any proposed changes, members floated ideas for a number of possible changes including the following: increasing height and density near the intersection of Guadalupe and 38th Street; allowing ADUs on all lots regardless of lot size as long as the structures conformed with other base zoning regulations, including impervious cover, height, and so forth; and allowing up to three units per lot, again if all structures conformed with base zoning regulations. Members also suggested that some neighborhood churches might have properties ripe for repurposing as housing and discussed asking the city to acquire one of the large apartment complexes near Guadalupe to be refurbished for permanent deeply affordable housing (much of Hyde Park's existing market-affordable housing is likely to be lost as a result of extensive upzoning proposed under the new code, and city staff has said they will not require on-site affordable units for projects that take advantage of proposed density bonuses in transition zones). Susan Moffat suggested putting an item on the next agenda urging the city to acquire an existing apartment complex for deeply affordable housing. Members also discussed concerns about proposed parking reductions under the new code: if the code is adopted as currently drafted, no on-site parking will be required for properties within a quarter-mile of a transit corridor per City Council direction, which includes virtually all of both NC-CDs. If Hyde Park's petitions, the current lawsuit, or both succeed, the Contact Team will contact the city about how to proceed.
- 4. Election of Officers. The Contact Team approved the following slate of officers for 2020-21: Barbara Gibson, Chair; Kevin Heyburn, Vice Chair; Susan Moffat, Secretary. (Karen McGraw, Motion; Karen Saadeh, Second. Vote: 10-0-1.) Ms. Weidlich will transmit Contact Team documents and other relevant information to Ms. Gibson. At the request of a member, Ms. Gibson provided some brief background about herself. She is an attorney who is board certified in residential real estate law with some litigation experience. She has lived in her current Hyde Park house for nearly 30 years and her two grown sons and three grandchildren also live in the neighborhood. She cares deeply about Hyde Park, is a past Homes Tour chair, and has played an active role in Austin's public schools.
- 5. **Adjourn**. There being no further business, the Contact Team adjourned its meeting at 7:50 pm.

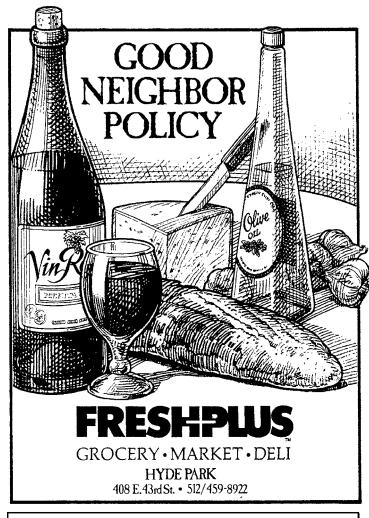
Submitted by Susan Moffat, Secretary

Hyde Park Poets ____

Pixilation

Sometimes my satellite television screen Pixilates into an impressionistic painting This tends to neutralize competitors If I am watching sporting events There is no way to predict when this might happen Though it seems to occur along with weather events It is hard to be annoyed It is not like at the football games when The chubby, chatty, perhaps slightly inebriated lady Decides to pass in front of my seat At the apex of a critical play She may be impressionable but She is not as engaging as the TV Perhaps if she were to pixilate

> — Herzele 9/22/2018



Kitchens need to do a lot more than cook these days.



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Lettuce Recycle!



Hilarious Recycling!

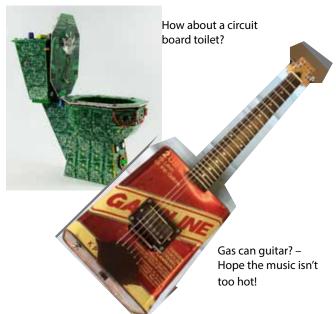
Recycling can be confusing and frustrating but it can also be hilarious and give us all a good laugh. Some people have really used their imaginations to take recycling to a wonderful laugh-producing level.



Shower head need replacing?



Need a new boat?



Over the past four years of writing "Lettuce Recycle," I have gotten some wonderful questions. I welcome these questions and always learn something new from each of them. Below is a cheat sheet for recycling. It doesn't address all recycling questions but it helps provide a basic understanding of what can and cannot go into the blue curbside bin. I hope this helps.

RECYCLING CHEAT SHEET FOR THE BLUE BIN

- 1. Nothing smaller than a credit card.
- 2. No mixed materials (no plastic soap pump with metal spring, no candy wrappers, no orange juice cartons, no paper coffee cups).
- 3. No contaminated paper products (no wet paper, even if dried out; no pizza boxes; no paper with food product).
- 4. Nothing that can wrap around sorting machinery or that poses a danger at the recycling facility (no plastic bags, wire coat hangers, rope, garden hoses, hypodermic needles, or aerosol cans with anything in them). Empty aerosol cans do go into the blue bin.
- 5. Lid rules: All glass jars need to have their lids removed. Keep all plastic lids on plastic bottles and containers. All separate lids smaller than a credit card go into the trash. All separate lids larger than a credit card go into the blue bin.

Neighbor Responses to "What's In Your Trash Can"

I received some wonderful responses to my January article, "What's in Your Trash Can." Here they are:

- 1. Plastics without the numbered triangular symbol need to go into the trash can. Austin accepts plastics numbered 1-7 in the blue curbside bin. Although plastics numbered 1 and 2 are more readily recycled, our recycling facility (MRF) has a mill buyer for plastics 3 through 7.
- 2. One reader suggested the website *https://www.sec-ondstringsproject.org/* to recycle strings for guitars and other stringed instruments. As a reminder, these strings cannot go into the blue bin. They wrap around the sorting equipment at the recycling facility.
- 3. Plastic utensils need to go into the trash can. Our local MRF used to take these, but they are too small to be properly sorted. Instead, you might use BPI-certified compostable cutlery that you can place into your green compost bin.
- 4. Instead of dryer sheets (which go into the trash can), use dryer balls that can be used over and over again.
- 5. Paper coffee cups are a huge recycling problem. Ask for a regular mug at your favorite coffee shop or, if you are on the go, use a reusable mug. Some

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Hyde Park Poets -

Never to Be Fried by Me

Someone "stole" my tomatoes,

No one asked me for permission to pick them They were green, still, one just beginning to turn red, I was so looking forward to my first tomatoes – I planted late, this year, but they were coming – Several clusters of about four each, Texas reds, It was not an animal - too clean.

Who would do that? Who would take green tomatoes Without asking first – I would have shared but, green? It is a mystery. I was shocked, at first - my "babies" gone,

All but one; then, I was mad, then sad, and now, I am sad and disappointed, I feel a little violated, What to do? Only thing I could, I just started walking, I walked the green, shady streets of my neighborhood, I felt the warmth, the remains of the high heat of the day,

- Gone, now, just a slight breeze, people on bicycles,
- People walking their dogs, light showers of Crepe Myrtle,
- People driving by wave "Hello." Worse things have happened
- Of course, but it remains a mystery, I don't know who or why
- Green tomatoes anyone who loves fried green tomatoes
- Would have asked, I think, and now, a glass of

Chardonnay,

While the pizza stone heats, worse things have happened,

I would not have put green tomatoes on my pizza, but The little red ones, one day.

> – Herzele 07/13/2019



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coffee shops give a small discount for bringing in your own mug.

6. Partially filled aerosol cans are accepted at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center and do not have to go into the trash can.

Austin Creative Reuse Center Is Moving

On March 4, 2020, this wonderful non-profit will be moving to 2005 Wheless Lane, just north of the Mueller development. Fans of this popular reuse organization are thrilled to see it grow into more space for donations, shopping, volunteering, community activities, and educational programming. For more information, see *https://www.austincreativereuse.org/*.

Ouestions from Our Readers

Are photographs recyclable in the blue bins?

Old photos are not recyclable because of the chemicals used in the photographic process. Newer digital photos are recyclable, much like magazines. To tell the difference, tear the photo. If it tears in layers, rather than cleanly ripping apart, you have an oldschool photo and need to put it into your trash can.

PLEASE REMEMBER -WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT! 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@hpwbana.org.

Crossword Puzzle Answers from page 9

ACROSS

1. extra 4. mimic 7. protein 8. leo 9. yeast 11. rates 12. satin 14. tramp 16. poi 17. integer 19. relay 20. money

DOWN

1. empty 2. tao 3. alert 4. minor 5. militia 6. crocs 10. anthill 12. super 13. noisy 14. totem 15. party 18. gin



Shipe Park Update

As spring approaches, how excited we are to be able to enjoy Shipe Park again! With the pool and Log Cabin projects completed, park users can move around a park free of construction fencing for the first time in two years!

But what about the big swings? The former swing area was converted to a mulched picnic area in order to promote the health of the heritage live oak. This will not only allow more water to reach the roots in future drought periods but will eliminate the need to trim the branches away from the swing set.

Friends of Shipe Park is working with PARD on the design of a new swing area and will update the community as it progresses. The new swings will require compliance with recent codes including perimeter fencing, specific landing material, clearances, and size. Stay tuned!

Additionally, we would like to thank PARD for graciously mulching the existing trees and replacing our sprinkler system, which was damaged during the pool construction. This will help preserve our tree canopy for years into the future. Thank you!

Because of the renovated landscape work, the Friends did not sponsor an It's My Park Day this spring for Shipe Park. We will resume our commitment to that event next spring. If you want to help organize that or any other event at Shipe, like the upcoming Pool Opening Party, contact Alison at *alisonyoungdesign@yahoo.com*. We need volunteers to help us make Shipe Park better every year!

- Alison Young







Support the Ney Through Amplify Austin

Welcome to March at the Ney!

Dlease consider supporting the Friends I of the Elisabet Ney Museum during the city-wide, 24-hours-of-giving event, Amplify Austin, which takes place on March 5 and 6, 2020. The Ney is a city museum, but its funding, especially for programming, is limited. Every penny of your donations goes to the programming that is not covered by city-funded operations. And all of the Nev's programming, including admissions, is free. Everyone who attends Polkapocalypse, Portraiture in the Park, Drawing Salons, or Ney Day or simply visits the museum does it for free. And free is what Elisabet would have wanted - it's the old-school Austin way, and we want to keep it that way.

Our Amplify Austin fundraising goal for the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum this year is \$7500, which you'll agree is extremely modest. Please help us reach that goal to fund the museum's programming by visiting *www.amplifyatx.org/organizations/elisabet-ney-museum*. Also remember that the giving portal is still functional for a time after March 6, so you can still donate even if you've missed that date.

If you need further inspiration, please come and enjoy the current exhibition, Rewylding, by Barbara Attwell, an Austin artist whose work explores the inner and outer lives of ourselves and nature. Her work is made of a very special wool felt and will be displayed both indoors and outdoors.

Dates coming up include Ney Day on April 11 and Austin Historic House Day on April 18!

> - Alison Young and Jack Nokes, The Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum

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members to report any mistakes to the Google Fiber team, adding that the white spray on the asphalt is the first step of the installation process. Mr. Lucio said the City of Austin requires the company to set up No Parking signs at least 48 hours before any construction begins on the roadway, apologizing to the community for any inconvenience. He added that the crews work on one side of the street at a time, working to move any vehicles parked on the route. He said if a vehicle owner cannot be contacted in a timely manner, the vehicle will be temporarily towed out of the way and then replaced in its original spot, usually within one hour.

The main fiber cable lines are 1 to 2 feet flush with ground bolts and only run along one corridor - Duval Street in this neighborhood – along a set of 1000 to 2000 houses, Mr. Lucio said, adding that this ground bolt is the spine and nerve center of the connection design, with lines spreading out into the rest of the community. He said the company can and will work with anyone in Hyde Park who does not want the fiber in their home or property. He said the fiber optic cable comes into a home via a fiber box and fiber jack that connects to the provided router and modem, adding that it does not utilize any existing coaxial cable already installed in any property. However, he said that the company can use coaxial cable for its television streaming services, as it has done in south Austin, but added that it is not its preference; fiber cable works best with a fiber network box. Mr. Lucio said each home has a dedicated line running directly into the house – nothing is shared with any neighbor - which makes the connection more secure.

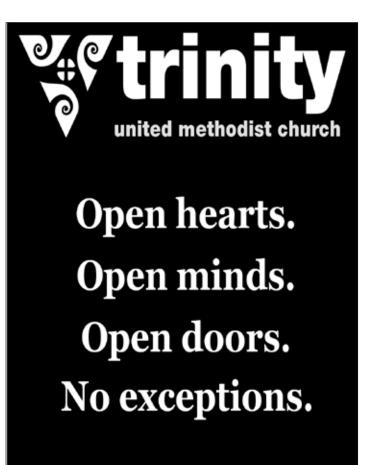
Responding to member questions, Mr. Lucio did not have any information on whether the company was responsible for painting any fire hydrants blue but did say that the company used contracted vendors like Corbel Communications to fly drones and map the neighborhoods prior to installation designs. Mr. Lucio said the blue hydrants might be related to the drones, but he needed to confirm that information elsewhere. When asked about internet cable versus television cable, he said Google Fiber will be announcing a single internet-only offering in February 2020, eliminating their phone and television plans, as Google TV and Fubu TV streaming apps are complimentary services for standard cable offerings. When asked about data privacy, Mr. Lucio said that Google, and its parent company Alphabet, take privacy extremely seriously and Google Fiber does not share user data across Google business lines, like Google Ads. Your Google Fiber data stays with you and the fiber company, he said, explaining that Google Ads usually collects data from your ads, cookies, and browser-tracking software, not by interacting with the

hardware or different devices communicating with each other. Mr. Lucio said the company is prohibited by law from removing the easement flags around the construction sites, adding that homeowners might be allowed to perform that action within a couple days after installation is complete. Any additional questions can be directed to *daniellucio@google.com*.

Co-President Betsey Clubine gave a quick update from the Friends of Shipe Park meeting she and co-President Sarah Cooke recently attended. The Log Cabin is on track to be completed the week of February 17, 2020, she said, adding that some equipment and benches might be temporarily installed for the pool party and replaced with better quality materials in the future. The swing set and playscape are part of Phase 2 of the project and need more time for implementation, she said.

Announcements included the introduction of a new Egg Scramble coordinator, with the event scheduled for April 11, 2020. Ms. Cooke reminded members about the February 16 Austin Marathon, noting that the route has changed and the new map is available in the February edition of the *Pecan Press*. Ms. Clubine adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

> Bonnie Neel HPNA Co-Secretary



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Merle Franke... ...cont'd from page 1

known as "Tex," whenever he was in town. In addition to church choirs, Merle sang in several Austin area choral groups. He loved sports, playing handball at UT's Gregory Gym for many years and pitching for city softball teams until he was 75. He was a fine pingpong player with a mean backspin. Merle authored a dozen books of poetic sermons and prayers and was an avid gardener at the Franke home on Avenue D. In 1974 he helped found and served as the first President of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, which works to preserve the unique and historic character of the community. Merle's generous spirit, infectious sense of humor, keen intellect, kind heart, and enduring love of God and of people will be greatly missed.

Merle is survived by his wife Virginia Mollan Franke, whom we all know as Ginna, as well as a sister, Myrna Turner; his children Jim (Stuart) Franke, Becky (Ray) Greathouse, Steve Franke, Gwen (Bruce) Flory, and Kris (Don) Hill; his grandchildren Matthew (Tina) Flory, Tyler Flory, Ashleigh (Brian) Abadie, Henry (Desitiny) Greathouse, Liselle (Chase) Andries, and Nick Franke; eight great-grandchildren (with another on the way); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Merle's son, our neighbor Steve Franke, has lived at 4204 Avenue F for many years and has provided excellent home building services for many Hyde Park neighbors.

Funeral services were held February 15 with the Reverend Michael Coffey presiding. Merle's ashes were placed in the church columbarium. Memorials may be made to First English Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

- Karen McGraw

Read an interview with Merle Franke in the "Exploring Lives" column of the Pecan Press, February 2014, and read an entertaining account of one of Merle's actions with the HPNA in its early days in the article "George Boutwell Remembers Hyde Park" in the Pecan Press, May 2018.



Dorothy Richter... ...cont'd from page 1

Parade.

An avid environmentalist, Dorothy swam laps at Barton Springs Pool nearly every day well into her 90s. Once, arriving to find the pool closed, she decided to scale the fence instead, only to be chased down by park police. When the officers asked for her driver's license, they were astonished to see their culprit's age – and let her off with a wink and a warning.

Born Dorothy Jean Sample in Stockdale, Texas, Dorothy was a striking young co-ed when she met her husband, Walter Richter, at what is now Texas State University, where he was then employed as director of the journalism department. With Dorothy's support, Walter later served as a state senator and in various distinguished appointments under Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter. A true team in life and in progressive causes, they were married for sixty-two years before Walter's passing in 2003.

Like her husband, Dorothy's activism spread well beyond Hyde Park. A vehement anti-smoker, she led early efforts to curb smoking in public places in Austin and across the state. Angered by a local radio station's pattern of racist comments and attacks on gay and environmental leaders, she filed a federal petition against their license renewal in the 1990s. Until very recently, she was still campaigning at the Texas Legislature to repeal daylight savings time, citing its well-documented adverse health effects, and just days before her death, she insisted on signing Hyde Park's petitions opposing the city's Land Development Code rewrite. A respected activist to the end, Dorothy was recognized for her many achievements when the Austin City Council proclaimed "Dorothy Richter Day" in 2017.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Robyn and son Gary. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 21, 1 pm, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 Speedway, with Sid Hall officiating. After the service there will be a reception with an open mic where everyone will be invited to share their Dorothy stories. It would be meaningful to the family if folks with stories would write them down to save and share in the future.

Donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to her endowed scholarship at Texas State University. Make checks payable to TXST Development Foundation with "Dorothy Jean Richter, 42 FCS Endowed Scholarship" on the notation line. Mail to Texas State University, Advancement Services, JCK-480, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

- Susan Moffat

Read an interview with Dorothy Richter in the "Exploring Lives" column of the Pecan Press, January 2015.

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Hyde Park Poets-

Wanna Be a Stone

Please allow me to introduce myself I'm a man of wealth and fame I've been around for a long, long year Rode many a man's soul to shame

And I was 'round when Jesus Christ Had his moment of doubt and pain Made damn sure that crazy Pilate Washed his hands and sealed his fate

I'm not as fit as Keith and Mick But I'm famous just the same And I would not try to sing I wouldn't know how to sing along

Pleased to meet you Hope you guess my name But what's puzzling you Is the nature of my game

I hang around St. Petersburg I think it's a time for a change Kissin' up to Putin and his ministers Democrats scream in vain I wrote a tweet About a general's rank When immigrants rage Put them in a cage

Pleased to meet you Hope you guess my name, oh yeah Ah, what's puzzling you Is the nature of my game, oh yeah

Pleased to tweet you I rise above the law I watch with glee While your protests fail

You'll fight for ten more decades Try to make me fall I evade the law and build a wall I laugh at one and all And what's troubling you. Is the way I make you feel, What's troubling you is The nature of my deal! But, what's puzzling you Is the nature of my game Oh, yeah

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