# November Meeting

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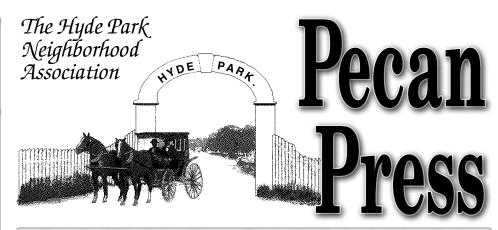
take place on the first Monday of each month, but the November meeting has been cancelled to encourage Hyde Park residents to participate in Election Day the following day. We hope to see you in December.

## An Heirloom Piano Returns to Hyde Park

In a normal month of November, the Hyde Park neighborhood would be preparing for its annual Historic Homes Tour. The Homes Tour Committee began planning way back in early 2020, selecting homes and preparing a theme, but then the pandemic hit. Well, don't despair, if all goes well, a Historic Homes Tour will be conducted in 2021. Hopefully, our selected 2020 houses will be on the tour in 2021, including my house at 3820 Avenue F, the W.T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams House.

Usually, on these tours, original Hyde Park families - like Shipe, Mansbendel, and Williams - tend to be highlighted, which is the reason for this article.

In September, I was lucky enough to obtain a baby grand piano that once belonged to Glen Shipe (Colonel Monroe Shipe's son and Clotilde Shipe Mansbendel's brother) and his wife Jane Sutter Shipe. The piano, a Mason & Hamlin made in 1907, was once a fixture in the Shipe House on Avenue G in the early 1900s. When Glen passed away at an early age, his wife Jane moved back



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# The Arts in Hyde Park

"All in all, it's basically a pandemic diary in pencil": A Drawing a Day from Edward Carey

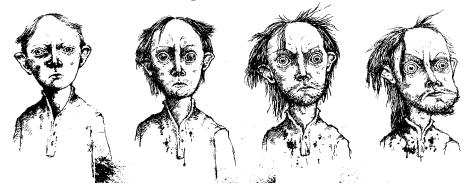


Day 3. Grackle. "Our constant companion here in Texas"

Even now, Hyde Park resident Edward Carey doesn't know when he'll be able to travel back to his native England. While he waited for his family to join him for spring break this March, the author, visual artist, and teacher had to scramble to change his travel plans: "I was in London, even going to the theatre and visiting museums. My family was supposed to join me for spring break and we were supposed to head up to Edinburgh

for a week. It quickly became clear this was not an option and I rushed back. The night before I looked across the Thames at Saint Paul's cathedral and wondered when on earth I would see it again."

Upon arriving back in Austin, his family's home for 11 years ("the longest we've lived anywhere") Carey set himself a task: to create a drawing a day during the pandemic. His initial goal was to make 100 drawings – but as COVID has remained, he's decided to "persist a while yet." And now, after well over 215 drawings, the body of work is a collection of notable people, both historic and current, real and fictional, along with animals and other imaginations. The project's unofficial mascot is a "determined young man" – upon whom we can see the pandemic's impact in four sketches, created at 50 day intervals – who, at day 200, is "still determined and still in quarantine."



Carey notes that creating and keeping busy remains important in the pandemic and describes his drawing regimen: "Now it's a habit. Though sometimes I almost forget. It's mostly a pleasure, and it's entirely self-inflicted."

# From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



 ${f E}$  ach year, the Fire Station Festival serves as a platform for thanking outgoing HPNA leaders and for welcoming a new set of volunteers dedicated to improving the quality of life for Hyde Park residents. We can't come together this year to celebrate in person but still want to express our heartfelt gratitude to outgoing Steering Committee members and officers Joan Burnam, Margo Carrico, Susan Marshall (co-Secretary), and Phil Seibert. We also want to thank Bonnie Neal, who helped record our meetings, all the while living outside the boundaries of Hyde Park.

In October, in a 29-0-1 vote conducted live online, HPNA members elected four new at-large members of the Steering Committee: Stephen Gonzales, Marsha Riti, Elena Rojo, and Syema Muzaffar. We have had the opportunity to meet them, albeit virtually, and we are thrilled that they bring new perspectives and experiences to

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the organization. We are also very pleased to announce that you will have the opportunity to vote for new co-Presidents and a Secretary in December. Members nominated for co-Presidents are Michele Grieshaber, Lisa Harris, and Kevin Heyburn, and Ben Reid has accepted the nomination as Secretary. At that time, we'll formally hand over our roles as co-Presidents.

Even as we step down from our co-President roles - and relinquish this column! - we are excited to remain involved in the upcoming work. As past Presidents, we'll



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remain on the Steering Committee; and with the other members and officers, we will continue to monitor the evolution of the Slow Streets program and keep you informed on that and other mobility projects, especially the 46th and 47th Street bikeways. We will stay engaged in conversations about a new land development code and the status of the LHD and NCCD valid petitions that were submitted to the city in Spring 2020; and we will continue to explore opportunities for HPNA to work with and donate to neighborhood non-profit organizations.

The November HPNA meeting is cancelled due to the general election. So, go out and vote in November and then join us again on Monday, December 7 to vote for the remainder of the slate of HPNA officers.

> Cheers. Betsy & Sarah

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# Election 2020: What You Need to Know, Part 3

Note: Parts 1 and 2 were published in the September and October issues of the Pecan Press. They are archived at www.austinhydepark.org.

### Voting Locations, November 3

- Early voting ends on October 30.
- Election Day voting is from 7 am to 7 pm. All those in line at 7 pm are eligible to vote.
- A valid photo ID is required. This includes a Texas Driver's License, a U.S. Passport, or a U.S. military ID. Voters over 70 may present an expired photo ID. For more information on Voter ID requirements, go to the Travis County Clerk's website (see below).
- Nearest voting locations to Hyde Park:
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  - Sky-View Baptist Church, 211 West Koenig Lane
- For a complete list of Election Day voting locations, scroll down to **Polling Locations** at https://county-clerk.traviscountytx.gov/elections/current-election.html. This website will also post sample ballots, a Voters' Guide prepared by the League of Women Voters, and current wait times at polling places.
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  - Wear a mask. Practice social distancing. Bring a stylus for the touch screen.
  - Wash your hands as soon as possible after voting.

### **Mail Ballots**

- To be counted, mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the next business day (November 4). If you wish to hand-deliver your ballot, the only open location (as of press time) is the Travis County Clerk's office, 5501 Airport Boulevard. Election day hours are 7 am to 7 pm.
- The signature on the back of the ballot envelope will be checked against the signature on the mail ballot application. If you are concerned, check with the County Clerk's office (see above).
- Voters must deliver their own mail ballots. Valid identification is required.

– Susan Marshall



### 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 <a href="https://www.austinhydepark.org">www.austinhydepark.org</a> and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6.

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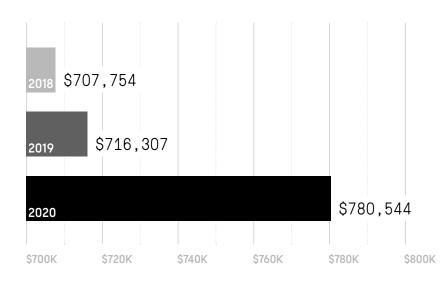
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# City Winds Down Healthy Streets Initiative

The Healthy Streets Initiative (HSI), created by a City Council resolution in May 2020, is being phased out, according to a September 28 memo from the Austin Transportation Department (ATD).

After Mayor Adler issued a stay-at-home order in March, the area saw upticks in calls to mental-health hotlines, serious auto accident injuries despite less traffic, and crowding at public parks and trails that threatened viral spread. Based on models from other urban areas nationwide, the nonprofit group Walk Austin and a coalition of thirty community organizations petitioned the city to implement a program that would provide safe, accessible public spaces where residents could exercise without risking viral transmission or traffic injury. Acknowledging the importance of outdoor exercise for mental and physical well-being, the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on traditionally underserved communities, and the inadequacy of sidewalks in Austin (50% missing citywide, 61% missing in Hyde Park), the Austin City Council unanimously passed a resolution to "immediately create a slow streets initiative for Austin entitled 'Healthy Streets' that will facilitate safe, socially distanced walking, bicycling and other outdoor exercise and...discourage automobile through traffic."

The resolution instructed the City Manager to deploy the initiative quickly, in "steadily expanding batches over time," with the ultimate goal of reaching all areas of Austin. Two batches were rolled out before the September termination. According to the resolution, the initiative was to last "for the duration of the city's need to maintain social distancing;" the current social distancing mandate expires on December 15. While some Healthy Street segments have encountered problems with underuse, traffic problems due to construction, or school openings, the reason for the wholesale termination of the program is unclear but might be financial. According to the ATD, the temporary street barriers incur rental expenses and labor costs, as city workers check them daily to ensure proper placement.

ATD says it will ramp up HSI again in the event of a future surge in COVID cases. Some HSI segments have been removed already; the more successful segments, including Avenue G, will be removed later this fall. The city plans to transition to a Slow Streets program that will include some sidewalk construction projects. Slow Streets, which was part of the May council resolution, will be a more deliberative process to select streets, solicit residents' input, and test designs to slow traffic. A pilot program of limited scale

will begin shortly, with city-wide implementation in 6 to 12 months. In the interim, the ATD will announce shortly more details of the Neighborhood Bikeways program, which it says will incorporate some of the lessons learned from HSI. Current proposed bikeways in Hyde Park are 46th and 47th Streets, but ATD anticipates adding more routes. To post feedback on HSI, go to www.austintexas.gov/HealthyStreets. Scroll down to **Get Involved**. You can comment on a specific Healthy Street or post general feedback on the initiative. To keep informed on the Neighborhood Bikeways program, go to www.austintexas.gov/page/neighborhood-bikeways-0.

Walk Austin, the nonprofit that spearheaded the Healthy Streets Initiative, this year received a Community Challenge Grant from AARP to support community efforts to make Austin livable for residents of all ages and abilities. This coalition is protesting the termination of HSI while the pandemic is still a health risk and social distancing remains necessary. It is also calling for the city to fulfill the resolution's mandate and roll out more batches of the HSI. To join their mailing list, go to www.walkaustintx. org.

Susan Marshall



# Monthly Calendar

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# **Nominating Committee Report**

The HPNA Nominating Committee is honored to present nominations for the remaining officer positions that were not filled in the slate of candidates our members voted in last month.

We are grateful to current Steering Committee member Ben Reid for his willingness to step up into the role of HPNA Secretary and fill this important officer position!

We are nominating three remarkable community members to share the President role on the HPNA Steering Committee. The three co-President nominees are Michele Greishaber, Lisa Harris, and Kevin Heyburn.

Neighbors likely know that Lisa and Kevin have served HPNA as past Presidents of the Steering Committee; we are grateful to them for their willingness to return to this position with the institutional memory and experience they carry. We are very excited that Michele is willing to bring her energy, expertise, and new perspectives to the leadership of our neighborhood community. We are very fortunate to have the combination of experience, expertise, relationships, and energy that Michele, Lisa, and Kevin bring to the Steering Committee!

Thanks to neighbors for considering our nominations of Ben, Michele, Lisa, and Kevin for the positions listed above. We will hold a vote for these nominations for full two-year terms (ending in October 2022) at our December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
 Adam Wilson, Kathy Lawrence, and Kevin Heyburn
 HPNA Nominating Committee



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# Around & About the Avenues

Farewell, Mother's Café. It's official, the final day for Mother's Café was October 24. After forty years in Hyde Park, Mother's is going the way of too many businesses at the corner of 43rd and Duval Streets. We wish the three owners – John Silberberg, Anne Daniels, and Cameron Alexander – the best of luck with any future ventures and thank them for their forty years of healthy, tasty vegetarian fare. To read about Mother's history and response to the pandemic situation, see "Iconic vegetarian restaurant Mother's Cafe closing after 40 years" by Matthew Odam in the *Austin American-Statesman*, October 15, 2020 (https://www.austin360.com/entertainment/20201015/iconic-vegetarian-restaurant-motherrsquos-cafe-closing-after-40-years).

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Baker School Historic Zoning. Alamo Drafthouse is moving its application for historic zoning of Baker School through the necessary steps in the process: The Historic Landmark Commission (October 26, 6 pm; https://austintexas.gov/hlc), the Planning Commission (October 27, 6 pm; http://www.austintexas.gov/content/planning-commission), and City Council (November 12, 2 pm; http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council/council/council\_meeting\_info\_center.htm). All meetings can be viewed online at http://www.atxn.tv. Go to the listed website for information about participating in a meeting.

### Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements Project.

Residents on the west side of Hyde Park have noticed, beginning just over a month ago, chevron-shaped symbols painted in the road and drones flying around using those symbols as part of a mapping process. This is all part of the design phase of the Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements Project and is expected to last through November. The project includes extensive improvements to the storm drain system along several streets in western Hyde Park and is designed to improve drainage and reduce flooding in that part of Hyde Park. The design phase will lead to construction plans, and actual construction should begin in 2024. For more information, see <a href="http://www.austintexas.gov/department/guada-lupe-street-flood-risk-reduction">http://www.austintexas.gov/department/guada-lupe-street-flood-risk-reduction</a>.

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Hyde Park Resident Provides Austin Chronicle Quote of the Week. As Travis County Voter Registrar and Tax Assessor-Collector, Hyde Parker Bruce Elfant is the ideal person to comment on voter registration for the upcoming election – a record-breaking 97%. His comment, selected by the *Austin Chronicle* as Quote of the Week for the October 16 issue, was "Now all those that are registered have to get out and vote." See <a href="https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2020-10-16/head-lines-quote-of-the-week/">https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2020-10-16/head-lines-quote-of-the-week/</a>.





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# **HPNA Minutes: October 5, 2020**

The virtual monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by co-President Sarah Cook at 7:01 pm on October 5, 2020.

There was a change in the meeting agenda. We were expecting a representative from Council Member Kathie Tovo's office. However, her representatives were unable to participate tonight and we hope to reschedule one of them soon. Concerning the LDC, we are awaiting an update from the District 9 member of the Planning Commission.

Other Hyde Park updates included the following:

- *The Healthy Streets Initiative*. This project is winding down. We have emailed the city to learn more.
- Nonprofit partnerships. Co-Presidents Clubine and Cook previously spoke about opportunities to coordinate more closely with local nonprofit organizations. On Saturday, October 3, volunteers from HPNA helped distribute food at the Hope Food Pantry on Speedway. Another neighborhood nonprofit organization is Helping Hand Home (HHH) at Avenue B and 38th Street. Speaking by phone, Jasmin Reardon, the Volunteer and Enrichment Manager at HHH, explained how HPNA can help. HHH is a residential treatment center that has served children since 1893. Much of HHH's focus is teaching skills to process their trauma so that residents can enjoy a normal childhood. In the fall there are several volunteer opportunities: an October pumpkin drive (creating a
- campus pumpkin patch) and a November Gratitude Tree (decorated with leaves from members of the community stating the objects of their gratitude). For more HHH wish list items, go to https://helpinghand-home.org/wish-list/.
- Hancock Golf Course. The Hancock Neighborhood Association has requested our participation in PARD's upcoming community engagement meetings on Monday, October 26 and Thursday, October 29 to determine the future of the golf course. The agendas of both meetings will be identical. To register for either date online, go to <a href="https://publicinput.com/hancockmeeting2">https://publicinput.com/hancockmeeting2</a>. For more about the background of this issue, see the October Pecan Press or the recent posting on the neighborhood list serve authored by Carolyn Palaima, HNA Parks Committee Chair.
- Speed Limit Reduction Program. In June, the Austin

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# Shipe Cabin Wins Merit Award for Preservation: Rehabilitation

n October 19, Preservation Austin announced that its awards jury selected the Shipe Shelter House – known here in Hyde Park as the "Log Cabin" – for a 2020 Preservation Merit Award for Preservation:

Rehabilitation. This award acknowledges work performed in 2019 through the partnership between PARD, Austin Parks Foundation, and Friends of Shipe Park. This project was made possible through a \$50,000 Community Grant from Austin Parks Foundation, over \$46,000 donated by Hyde Park neighbors, and funding and personnel resources from Austin's Parks and Recreation Department.

Preservation Austin will celebrate this year's award recipients virtually through social media and extensive press outreach and to its members through direct mail and their newsletter. While Preservation Austin is forgoing the annual awards luncheon because of the coronavirus pandemic, the membership hopes to be able to celebrate the 2020 and 2021 award winners together, safely, next year.



Representatives of the Project Partners (left to right): Adam Wilson, Friends of Shipe Park; Collin Wallis, Executive Director, Austin Parks Foundation; Ellen Colfax, Project Manager, PARD; Alison Young, Friends of Shipe Park; Jill and Jack Nokes, Friends of Shipe Park.

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# **News from the Ney**

November's cool autumn breezes will be blowing through the Ney's native landscape, which you can enjoy anytime you like. The museum itself will remain closed for the time being, however. Opening dates will be available as soon as they are known.

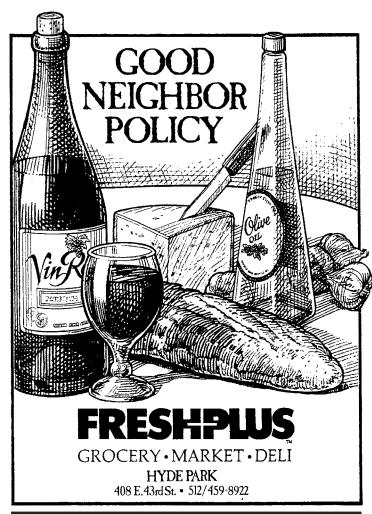
That said, the museum kicks off November's online programming with a new bi-weekly family interactive program entitled "What Does It Mean?" Each event will feature a different kids or family activity, focused on experimentation with imaginative storytelling and meaning-making through art. They will be presented live via Zoom by Ney Museum education staff. The first event will take place on Saturday, November 7 and the second will occur on Saturday, November 21, both from 10 to 11:30 am. The program is designed for 8-to-12-year olds, so siblings can explore together! Sign up will be online and found on our website, at www.elisabetneymuseum.org, or on our Facebook page.

On Saturday, November 14 from 10 to noon, the museum will present another episode in the Drawing Salon collaboration with Austin's Atelier Dojo, the realist artist collective. Karen Offut, an oil-based portrait painter, will paint a full-color painting based on one of the museum's works by our namesake, Elisabet Ney. The event will be broadcast on Zoom and is free and open to everyone to watch and follow along. You can even work alongside this estimable artist as you will be able to see the sculpture as well as her painting as it develops. Follow each brushstroke! A supply list will be made available before the event. Note that this event was originally scheduled for October 10 but had to be rescheduled.

On Thursday, November 19, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, the museum will present the fourth Suffrage Now speaker series. Entitled "Suffrage Now...," the event will examine the future of suffrage as seen in the images captured in the museum's groundbreaking online exhibition. With a juror moderating and participating photographers as guests, the conversations have been brilliant and quite thought provoking, and we look forward to having you join us once again. Sign up at <a href="www.theney.org/events">www.theney.org/events</a>. Past events are recorded and can be found at <a href="http://theney.org/pastevents">http://theney.org/pastevents</a>.

The easiest way to get information about coming events is to sign up for the museum's mailing list. The museum also posts on Instagram @elisabetneyatx and on Facebook regularly and provides access information there as well.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!







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

What was once only culinary space now has to be a conversation space, homework space, and



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- 1. Chadwick \_?\_; the Black Panther. (7)
- 2. VP (&Prez?) from Delaware. (3,5)
- 3. "Enter The Dragon" icon (5,3)
- 4. Bowler, cigar, V-sign. (9)
- 5. First lady of Nobel-ity. (5,5)
- 6. The Revenant guy, Leo \_?\_(8)
- 7. Alright, Alright, calm down, Matt! (11)
- 8. Late, great Jimi \_?\_(7)
- 9. "Taxi Driver" then silent lambs (5,6)
- 10. Rocked Proud Mary then dumped Ike. (4,6)
- 11. "When Harry Met Sally" scene stealer. (3,4)
- 12. ? Goldberg not a cushion! (6)
- 13. Tom and Huck creator. (4,5)
- 14. He saw "billions" in the Cosmos. (4,5)
- 15. Science guy who studied with #14. (4,3)
- 16. Indian PM Indira ? (6)
- 17. CBS icon and UT alum, Walter ? . (8)
- 18. What a drag! [queen]. (6)
- 19. Dad of #16. (5)
- 20. Shirley \_?\_; 1st Afro-Amer. woman in Congress. (7)
- 21. Scott ?; king of ragtime. (6)

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### Is This My Recycling Week?

In these crazy times of working at home and interesting school schedules, it is often challenging to remember what day it is, let alone if a particular week is your recycling week. Because I am a recycling block leader, my neighbors often look at the cans at my curb to see if it is a recycling week. Therefore, there is a great deal of pressure on me to get it right. My secret is that every week at 11 am, the day before trash pick-up day, I get a friendly reminder from the City notifying me of what will be picked up the next day. Here is the website to use so you too can get this helpful reminder: https://www.austintexas.gov/page/ my-collection-schedule. Just enter your address in the Please type your home address field, click Search, and then click **Get a reminder!** The website will then prompt you what to do.

### **Hard Plastics**

Austin Resource Recovery recycles hard plastics. Some hard plastics do not have a recycling symbol but are recyclable. All metal must be removed from any hard plastic. Hard plastics can go into the blue recycling bin provided the lid can close. Below are examples of hard plastics that can be recycled:

- Cat carriers all metal removed
- Laundry baskets
- Dish pans
- Buckets (including cat litter buckets) metal handle removed

Hard plastic items that cannot fit into the blue bin can go to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. These items include the following:

- Plastic lawn chairs
- Plastic kiddie swimming pools
- Large toys like plastic playground equipment

Special note: PVC pipe cannot be placed in the blue recycling bin. It is however, accepted at the Habitat for Humanity Restore.

### **Questions from Our Readers**

How do I recycle post-it notes? These can go into your blue curbside recycling bin (as long as they are at least the size of a credit card).

I have a bunch of 3-ring binders. What do I do with them? The Austin Creative Reuse Center will usually take them. Please call ahead to make sure they have room for them. Their website is https://www.austincreativereuse.org/. These would also be great to donate to a local charity.

What do I do with my shredded paper? Shredded paper cannot go into your blue recycling bin, even if it is in a paper bag. These bags tend to come apart and leave a mess of shredded paper in their wake. Please put shredded paper into your green compost cart. Be sure it is in a paper bag or compostable bag. Please do not include shredded plastic credit cards in your com-

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.



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# Arts in Hyde Park... ...cont'd from page 1

He relates a feeling we're all accustomed to - there are some days when he just doesn't want to do it: "But

that has to be worked through. There are days when I don't want to get up."

When it comes to subjects, Carev has some scheduled drawings but acknowledges "that can change depending on



the news. When I heard about

Day 111. John Lewis

the death of RBG or John Lewis, I felt I must draw them."

As for Texas inspiration, Carev has recently drawn an egret he saw at Barton Springs and loves the city's unofficial mascot: "Grackles, Grackles, Grackles, A plague of grackles. My favorite thing about Austin." Concerning the time commitment, it var-

Day 58. Emily Dickinson

ies: "Animals are easier for me. Drawing people, you have to try and capture a likeness. I had a miserable

time trying to draw Harold Pinter, but loved drawing Emily Dickinson." Carey cites William Hogarth, William Blake, Edward Gorey, Shaun Tan, Jillian Tamaki, and Emil Ferris as artists he draws on for inspiration, and he admires Timothy Schaffert, who is crafting multi-media representations of movie stars, using

candy wrappers and drawings to create his scenes.

Carev's latest book, The Swallowed Man, will be released in the US on January 21, 2021. It's an account of the two vears that Pinocchio's father, Gepetto, spent inside the belly of whale - "a rather extreme experience of

thor.



Day 21. 17th Century Plague Doctor social distancing." The cover illustration is by the au-

Edward Carey's drawings are collected on his Instagram account (@edwardcareyauthor), his Twitter account (@edwardcarey70) and his webpage (edwardcarey.com).

Sarah Cook



# October Meeting Minutes... ...cont'd from page 9

City Council passed a resolution lowering speed limits in Austin to improve traffic safety. In Hyde Park, these changes affect Duval Street and Red River (for more information, see the August issue of the *Pecan Press*). These changes are expected to be implemented by the end of the year.

- Kristen Remeza, co-chair of the Crime & Safety Committee, reported some concerns about increased property crime in the neighborhood. The APD recommends that we record the serial numbers of items of value, so area pawn shops can be checked to recover stolen items. Use 311 to report property issues. APD will attempt two call-backs; if you do not respond, you will need to file a new report at 311.
- Co-President Betsy Clubine presided over the next agenda item, HPNA officer elections. Adam Wilson, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates, which were reported in the minutes of the September general meeting. He highlighted three officer vacancies yet to be filled (co-Presidents and secretary) and encouraged interested volunteers to contact him (Adam@griffinschool. org). Both the Nominating and Steering committees are working to fill these open slots. Voting on the slate of candidates was done via the chat feature. After a brief delay while the votes were checked against the membership list, the final vote was 29 for, 0 against.
- The meeting closed with announcements. One member mentioned an early-morning incident on Duval Street involving a bicyclist and another member inquired about the no-parking signs posted on Avenue C, but no further information was known. There was an inquiry about Halloween plans and one member reported that the CDC does not recommend traditional trick-or-treating and has posted alternative ideas to celebrate the holiday on its website.

The next general meeting will be on December 7; it will be a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

 Submitted by Susan Marshall, HPNA Co-Secretary

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Answers: 1) BOSEMAN; 2)VP JOE BIDEN; 3)BRUCE LEE; 4)CHURCHILL; 5)MARIE CURIE; 6)DICAPRIO; 7)MCCONAUGHEY; 8)HENDRIX; 9)JODIE FOSTER; 10)TINA TURNER; 11)MEG RYAN; 12WHOOPI; 13)MARK TWAIN; 14)CARL SAGAN; 15)BILL NYE; 16)GANDHI; 17)CRONKITE; 18)RUPAUL; 19)NEHRU; 20)CHISOLM; 21)JOPLIN



# Piano Returns...

### ...cont'd from page 1

to California, leaving the piano to Clotilde's daughter and granddaughter, who lived at 3820 Avenue F – now my house. Clotilde was married to the

world-renowned artisan Peter Mansbendel, who lived next door at 3824 Avenue F. The piano was played by Mr. W. T. Williams (Clotilde's son-in-law) and his family for many years. I have a 1940s photograph of the piano in the front room. Later on, sometime in the 1970s, the piano was moved to the Peter Mansbendel House at 3824 Ave-



nue F and stayed there until the house was sold to its current owner twenty years ago or so. After that, the piano ended up in Dallas with Mr. Williams' granddaughter.

I was asked by the family if I wanted to be the caretaker of the piano and have it placed back at my house, where it could be admired and cherished. Of course, I jumped to the opportunity. I contacted a professional piano mover, who packed up the piano for its journey from Dallas to Austin.

The piano, a sentimental heirloom for the Shipe-Mansbendel-Williams family, is now back at 3820 Avenue F in the front room where it once stood. It's in perfect condition (although it might need a little tuning up): its mahogany wood and its keys are intact, although it's 113 years old!

I contacted the Mason & Hamlin piano maker, who is still in business, and asked for any information about the musical instrument. They asked for the serial number and then told me it is a 1907 model; at the time, it was one of the best pianos and model made. Currently, Mason & Hamlin pianos are still described as premier pianos and are still handmade, just as they were in 1907. There is a large Mason & Hamlin-piano following on social media platforms.

I am very honored to have the piano in my house and it will be highlighted in the 2021 homes tour. In the meantime, I am attempting to teach myself how to play the piano watching YouTube. So, if you pass by 3820 Avenue F and hear a piano, it's just me trying to learn a new trick!

- David Conner

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### **4404 AVENUE D**

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Listed at \$795,000



### 4010 AVENUE H

First time on the market in 50 years! Adorable 1939 cottage with 3 BR, 2 BA on oversized lot (65'x125'). Ready for renovation. Original garage/workshop.

Listed at \$750,000



### 515 EAST 49 TH ST.

Custom Craftsman home built in 2000 with 5 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 LIV plus separate 1 BR, 1BA garage apartment. Swimming pool, decks, oversized garage with workshop.

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### 3306 HARRIS PARK AVE.

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### **704 LANDON LANE**

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Listed at \$799,000

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