

October Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 5, 2015

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 5

- ◆ Election of HPNA Officers and Steering Committee Members
- ◆ Elzy Cogswell, Love Songs for Hyde Park
- ◆ Presentation about UT Intramural Fields & Planned Improvements to It, including representatives from UT Office of Sustainability & UT Division of Recreational Sports
- ◆ Announcements

See You There!

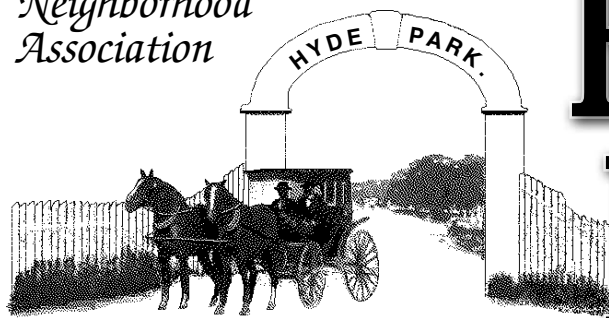
Neighborhood Ties and Tax Abatements: A Perfect Match for the Hyde Park Local Historic District

Restoring a vintage house in a historic district is not a rapid or inexpensive project, but long family ties to the neighborhood combined with the incentive of a city tax abatement makes the process worth undertaking.

"We drove by this house for nine months," says Katie Turner, about the Avenue G house she and her husband Maverick purchased in 2011. Nine months, however, was only a short period in the span of years that links her family to Hyde Park. Maverick's great grandmother, Helen Williams, was the second wife of William T. Williams, co-owner from 1934 until his death in 1975 of the William T. and

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Fire Station Festival: Keeping it Great!

Mark your calendars for this year's 41st Annual Fire Station Festival on Sunday, October 18th! It begins with a Halloween parade through the streets at 3:30 and then regroup at our own Fire Station #9 at 43rd and Speedway for music, refreshments, games, prizes, crafts for the kids, and the joy of sharing time with your neighbors and community. The dedicated Fire Station Festival committee is once again planning a party that should have a little something for everyone.

Lynne Hohlfeld and Jen Berbas are spearheading the effort to set up and get ready at the Fire Station. With the help of many volunteers from the neighborhood as well as kind church volunteers from the Mid City Church and Hyde Park Baptist Church, they will set up the stage, place the chairs, deliver and place the tables from Trinity United Methodist Church and the Montessori School, assemble the tents, and make the whole of the Fire Station ready for our big, happy community of Hyde Parkers.

The parade will be unforgettable. Thank you, neighbor Judy Gurgiolo, for making it great by including a big fire truck, the Mc-



Callum High School Drum Line, and some of the awesome vehicles that are so evocative of our neighborhood spirit.

After that, our own Mary La Touf of Skylark Lounge fame has arranged for some

great tunes from The Soul Supporters to bring energy and spirit to the event. Thanks also to the Skylark Lounge for assistance with sound systems. Matt

Ott, who generously and skillfully designed the flyers and t-shirts, will also act as emcee this year, keeping the meeting flowing, making introductions, and keeping the program appropriately light.



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In many ways, our September meeting exemplified the values we hold dear in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. First, it illustrated our ongoing concern with the care of the neighborhood and its residents. Flooding might be the most significant issue to confront us in recent years. Nobody wants to live in a location likely to be the subject of natural disaster, regardless of the benefits offered by a neighborhood. Dealing with our flooding problem is crucial to maintaining the quality of life we all value.

The two votes that followed illustrated the values and processes we try to bring to bear when confronted with controversial issues: to provide a forum for speakers on all sides to be heard and treated with respect. We were pleased to see that members who

seldom attend cared enough both to attend and to present passionate arguments for their positions. Not only their words but the paralinguistic aspects of all of their presentations added to the debates. In the process, we all had the opportunity to understand each speaker's position, to respect and weigh the differing positions, and to ultimately cast a vote, recognizing that, while choices have to be made and lines drawn, we can still empathize with opposing positions. This respectful human exchange is the essence of direct democracy and it cannot be replicated with any online survey.

This letter brings to an end our two-year term as co-Presidents. It has been a roller coaster. Neither one of us is retiring from involvement with HPNA. We are both committed to doing all we can to maintain and protect the Hyde Park neighborhood.

— *Kevin Heyburn & Lorre Weidlich*
HPNA Co-Presidents



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Monthly Calendar October

- 2 — Recycling Collection
- 5 — HPNA Meeting
- 12 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 16 — Recycling Collection
- 18 — Fire Station Festival
- 25 — POLKAPOCALYPSE at the Ney
- 26 — Hyde Park Contact Team Meeting
- 30 — Recycling Collection

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HPNA 2015 Nominations

The HPNA Nominating Committee is deeply grateful to the people who have dedicated their time and energy to provide leadership for our neighborhood. Most of the people who have served on the HPNA Steering Committee are parents. Most are people who have full professional lives. They have juggled their many competing priorities in order to devote themselves to the work of building community and sustaining the character of Hyde Park. They have squeezed (at least) two evening meetings into their busy schedules each month and logged many extra hours in developing the work of the neighborhood association. Some of our Steering Committee members have been active in the neighborhood for many years!

The Nominating Committee's job is to recruit people to take on these substantial roles each year and fill open seats on the Steering Committee. The Committee includes the following positions:

Officers

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

At-Large Steering Committee Members

- 6 At-Large Seats
- 1 Immediate Past President

Lorre Weidlich is rotating off as Co-President and will serve as our Immediate Past President in the coming term. Committee members who are in the middle of a two-year term and who will continue in their roles include Jessica Charbeneau and Sharon Brown.

Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates at the September HPNA meeting. The general membership will vote on this slate at the October 5 General Meeting.

Officers:

- Co-Presidents: Kevin Heyburn (continuing) and Reid Long (new)
- Co-Vice Presidents: Adrian Skinner and Kathy Lawrence (both continuing)
- Co-Secretary: Artie Gold (continuing) and Susan Marshall (new)
- Co-Treasurers: I Jay Aarons and Mark Fishman (both continuing)

At-Large Seats:

- Karin Wilkins (filling a partial term ending in 2016)
- Betsy Clubine (term ending in 2017)
- John Williams (term ending in 2017)
- Joan Burnham (term ending in 2017)

This is a great group of people who have been active in the neighborhood in many ways, some in formal roles in HPNA and others who are new to the association. It includes people who live in all corners of the neighborhood. Most of all, it is a group of people who love Hyde Park and who want to help build a stronger sense of community here. Thanks to these candidates for their wiliness to serve!

– HPNA Nominating Committee
Adam Wilson, John Williams, Kathy Lawrence,
and Kevin Heyburn

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership in HPNA is open to all residents aged 18 years or older who reside 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. | <p>Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notify me by email of HPNA meetings & events _____</p> <p>Dues: Mailing Address:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard - \$5/yr. <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Senior - \$1/yr. <input type="checkbox"/> Cash</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Member Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member Amount _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HPNA Membership P.O. Box 49427 Austin, Texas 778765 Make checks payable to HPNA.</p> |

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| AVERAGE SALES PRICE | \$401,513 | \$477,040 | \$470,565 |
| AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE | 1,606 SF | 1,773 SF | 1,565 SF |
| AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT | \$257.20 | \$284.11 | \$316.36 |
| MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET | 34 DAYS | 44 DAYS | 29 DAYS |

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The Arts in Hyde Park

Elzy Cogswell and *Love Songs for Hyde Park*

For years, readers of the *Pecan Press* have enjoyed Elzy Cogswell's poetry. Now they have the opportunity to add his work to their permanent libraries, because Elzy has collected his *Pecan Press* poems into a new book, *Love Songs for Hyde Park*.



Elzy Cogswell

His relationship with Hyde Park is a long and passionate one. In his words, "Through the years the poems I have submitted to *Pecan Press* have, for the most part, been inspired by things and people I have enjoyed seeing and meeting in Hyde Park. I have a passion for flowers, butterflies, birds, and during Austin's summer, shade trees. I love in particular Waller Creek. I connect to all this when I walk in Hyde Park, and I walk there because it is a good place to walk, not just because traffic is slow and infrequent, but also because the people of Hyde Park are quiet, gentle, and friendly. Fondly, I remember many conversations. Sometimes I speak first if I pass someone working on a flower bed, but often I have been approached by Hyde Park residents who exhibit what comes from living in a pleasant surrounding, an outgoing, friendly companionship with anyone who passes."

Elzy comes to his role of poet from a lifetime spent in the company of books. He retired as Director of the Booher Library of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest at the end of 2006, after 37 years of Austin librarianship. Interestingly, his career started out far from that. "A long time ago I was a panhandler in the lower East side of New York City, a role which in retrospect seems appropriate to me. Perhaps that was my most educational experience, though I have earned three degrees since then."

He was a life-long friend of Albert Huffstickler, known as the Bard of Hyde Park, and originated the

idea of Huffstickler Green. Elzy says of his friend, "Perhaps he initiated my interest in poetry." Since Elzy's retirement, he has committed himself to writing poems. He includes among his recent awards the New Jersey State Poetry Society Award in 2011, the Alabama State Poetry Society Award in 2013, and the \$500 Peace Prize from the National Federation of State Poetry Societies in 2015. His poems have appeared in 52 journals and anthologies, including *Consciousness, Literature and the Arts, The Naugatuck River Review, Borderlands, The Texas Observer, Muse & Stone, Green Hills Literary Lantern, Encore Prize Poems, and Beacons*.

Elzy will be at the October Hyde Park Neighborhood Association meeting with copies of *Love Songs for Hyde Park* for everyone who attends.



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Hyde Park Contact Team Bylaws: Proposed Changes for October Vote!

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team is in the process of updating its bylaws and is scheduled to vote on proposed revisions at its regular quarterly meeting on October 26, 2015.

You can review the full draft of proposed revisions and the current bylaws at <https://goo.gl/wXKFMQ>. A brief overview of the proposed changes follows.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (HPNPCT) is charged by the city with overseeing the implementation and revision of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan and Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts (NCCDs) on behalf of all stakeholders. The HPNPCT meets on a quarterly basis, with occasional additional specially called meetings. Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team meetings are open to any interested property owner, renter, or business owner. Meetings are announced on the Hyde Park Yahoo Group listserv and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Yahoo Group listserv.

For more information about contact teams, see the Neighborhood Plans and Contact Teams page at <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/neighborhood-planning/>.

How were bylaws revisions proposed?

In November 2014, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team announced the formation of a committee to update its bylaws and called for volunteers to participate in that process. The announcement was made at the Contact Team's November meeting and was also posted on the Hyde Park Contact Team Yahoo Group listserv.

The volunteer members of the Contact Team Bylaws Committee have met monthly since December, 2014 to formulate proposed revisions. They have presented updates to, and received feedback from, the full Contact Team at its regularly scheduled quarterly meetings. The Bylaws Committee includes Chair Reid Long, Adrian Skinner, Jen Berbas, Joe Bedell, Doris Coward, Teresa Griffin, Susan Moffat, Wanda Penn, Mike Pikulski, and Alejandro Puyana.

In mid-July, a draft of the proposed revised bylaws was posted to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Yahoo Group listserv and the Hyde Park Contact Team Yahoo Group listserv, along with a link to the current bylaws. The draft revisions were also presented for discussion at the Contact Team's regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on July 27. The proposed draft will remain posted for review until the vote of the Contact Team.

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What are the major proposed changes for the bylaws?

The proposed draft contains a number of non-substantive revisions for improved clarity, including some reorganization of existing provisions. In addition, the draft incorporates the following substantive proposed changes:

1. Adds a preamble stating the purpose and mission of the HPNPCT.
2. Adjusts Neighborhood Plan boundaries to include the newly developed area by Waller Creek between 49th and 51st Streets.
3. Expands membership to include representation from any neighborhood association within the Neighborhood Plan boundaries.
4. Increases the quorum requirement to 15 members, up from the current quorum of 7 members.
5. Provides that additional meetings of the Contact Team beyond its regularly scheduled quarterly meetings can be called by a majority of its elected officers or by 7 voting members.
6. Expands voting requirements to allow the following individuals to vote without having attended a prior Contact Team meeting:
 - a. Any otherwise eligible person who presents a 500-foot legal notification document from the City of Austin regarding an agenda item.
 - b. Any otherwise eligible person who presents proof of attendance at one or more City-sponsored

Contact Team quarterly training meetings or a City-sponsored meeting on the topic of the agenda item during the preceding nine months.

7. Provides that all voting decisions of the Contact Team will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
8. Provides that an item can be added to the Contact Team agenda at the request of two voting members, with the requirement that at least one of the requesting members must attend the meeting to present it.
9. Provides that all meetings must be publicized using the Hyde Park Yahoo Group listserv and the HPNPCT Yahoo Group listserv, that regular quarterly meetings will also be announced in the *Pecan Press*, and that all meeting notices must include meeting location.
10. Clarifies the roles of officers.
11. Clarifies the definition of "conflict of interest".
12. Adds a section governing communications.
13. Defines a process to create and operate committees.

When will revisions be voted on?

The proposed revisions are scheduled for a vote at the Contact Team's next regular quarterly meeting 7pm, Monday, October 26, 2015, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway.

What if I have questions or comments?

Please direct questions or comments regarding the proposed draft to Bylaws Committee Chair Reid Long at reid.long@gmail.com



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KXAN Covers HPNA Meeting about Flooding. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was pleased to welcome KXAN to its September meeting to cover the City of Austin watershed department staff presentation about flooding in Hyde Park. Staff did an excellent job putting together the presentation and answering residents' questions about drainage capacity and planned infrastructure improvements. View the story at <http://kxan.com/2015/09/14/fixing-hyde-park-flood-issues-to-cost-millions/>.



Free Trees to Hyde Parkers. TreeFolks, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to grow the urban forest of Central Texas through tree planting, education, and community partnerships, will be offering free trees to Hyde Park neighbors through their NeighborWoods program. They will mark yards that qualify for a free street tree with small flags and leave an order form at the front door. To get a tree, just fill out the order card and drop it in the mail. TreeFolks delivers the trees right to your doorstep, along with planting and watering instructions, between October and March. TreeFolks gives away over 4,000 free trees every year to homeowners for planting around the home. NeighborWoods is sponsored by Austin Energy to lower summer temperatures and reduce energy consumption by investing in tree canopy cover that will shade paved streets, therefore combating the Urban Heat Island Effect. To learn more about TreeFolks and the NeighborWoods program, visit www.treefolks.org. If you have any questions, contact Anne Howard at anne@treefolks.org or call 512-443-5323.



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Around & About the Avenues

The Quarry at Hyde Park Theatre. Now on stage at the Hyde Park Theatre is *The Quarry* by Greg Pierce. This is only the second production in the country of this new work. Greg Pierce wrote Hyde Park Theatre's award-winning 2013 smash hit *Slowgirl*, which won the B. Iden Payne Awards for Outstanding Drama and Outstanding Lead Actress. *The Quarry* is a funny and surreal detective story with a haunting original score by Randal Pierce. After a series of unsettling discoveries in a marble-quarry town in Vermont, antisocial widow Jean McClain decides to conduct her own investigation. *The Burlington Free Press* critic called *The Quarry*, "An intriguing play, haunting and strangely magical." *The Rutland Herald* said it was, "Delightful storytelling, fascinating and quirky ... Unexpected and satisfying." The production stars Chase Brewer (*Rocky Horror Show, A Bright New Boise*), Katherine Catmull (*The Christians, There Is A Happiness That Morning Is*), Jess Hughes (*The Night Alive, The Christians*), and Ken Webster (*The Night Alive, The Christians*). Ken Webster directs. The show runs at 8:00pm on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, September 24 - October 24, 2015. Thursdays are Pay What You Can nights. Friday tickets are \$22 (September 24 - October 17) and \$24 (October 22 - 24). Saturday tickets are \$24 (September 24 - October 17) and \$26 (October 22 - 24). Friday and Saturday tickets are \$2 off for students, seniors, military, and Austin Creative Alliance members. Purchase tickets at www.hydeparktheatre.org or call 512-479-PLAY (7529) for reservations.



Katherine Catmull and Ken Webster

Hyde Park Montessori School Opens. When the Montessori Center on Avenue H announced it needed to close its doors and sell the school property, parents came together and found investors willing to purchase the school property and lease it back to a school. The school has incorporated as Hyde Park Montessori, a non-profit corporation with a new director, Kathy Gage, and is applying for 501(c)(3) status. Many long-time teachers and families have remained part of the school community. It has an official non-discrimination policy: "Hyde Park Montessori admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs."



Save the Date for the Homes Tour. Be sure to save Sunday, November 8 to attend the 39th Annual Hyde Park Homes Tour. This year our theme is "In Celebration of Small Houses," and we will feature a number of small homes with great style and wonderful stories. If you want to volunteer as a docent during this annual neighborhood event (and receive a free ticket), contact John Williams at 512-350-1094 or jawilli@grandecom.net. If you want to join the Friends of the Hyde Park Homes Tour in supporting this year's tour and receive two tickets and recognition in the tour booklet for your business or family, contact homes tour chair Carolyn Grimes at 512-426-3559 or cgrimes@cbunited.com.



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[# in parentheses = letters in answer / A = anagram]

1. Gotta go with the state tree first. (5) _____
2. and 3. The small tree with many fragrant purple flowers. (5) _____
3. see 2. (8,6) _____
4. Our native maple tree; sounds you fight someone of greater age. (3,5) _____
5. Close relative of #1; part of Pres. Jackson's nickname. (7) _____
6. Me so racy {A}. In Europe it's a type of maple. (8) _____
7. Reclaim name {A} of our country's tree? (8,3) _____
8. Sounds like you think about fruit in fig family? (8) _____
9. Dead ones not very interesting. (4,3) _____
10. Mistakenly called cedar. (7) _____
11. Soft plant fiber joined to hard part of tree. (10) _____
12. Bee product and migratory grasshopper make a tree in legume family. (5,6) _____
13. Crackly herb {A} is a sort of plum tree. (5,6) _____
14. Its pink flowers emerge before its leaves each spring. (6) _____
15. We get sum {A}; fruits are small prickly balls. (5,3) _____
16. Cousin to the flat-topped savanna trees. (6) _____
17. Osage orange or horse apple. (4,4) _____
18. Disreputable cousin of #7. Chop a fruit. (9) _____
19. Non-native fruit from the east? (10) _____
20. Also not native; it's a ligustrum. (6) _____



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Valerie Mansbendel Williams House at 3820 Avenue F. After the death of Williams' first wife, Valerie Mansbendel, he remarried, and his second wife Helen lived in the Avenue F house until her death in 2010. During her declining years, Maverick and Katie, her great grandson and his wife, watched over her. Maverick



4004 Avenue G Today, photo by Lorre Weidlich

had grown up in the house next door to the Williams house, the latest of four generations to live in Hyde Park.

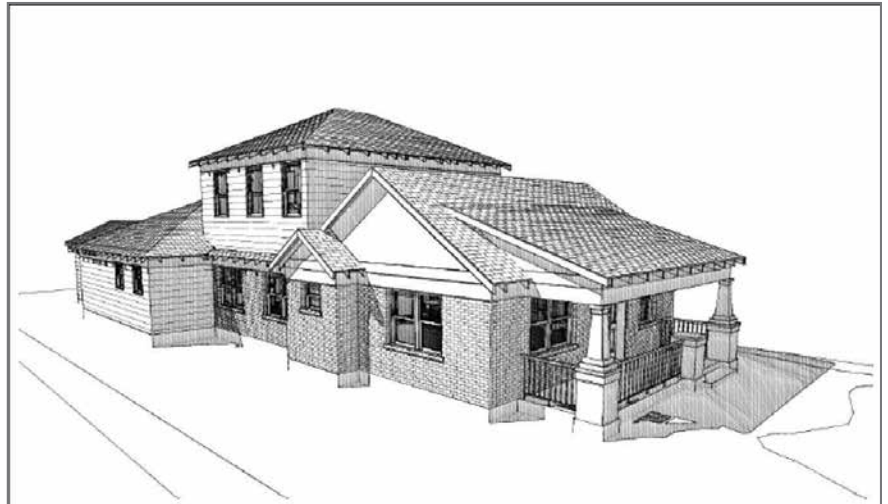
After Helen's passing, Maverick and Katie sought another link with the neighborhood, and they found it in the house at 4004 Avenue G. A brick bungalow built about 1920, the house was owned by the Hyde Park Baptist Church between 1974 and 2011. The yard was overgrown and the front door was little more than a plywood panel. In Katie's words, "It was a dump." After purchasing the house, the Turners did some basic restoration including leveling the house, which raised it 3" on one side, and refinishing the floors.

For their long-term renovation work, they are working with architect Mickey Peavler. Through his colleague, Jeff Bullard, Mickey became aware of the city tax abatement program for the restoration of contributing structures in local historic districts. The Turners launched the effort. The first step was approval of the project by the Historic Landmark Commission, a required step for all changes in local historic districts. The second was completion of the application, an elaborate process that required separating out from the total restoration cost those items

that related specifically to the original structure. Restoration costs must reach \$100,000 and can include sustainability features such as the water retention system that the Turners plan to incorporate. The Turners worked closely with Steve Sadowsky in the city Historic Preservation Office.

The Turners' project is ambitious: a second floor with three bedrooms and two baths, replacement of the metal front posts with more period-authentic ones, and demolition and replacement of back parts of the house. For the restoration, they have had to move out of the structure for the second time since their purchase of the property; the first was to relocate to the Czech Republic for a year for Maverick's job. They anticipate nine months of restoration work before they can move back in. At that time, Katie says, "I'm ready to get back here for good." When they move back in, with them will be their young daughter Daphne, the fifth generation of the family to live in Hyde Park.

The tax-abatement program for the restoration of structures contributing to LHDs was adopted by the City of Austin in 2012. Its purpose, according to the City of Austin, is "to encourage preservation and



4004 Avenue G Planned

maintenance of the architectural character of local historic districts" (http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Planning/Historic_Preservation/lhd_tax_abatement_application.pdf). The program abates 100% of the city property taxes assessed on the value added to a property as a result of restoration for seven years. Eligible expenses include the demolition of non-historic exterior additions; the repair, restoration, or replacement of the historic façade and landscape features; and sustainability features such as solar panels. Interested homeowners should contact the Historic Preservation Office.

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Fire Station Festival... ...cont'd from page 1

Elizabeth Williams of Avenue D is graciously heading up the refreshments portion, so thank her for her kind efforts pulling together enough food and drink to refresh a very large crowd! This will include Blue Sky sodas, apples, popcorn, and lots of special touches donated by our generous neighborhood businesses including Fresh Plus and Wheatsville groceries and Quack's Cakery, Hyde Park Bar and Grill, and NeWorldDeli.

At the back fence of the area is the children's area, expertly managed by Liz Lock of the remarkable Adams House bed and breakfast. Liz keeps the activities fun and engaging for the smallest of our neighbors, who evoke the magic of the festival with their costumes and enthusiasm. The featured activities include a fishing booth sponsored by ToyJoy, a craft booth sponsored by Walgreens, and more! This year's costume prizes will go to the Best Family, Funniest, Most Creative, and Scariest costumes. Thank you, Liz, for making it so much fun for our Hyde Park kids.

Joan Yamini heads up the portion for teens, with henna, hair art and braiding, and temporary flash tattoos, among other activities. The trainers at Dane's Body Shop on 43rd Street have graciously volunteered to help run the physically challenging tire pull station this year, so get ready to show off your strength! And our own kind and generous Carolyn Grimes has once again stepped forward as sponsor of the photo booth.

The Fire Fighters of Station # 9 are also excited about the event and are making sure the area is ready and the fire safety trailer is available for your education. Also, the fire fighters are offering an outstanding t-shirt for this year, in adult and toddler sizes. The shirt features a logo on the front and a design on the back, on a navy blue shirt. Quantities are limited, so you will want to reserve your shirt now: email Linda van Bavel (linda@texasvanbavel.com) indicating your size and bring \$15 in cash or a credit card to the festival. This shirt will go quickly, so don't delay. The shirt is really cute in the kids' sizes.

Thanks go to Michael Crider and Deaton Bednar for their efforts marketing the event through website maintenance, donor recognition, and posting of flyers in the neighborhood.

And as always, thanks to our sponsors, including Grande Communications, for their generous financial help to make this event happen, along with the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. In addition, thanks to Hyde Park Baptist Church for kindly loaning equipment and donating volunteers and funds so that this year's festival will run more smoothly.

It will be a great gathering of community and fun to celebrate the fire station and fire fighters who help keep us safe, so please make plans to attend this great event. I'll see you there!

— Linda van Bavel
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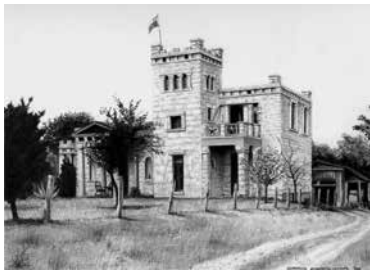
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News from The Ney

Finally, fall is here and that means more activity at the Ney!

On Sunday, October 25, the Ney will host the Second First Annual POLKAPOCALYPSE! Yes, you read that right, because at every POLKAPOCALYPSE the clock starts over! Wear your spookiest polka gear and dance to the a-one-a-and-a-two-a of polka masters from all over the state, headlined by none other than Brave Combo, who will play at 4 pm. Of course there will be a dance floor! As always, events are free and family-friendly. Texas Folklife is the Ney's partner in this production, which will run from noon to 5 pm.

Also, you might have noticed an addition to the native prairie restoration, near the southwestern corner of the property. This is a piece by Austin artist Jack Sanders, of Design Build Adventure. It's a part of the Drawing Lines project, featuring works created specifically for and about each of the new City Council districts. The Ney and Hyde Park are in District 9. Jack lives in the area, near Lee Elementary.

In a district that has high competition for space in housing, business, and events, the untitled piece explores the question of how residents experience moments of interruption, surprise, and change. Working with everyday materials used at both construction sites and events, the artist hopes to engage residents through an unexpected moment of curiosity by creating a large geodesic ball made with carefully constructed scaffolding materials.

As Sanders explains, "I have been intrigued with the idea of building a large structure out of scaffolding pieces for some time. Here, I've designed a 16 to 20 foot diameter, geodesic sphere for a landscape where sculpture isn't expected - just like we see construction sites pop up in places that earlier we thought were unchanging."

Sanders' work also explores the ever-growing event economy of Austin and its connection to our quickly changing city. "I find scaffolding interesting because it's a construction material - which is suggestive or indicative of the growth and how fast our city is under construction - but it's also used for performances. Companies in Austin that sold scaffolding twenty years ago for construction trades have a significant percentage of their work making stages and bleachers, barricading, and tents. It's a simple material but it tells so much of the story of what we're

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Got to say, I am totally smitten,
Surrounded by youth and beauty,
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Saying, “Ben, we have some work to do,
Laundry to fold.”
He said, “We have some laundry to fold.”
He likes to do work.
So, we folded laundry.
And he told me, “Gramma, you are my friend.”
I was his friend because I brought work
I mean, If you can’t learn it from Gramma,
Then who?
Amelia who is just becoming a person
Being all of 9 months old,
Communicates with body language.
She smiles. I smile.
I shrug my shoulders.
She shrugs her shoulders.
I laugh and she shows me her teeth
All two of them
I am totally smitten.

— Herzele
06/13/15

News from the Ney... ...cont'd from page 15

collectively experiencing as Austin changes from a small college town into one of the larger cities in the US.”

The artist will be onsite every Wednesday at 7 pm to discuss his piece, which will remain through October and most of November. There will be an opening event on the evening of Wednesday, October 7. Feel free to visit the piece any time you like, but please don’t climb on it!

Finally, the Ney will be launching its new Teen Docent Program this fall. Working primarily with Kealing Middle School but open to all teens, the museum invites young people to help tell Elisabet’s story for academic credit. A launch event will be coming soon, so keep an eye open for that. It will be a great program that will teach speaking and presentation skills, be intellectually rewarding, and look terrific on a college application!

In short, as always, there’s a lot going on at the Ney. The staff thanks you for your continued support and involvement.



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HPNA Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2015

Co-President Lorre Weidlich called the September meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to order at 7:03 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. The first item of business was an announcement that the Pecan Park Complex on Avenue G between 39th and 40th Street would be hosting a National Night Out event from 6pm to 8pm on October 6.

John Williams presented the slate of candidates for officer and steering committee positions for the upcoming year. The election for these offices takes place at the October meeting and the new officers take office at the Fire Station Festival.

Adrian Skinner, Co-Vice President, introduced members from the Watershed Department at the City of Austin. Jorge Morales lead the program and discussed the observed drainage issues within the neighborhood, especially those near Guadalupe and along Avenue A.

Hyde Park is primarily drained by two major waste water systems. The first drains the area along Guadalupe and the western edge of Hyde Park. The second system is the Tom Green system that drains a small portion of the neighborhood between Speedway and Duval and along the Southern border of the neighborhood. The Guadalupe system was initially built in the 1920s and 1930s and does not have the capacity to carry the water for two-year storm events. After the recent storm events, the system was reviewed using cameras to ensure that it had not collapsed; during one of the most recent events, debris was found to be clogging part of the system.

Renovation of this system is ranked highly in the list of future projects for the Watershed Department, but the repairs will cost approximately \$18 million. The priority of projects depends on the year the system was built, the number of structures and streets, and the complaints received about flooding issues. The staff members took numerous questions from the audience related to rezoning the flood plain, inspection of commercial detention ponds, surface materials to minimize impact, and the relationship between localized flooding and creek flooding.

The next item on the agenda was discussion and consideration of a restrictive covenant with the Griffin School. Adam Wilson, Director of the Griffin School, presented the terms of the restrictive covenant, which was drafted at the suggestion of the Board of Adjustment and in collaboration with the school's immediate neighbors. Adam proposed a series of nine amendments that add elements that have been agreed upon by Griffin School and its immediate neighbors since the original article in the *Pecan Press*. The covenant now requires that the school produce an affidavit to the HPNA confirming the school's enrollment to verify that the terms of the covenant have been fulfilled. Additionally, the covenant requires that the school implement other particular parking initiatives to maintain the safety of the streets. These amendments were adopted by a vote of 45 in support, 2 opposed, and no abstentions.

Several people spoke in support of the covenant and asked that HPNA support the Griffin School. Others, including two of the schools immediate neighbors, spoke in opposition to the covenant. They cited as their concerns the decreased safety of the streets due to increased traffic, support of a private business at the expense of homeowners, and loss of green space. They also noted that this vote was against the traditional role of the association. Elizabeth Metter moved to amend the covenant to include the four immediate neighbors in opposition as stakeholders to the covenant. This amendment failed by a vote of 3 in support, 43 opposed, and 4 abstentions. The covenant was accepted by a vote of 47 in support, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

The final item on the agenda was a vote on a resolution to support a change in the name of Lee Elementary School. Susan Moffitt presented a brief history of the discussions regarding the name and the process by which the name could be changed. After lengthy discussion by supporters and opponents of the resolution, the resolution supporting the name change was adopted, 24 in support, 11 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

The meeting closed with an announcement that Preservation Austin would be hosting an architectural scavenger hunt for families, beginning at the Elisabet Ney Museum, on September 26 at 9am. They are still looking for volunteers to help with the event.

— Reid Long
HPNA Co-Secretary

Word Find: Trees of Austin ... from page 10

Key

1. PECAN; 2. and 3. TEXAS MOUNTAIN LAUREL; 4. BOX ELDER; 5. HICKORY; 6. SYCAMORE; 7. AMERICAN ELM 8. HICKORY; 9. LIVE OAK; 10. JUNIPER; 11. COTTONWOOD; 12. HONEY LOCUST; 13. BLACK CHERRY; 14. REDBUD; 15. SWEET GUM; 16. ACACIA; 17. BOIS D'ARC; 18. HACKBERRY; 19. CHINABERRY; 20. PRIVET.

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Fire eye jump
Running in the desert
near a skull
Where the eyes
Red eyes
Eyes light up as disks of red

Leash and Moo across the desert
Drive a horse
Runner with a cow
Angry red eyes

— Asher Zvi-Nova

*Inspired by the sculpture by Luis Jimenez at the
Blanton Art Museum
Dictated to his mother, Amber Novak*

Angles in Mexico

I lay on the bed
In the villita (mas grande que una casita)
In Mexico,
Half awake,
Or maybe three quarters,
Listening to the birds
And the laughter of my family at play,
And stared at the angles
Of the various beams, doorways,
Mirrors and valences,
And marveled at the odd confluence

So, one can create depth
By representing the TRUE way
These things come together,
Not in straight, symmetrical lines,
Not as you would think,
That I why not everyone is an artist;

It made me think about that guy
Who paints amazing scenes
On sidewalks, that look 3D,
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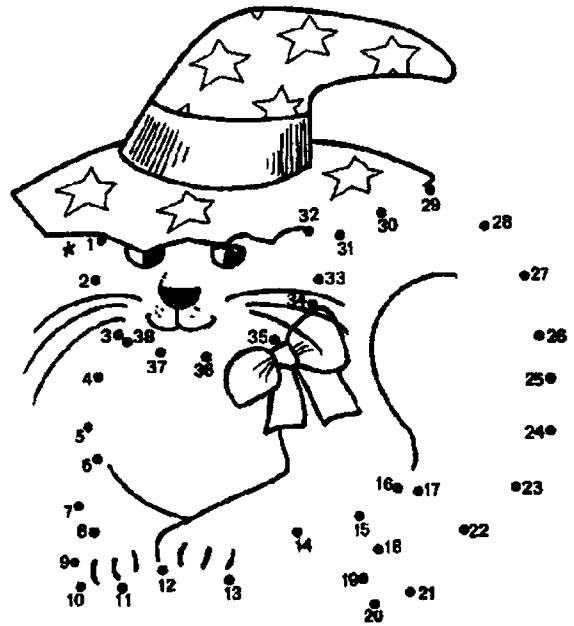
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Kid's Corner: Halloween, Trick or Treat!

Welcome to the Pecan Press Kid's Corner where you can find out about kid happenings in Hyde Park. Feel free to submit anything kid related, including event info, kids' drawings, stories, comics, songs, poems, what have you! ppkidscorner@yahoo.com

Halloween this year is on a Saturday! That's right – no school night concerns for our trick-or-treaters big or small! So head on out for a family fun evening of neighborhood spooky, scary good times! Avenue F between 41st and 44th is the hub of Halloween festivities in the neighborhood. The decorations are all out spooktacular, with the occasional zombie sighting and flash mob dancing. But, be sure to take a stroll along the surrounding Avenues and throughout the neighborhood to see incredibly decorated homes ready to spook and delight! Oh, and pass out treats or tricks! Check out the Hyde Park Halloween Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hydeparkhalloween?ref=stream> for current information on happenings Halloween night as well as inspiration for making your own haunted house as frightening as you like!



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