

November Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for November 1
Important: Meeting starts at 6 pm, one hour earlier than usual

- Welcome
- Panel on Neighborhood Crime and Safety: APD Officer Grayson & County Attorney Prosecutors Denise Hernandez & Bianca Garza
- Philanthropic Spotlight: Suzanne Anderson from AGE of Central Texas
- Announcements

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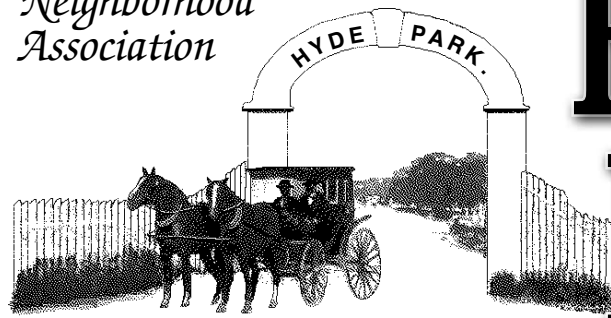
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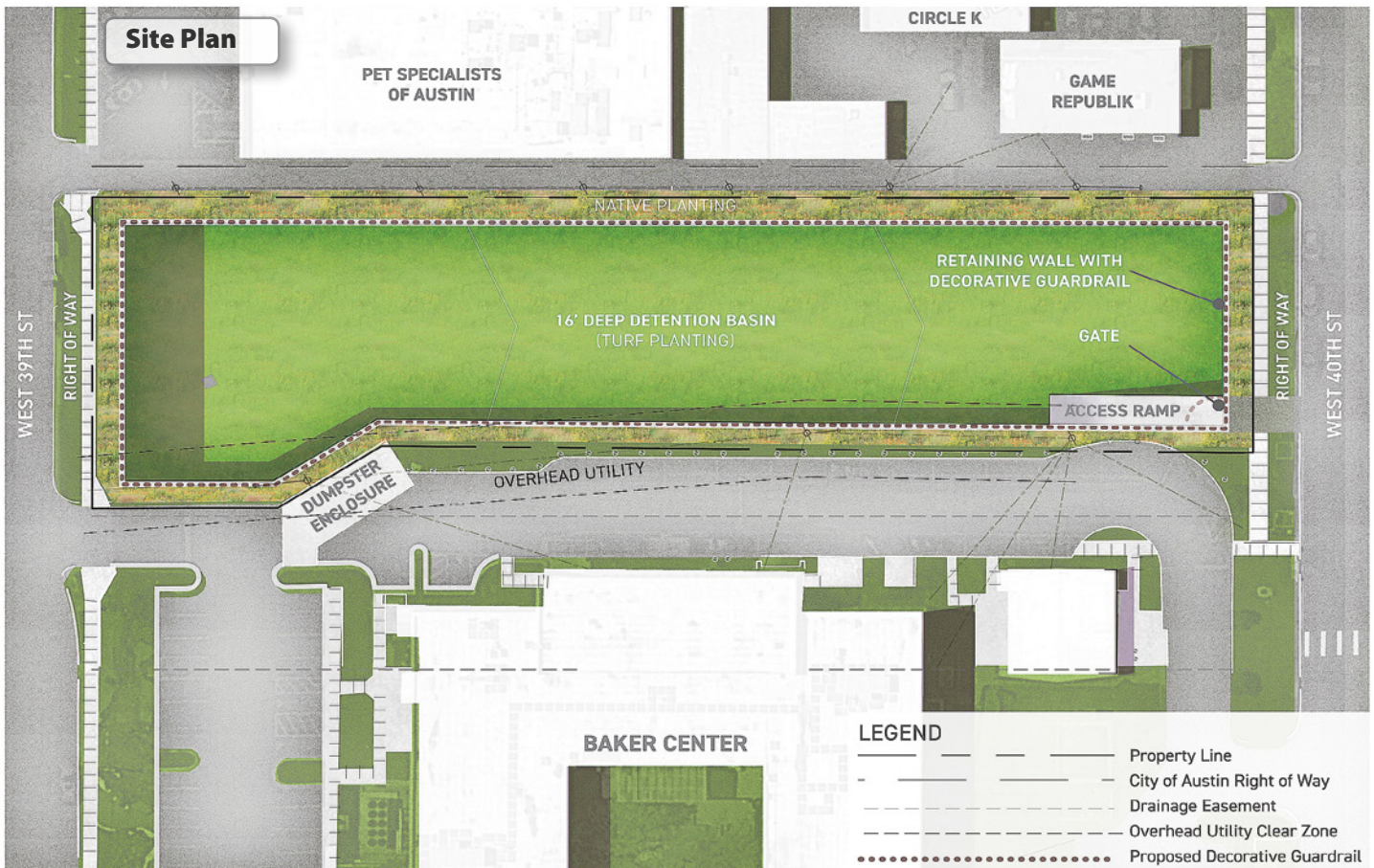
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Storm Water Detention Pond: Fence Choices

As part of the Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements project, the City of Austin is planning to construct a storm water detention pond behind the Baker Center on city-owned property. Austin Watershed Protection Department wants the feedback of the Hyde Park community on options for fencing to go around the perimeter of the pond.



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We hope you can join us for the HPNA general meeting this month. We have invited an interesting panel to discuss combating crime in Hyde Park and in the City of Austin. The panel will include lawyers from the County Attorney's office and our Austin Police Department District Representative, Officer Darrell Grayson.

As November is traditionally a month for giving thanks, we want to take this opportunity to thank some neighbors who have made significant contributions of their time and talent to Hyde Park and to the HPNA.

First, a big thank you to the members of the HPNA Steering Committee, who meet regularly each month to work on issues facing the neighborhood, with a special note of gratitude to **Sumit Guha**, who recently completed his

term as a member. A special thanks to HPNA's dedicated co-Vice Presidents, **Kathy Jackson** and **Paul Smith**; hard-working co-Treasurers, **Susanna Walker** and **Lorre Weidlich**; and our meticulous Secretary, **Ben Reid**. And thank you to **Adam Wilson**, **Reid Long**, and **Kathy Lawrence** of the Nominations Committee, who have found neighbors to fill leadership positions within the HPNA.

Our thanks to **Kip Dollar** and **Chad Crow** for chairing the Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour Committee. Kip and Chad, along with **Lorre Weidlich**, **David Conner**, and **Ellie Hanlon**, planned an excellent homes tour, which unfortunately had to be postponed this year due to COVID concerns. However, as Kip noted in the last issue of the *Pecan Press*, we are in an excellent position to have a great homes tour next year.

Our thanks to **Adam Wilson**, **Lisa Harris**, **Allison Young**, and **Jack and Jill Nokes** for their continued work with the Friends of Shipe Park. Their efforts have made Shipe Park a cherished green space for everyone in Austin to enjoy.

Our thanks also to the HPNA's Development Review Committee Chair **David Conner**, and members **Wanda Penn**, **Lorre Weidlich**, and **Elizabeth Yeager**, who have helped countless neighbors navigate the city's building code.

Our thanks to our membership chair **Karen Saadeh** and our immediate past President **Betsy Clubine**. Karen and Betsy are often the glue that keeps the HPNA together.

Our thanks to all of the HPNA chairs and liaisons, whose names appear on page 2 of every issue of the *Pecan Press*. Although we can't list all of their names in this letter, we are grateful to all of them for the work they do for the neighborhood. We will give a shout out to departing Crime & Safety Chair **Carol Welder**, who has ably worked with her co-Chair **Kristen Remeza** to help keep Hyde Park safe.

We have already mentioned **Lorre Weidlich** a number of times in this letter, but we have to do so again. Without Lorre's editing and writing skills, we would not have the wonderful issue of the *Pecan Press* you are reading right now. And we are grateful to **Rimas Remeza** and all of the neighbors who volunteer each month to deliver the *Pecan Press* to their fellow neighbors.

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HPNA Membership and Dues Payment Time

It's that time of year again – pumpkin spice season and the beginning of a new year for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association! Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30, when all memberships expire.

Membership is open to all neighbors living in Hyde Park (you can check the boundaries at the HPNA website, austinhdepark.org), whether you own or rent your home.

To pay your dues, click the PayPal button at www.austinhdepark.org/contact/ or mail check or cash with the form in the *Pecan Press* (below) to the address on the form. Annual dues are \$5 per person if you pay by cash or check and \$6 per person if you use PayPal (PayPal charges the recipient a fee).

Your dues support our neighborhood activities, and membership is required to vote on any items brought before the group at our general meetings.

General meetings are usually held at 7 pm on the first Monday of each month, unless it is a federal holiday. Currently, meetings are being held on Zoom, but we hope to meet in person again soon. The agenda and a link are distributed using the HPNA Notice email group and in the *Pecan Press*. Visit www.austinhdepark.org for more neighborhood information and to find recent meeting agendas in the *Pecan Press* archives.

We welcome everyone at our meetings and community activities. Thank you for participating in your neighborhood!

– Karen Saadeh



Monthly Calendar November

- 1 — HPNA General Meeting
- 2 — Election Day
- 4 — DRC Meeting
- 5 — Recycling Pickup
- 6 — Marie Ely Meet-and-Greet & Gallery Tour at the Ney
- 8 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 11 — Veterans Day
- 13 — Landscape Day at the Ney
- 13 — Opening Party at Fortress Shoes
- 19 — Recycling Pickup
- 20 — Fall Harvest Family Day at the Ney
- 25 — Happy Thanksgiving!
- 30 — Final Day for Feedback for Retention Pond Fence



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- 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.
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- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
- Membership dues can be paid in several ways: By signing up at an HPNA meeting or event, by mailing in the membership form, or by joining online using PayPal. To pay online, go to www.austinhdepark.org and click on the **Join Now** button. Dues paid online are \$6.

Submission Information

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@mail2sevens.com.
Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.
All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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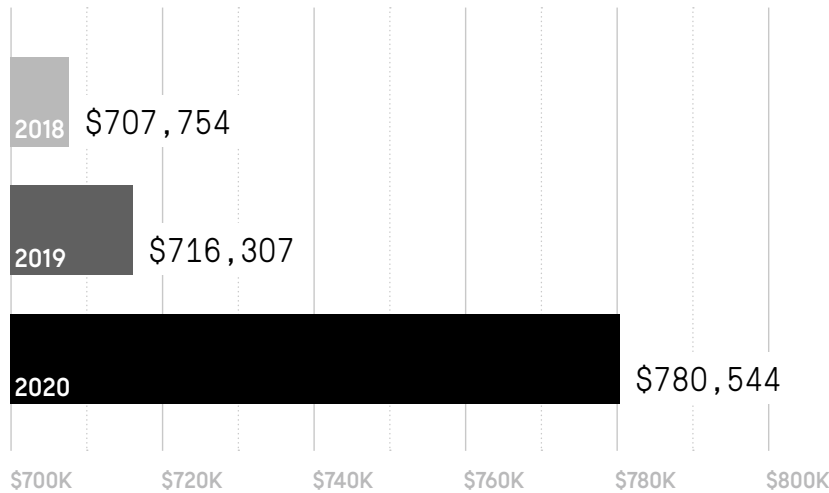
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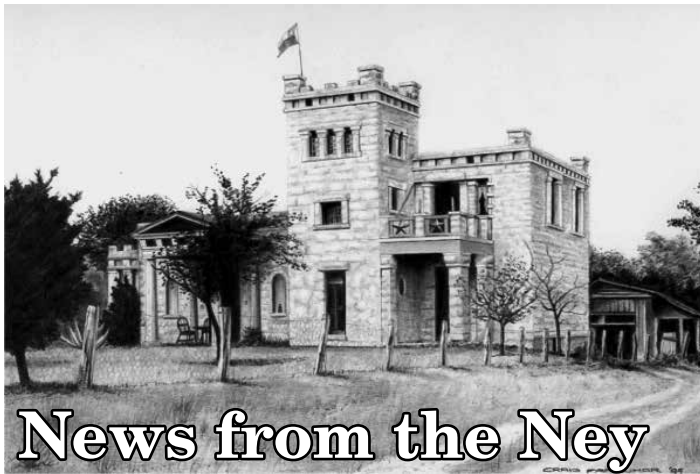
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Autumn falls at the perfect time at the Elisabet Ney Museum!

For the West Austin Studio Tour 2021, the Ney features Austin- and Los Angeles-based artist Marie Ely with her show entitled "Ongoing." Based on her travels and her Hill Country upbringing, Marie's work plays with memory and images and promises to be a very interesting show. It will close on January 9, 2022. Join Marie for an artist's meet-and-greet and gallery tour on Saturday, November 6 at 2 pm. Be sure to participate in this year's special three-week WEST, WEST & EAST, and EAST, all to be held in early November. Check it out at www.bigmedium.org/ast.

On Saturday, November 13, from 9 to 11 am, the Ney will once again host its monthly Landscape Day. The Ney's new Environmental Educators, Mino Giunta and Samantha Panger, have been holding these monthly and will continue to do so during fall and spring. The fall might look different from the spring in the landscape, but there's just as much to learn, and just as much to do! So come and learn and help keep the site strong and healthy!

Fall Harvest Family Day comes again this year! On Saturday, November 20 from noon to 4 pm, the museum will have autumn art activities and more to celebrate the season - slightly scaled back from previous years (no bouncy house this time), but safe and family-friendly. Live music and refreshments will also be the order of the day. You'll also learn more about autumn flora and fauna and how to celebrate them in art.

Have a beautiful Thanksgiving!



Word Find: Texas Movies

by der Brat

MOVIES ABOUT TEXAS
 TIDES UFN OCTOBER W
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 L E E R U S H M O R E B U S O N

[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

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

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

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

4. Linklater film 12 years in making. (7)

5. Loveable killer Jack Black. (5) _____
6. _?_?_ *Lights Go Panthers! Go Billy Bob?* (6,5)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

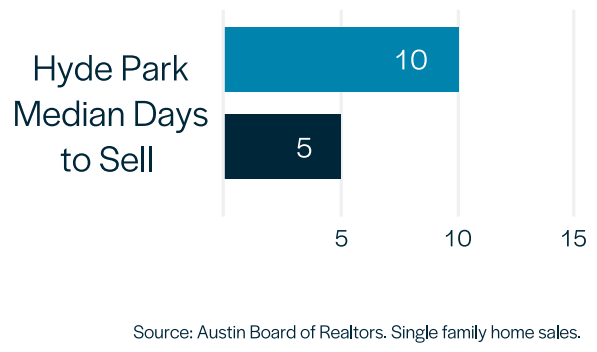
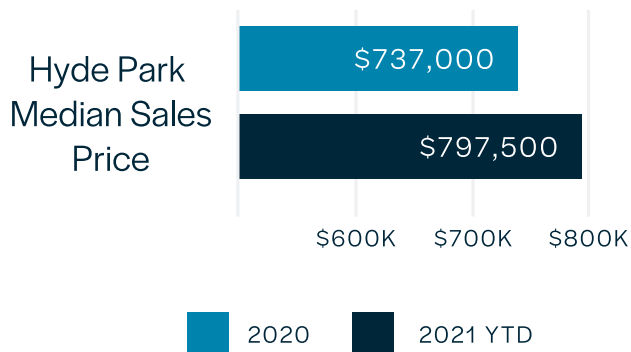
20. Wes Anderson does prep school in Big H. (8)

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Hyde Park Merchants Fortress Shoes Opens Flagship US Store in Duval Center

What started as a post-college trip through South America has grown into an international business centered around hand-crafted footwear with a focus on sustainability and fair trade. Fortress founder, Evan Streusand, never imagined that a vacation purchase of a pair of leather and traditional fabric boots from a Peruvian shoemaker would prove to be one of the most crucial decisions of his life.

The evolution of Fortress shoes began in 2010 as an import business of Peruvian boots and shoes and grew into a multi-brand enterprise including the Huma Blanco line from Adriana Crocco, a third-generation Italian-Peruvian shoemaker with a family-owned factory and funky design aesthetic. Additional products at the store include unisex robes, Highway Robbery, created from unique dead-stock fabric; slippers and blankets made from Peruvian alpaca wool will be available soon.

Literally pulling himself up by his bootstraps and pounding the sidewalk, Mr. Streusand began his distribution network the old-fashioned way: by visiting shops around the country with two suitcases of sample shoes. Soon orders were coming in from Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Knoxville, Nashville, Brooklyn, and Asheville. Today, you can find Fortress shoes in boutiques all over the country – including Texas favorites, Haberdashery in Fredericksburg and Boutique M in Kerrville – as well as on major online shoe sites. The sister brand, Huma Blanco, is similarly widespread in boutiques and carried by retailers such as Anthropologie and Madewell.

– Ellie Hanlon

The shop is open from Monday to Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm, with plans to stay open late one Saturday each month.

Mark your calendar for the Opening Party on Saturday, November 13 from 11 am to 9 pm, with cocktails and a special 15% discount on all shoes.

Rumor has it that 2022 is likely to be the Year of the Shoe, after so many months in sneakers and sweats, so treat yourself to a pair of shoes and pick up a few holiday gifts for others on your list.

**<https://fortress.shoes>
417 E. 43rd St.
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Fifteen years after his initial trip, Mr. Streusand, a neighborhood resident, opened his flagship US store in Hyde Park at the Duval Center. The space, designed by local firm JS Dwellings (founded by Jackie Streusand, Evan’s wife), offers the perfect environment for the display of shoes from Fortress and sister brand Huma Blanco, candles from Brooklyn Candle Studio, robes, and locally made jewelry from NVMBR DCMBR. The clean wooden lines of shelves and display racks contrast nicely with variously textured fabrics and rugs to create a sophisticated and welcoming atmosphere tucked in between neighborhood favorites Quack’s and Julio’s. The store also includes office space for both the retail distribution side and the vibrant e-commerce business.

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2021

Michele Grieshaber welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda.

Jessica Foreman, Director of Advocacy at the League of Women Voters, discussed Prop A, which will be on the ballot in November.

- The League of Women Voters is not taking a position on Prop A; they were asked to present and explain both sides of the issue.
- The City of Austin police budget was reduced by 1/3 in 2020, mostly as a result of reorganization: Forensics, for example, was moved out of the Police Department. Also, some unfilled positions and a few cadet classes were cut.
- Save Austin Now (SAN) created a petition to get Prop A on the ballot and obtained the signatures of 27,000 residents. SAN is the organization that successfully got the public camping ban passed.

- Prop A is essentially proposing to add a new code that prescribes minimum policing requirements with the stated aim of better protecting Austin residents.
- What will Prop A do? Prop A would require that the city staff the police department so that there are two officers per 1,000 residents. This equates to approximately 300 additional staff, and staffing requirements would increase as the population goes up.

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IN MEMORIAM

Kori Crow

Kori Crow, wife of Chad Crow and mother of Francis Crow, passed away in her sleep on September 21, 2021 after several extended illnesses.

After years of travel and living abroad, Kori and Chad landed in Hyde Park in 2012, where they became involved with the life of the neighborhood. Their house on Avenue D, which they restored, was one of the featured homes on the 2014 Homes Tour; and the Crows hosted the pre-tour party, for which Kori made wonderful barbecue. In October 2017, Kori, with Chad, initiated the 24 Backpacks project. She realized that kids displaced by Hurricane Harvey, currently living in evacuation centers in Austin and soon to be enrolled in AISD, would need school supplies. She and Chad acquired financial support and volunteers to assemble the backpacks and provided around 1000 school children with the supplies they needed.

In 2002, Kori and Chad founded a political consulting firm, KC Strategies, which won a series of awards. Kori herself received the Texas Blazing Star Award from the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas and was honored by the American Association of Political Consultants as one of the 40 best campaign professionals in the nation under 40 years of age.

In 2019, Kori gave birth to Francis. Sadly, Francis will not grow up knowing his mother, but Chad requests that friends share their memories of Kori so that Francis can get to know her through those memories. Please email your stories to kc@kcstrategies.com or mail them to Francis Crow, 3571 Far West Boulevard #196, Austin, TX 78731.

Emily Puckett-Notley

Emily Puckett-Notley, a long-time friend of the *Pecan Press*, passed away on October 1, 2021, after a short illness.

Emily was our local distributor of issues of this newsletter, and she made a point of meeting new folks when they moved in to give us the "lay of the land." Then she'd take care to put copies of the *Pecan Press* on our porches each month. Emily was a colorful woman who loved to talk, loved her yard, and had opinions on everything. She moved to her house on East 42nd Street in 1986 and stayed active in local events. She'd retired by the time I met her, and you might have seen her in her long walks around Hyde Park and Hancock to stay healthy. She was always going to church, out with friends, and keeping up with her children in Austin and Dallas; and she was a feisty lady. Condolences to her friends and family.

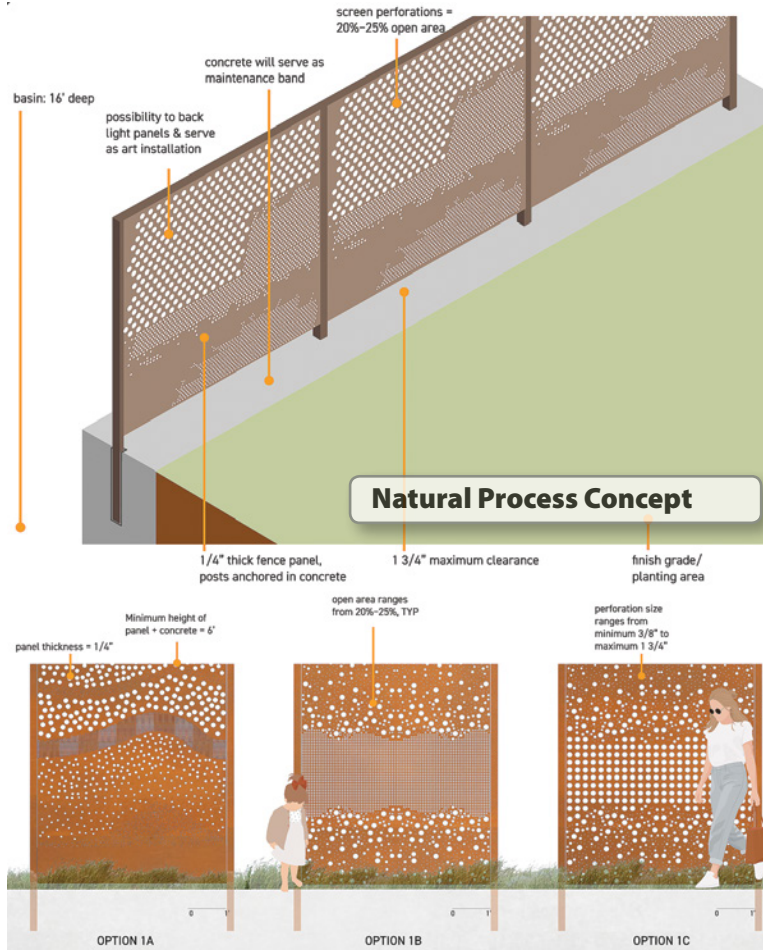
Her family has set up this page for remembrances: <https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/austin-tx/emily-puckett-notley-10385714>.

— Wendy Wheeler



Storm Water Pond Fencing Options...

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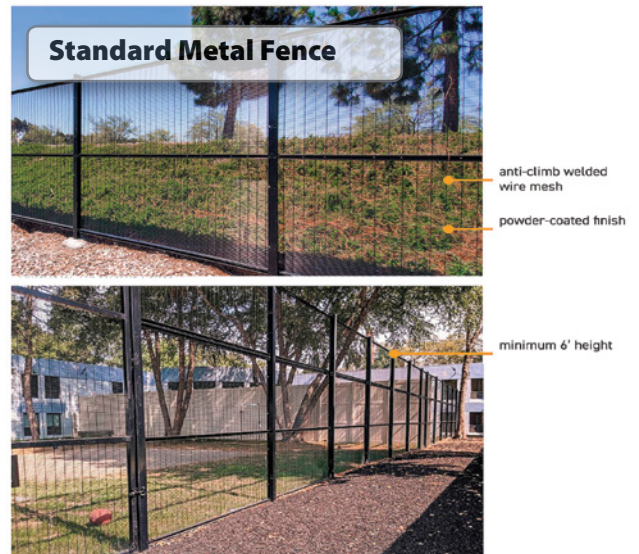
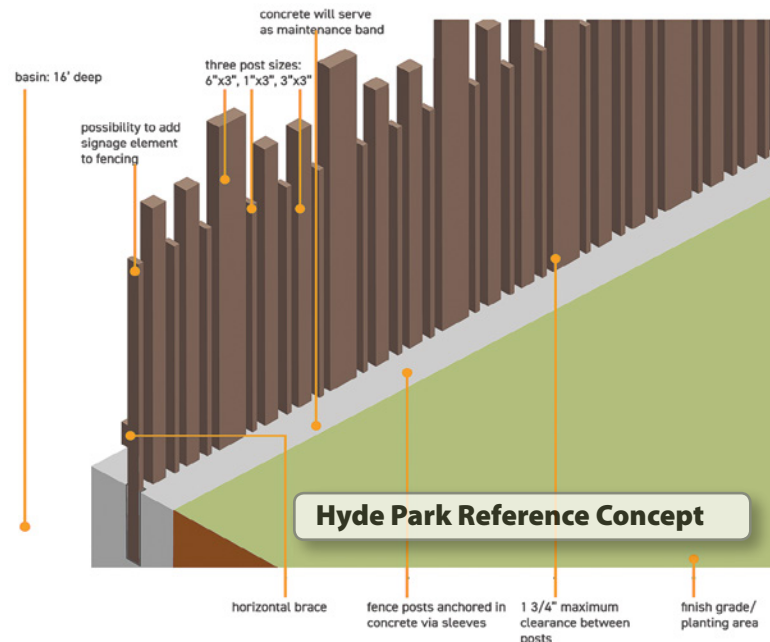


The Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements project consists primarily of installing new storm drain pipes to help the streets drain and reduce the risk of localized flooding. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024. The detention pond is an important part of that project. It will help slow down storm water to prevent any adverse flooding impacts to areas downstream from the project area.

The pond will be 16 feet deep and for safety reasons will be closed to the public. A six-foot fence, with native or adapted plants growing at its base, will surround the pond. The City of Austin is considering three different types of fencing:

- **Natural Process Concept:** This draws inspiration from the soil profile and movement of water, natural layers in the earth being abstracted into varying perforation.
- **Hyde Park Reference Concept:** This draws inspiration from the Hyde Park neighborhood and its architecture – residential picket fences and art deco forms. This would be constructed of weathering steel posts or reinforced concrete posts.
- **Standard Metal Fence:** This would use a pre-fabricated metal fence that would meet safety requirements.

For more information about the project and fencing options, see austintexas.gov/Guadalupe-Drainage or austinhdepark.org. To provide your feedback to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, go to austinhdepark.org, scroll down the opening page, and click **Baker School Drainage Pond Survey**. Register your feedback by November 30, so the HPNA can tally that feedback and provide it to the Austin Watershed Protection Department.



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- Prop A also mandates that 35% of an officer's shift must be spent on "uncommitted time." The hope here is that this uncommitted time is spent on community engagement or other proactive policing. The city says that they would need to hire more than two officers per 1,000 residents to meet that 35% goal, but SAN disputes this.
- Prop A also mandates additional training requirements for officers, calls for additional compensation to be given to multilingual officers, establishes merit programs for high performers, and has a few other provisions.
- As of 2019, Austin had 1.9 officers per 1,000 residents. In total, there are currently 1,800 officer positions, of which 1,650 are filled. The police budget is 38.4% of the city's 1.2 billion budget.
- What do supporters of Prop A say? Crime is high due to police staffing crisis.
- What do opponents of Prop A say? This will pull money from other important services (firefighters, EMS, libraries, and so forth) and could result in layoffs in other areas of the city.
- 9 out of 10 council members and the mayor are against Prop A.
- What to consider when making your decision: Who should make the budget decisions? Will increased policing reduce crime? Will an increase in police funding mean a decrease in funding for other groups?
- Interestingly, studies show that the increase in homicides in Austin and other cities across the country are not tied to the number of police per residents.
- From Council Member Kathie Tovo: *Fiscal Analysis of 2.0 Officers Per 1,000 Ballot Petition*, a memo from the City's Chief Financial Officer Ed Van Eenoo that addresses the costs (known and unknown) of this ballot proposition, can be accessed at <http://austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=365354>.
- Here is an additional resource related to eight Texas constitutional amendments that are also on the ballot in November: https://www.lwoaustin.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=334869&module_id=475417.

Karen Saadeh and Adam Wilson facilitated a vote for three Steering Committee positions and 2 officer positions within the HPNA.

- Adam Wilson announced five candidates on the slate tonight.
- Paul Smith's term as Vice President of HPNA is up for reelection, and he has volunteered to continue his role, so he will be up for election tonight.
- Lorre Weidlich's term as co-Treasurer is also up for reelection.

- Katie Turner's term as a Steering Committee Member has ended and she will also be up for reelection tonight.
- Sumit Guha and Elena Rojo are rolling off the Steering Committee, which opens up two new Steering Committee membership opportunities. Thank you to Sumit and Elena for their service on the Steering Committee and to the neighborhood!
- Chris Wooster and Brendan Wittstruck are being nominated to fill the positions vacated by Sumit and Elena. Brendan and Chris each gave an overview of themselves; they are both Hyde Park residents and excited about the opportunity to serve on the HPNA Steering Committee.
- Karen and Adam put the five candidates' names into the Zoom chat for the membership to vote on, and members cast their votes.
- Membership cast 24 votes to reelect Paul, Lorre, and Katie and to add Brendan and Chris to the Steering Committee. There were 0 votes in opposition and 0 abstentions.
- Congratulations to new and returning members of the HPNA!

Rebeka McKay, a Supervising Engineer with the city's Watershed Protection Department, and Kim Patak, an engineer with the design firm Freese and Nichols, gave a presentation on the Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvement Project.

- The presentation discussed the flooding issues that have occurred on and around Avenue A and Guadalupe and what the city is doing to remediate these issues.
- This type of flooding is classified as a localized flooding issue; this means it is not adjacent to a creek or waterway.
- This project will affect curb gutters, inlets, and underground pipes that ultimately flow to the creek.
- The storm system under improvement was built in 1928 and generally follows Avenue A to Hemphill Branch at West 33rd Street.
- 28,000 linear feet of storm drains will be upgraded; improvements will be made to the ponds at The Triangle and Central Park; and a detention pond will be added to the space behind Baker School.
- These improvements won't solve all the flooding issues, but the chance of future flooding will be greatly reduced.
- The surface detention pond that will be added just west of the Baker School building will be 16 feet deep with vertical walls. The pond will be closed to the public and will be surrounded by a six-foot perimeter fence. This will be a dry facility most days and will hold water no longer than 24 hours after a rain event.

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- Some design options for the type of fence that will surround the site were presented. The project will do its best to make sure the design selected for this project will work with the historic nature of our neighborhood.
- A portion of Adams Hemphill Park is also going to be used as a detention pond, but as a benefit the basketball court and other recreation facilities in the park will be renovated.
- Easement acquisition will begin in 2022 and 2023; design and permitting will be finalized in 2023; and construction will begin in 2024.
- A member asked how things like frisbees and animals can be retrieved if they get into the space. There will be an access gate, but the public will have to call Austin Watershed to retrieve items. Animals that get into the pond should be able to get out the same way they got in.
- Parking on Avenue B might be temporarily disturbed during construction, but none will be permanently eliminated.
- To see the presentation, access <https://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/flood/WLR-Guadalupe-presentation-100421.pdf>. For more information, access the HPNA website (austinhdepark.org), which includes a survey that allows you to weigh in on the type of fence you would like to see surrounding the pond.

David Butts, a political consultant, gave a short presentation on the proposed reconfiguration of the City of Austin council districts.

- An independent redistricting committee has come forth with a redistricting plan that should be finalized in November.
- Our district (district 9) will ultimately be similar to what currently exists. The biggest change to our district is that Clarksville was removed and added to district 10. Another notable change is the addition of approximately 1/3 of the Zilker neighborhood (from Lamar to Kinney) to district 9.
- David's overall assessment is that there are not a lot of changes, and Hyde Park should be largely unaffected. He said district 9 has a nice mix of young as well as established voters.
- The city's goal is for each district to be roughly the same size with 94,000 to 99,000 residents per district.
- To see the size of each district, access this link to an *Austin American-Statesman* article: <https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2021/09/08/austin-city-council-redistricting-preliminary-map-shows-district-changes/5775737001/>.

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by Dena Houston



Fall Recycling

Fall is a great time in Austin! The temperature is no longer 100°+ each day and there's an energizing coolness in the air. That coolness gets us back outside and away from our air-conditioned homes, working in the yard, visiting with neighbors, or just enjoying the change of season.



What does fall have to do with recycling? In November, the leaves begin to fall. It is a great time to recycle those leaves rather than send them to the landfill. Here are some ideas for leaf recycling.

Use Shredded Leaves as Mulch

Shredded leaves make the best garden mulch! Many home lawnmowers and yard service mowers have a grass and leaf shredder. As the leaves break down, they add compost to the beds without having to buy bags of compost. Great fall reuse!

Start a Compost Pile

Even though we all have curbside composting, a backyard compost pile can provide nutrient-enriched soil to our own garden beds. Composting can be easy and fun. For a home composting fact sheet, see <https://www.austintexas.gov/homecompostguide>.

What Happens to the Leaves We Set Out at the Curb?

- Plastic bags of leaves left at the curb are collected as trash and the customer is charged \$9.60 + tax per bag.
- Leaves placed in the green curbside compost collection bin, paper leaf bags, and our own garbage cans are collected by the City at no charge and the contents become compost.
- Leaves that lawn services collect are often put into plastic bags and carted off to the landfill. So much for Zero Waste!

Are there things we can do if we use a lawn service and the lawn service uses the plastic bags that are sent to the landfill? Yes! Ask your lawn service to use the paper bags and leave them at your curb for pickup. The argument can be made that this saves the lawn service the drive to the landfill and the cost to dump the leaves.

Question from a Reader

How do I recycle bottles of lotion and creams that I cannot clean out? Bottles and tubes of lotions, shampoo, conditioner, and so forth can go to the Recycle & Reuse Drop Off Center. These items (even if partially full) will go into their free reuse store. Many homeless people come to this store to get items they need. Any items that are not used are sent to their hazardous materials area and disposed of properly. If going to the RRDOC isn't an option, these bottles must go 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@hpbwba.org.

Around & About the Avenues

Hope Food Pantry Needs Canned Corn Donations. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is hosting a canned food drive for the HOPE Food Pantry. Specifically, the HOPE Food Pantry needs 800 cans of corn for their patrons this holiday season. If you can donate, please do. The drop-off location is 4208 Avenue B. Place the cans of corn in the designated section on the front porch. This food drive will continue until the end of 2021. Thank you very much for your donations!
— Marsha Riti



Alert: October 31 Motor Bike Rally in Hyde Park Alleys. Hyde Park has been alerted to a motorbike rally that will take place on Halloween day. Organized by Houston groups Mini Moto and MotoManTooth, this so-called Alley Cat Scramble is set to begin in South Austin (2209 South Congress Avenue) at 1 pm and make its way through the alleys of our city and possibly through Hyde Park (no planned route has been advertised). Neighbors might remember the last one, which took place in May. While these events are deemed "all in good fun," several area residents witnessed the riders' lack of regard for traffic laws (running red lights, not stopping at intersections, speeding) and were concerned someone would get hurt. We have reached out to APD to request an increased police presence, but have not yet heard back. We wanted to alert Hyde Park residents to be aware and stay safe on our streets.

— Kristen Remeza

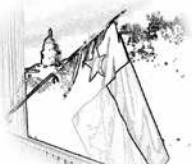
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Announcements

- Kevin Heyburn announced that there are plans in the works for a possible event in November to honor Stan Kozinski's contributions to the neighborhood. Dates for the event will be announced in the next *Pecan Press*. There might be some other events over the holidays, but they will be largely dependent on the status of the pandemic.
- Lisa Harris announced that the next general meeting will begin one hour earlier than usual and will include APD staff and city prosecutors. If you have questions about specific cases, follow this link to a survey to submit in advance any questions about open cases or police actions so the guest speakers can research them prior to the presentation: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQYSS96>.

Michele thanked the presenters and attendees for participating and adjourned the meeting.

— Submitted by Ben Reid
HPNA Secretary



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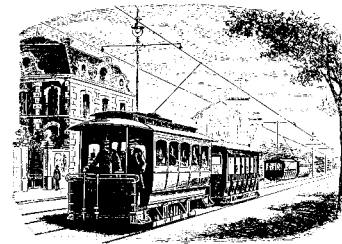
Haiku

Fall Texas Morning

Green leaves, blue sky, woodpecker

Brightness everywhere

— Paulette Delahoussaye



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- 1)THE SEARCHERS; 2)HIGH WATER;
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- 7)COUNTRY; 8)PARIS, TEXAS;
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From the Co-Presidents...

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During this month we will join other Americans to celebrate Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. These great holidays give us the opportunity to give thanks for our country and the brave women and men who have served and defended it. We hope you all have a happy Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving and a safe November.

See you at HPNA's general meeting.

— Michele Grieshaber
Lisa Harris
Kevin Heyburn
HPNA Co-Presidents

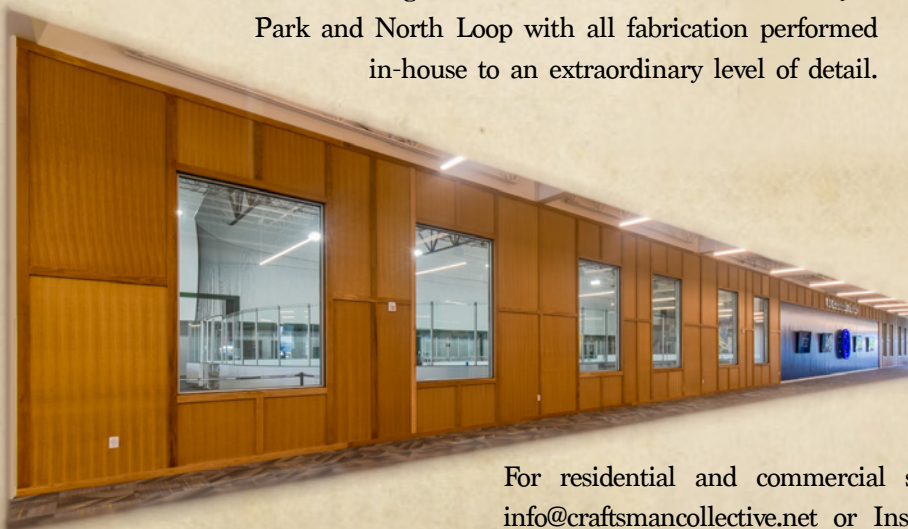



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