

September Meeting

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HPNA General Meeting Agenda for September

- Introduction of Steering Committee Candidates, HPNA Nominations Committee
- Park Update, Friends of Shippe Park
- Discussion about major areas of work in coming year, HPNA Co-Presidents



Preserving Our Alleys

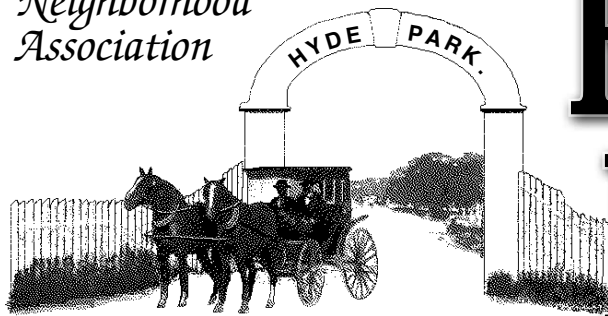
Our alleys – generally running behind residences between 40th and 45th Streets – have seen increased traffic since the pandemic.

There are more runners, strollers, cyclists, and dog walkers. Some neighbors use alleys to maintain social distancing or to avoid car traffic. It's a different view of the neighborhood and a glimpse into some lovely backyards.

The alleys were originally constructed in this first Austin suburb for trash collection. It was a way to beautify the streetscape by keeping trash out of sight. Occasionally there has been tension with the city over alley collection, and years back the HPNA negotiated to retain the alleys for their intended purpose. The city even purchased smaller garbage trucks to retain alley pickup. Recently the city notified us that the alleys were becoming overgrown, making trash collection difficult.

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Exploring Hyde Park Keep your Eyes in the Gutter

In 1972 my family's Pomeranian, Paco, was killed by a Rattlesnake in Liberty Hill, Texas. As a result, my sister and I were trained to keep our heads down and our eyes scanning the ground just ahead of where we were walking in the woods, so that, hopefully, we would see a snake before it saw us.

I have never been able to shake this habit and still frequently catch myself peering downward when I'm walking around. Nowadays when I'm walking around Hyde Park, something besides snakes has started catching my eye: vintage vandalism! I am referring to the names, messages, and other symbols scratched into the cement portion of the street between the curb and where



Photo by Ben Reid

the asphalt begins. I googled it, and this is technically the gutter of the street and is what carries rainwater to the closest stormwater drain.

The next time you're out for a walk, keep your eye in the gutter and see if you can find any lost messages from the past! I have seen peace symbols, dates from the '40s, '50's and '60s, messages of love ("BR + LD = LOVE"), and even inspirational messages. The north driveway apron of the Baker School has a very neatly written Shakespearean quote, "Know thyself and to thine own self be true."

I have also found other unintentional impressions; a paw print from a dog, a shoe print of someone who surely said "Dang it!" when he or she stepped in the wet cement many years ago.

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Welcome to September, friends and neighbors.

It was great to have over 50 people join our August meeting on the Healthy Streets initiative on Avenue G, and we hope to continue online meetings until we get additional guidance. In September, the Nominations Committee will present individuals they have selected to fill vacant seats on the Steering Committee and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

In addition, there will be a Friends of Shipe Park update and we will offer for discussion what we think the three major areas of work will be in the coming year: mobility; land development code; and relationships with our neighborhood non-profits.

October's meeting will focus on upcoming items for November's election, including the tax rate election for Project Connect

(Proposition A) and the bond election for mobility improvements including sidewalks and bike lanes (Proposition B). As described by Ryan Thornton in Austin Monitor, August 14, "Voters will decide whether to approve [Proposition A's] \$0.5335 per \$100 valuation property tax rate to fund the initial and ongoing costs of Project Connect, a transit plan anchored by two high-capacity light rail lines serving the city's densest neighborhoods.... If it is approved, the 8.75-cent increase will become a dedicated source of funding for the transit system operations and maintenance needs into the fu-

ture." Proposition B's \$460m proposal "includes \$80 million for sidewalks, \$120 million for urban trails and bikeways, \$64 million for safety improvements and Vision Zero efforts, \$20 million for Safe Routes to School, \$19 million for transit enhancements, \$1 million for the Neighborhood Partnering Program, \$102 million for large capital projects and \$53 million for improvements to substandard streets." At the October meeting, we will also vote on the slate of HPNA leadership nominees. We're using Zoom as our platform, which supports both computer and phone connections. If you have any questions about how to participate, please feel free to reach out prior to the meeting.

Other than Association meetings, all other regular HPNA events for this fall have been cancelled, including the Fire Station Festival, the Historic Homes Tour, and the Winter Celebration at the Ney. With any luck, these and other Hyde Park favorites will resume with renewed vigor in 2021. If you are interested in helping make this happen, consider volunteering for one of the event committees or to serve as HPNA's Social Events Chair. Contact us at hydeparkna@gmail.com for more information.

Cheers,

*— Betsy Clubine and Sarah Cook
Co-Presidents, Hyde Park
Neighborhood Association*

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HPNA Meeting Report

August 3, 2020

- Healthy Streets Initiative Presentation
- Presenters: Laura Dierenfield and Jacob Barrett, Healthy Streets Project Team, Austin Transportation Department
- Called to order by Betsy Clubine and moderated by Sarah Cook, Co-Presidents, HPNA

Over the course of the evening, 58 residents from Hyde Park, North Loop, and nearby neighborhoods attended a presentation and Q&A session about the recently installed Healthy Street along Avenue G, from 38th to 56th Streets. The presentation slide deck is available at austinhypark.org.

Key Presentation Points

- On May 7, 2020, City Council unanimously approved the Healthy Streets program to “facilitate safe, socially distanced outdoor exercise and active transportation on neighborhood streets during the COVID-19 pandemic while still allowing local traffic.”
- The City made several adjustments to the program before initiating the second five-mile batch of Healthy Streets (which includes Avenue G).
- Through online tools to collect feedback about where to locate Healthy Streets, Hyde Park and North Loop residents expressed “loud and clear” interest in options that would take advantage of the neighborhoods’ grid network.
- The initial suggestion for batch two was Avenue F, but visibility, connectivity, crossings, and other factors made Avenue G a better option; postcards were sent to Avenue G residents immediately prior to implementation.

- The program has resources through the end of September; it is unclear if the program will continue past September.
- The city is looking at ways to take the lessons learned in creating shared spaces to calm streets for residential areas, inform the sidewalk and urban trails plan update, and inform the newly formed speed management program.
- The recommendation is to wear a mask where you cannot maintain a 6-foot distance.

During the Q&A, participant feedback about the Avenue G Healthy Street was mostly positive, with comments from people who enjoy living on and using the street; concerns centered around safety (intersections without crosswalks, need for improved visibility, enforcement of safe practices, and so forth), and late notice of the switch from Avenue F to Avenue G. Comments about the program and the Ave G implementation can still be left at www.austintexas.gov/healthystreets.

– Submitted by
Betsy Clubine

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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.
- 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@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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Median Days on Market	14 Days	14 Days	25 Days

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All YTD data is pulled from Austin MLS for single family residences.

Election 2020: What You Need to Know

Election Day is November 3. The early voting period has been extended to October 13 to 30. Expected higher turnout and the lingering coronavirus make this an especially challenging election period. Numerous watchdog groups have expressed concerns that Texas is not ready.

How You Can Help

Register to Vote. Texas voter registration is down this year. You are eligible to vote if you will be 18 years of age on Election Day. You must be a Travis County resident to vote locally. You can check your registration status and get assistance with your application at VoteTexas.gov or Register2Vote.org, or you can text "Register" to 48683 to get an application. You can also pick up an application at post offices, Randall's, HEB, UT dorms, and the various government offices.

The last day to register for the November election is October 5.

- For more information on voter registration locations, go to tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/voters/registration.

Vote in Person. Texas law requires a photo ID to vote. Voter registration cards are no longer used at polling locations. Acceptable identification includes a Texas Driver's License, US Passport, US military ID, and others. For voters over 70, expired photo IDs are accepted. For more information about Texas voter identification requirements, visit the Travis County Clerk's website at countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/elections.html. This website also explains the new voting technology ("Meet Your New Voting System").

The state does not require face coverings at polling places but it is good health practice and considerate of others. Sanitizing and social distancing rules will be in effect. Visually impaired and blind voters may use headphones to hear the ballot read aloud. Customized voting tables make all voting machines wheelchair accessible.

Voters may request the option of curbside voting. A poll worker will bring a voting unit to the voter's vehicle. The simplest way to arrange this accommodation is to wait in your car at the polling place and send a companion inside to make the request.

The extended early voting period (October 13 to 30) is intended to enhance voters' safety by reducing crowding. The early voting schedule for weekdays is twelve hours (7 am - 7 pm) and includes some weekend hours. The early voting schedule and locations have not yet been posted. In the recent runoff election, the early voting location was Ridgetop Elementary School on Caswell. More early polling places for the general election are expected.

On Election Day (November 3) polls will be open from 7 am - 7 pm. All voters in line at 7 pm are entitled to vote.

- For updated information on polling schedule and locations, go to countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/polling-locations.html.
- For wait times at polling locations, go to countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/elections/wait-time-map.html.

Vote by Mail. Recent Texas and U.S. Supreme Court decisions let stand Texas law restricting qualifications for by-mail ballots. If you are aged 65 or older, you can apply for a mail ballot. Disability is another category with automatic eligibility to vote by mail. The state is prohibited from questioning disability claims and the application requests no explanation of the disability. It is up to the voter to determine the health risk of voting in person. You can download the application online, check the box **Disability**, and mail it to the address posted.

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Apply now. The County Clerk's office is under-staffed and US Postal Service budget has been cut, which might slow mail delivery.

- To download a by-mail ballot, go to countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/elections/ballot-by-mail.html.

Volunteer for Poll Work. Poll workers are desperately needed this year. The average age of Travis County poll workers is reportedly 68 years, a group at significantly higher risk of death from the virus. Texas polling places are staffed with election judges, two each from the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, as well as numerous clerks. The pay is about \$10 to \$12 per hour (excluding the patriotic bonus, which is priceless). A four-hour training session is required.

- To serve as a Democratic Party judge, email www.traviscountydemocrats.org/election-workers. To serve as a Republican Party judge, email www.travisgop.com/be_an_election_judge.
- Election clerk volunteers can email inquiries to Recruiting@traviscountytexas.gov or phone 512-854-4996.
- Texas also has a Student Poll Worker Program, intended for those too young to vote. Students can serve as election clerks for both early voting and Election Day shifts. Student volunteers are paid and earn Community Service hours. For information and application, email www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/pamphlets/seci.shtml.

Help Get Out the Vote. Two nonpartisan groups are recruiting volunteers to raise voter turnout. One national group is powerthepolls.org. The local League of Women Voters (lwvaustin.org) is recruiting volunteers for voter registration drives and will publish a voter guide prior to the election.

From the late U.S. Congressman John Lewis: "Democracy is not a state. It is an act..."

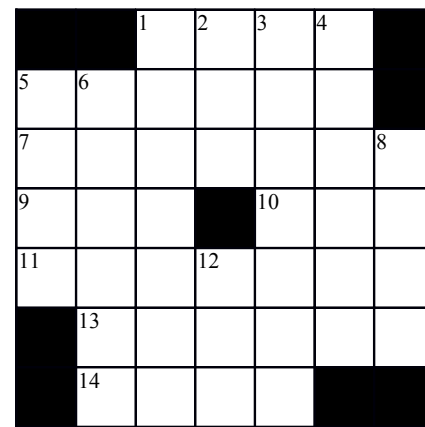
— Susan Marshall

Monthly Calendar September

- 3 — Opening of Elisabet Ney: Art for Humanity's Sake online
- 11 — Recycling Pickup
- 12 — Ney Drawing Salon, on Zoom
- 14 — HPNA General Meeting
- 17 — Suffrage Now: Portraiture, Ney event on Zoom
- 20 — Austin Museum Day, including Ney, on Zoom
- 21 — Steering Committee Meeting *
- 25 — Recycling Pickup
- 26 — Portraiture in the Park, Ney event on Zoom

*Conducted over Zoom. Contact Paul Smith (pjgrsmith@gmail.com) for information.

A Little Puzzle by der Brat



ACROSS

1. Doggy comments.
5. One place to find a Hyde Park.
7. 20th Greek letter.
9. Secretive "no such agency."
10. Anti-fraud "Medically Unlikely Edits."
11. Craves a drink.
13. One alive the longest.
14. Blood test: "transferrin saturation."

DOWN

1. Attacks.
2. Research Triangle Inst.
3. Place to shoot a movie.
4. Noses.
5. Uncle's wife.
6. Result.
8. Birdie's crib.
12. Nutrient amounts on labels.

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There are also plenty of boring, partially covered, damaged, or otherwise illegible inscriptions. My favorites are the ones that are partially missing or obscured by asphalt. There is an inscription near my home on Avenue B that reads "Walter loves," but the name of Walter's love has been worn away. We'll never know who Walter loved, and that drives me crazy!

Another one of my favorites, also on Avenue B, reads "Shirley March 19, 1945." I love this one because "Shirley" is scratched into the cement in a very childlike manner, and the date was carved in three different times (two with mess-ups) before the writer finally achieved an error-free date.

I am not really a fan of graffiti when it's painted onto someone else's property - including the City's - or any type of vandalism, but I think there's something really fun and innocent about this particular vein of vandalism. What do you think?

- Ben Reid



All photos by Ben Reid





News from the Ney

The Ney will remain closed through the month of September. However, for a museum that's closed to the public physically, the Ney has been very busy behind the scenes developing some really super ways to engage online!

First, the Museum opened *Suffrage Now: A 19th Amendment Centennial Exhibition* (<http://theney.org/>) on August 6, 2020, the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, just in time for the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, celebrated on August 18, 2020. The exhibition showcases 27 photos from women photographers all over the US, along with their comments.

Also, the Museum collections team worked all summer to complete *Elisabet Ney: Art for Humanity's Sake* (<https://elisabetneymuseum.omeka.net/>). Yes, now you can "visit" the Ney and see a very large portion of the museum's collection online in a way never before possible. This includes sculptures, archives, letters, photos, tools, personal effects, even clothing, and it's all visible, displayed in a very clear and enticing format. This online exhibition will be launched on Thursday, September 3. It's worth noting that the project is an expansion of a Capstone project for MS-LIS student Mickey Lanning, whose work blossomed into this amazing resource. Thank you to Mickey for her amazing contribution.

The museum's Education team has also been busy, turning September into Portraiture Month at the Ney! For the entire month, the Ney will feature a variety of virtual online classes and demonstrations that will allow you to experiment with different formats of portrait-making. They will all be free and Zoom-based.

On Saturday, September 12, from 10 am to noon, join the Museum on Zoom for a virtual Drawing Salon with Austin's Atelier Dojo, a collective of Austin realist artists. This will be the first installment of a four-part series in which each salon will be taught by a different artist using one of Ney's own sculptures as their model. This live online session will take place on the morning of the second Saturday of each month for the rest of the year.

On Thursday, September 17, the Ney will host a Zoom-based talk on the Suffrage Now exhibition, entitled "Suffrage Now: Portraiture." In it, several of

the photographers from the exhibition whose work revolves around portraiture will talk about their techniques and philosophies of photography, especially within the context of the concept Suffrage Now.

On Sunday September 20, the Ney will participate in Austin Museum Day, which will gather up all of Austin's museums in a day of online museum fun. The Ney's event will be a terrific portraiture-based project broadcast on Zoom, with more info to come as the Austin Museum Day program develops.

Finally, on Saturday, September 26, join the Museum online for its annual Portraiture in the Park, but this time it'll be online! From 1 to 5 pm, four different Austin artists will present Zoom-based programs featuring their unique takes on portraiture for all ages, ranging from Basic Caricature to Manga Ninja!

All of the programs will be free to attend, but space will be limited. For more information about each event, visit the museum's Facebook page or its events page at www.elisabetneymuseum.org.

Preserve Our Alleys... ...cont'd from page 1

Here are a few ways those of us who live on alleys and those who travel them can help:

- *Residents of alley properties:* Deposit all trash receptacles in the alley for pickup.

If you live on Avenue G, a designated Healthy Street, putting all collection in the alleys will enhance pedestrian safety by reducing truck traffic on the street.

Cutting back brush and plant growth from the alleys to clear the path for collection is, says the city, the responsibility of residents, so keep an eye out back there.

If you have a garage on the alley, drive slowly and watch out for increased pedestrian traffic.

- *Alley users:* Trash in, trash out. Please don't dump waste in the alleys.

If you see something that is obstructing alley passage (such as dumped tires, wood, packing, and so forth), call 311. Better, add the app Austin 311 to your phone. If you see an obstruction, snap a photo and create a **New Request** for service to remove it. (There is no category that seems to fit alleys, but one neighbor tried **Other** and it seemed to work.)

More traffic on the alleys is a positive development, because keeping our alleys healthy requires that they be used and not abandoned. Enjoy this unique feature of Hyde Park and explore some alleys during your next stroll.

— Susan Marshall

Little Puzzle Answers

ACROSS: 1-ARFS; 5-AUSTIN; 7-UPSILON; 9-NSA;
10-MUE; 11-THIRSTS; 13-OLDEST; 14-TSAT
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Hyde Park Fresh Plus in Recovery after Attack. On August 12, Hyde Park's local grocery store, Fresh Plus, was vandalized by a patron angered by the requirement to wear a mask. After



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breaking all of Fresh Plus's front windows with bottles of Topo Chico he seized inside the store, the vandal fled. The broken window glass landed on

the fresh produce just inside the windows and destroyed most of it. Damage was estimated at \$15,000 for the windows and \$2,000 for the produce. Fresh Plus employees cleaned up, replaced the windows with plywood, and reopened for business several hours later. On the positive side, members of the Hyde Park commu-

nity came by to show support for Fresh Plus; Asti Trattoria, next door, donated pizzas to the employees engaged in cleaning up. The attacker was arrested the following day by the Austin Police Department and charged with criminal mischief.



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Easy Donation to the Salvation Army. Do you have old clothes and household items that need a home, but you just haven't gotten it together to make a trip to a donation agency? Let the Hyde Park Baptist Church simplify the process for you! On September 26, from 9 am to noon, the Salvation Army will have a truck available at the church for receiving donations. Just bring your items to the south parking lot.



Historic Zoning for Baker School. Alamo Drafthouse, which purchased Baker School several years ago and engaged in an extensive restoration process, has applied to the City of Austin for Historic Landmark Zoning for the former school. The application will be reviewed by the Historic Landmark

Commission; one of the land use commissions; and, finally, City Council, which is responsible for final approval. A public hearing will be held before any commission can take action on the application; the date of the hearing will be announced later.



Hyde Parker Selected as Nominee for County Judge. On Sunday, August 16, Hyde Park resident and attorney Andy Brown was elected as the Democratic Party nominee for Travis County Judge by a vote of the party precinct chairs. Andy won 55.88% of the vote. He will be running in the November election for the seat vacated by Sarah Eckhardt after her recent election to the Texas Senate. Andy, a local progressive leader, community activist, former senior political advisor to Beto O'Rourke, and former chair of the Travis County Democratic Party, has said, "Our campaign will focus on criminal justice reform, quality healthcare for all, ethics reform, COVID-19 recovery and economic recovery."



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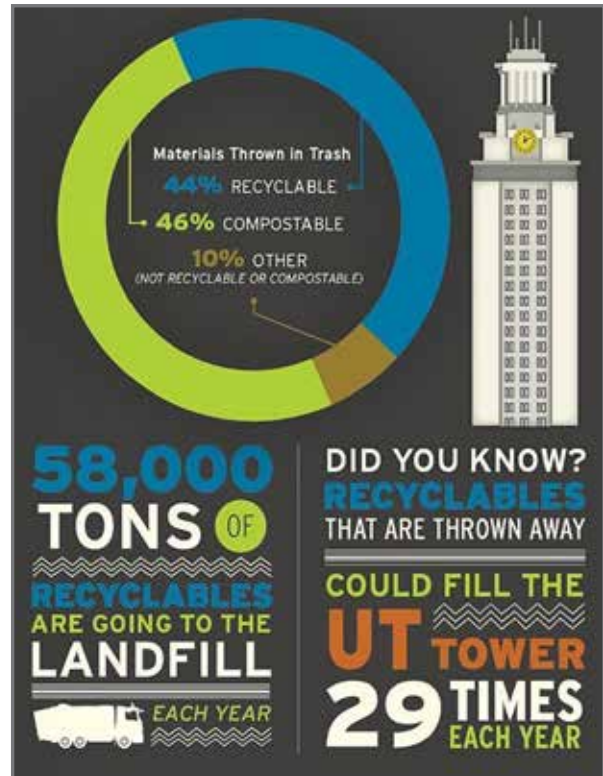
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What's Wrong with More Landfills?

Why Do We Need to Recycle?

My father-in-law worked for the Texas Health Department in landfill permitting. He tells a story about a small town in Texas whose landfill was at capacity. All of the town's garbage trucks were lined



up to dump their contents, but could not because the landfill was too full. The mayor of this small town had a solution: Buy more garbage trucks! This story reflects a rather old-fashioned way of dealing with landfill issues.

Trash generation in the United States has almost tripled since 1960. Trash is handled in various ways. Currently in the US, about 32.5% of the trash is recycled or composted, 12.5% is burned, and 55% is buried in landfills (source: EPA). The amount of trash buried in landfills has doubled since 1960.

Why We Don't Want More Landfills

Landfills are very costly. They are designed to bury trash rather than convert and reuse it. When a landfill closes, it must be maintained for at least 30 years to prevent pollution of soil and ground water. It is very costly to protect our natural resources from landfill contamination.

No one wants a landfill in his or her backyard.

Landfills are very large and unsightly; Austin's landfill is 2000 acres. Also, there is noise and odor associated with a landfill, from garbage trucks going in and out.

Below is a list of how long it takes for items to decompose in a landfill:

- Aluminum can – 200 years
- Batteries – 100 years
- Glass bottle – 1 million years
- Plastic bags – 10 to 20 years
- Plastic bottles – 500+ years
- Styrofoam cup – 100 years
- Tin can – 50 years

(Source: UK Department of the Environment)

All of the above items can be recycled in Austin! We need to recycle – too many things that are filling up our landfill can be recycled. Let's make our landfills a thing of the past!

Questions from Our Readers

How do I recycle mailing envelopes with a bubble wrap lining? These are not recyclable because there are two layers of materials that cannot be separated. Bubble wrap by itself can be recycled in the plastic collection bins located at the grocery stores.

How do I recycle sticky papers like adhesive name tags and masking tape? These need to go into your trash can.

Can I put post-it notes in my recycling bin? As long as they are at least credit card size, they can go into the blue recycling bin.

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@hprwbana.org.

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Hyde Park Poets

Just Cookies

On a random Saturday or Sunday –
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we drive to the nursing home in south Boston.
We pit stop the North End
Destination - Modern Pastry.
Nana loves Italian Amaretti cookies -
crispy with sliced almonds on the outside - chewy with
marzipan on the inside.
We wouldn't show up without them.
My brother and I then duck into the sports café
for a couple of morning espressos
and a Grappa to set the pace for the day.
We listen to the banter of men at nearby tables
Joking and arguing and yelling in native Italian.
It's our routine.
We love to visit Nana Millie
though saddened to see her in this place.
She's sharp and sarcastic and funny at 92.
We enjoy our time together and leave happy
knowing she is in good spirits – and will enjoy her box of
treats.
It wasn't til many years later
we learned
Nana didn't like Amaretti cookies!
And never ate them!
But she knew the love that came with them.

— Lisa Fox
5/2020

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Update: Helping Hand Home for Children Site Development (3804 Avenue B)

Helping Hand Home for Children continues to move forward with plans to build new children's housing, a permanent charter school, and additional office space for our foster and adoption program.

We were hoping to be further along in our construction plans and capital campaign by now, but are very encouraged by the amount of progress we have made since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The site development permit, expected in April, has now been approved by the City of Austin. This will allow us to move forward with our demolition and construction plans later this fall. We do not have a definitive date for beginning construction but will keep the neighborhood informed as plans develop.

The Home paused the capital campaign in mid-March, responding to the community's need to focus

on health and safety. Gifts received from outstanding requests, however, have allowed us to continue fundraising, and the Home has now raised 90% of the amount needed to begin the construction phase of the project. We so appreciate the support of our neighbors as we strive to better serve the children in our community and will keep you posted on a groundbreaking date. For more information, please contact Vanessa Davila, Director of Strategy and Planning, at vdavila@helpinghandhome.org.

— Vanessa Davila



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 As she, or perhaps a different
 “Lady” has done every year
 For as long as I have been
 Watching. This time, oh ho!
 She hatched a couple
 Little fledges, I actually saw them,
 This morning I was certain
 I would see at least one of them



Take its maiden flight, that birdy
 Was at least half, if not more,
 The size of Momma, Then,
 Tragedy!! I heard flutters
 I saw feathers fly, I saw her
 And maybe, her mate, and
 I ran upstairs to the window
 Where I spy on her little family
 There was a squirrel, a tree rat
 Ravaging the nest, little wings
 Fluttering, desperately, while
 Momma and Poppa darted,
 Attacked, retreated, and finally,
 Flew a little way away, to regroup,
 I went after the little coward
 With the longest pole I could find
 And chased it away, but, alas,
 The baby was on the ground,
 One little foot, wavering,
 All the little life that was left,
 Just a little life; such is nature,
 Leaving mourning doves.

— *Herzele*
 04/15/2020

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin

If you have a rental property in Hyde Park, why not consider participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program? The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP, formerly known as the Section 8 program) is a federally funded program overseen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Local public housing agencies administer the program and connect low-income households with rental support to enable them to obtain “decent, safe, and sanitary housing.” Having calculated average area rents for units of the same size, the program will pay a portion of the fair market rent directly to the landlord – from 60 to 70% of the total – while the assisted family is responsible for the remainder. Here in Austin, two public agencies administer the HCVP: the Housing Authority of Travis County and the Housing Authority of the City of Austin. If you’re interested in participating in the HCVP or learning more about it and other voucher programs, reach out to one of the administering agencies. You can contact HACA by calling 512-767-7663 or emailing landlord@lacanet.org.

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) Seeks Landlord’s Support to Provide Housing to Austin Families

www.hacanet.org

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) needs your help to provide housing to Austin families.

HACA’s Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program (previously called the Section 8 program) serves over 5,800 families each month. This accounts for over 13,000 individuals in need of affordable housing!

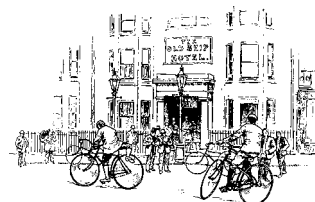
The HCV program relies on the generous support of Austin property owners to lease units to families with Housing Choice Vouchers.

It is easy to participate and the benefits are HUGE!

- Advertise available properties for free
- Free annual housing quality standards inspections
- Receive guaranteed rent
- Obtain fair market rent
- The HCV program supports the normal landlord-tenant relationship

Partner with HACA and help bring opportunity home to Austin families!

To find out more on how to join our team, call 512-767-7663 or email landlord@hacanet.org.



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