

October Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, October 7, 2019

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for October

- Welcome
- Vote on Officers & Steering Committee Members
- Discussion of Release of Land Development Code Draft and Map
- Possible Vote on Land Development Code Resolution (Text to be distributed on HPNA Notice List prior to meeting)
- Announcements

Attend Upcoming LDC Meetings

See the list on the right.

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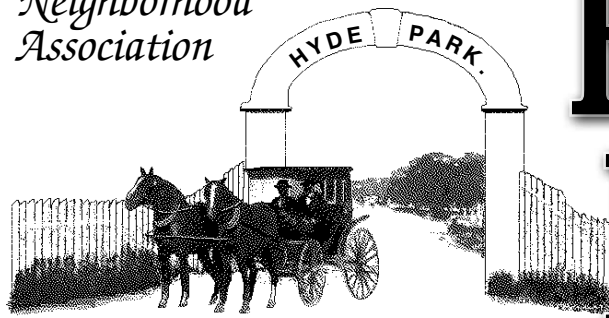
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Speak at Public Hearings of the Planning Commission & City Council

If you would like to speak at Planning Commission, City Council, or both, there are kiosks on the ground floor of City Hall where you can sign up to speak on the land development code agenda item. You must complete this electronic registration in person, but you can do so starting at 12 pm on the Monday before the City Council Meeting all the way through the start of the meeting itself. Signing up at the kiosks, even if you are unsure if you would like to speak or will be able to attend the meeting, allows you to register your position (for or against) on the topic. If you do choose to speak, speaker time varies, but will likely be limited to a few minutes. If you sign up and wish to donate your time to a neighbor, you can do so – but you must be present when that person is called to speak.

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Association*



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The Land Development Code Rewrite: What Can YOU Do to Make Your Thoughts Known?

City Staff will release the draft land development code and associated maps on October 4. Here's what you can do to take action.

Reach Out to Neighbors & Friends

- Tell your neighbors about the code rewrite and bring them to a meeting!
- Reach out to friends in other council districts (some of whom might live on corridors or in potential transition zones and not know it!) and ask them to contact their council person.

Development Code Rewrite: Mark Your Calendars!

Release of Draft Code and Maps

Friday, October 4, 2019. See the LDC website at <http://austintexas.gov/LDC>.

HPNA & District 9 Events

- Monday, October 7, 7-9 pm, HPNA General Meeting with discussion and potential vote on draft LDC and associated map, Griffin School, 5001 Evans.
- Thursday, October 10, 7-9 pm, District 9 Town Hall with City of Austin LDC Revision Team, Council Chambers at City Hall.
- Tuesday, October 15, 7-9 pm, Joint Neighborhood Association (HPNA, Hancock, NUNA, North Loop, and others) meeting with Mayor Adler on LDC, Trinity Church, 4001 Speedway.
- Monday, October 21, 7 pm, Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team meeting devoted to LDC, Trinity Church, 4001 Speedway.

Open Sessions with LDC Team

Austin's LDC Revision Team will host public events for community members following the draft code and map release on October 4. While locations and event format are still being finalized, the team has confirmed the following dates and times for two public events:

- Saturday, October 19, 10 am-2 pm, location TBA.
- Wednesday, October 23, 3-8 pm, location TBA.

The team is also still planning for office hours and a public testing event in October, with more details to follow.

Planning Commission & City Council Meetings

- October 26, time TBD, Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall.
- December, date and time TBD, City Council Hearings, City Hall.

From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



Neighbors,

Civic engagement and public participation have helped make Hyde Park what it is today. The saving of Fire Station #9 – which we will celebrate on Sunday, October 20 at the Fire Station Festival – is just one example of how a group of passionate and committed residents can make a difference.

More than ever, we need to be actively engaged in the evolution of our community. By the time this newsletter reaches your doorstep, the land development code staff will have released the draft code and map for all of Austin, including Hyde Park. However you feel about the details and direction of the plan, it's important that you make your voice heard. To this end, we have published a list of important meetings and public open houses related to the draft code.

It is our understanding that neighborhoods can offer alternative plans for achieving the density and affordability goals of the new code and map. Our October membership meeting will be dedicated

to an overview of the plans for Hyde Park, specific action steps and recommendations of the Steering Committee, and a vote on our initial response to the City. Given the limited window for public input and the incredibly compressed timeframe that Council has recommended, we must act quickly to respond. Given the tremendous participation at monthly meetings and your willingness to learn alongside us, we do not doubt that we are up to the challenge.

Please join us on Monday, October 7 for our monthly membership meeting and on Sunday, October 20 at 3:30 pm for the opening parade of the Fire Station Festival at Shipe Park – both great ways to continue our tradition of engagement and participation. And mark your calendars for

Sunday, November 10, 11 am to 5 pm, for the Annual Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour. See you around the neighborhood.

– Betsy and Sarah



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Steering Committee Nominations and Vote

Every summer, the HPNA Nominating Committee works to recruit neighbors who are actively involved in community building and who are willing to step into a leadership role in the neighborhood association. In putting together a slate of candidates for HPNA Steering Committee, our goal is to keep HPNA welcoming, inclusive, respectful, and transparent. The nominees we are submitting this year are committed to those shared goals.

Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate of candidates to serve full two-year terms on the HPNA Steering Committee starting in October:

- Co-President: Betsy Clubine
- Co-Vice-President: Paul Smith
- Co-Treasurer: Lorre Weidlich
- At-Large Member: Ben Reid
- At-Large Member: Kathy Jackson
- At-Large Member: Sumit Guha

We are grateful to these wonderful people who are willing to do the work of our neighborhood association and to build the sense of community here in Hyde Park!

As we bring these new members onto the Steering Committee, we also want to thank our outgoing members, who have provided thoughtful and supportive leadership during their terms on the Steering Committee:

- Artie Gold
- Charlie Sawtelle
- Kevin Heyburn
- Lisa Harris

Thanks to Artie, Charlie, Kevin, and Lisa for their service to our community!

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

Fire Station Festival

On October 20, join us for the 2019 Fire Station Festival, one of HPNA's beloved traditions. Our grand parade will once again be led by Engine 9 and joined by the McCallum Drum Line. The procession assembles at Shipe Park at 3:30 pm; come in costume!



Once we arrive at the Fire Station, kids of all ages will enjoy loads of activities with fun prizes, live music, and treats provided by neighborhood businesses. The party runs from 4 to 6 pm. Special thanks to Grande Communications for sponsoring the event, our dedicated event committee, and those neighbors who sign up to volunteer for the event! If that's you, please email cooksicle@gmail.com. We'll set you up with a slot guarding the parade route (only a 15 minute responsibility!) or assisting for an hour at one of the festival stations. We look forward to seeing you!

Membership Information

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

Submission Information

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

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Notify me by email of HPNA meetings & events _____

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	2016	2017	2018
NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	31	31	31
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$623,514	\$595,595	\$689,967
AVERAGE SQ FT	2,079	1,699	1,829
MAX PRICE SOLD	\$1,150,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,250,000
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	9 DAYS	14 DAYS	9 DAYS

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Elisabet Ney Museum Competing for National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant

The Elisabet Ney Museum is one of 20 applicants (out of 180) approved to compete for up to \$200,000 in grant funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Ney is the only museum in the Southwest to be approved. The National Trust will grant \$2M to the finalist organizations that receive the most online votes from supporters during the contest period, September 24 through October 29.

The Ney's campaign, Through These Doors, focuses on inclusion because this grant is timed to the centennial of the 19th Amendment, granting women's right to vote, and it ties into Elisabet's life as an independent woman, an immigrant, and an outsider. Proceeds from the grant will be used for much-needed preservation of the museum's doors, windows, and HVAC system.

Top vote-getters will get up to \$150,000 grants, with the possibility of an additional \$50,000 if the applicant gets the most onsite votes on a designated day. The Ney has selected October 27, the day of its annual Polkapocalypse, as its onsite voting day. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Polkapocalypse and vote for the Ney onsite on that day.

Voting rules are as follows:

- You must have a valid email address.
- There is no age limitation for voters.
- To vote, go to <http://voteyourmainstreet.org/Austin>.
- You may cast up to 5 votes per day.
- Votes cast in person during onsite voting day – for the Ney, October 27, during Polkapocalypse – count as five votes each.

The HPNA is serving as a community partner for the Ney, lending its name and endorsement to the Ney's campaign. Vote early! Vote often! Attend the Polkapocalypse and vote onsite. Your votes will support one of Hyde Park's greatest treasures, its beloved Elisabet Ney Museum.

– Jack Nokes

Contact Team to Discuss Land Development Code Draft

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (HPNPCT) will meet on October 21 at 7 pm at Trinity Church on Speedway. The meeting will be devoted to a discussion and possible vote on the draft of the land development code, which is due for release on October 4.

What is a contact team? Every neighborhood (or cluster of neighborhoods) with a neighborhood plan has a contact team, an official City of Austin organization with the mandate of implementing its neighborhood plan. Each contact team operates under its own set of bylaws.

The HPNPCT meets quarterly and welcomes all Hyde Park residents, property owners, and business owners as members. There are no dues. Decisions are made by majority vote, and the only restriction on voting is that a member must have attended at least one meeting during the previous nine months. However, even if you've never attended a meeting and can't vote, please attend the October meeting and lend your voice to the discussion. The land development code will affect all of us, and we need a frank and open discussion to arrive at a course of action.

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Monthly Calendar October

- 3 — Groundbreaking Ceremony at ASH
- 4 — Release of LDC Draft and Map
- 5 — Landscape First Saturday at the Ney Museum
- 7 — HPNA Meeting
- 10 — District 9 Town Hall for LDC Rewrite
- 11 — Recycling Pickup
- 14 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 15 — Joint Neighborhood Association Meeting with Mayor Adler
- 16 — Ney Salon Series at the Parlor
- 17 — DRC Meeting
- 19 — RECA Christmas in October at the Ney Museum
- 20 — Fire Station Festival
- 20 — Nosferatu at the Ney Museum
- 21 — Contact Team Meeting
- 25 — Recycling Pickup
- 26 — Planning Commission Meeting for LDC Rewrite
- 27 — Polkapocalypse at Ney Museum
- 29 — Last Day to Vote for Ney Museum for Grant from National Trust for Historic Preservation

What Can YOU Do?... ...cont'd from page 1

City Hall offers free parking on the night of council events; save your ticket to be validated at the entrance to City Council chambers. You can also ride the #7 bus to Republic Square and walk the three blocks to City Hall. On the way home, you can catch the 7 at 4th and Lavaca.

We will update you with changes and additions. Check the austinhdepark.org website for additional information related to the land development code.

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Exploring Hyde Park:

The Evolution of a Livable Urban Neighborhood

This article is the fifth in a series covering the evolution of Hyde Park from its initial platting to the walkable, complete community it is today. The series will be published in the Pecan Press and collected on the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association website at <http://www.austinhdepark.org>.

Hyde Park Today, 2010-Present

More than a century since its inception, Hyde Park has generally evolved well over time. There have been some intrusive structures and a few too many parking lots, but all in all, the area has kept its original good bones. Historic homes are still being restored today and continue to house families, retirees, and young adults. Garage apartments and duplexes have been maintained, new secondary units are being built throughout the neighborhood, and many older apartment complexes now offer market-affordable housing options for renters, who make up over 70% of Hyde Park residents.

Under Hyde Park's two NCCDs (Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts), Guadalupe has been zoned for significant new construction, allowing multi-story buildings with ground floor businesses and apartments above (we're still waiting for the market to build these out), and new developments providing additional dwelling units have been negotiated and constructed elsewhere in the neighborhood. The historic Baker School, which recently took on new life as the corporate headquarters of Alamo Drafthouse, will be ready to show off its interior restoration during next year's 2020 Hyde Park Homes Tour.

Increased development has brought some new challenges. Today, the areas north of 45th Street along Speedway and Avenue D now flood regularly, as does much of Avenue A. The city is considering remedies to address the Avenue A flooding, but there are no current proposals to solve the Waller Creek flooding. The National Weather Service's newly completed Atlas 14 report will likely result in redrawn flood plains, which might limit future development near Waller Creek (for details, see <http://www.austintexas.gov/atlas14>). Unfortunately, in the meantime, the city has continued to approve variances and new development that could worsen flooding in these areas.

Since 2013, the all-volunteer Friends of Shipe Park has worked with city staff and consultants to replace our leaky, outdated Shipe Pool, raising money for some of the improvements and keeping neighbors informed on the progress. The city is also creating plans for an addition to Fire Station #9 to accommodate separate locker room facilities for female fire fighters and has welcomed neighborhood participation to ensure compatibility with the original structure and the Local Historic District.

To assist those wishing to build or add on, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) has for many years maintained a Development Review Committee to help applicants ensure their proposed plans comply with city code, including the NCCDs and Local Historic District. This group also keeps an eye on neighborhood infrastructure and alerts the city to any issues related to streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, or flooding.

Today, the annual Hyde Park Homes Tour, sponsored by HPNA, continues to build community, and its nearly four-decades worth of booklets, describing many dozens of neighborhood homes, are now available online (<https://www.austinhdepark.org/homes-tour/history/>). In addition, HPNA holds several other events every year, including the fall Fire Station Festival celebrating our neighborhood firehouse and its brave firefighters who continue to save lives and homes.

The Hyde Park listserv has been in service about 20 years (predating NextDoor by a couple of decades), facilitating community connections, reuniting pets and owners, and providing intriguing tales such as the lost snake who finally returned home. The *Pecan Press*, another all-volunteer effort, is in its fourth decade of publication and is still hand delivered to 2000 households each month; its annual April Fools' Day stories continue to fool a few folks every year.

Lauded by city consultants for its array of housing types, Hyde Park today includes duplexes, garage apartments, restored historic homes, condos, and over 45 apartment complexes. Local businesses, mature shade trees, a public park and playground, a (semi-functional) sidewalk grid, nearby transit, and a healthy population of wildlife also contribute to its charm. But Hyde Park is more than a collection of buildings or amenities: It's a community of people who look out for each other and care for this walkable neighborhood we share.

This didn't happen by chance. Hyde Park today is the result of years of thoughtful planning, beginning with Monroe Shipe's original layout in the late 1800s and continuing through the intensive city-sponsored Neighborhood Plan process, the city-approved Hyde Park NCCDs, and the preservation efforts represented in its Local Historic District and National Register Historic District designations. It's a place where public and private investments have accrued for over 120 years, resulting in the kind of complete community called for by the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, the governing planning document of our city (<http://www.austintexas.gov/blog/what-complete-community>).

In considering the latest draft of the land development code, it's crucial that city leaders support Austin's existing complete communities and ensure full public engagement before enacting broad-brush rezonings that might significantly undermine the successful balance of these areas. Rather than dismantle well-planned, highly functioning neighborhoods, the city should use the code rewrite process as an opportunity to map similar communities throughout Austin, including range of housing types; walkable transit-supportive street grids; and access to schools, groceries, parks, businesses and other basic

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HPNA Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by co-President Betsy Clubine at 7:06 pm on September 9, 2019 at the Griffin School, at 5001 Evans Avenue.

The first order of business was nominations for new HPNA officers. Adam Wilson presented the slate prepared by the Nominations Committee, consisting of himself, Kathy Lawrence, and Kevin Heyburn. Completing their terms and leaving the Steering Committee in October are Artie Gold, Kevin Heyburn, Charlie Sawtelle, and Lisa Harris. Those in attendance thanked them for their service. Continuing on the Steering Committee are Phil Seibert, Joan Burnham, and Margo Carrico. Lorre Weidlich and Betsy Clubine are nominated for another term. Paul Smith is nominated to serve as co-vice-president. Nominated for the Steering Committee are Sumit Guha, Ben Reid, and Kathy Jackson. All nominees briefly introduced themselves. The vote for new HPNA officers will take place at the October general meeting.

Betsy Clubine introduced KLRU CEO and General Manager Bill Stotesbury, who spoke about the station's upcoming move from the UT campus to the ACC Highland campus. Mr. Stotesbury gave a brief history of KLRU, which has been at UT since 1962. He emphasized the educational mission of the four KLRU channels, which annually deliver 10,000 hours of programming for children aged 2 to 10 and last year sponsored over 100 community events, including workshops and school-related activities. He explained that the move was prompted by a decision of the Moody College of Communication to require that KLRU become a part of the university in order to remain on campus. The station's Board of Directors voted unanimously to stay independent. Space became available at the ACC campus when a commercial tenant backed out. KLRU will occupy the first floor of a multi-story building under construction on the site of a former Dillard's building. It will share space with ACC-TV and take over its technical operations. The planned space will include a large public events area that can be used by community organizations, a conference center for use by nonprofit organizations and KLRU partners, a community soundstage, and several smaller studios devoted to new production methods. He explained that the Highland campus will include residences and parkland. Multiple collaborations with ACC and UT are planned, with a special emphasis on training students for media productions that serve the public good. New KLRU initiatives include a Media Innovation Center and an Educational Resource Center that will focus on young learners from underserved communities in Central Texas. To achieve these goals, the station is currently engaged in a \$12 million fund-raising campaign. For more information, visit online at klu.org/movingforward.

The next item of business was a vote on the resolution proposed by the HPNA Steering Committee to waive membership fees for university students. The resolution, which appeared in the September issue of the Pecan Press, states the following: "For many years, Hyde Park has been home to students at the University of Texas, Austin Community College, and other area institutions of higher education. As residents of Hyde Park, university students are welcome to join the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and help shape the future of our neighborhood. To encourage student participation, HPNA proposes to waive its membership fee for university students. Although largely symbolic, since membership is just \$5 per year, we see this as a positive move in encouraging broader participation in the association." Discussion clarified that student

members must register as members and are subject to the same voting requirements as all HPNA members. The vote was 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The fourth agenda item was an update on the city's land development code. Betsy Clubine summarized items of particular interest to our neighborhood, but emphasized that the planning process is continually evolving. The contents of her presentation were derived from the City Council's special work session on August 28, at which staff presented their progress on the LDC; and those contents were subsequently clarified by communications with city staff in September. For HPNA's summary of the August 28 work session with city staff clarifications, see <http://www.austinhiddepark.org/hpna-summary-of-8-28-2019-city-council-briefing/>.



Co-President Clubine Conducting the September Meeting Photo by Kevin Heyburn

Following are the primary points that co-President Clubine presented:

- *Hyde Park will likely be zoned at the highest levels of density with the deepest transition areas.* Transition zones can cover up to 50% of a neighborhood. City staff clarification: Staff is attempting the development of a "context-sensitive approach" so that transition zones do not overlap with the majority of the existing single-family neighborhood area.
- *Transition areas will extend up to 5 lots in either direction from a transit corridor (Guadalupe, 38th Street, Duval, Airport Boulevard), based on staff judgment.* Staff clarification: The typical depth is from 500 to 700 feet.
- *Within transition areas, lots will be rezoned for 4 to 6 units, with an option of up to 8 or 10 units if affordable units are included. Lots directly on the corridors will likely be zoned for even more units.* Staff clarification: Corridor-facing lots not currently zoned single-family will generally not be upzoned. Additional height and units will only be available with density bonuses.
- *Compatibility standards (height and setbacks) will not apply in transition areas.* Staff clarification: Transition areas will have a maximum height of 45 feet. Participation in the density bonus program will not increase the height or reduce setbacks in transition zones.

Much discussion followed this presentation. Among the points raised by those in attendance were the following:

- What standards will apply to the Hyde Park Local Historic District?
- What is the status of the 2 NCCDs (Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts) in Hyde Park?

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As we drove away
From our stay at his home.
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As we looked at each other
And smiled.
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As I placed it behind my ear
And wore it
With him in mind
And Heart.

— Lisa Fox

- Why has the city designated Duval a transit corridor, given its narrow width that is shared with a bike lane?
- Will there be changes to the impervious cover restrictions, and how will this impact the parts of Hyde Park already vulnerable to flooding?
- What are the city's plans to upgrade infrastructure (missing sidewalks, drainage, traffic management) in tandem with increased density in older central Austin neighborhoods?

Some noted that negative environmental consequences were not addressed. Neighbors also expressed concerns that the LDC process was being pushed through without sufficient public input. Others commented that the LDC was not well conceived, pointing out that there is no plan beyond zoning to accomplish the goal of building more missing middle housing. This will be a win for developers and a loss for Austin, observed one speaker. Related to this comment, a participant recommended viewing of a documentary video on the topic, *Zoned Out: The Legacy of Code Next*, written and produced by Steve Mims, award-winning filmmaker and faculty member at UT's Moody College of Communication. To view this video online, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsYOurWEoSc. Another common concern was that densification was not being equitably applied throughout the city, but was focused on central Austin neighborhoods that are already densely populated and contain ample missing middle housing stock. It was pointed out that other neighborhoods have deed restrictions that would protect them from city upzoning, although a real estate attorney present for the discussion stated that property owners with deed restrictions would have to sue the city to prevent upzoning of their lots. It is unclear how the city would respond to these legal challenges.

Co-President Clubine commended the membership on its civil discussion of LDCs to date. She stressed the need to stay informed and engaged on this issue. This includes listening to recorded sessions available on the city's website (www.austintexas.gov/ldc), attending meetings, speaking at City Council sessions, and writing to council members. The first draft of the new LDC is scheduled to be presented to council on October 4. Other upcoming meetings needing neighborhood participation include a central Austin neighborhoods meeting with Mayor Adler at Trinity Church at Speedway and 40th Street (October 15) and a meeting of Austin's Planning Commission (October 26).

Besides the upcoming meetings mentioned above, other announcements included the quarterly meeting of the Hyde Park Contact Team at Trinity Church (October 21), the Fire Station Festival (October 20), Polkapocalypse on the grounds of the Ney Museum (October 27), and the Hyde Park Homes Tour (November 10). Jack Nokes announced that the Ney Museum is a finalist in a competition sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Winners might receive up to \$200,000 in grants. To vote for the Ney, go to <http://voteyourmainstreet.org/Austin>. You may vote up to five times a day until October 29. The Ney Museum will also sponsor on-site voting at Polkapocalypse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Submitted by Susan Marshall
HPNA Co-Secretary*



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by Dena Houston



Recycling Contamination

Materials Recovery Facility

The Materials Recovery Facility (also called the MRF) is the place where our recyclable materials go after the City of Austin recycling truck picks them up curbside.

Problem of Contamination at the MRF!

When incorrect items are placed in our blue curbside bins, it is called contamination. Putting the wrong items in your blue cart is costly to the City's ratepayers, disrupts the recycling process, and causes serious safety hazards.

How Is This Costly to Ratepayers?

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

Types of Contamination

- Items that Wrap around the Equipment – Garden hoses, wire clothes hangers, film wrap, and plastic bags wrap around the sorting drums. When this happens, the sorting process has to



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stop while the workers climb up onto the conveyor belt and physically unwrap these items from the drums. Garden hoses are the worst because it is very labor intensive and dangerous to have to pull on these hoses to release them from the machinery.

- Large Bulky Items - Items such as tires, golf clubs, PVC pipe, and long-handled tools cannot be recycled at the MRF. These are some of the items the City has to pay to have hauled to the landfill.
- Hazardous or Medical Waste - Hypodermic needles, sheets of glass, and partially full aerosol cans are very dangerous. Needles are obvious hazards, but it was a surprise to learn that partially full aerosol cans can explode and become a fire hazard. Sheets of glass (like window panes) break easily and are dangerous to the workers at the MRF.
- Non-Conforming Recyclables - These are items that can be recycled, but not in the blue curbside bins that the City collects. Styrofoam and plastic bags are examples of items that can be recycled elsewhere (see below).



- The City of Austin recommends that needles be placed in a sturdy plastic container with a tight fitting lid (like a laundry detergent bottle). The bottle then needs to be taped shut and labeled "NEEDLES" or "SHARPS." This bottle can then be placed in the trashcan.

- Styrofoam and large pieces of metal can be taken to the Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center.
- PVC pipe must be placed in your trashcan or given away through websites like NextDoor.
- Long-handled tools can be donated to Habitat for Humanity or placed in your trashcan.

Questions from Our Readers (And the Answers)

- Instead of throwing it into my trash can, what can I do with a perfectly good garden hose that I no longer use? I just got rid of one by posting it on NextDoor as FREE! As they say, one man's trash is another man's treasure. It was picked up within minutes. Best way to recycle!
- What can be done to get recycling collection bins in our park? Shipe Park is overrun with bottles and cans that could easily be recycled.

This is an issue of funding. Every year, Parks and Recreation goes before the City Council to ask for funding to get recycling bins in the parks and they are either denied or given minimal funding. The best thing to do is to contact your City Council representative to make your concerns known. It is ultimately in their power to make a change.

For a very informative City of Austin recycling website, go to <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

Stay tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to recycling@hpwbana.org.

What to Do with Items that the MRF Cannot Handle

- Garden hoses and sheet glass must go into your trashcan.
- Wire clothes hangers can be taken to Goodwill or a dry cleaner for reuse.
- Plastic bags and film wrap can go to the plastic collection boxes at your local grocery stores.
- Tires can be taken to the Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center (2514 Business Center Drive). There is no longer a fee for tires.
- Golf clubs can be donated to your favorite charity.
- Aerosol cans that are full or partially full can be taken to the Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center. (Aerosol cans that are completely empty can go into your blue curbside bin.)

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News from the Ney

Hooray for cooler weather! The Ney has lots of ways to help you celebrate fall this October!

The Ney's Landscape First Saturdays continues on Saturday, October 5 from 10 am to noon. Bring some gloves and learn from the pros from the Native Prairie Association of Texas. The fall landscape is just as vital as the spring, even if it looks different. Learn and help out!

The Ney Salon Series at the Parlor, 4301 Guadalupe #B, continues on Wednesday, October 16 at 7 pm, with Mikita Brotzman, a British-American non-fiction author, scholar, and psychologist known for her interest in true crime. Brotzman is a professor of humanistic studies at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore and she'll be discussing her recent book, *An Unexplained Death* (Henry Holt, 2018). This event benefits the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum.

On Sunday, October 20, the museum will succumb to the spooky season by screening the silent German Expressionist film classic *Nosferatu* (1922), directed by F.W. Murnau. The screening will be accompanied by a contemporary score by Austin composer David Didonato, who will be present at the show. Screening will take place outside, so bring a blanket if you want. We'll move it inside if weather is bad.

On Saturday, October 19, the Real Estate Council of Austin will be convening their annual Christmas in October event at the Elisabet Ney Museum. This is a huge boon for the museum. There will be as many as 200 construction and real estate professionals arriving with materials and equipment to do a number of site upgrades, all in one day. They will arrive early and stay late, and when they leave, the museum will have a new fence! This cool new fence is going to replace the construction fence that has "graced" the perimeter for so many years now. The new fence will have a very handsome contemporary but evocative look to it, which will improve the view a great deal. The museum will also have new seating areas and a new platform on the north side of the creek for performances, and the Lodge will get a facelift. New colorful paint and fun interactive patterns! Finally, there will be new owl houses and signage and more. It will be a busy but great day! Come see the changes!

Finally, on Sunday, October 27, the SIXTH First Annual POLKAPOCALYPSE! takes place! As always, the inimitable Brave Combo of Denton, Texas headlines. Before Brave Combo, enjoy movie-star and Tejano rocker Austinite Patricia Vonne and her band and the world-famous accordionist Eva Ybarra y Su Conjunto of San Antonio. Ybarra was a 2017 NEA Heritage Award Winner and is known as La Reina del Acordeón. There will be more acts to be announced, but there will be a TON of fun for all, and a dance floor, and Polka lessons, and of course a costume contest with two levels, one for kids and one for adults. And it's all free! Trick or treat yourself to this mashup of Oktoberfest, Halloween, and Dia de los Muertos with the Ney!

Michael Anthony Garcia's exhibition *Mujeriego* continues through the month. Coming up in November, Fall Harvest Family Day! The bouncy castle returns!

The Sound of Autumn in Hyde Park

At the end of September, when the summer heat finally starts to cool down, one of the things I enjoy most is returning to our screen porch to read, relax, and share a meal. It's so refreshing to escape what felt like interminable indoor confinement – that is, until leaf blowers up and down the street begin their infernal never-ending whine.

Let me make a case for neighbors to re-examine their use (or their landscape company's use) of gasoline-powered leaf blowers. Most lawn equipment is powered by the old, dirty, and obsolete technology of the two-stroke engine. Although two-stroke engines are lighter and cheaper than the more efficient four-stroke engines, they cause greater pollution because as much as one-third of the combination of gasoline and oil that is mixed in the combustion chamber is spewed out as unburned aerosol. In 2017, the California Air Resource Board issued a warning that by 2020, gasoline-powered equipment such as leaf blowers and lawn mowers *could produce more ozone pollution than all the millions of cars in California combined*. Think about that for a minute.

The 200 mph wind coming out of blowers also affects air quality by sending dust and leaf particulates into the air, which can exacerbate allergies that are harmful to children and folks with respiratory problems. Equally important is the harm leaf blowers do to hearing. The increasing level of ambient noise in urban settings is concerning, but the low-frequency noise of blowers is especially harmful because of its great penetrating power. It goes through walls, cement barriers, and many kinds of hearing-protection barriers. Hearing loss is cumulative and exacerbated by extended exposure to sounds above 85 decibels. For homeowners and landscapers operating gas-powered blowers a foot away from their ears, the sound assaulting them could be as high as 100 decibels.

What can you do? I'm glad you asked, because re-thinking the use of 2-cycle engines, whether it's by you or the blow-and-mow company you hire, is a really good way an individual can *do something significant about climate change*.

First, reconsider the desirability of the "groomed" landscape promoted by most landscape companies in recent years. The golf-course look, where not one leaf or stick is allowed to remain on the grass, is not sustainable or environmentally sound. Can you back away from this expectation? Does the curb really need to be spotless? Your grass will benefit if you use a *mulching* mower (ideally battery operated) to deposit leaf fragments back to the soil. A light application of DilloDirt™ in early spring will ensure an early green-up. Likewise, leave a layer of leaves in the flower and shrub beds over winter. It will protect the roots and help maintain moisture. Again, examine your aesthetic standards if this seems too messy. If you are not ready to go cold turkey with the blowers, at least instruct the crew not to blow material into the street and especially not into the storm drains, where they will negatively affect water quality.

Some neighbors have contracted with landscape maintenance companies who offer clean services, using rakes or battery-powered blowers. Check these emerging companies out to learn if they can help you.

If you do most of the yard work yourself, think about working *smarter*, not harder. Instead of going to the gym, take on the seasonal task of raking leaves as a way of having a good upper body workout. If you rake leaves onto an

8x8 tarp that you can pick up like Santa's bag, you can reduce some bending over. You can drag the tarp to your compost pile or use one of those funnels to fill a can. At our house, we compost most of the leaves in a big pile in the side yard. By spring we have good soil to put on the garden, because the leaves are easy to turn (more on composting in a later story).

Friends, let's try to enjoy these autumn afternoons and mornings with less noise and pollution. Let's try harder to recycle organic material to benefit our own yards and make sure landscape workers at least wear protective ear plugs. The plethora of leaf blowers took over before we even recognized the consequences – but that doesn't mean it has to stay that way.

– Jill Nokes

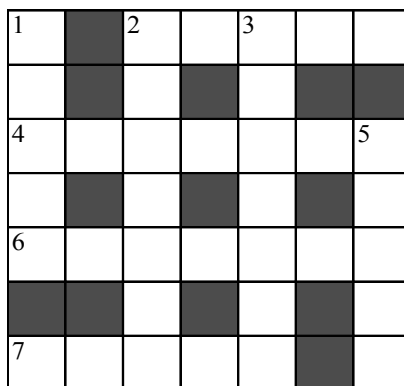


Cryptic Crossword Puzzle by der Brat

[The numbers in parentheses are the numbers of letters in each word of the answer.]

Across

2. Cad who killed Caesar, too? (5)
4. Such bears don't bear good tidings for Little Leaguers. (3,4)
6. Sounds like gossip from some who pay for lower part of two (and sometimes board). (7)
7. See that I'm especially likely to be found in the NY or London press. (5)



Down

1. Potato sounds like big brass in Boston. (5)
2. Mo bored silly being in the house? (7)
3. Does not employ much because it's not worth anything? (7)
5. Girl representing our country seen between two Poles. (5)

Answers on page 15

Hyde Park's Treasures & Strengths to Advance: Ginger, Families, Neighborhood, and Communities

Hyde Park is a great place for our friendly community to grow and advance together.

Joe, Rachel, Gregg, John, and Laura for Ginger, Family, and Neighborhood

We have the privilege to know Joe Kulhavy and Rachel Jenkins and John Porter and Laura Mondino of the UT community as well as Gregg Olson of the City's community. They have lived here for a long time, walking around with their wisdom, knowledge, kindness, and love for neighbors and nature. They are the role model close by for which we all look to be and do better.

In caring for family and studies out of town, we got to know Joe and Rachel more when they took our third city foster dog, Australian Cattle Dog Ginger, into their home and made her part of their family. As the ambassador of our homes, Ginger - with noble intelligent grace - connected us all, block by block, to make us stronger. In the meantime, Gregg, John, and Laura kindly took care of the house.

Will Firm and True, with High Standards

The absence was unexpectedly lengthened, and Joe and Rachel's will to care for Ginger was firm and true, with a high



Neighborhood
Ginger

standard of solidarity and values. Their goodness was tested when Ginger had health issues. They handled the issues with gracious devotion, when there are so many distractions and views away from what is really important: life, love, family, friends, and what comes with them. Gregg, John, and Laura held those standards too.

During the absence, our family had to face difficulties, and even though our neighbors did not know most of them, their care was important. Joe's calm messages about Ginger were always supportive and thoughtful, valuing her qualities that made their home and ours so special. She taught us respect, patience, and empathy to make friends, one at a time every time, and will be greatly missed.

Gratitude, and Insight on the Strengths Needed to Advance

Joe, Rachel, Gregg, John, and Laura's wonderful qualities and unique friendship favor our neighborhood and the UT and City communities. Also, Austin Vet Care of Central Park's guidance was outstanding. Deeply grateful, we wish them best always.

The experience of looking after each other gives us all insight about our neighborhood's strengths, built over the years, to be treasured and used as a resource in moving forward!

— Gloria Avila and David AVillalba Pratter



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Money Magazine Recognizes Hyde Park as One of the Best Places to Live in 2019. In a recent article by Shaina Mishkin, Prachi Bhardwaj, Olivia Raimonde, and Chloe Wilt, *Money Magazine* ranked Hyde Park as the 51st best place to live in 2019. It considered only populations of 50,000 or greater, and cities with 300,000 or more residents were broken down into neighborhoods. It eliminated any place that had more than double the national crime risk, less than 85% of its state's median household income, or a lack of ethnic diversity. Other criteria included health and safety, housing, education, local amenities, and quality of life. To finalize the list, reporters conducted interviews in each neighborhood. The list was restricted to four places per state and one per county. The three other Texas places that made the list were Round Rock (2), Wylie (26), and San Marcos (76). For more information, see money.com/money/collection/best-places-to-live-2019/.



Homes Tour Upcoming. On Sunday, November 10, 2019, seven Hyde Park homeowners will welcome visitors from across the city and from neighboring towns into their homes to share historic renovations, modern updates, and classic hospitality! This year's tour showcases homes in a variety of sizes and architectural styles built between 1900 and 1935. For details and advance online ticket sales, visit <http://www.austinhydepark.org/homes-tour/>.



Groundbreaking Ceremony at ASH. The new Austin State Hospital is ready to commence construction. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin invite everyone to a groundbreaking ceremony on October 3, 9:30 to 10:30 am, at Austin State Hospital's Pecan Park, 4110 Guadalupe Street.

Exploring Hyde Park... ...cont'd from page 7

amenities. As more than one City Council Member has noted, if every neighborhood looked like Hyde Park, we wouldn't need a code rewrite at all.

Neighbors are remarkable in their ability to sit down and work out issues. As Austin and Hyde Park evolve, neighborhood volunteers will continue their work to accommodate new projects and increased density, while maintaining the community we love.

We hope city leaders will allow Hyde Park – and all Austin neighborhoods – to evolve with thoughtful planning to accommodate change and growth while preserving the character, livability, and social fabric of our communities.

– Karen McGraw with
Susan Moffat

Shipe Pool Progress

As the pool construction raced towards completion, late August brought a flurry of activity in the construction zone formerly known as Shipe Park. Inside, the plumbers hooked up the new pump system and installed the bathroom fixtures while outside, workers built the outdoor shower, deck, and fencing.

Then, on Saturday, August 31, at 1:30 pm, a two foot wrench was used to open a valve that let crystal clear water flow into the new Shipe Pools for the first time. It only took a few hours to fill the pools, and because of the type of lining shell material used on the pool walls, they will hold water all year around.

Shortly afterwards, front loaders arrived to begin prepping for the new landscaping. Materials and debris were cleared out so the dirt work could begin. The sprinkler system was installed around the pool's planted beds and the old wading pool was finally filled in with dirt. Goodbye, dear friend! Nearby, the areas of the park damaged during the construction were repaired and prepped for new grass.

As the final details get knocked out, the systems will be checked and double checked. The contractor is expected to be out of the park by late October but the work doesn't stop then. Forestry will come in to tidy up the trees that have grown weary during the construction. City crews will mow and clean up the construction site. The sod will be watered with a temporary sprinkler until it's established. Then city crews will cordon off the Log Cabin to finish its long overdue renovation. And after that comes the Phase Two Project, which will address the big swings that were decommissioned to protect the branches of the huge live oak. All in all, after the community spruces up the park on March 7, 2020 at It's My Park Day, we'll be enjoying a beautiful new Shipe Park.

I personally can't wait to visit Govalle Park, where our sister pool will also be wrapping up soon. Congrats, Govalle!

A final note for those wondering how to get a new basketball court: call 311 and report the hazardous conditions. This is the best way for the city to track and take action on our safety concerns. The squeaky wheel gets the grease, so make those calls and call often!

As always, thanks for your support and patience!

– Friends of Shipe Park

Answers for Cryptic Crossword Puzzle

Answers with explanations

1. TUBER: A potato is a tuber – a word that sounds like what someone from Boston might call a tuba (big brass).
2. BEDROOM: Anagram of "Mo bored" as indicated by the clue word "silly;" a bedroom is in a house.
3. USELESS: charade clue with parts of the answer clued separately; "use" as "employ" and "less" as "not ... much"
5. SUSAN: A girl's name consisting of USA (representing our country) between S and N – two poles as in North and South Poles.

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LEASED

403 WEST 37TH ST.

Classic 1930s bungalow on popular Christmas lights street. 2 BR, 1 BA, updated kitchen, formal dining plus breakfast nook. Beautiful long leaf pine floors throughout.

Listed at \$2,400/mo.



PENDING

3500 RED RIVER ST.

Traditional style townhome features 3,500sf with 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LIV, 2-Car Garage. Fenced yard with deck. Ready for updating and priced to sell under \$200/sf.

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LEASED

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