

# July Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, July 7, 2014

**Where:** The Griffin School  
5001 Evans Avenue

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

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for July 7

- ◆ Presentations on Transportation: Project Connect, I-35 Corridor update
- ◆ Update from Friends of Hyde Park
- ◆ Update on Accessory Dwelling Units in Hyde Park
- ◆ Announcements

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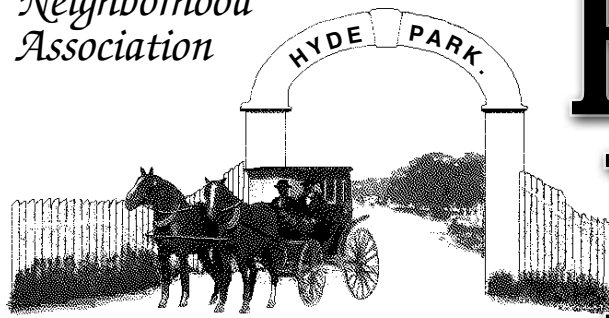
The 6th Annual Shipe Pool Party is Saturday, July 12, 7-11 p.m. Bring the family and friends out for tacos and snow cones, take a late evening dip in the pool, and settle in for The Lego Movie in the field after dark. The Shipe Pool Party is presented by Grande Communications and hosted by the HPNA. This event is a wonderful gathering in our cherished public green space and always helps us to build a stronger sense of community.

*Note: As this article goes to press, Shipe pool has just reopened after a period of closure due to pump and leak issues. The leak has not been completely repaired, but apparently is in a manageable state. It will be regularly monitored and could cause future closure. In any case, the July 12 event will take place as scheduled; if the pool is closed, the pool party will be more of a pool rally.*

This is a particularly important time to advocate for our beloved neighborhood park and pool given the challenges it is facing: in the first month of the pool season, Shipe pool was closed because of the breakdown of the chemical pump and a

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## Exploring Lives

### An Interview with Lee Walker

**E**ditor's Note: Lee Walker has lived in Hyde Park for the last 20 years, a place that resonates with the high value he puts on family, friends, and community. His professional and public life is a fascinating, inspiring tale not just in the breadth of his endeavors but in the way he has created or seized the opportunities that have led to a host of accomplishments. Among the awards and recognition he has earned are Austin Chamber of Commerce Austinite of the Year (1998), Texas Nature Conservancy Lifetime Achievement (2004), and with his wife Jennifer Vickers, Association of Fundraising Professionals Outstanding Philanthropists (2006)



**Pecan Press (PP):** You lived in quite a few places before you moved to Austin. Where did you grow up?

**Lee Walker (LW):** I was born in Kansas; my dad came from a line of independent farmers in Catholic enclaves with a strong sense of morality. I came to Texas at age 10 when he started working in an oil refinery in Three Rivers.

I did experience Austin rather early on, though. Like many other kids in Texas, I participated in academic and athletic competitions sponsored by the University Interscholastic League. If you were good and won in your district, you got to go to the regionals, and if you won there, you came to Austin to compete in state finals. I loved those trips. Austin was quite different from my hot, dusty hometown, and represented to me the epicenter of achievement. It made an imprint in my mind that it was a place I would come to live someday.

**PP:** You've been engaged in a wide range of professions requiring constant retooling and learning. Did this love of learning start when you were young?

**LW:** Yes. When I was 7, I discovered a set of the Encyclopedia Americana in my basement. I was constantly hiding out there reading it. As a result, I got to know a lot of stuff early, and that triggered interest in a lot of other things.

**PP:** Why did you choose Texas A&M for your undergraduate work?

**LW:** With no money for college, I went right to work the summer after high school as a roustabout in the oil industry. One morning while we were pulling a well, a car drives up with the Shelby Metcalf in it. This legendary Texas basketball coach invites me to attend A&M on a full

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# From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



During the past several months, while the Contact Team has been discussing the possibility of amending the Hyde Park NCCDs to allow accessory dwelling units on lots between 5750 and 7000 square feet, one thing that has become apparent is that, despite efforts at explanation, many Hyde Park residents are not clear about just what the Hyde Park Contact Team is and what its relationship to HPNA is.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and the Hyde Park Contact Team are *two entirely separate organizations*. While HPNA has an official liaison who attends the Contact Team meetings and keeps HPNA informed about the actions of the Contact Team, neither organization is a committee or functionary of the other.

In 2000, Hyde Park created a Neighborhood Plan under the direction of the City of Aus-

tin. Other geographical areas did the same, although in all other cases, the geographical areas were not one individual neighborhood like Hyde Park but larger areas consisting of several neighborhoods. Hyde Park is the only individual neighborhood that has its own Neighborhood Plan. Several years later, the City of Austin created Contact Teams to handle those neighborhood plans. Just as Hyde Park is the only individual neigh-

borhood with its own plan, Hyde Park is the only individual neighborhood with its own Contact Team.

The mandate of the Hyde Park Contact Team, according to its bylaws, is "to review and make recommendations on all proposed amendments to the adopted Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan." The purpose of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, on the other hand, is to "foster a closer, more genuine community of neighbors and to preserve the historic and unique character, amenities, and ecology of the community of Hyde Park."

The Contact Team and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association differ in the following ways:

- **Eligibility for membership:** The HPNA is open to anyone who lives in (or within 300 feet of) Hyde Park, both owners and renters. The Hyde Park Contact Team includes property owners, residential renters, and business owners with a physical Hyde Park address upon which they pay taxes.
- **Dues:** The HPNA has dues; the Hyde Park Contact Team does not.
- **Voting requirements:** The HPNA requires a 30-day waiting period after an individual pays dues; the Hyde Park Contact Team requires that an individual must have attended a meeting within the past 9 months.
- **Meetings:** The HPNA meets monthly; the Hyde Park Contact Team meets quarterly.

In practical terms, what does this mean? For one thing, it means that if you want to be able to have input into the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan, you need to join the Contact Team. This isn't difficult; just show up at the next meeting (July 28). Your voting rights will be secure

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# Accessory Dwelling Units: An Update on the Discussions

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (HPNPCT) has established a committee to explore further the potential benefits and disadvantages for reducing to 5750 sq. ft. the residential lot size on which accessory dwelling units (ADUs) would be allowed in Hyde Park. The ADU topic was introduced at the April quarterly meeting of the HPNPCT. On June 12, the Austin City Council approved a resolution to reduce regulatory barriers to ADUs that are less than 500 square feet, including but not limited to eliminating parking and driveway requirements. Council has directed the city manager to convene a stakeholder process for additional recommendations, which could include allowing ADUs on lots larger than 5750 sq. ft.

While it is not clear at the time of this writing exactly how the resolution would affect Hyde Park, it seems likely that the Hyde Park NCCDs would need to be amended through a Contact Team amendment process if residents choose to adopt those changes, regardless of any new citywide changes.

Addressing ADUs is thus a timely issue that compels both the HPNPCT and HPNA to express preferences. It would be beneficial to have a coordinated response from the two groups.

To that end, a newly-formed ADU committee of Hyde Park residents has agreed to participate in a process to help focus discussion, listen to concerns, provide information as it becomes available, and ensure that all stakeholders within Hyde Park have an opportunity to be involved. The members of the committee include Pete Gilcrease (HPNPCT chair), Kathy Lawrence (HPNA co-vice president), Adrian Skinner (HPNA co-secretary), and longtime residents Steve Franke, Coral Franke, Teresa Griffin, and Larry Gilg.

The committee has identified a number of items to address over next few weeks:

- Understand the full implications for Hyde Park of the council resolution on ADUs and communicate them to Hyde Park stakeholders

- Create an online survey to help identify stakeholders' concerns related to ADUs. The survey is at (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/secondarydwellingunits>) and is intended for all stakeholders in Hyde Park, and will be instrumental in the decision-making process. Stakeholders are encouraged to take a few minutes to log on and complete the survey.
- Model "real-lot" scenarios. Take two or more specific lots in Hyde Park (or use similar but fictitious lots) and analyze whether an ADU could be built, assess restrictions based on current regulations, and forecast the quantifiable costs and benefits.
- Develop a process that fosters input from all stakeholders.
- Set the agendas for Contact Team meetings that will discuss ADUs.

The next Contact Team meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28 at Trinity United Methodist Church. The agenda is as follows:

- Update on city council ADU resolution.
- Presentation on scenarios.
- Presentation on results of survey.
- Open discussion of issues.
- Other business.

— Larry Gilg

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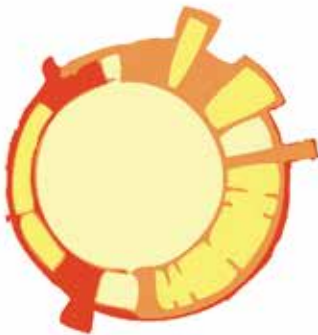
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basketball scholarship. I leapt at this opportunity, but was surprised because I wasn't that great a player. Although being 6'9", I did have my height going for me. For three years, I sat on the bench, pretty much a nobody. But just as the season got underway in my senior year, I started to play really well and was named Honorable Mention All Southwest Conference Team as A&M won second place in the conference.

**PP:** *You majored in physics and Russian. Those are challenging subjects. Tell us a bit about why you chose those majors and if they had an effect on your life.*

**LW:** I chose physics because I thought it was the hardest course of study to take, and also the most fundamental thing you could study – it's about how things work. I selected Russian because I needed a scientific language to go along with physics. Physics plus Russian plus my final success in basketball changed everything in my life and opened up the world to me. I was awarded a NASA fellowship for being a top national physics student. That three-year program was a fast track to a PhD in nuclear physics.

**PP:** *At some point you decided to get an MBA at Harvard? Where did the interest in business come from?*

**LW:** I had zero interest in business, probably even a negative view of it. On the other hand, physics wasn't enough for me. The nature of a physics career requires you to keep specializing – and that was not interesting to me. I met someone who had just graduated from Harvard Business School and told me he was already running a business for DuPont. That sounded like something worth trying.

**PP:** *Your initial job after Harvard was at Union Carbide. There's quite a story about your time there, right?*

**LW:** Yes. I quit after one year out of a sense of moral outrage. My boss took me out for a drink; he's celebratory because he felt I was headed for the top. Then he became sad, in tears because he wouldn't be going there with me because he was Jewish. No Jew could get to the top of Union Carbide at that time. So I just quit, with no job in the offing.

**PP:** *Wow, that was a courageous and daring thing to do. What were the repercussions?*

**LW:** That move turned out to be crucial for my entrepreneurial career. A few days later, the phone rings and it's Union Carbide, with a job proposition for me that would not involve being part of their company. It had a 20 – 30% investment in an oceanographic company that was failing and immediately needed a chief financial officer to save it. They said the job could be mine despite my lack of experience. I took the challenge. It turned out it was not so difficult to turn the company around. After 2 years there, I moved on to a series of other successful businesses ventures.

**PP:** *What was so engaging to you about being an entrepreneur?*

**LW:** Several things. I loved the sense of not working for anyone else, being independent – probably something I valued from my family's roots in a farming community. Also I liked the fact that imagination is at the core of entrepreneurship.

**PP:** *So at what point did you finally move to Austin?*

**LW:** In 1978 I fulfilled my early dream of moving here. At first it was a period of early semi-retirement. However, by 1986, a friend of mine introduced me to Michael Dell, who as a young man had just started his PC business. With Michael was the man who I thought was going to be the first president of his company, which was then called PCs Limited. I'm not sure what happened but several days later Michael offered me that job. At first I said no, but upon more reflection became worried that his company was going to fail. So I changed my mind, becoming the first president of Dell Computer. Over the next few years we were able to break out of the pack to create the beginnings of a huge company. In less than 4 years though, I became very ill with meningitis and had to stop.

**PP:** *That's a serious illness. Did that change things for you?*

**LW:** Very much so. Not only did it take substantial time to recover, it's like my master switch was flipped. Living in an expensive home and driving a fancy car had been important to me, but now I moved to a houseboat on Lake Travis and drove a pickup truck. More important, I changed the setting of where I applied my values and skills, moving from running businesses to teaching university students.

**PP:** *Was one of those changes moving to Hyde Park?*

**LW:** Yes, that was part of a flow of change. Moving here was like coming home. Like many who live here, when Jen, my wife, and I first drove through, there was an instant click, a sense of connection to others. At bottom for me, the most important things are family and friends. Hyde Park taps that universal desire for connection.

It turned out to be a fantastic place for us to raise our daughters Gabriella and Giulia. It's been idyllic having Lee Elementary close by as a neighborhood school and being able to walk to restaurants and coffee shops and bike from home down Avenue H to Tom Green to the classes I teach at UT. And Austin has been a wonderful place as well for my two older daughters Amanda and Suzanna, and my grandchildren Sam and Jasmine.

**PP:** *In the time since your illness you have striven to serve – students through teaching and citizens of Austin as chair of the board of Cap Metro. Let's start with the latter. What prompted you to take that on?*

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**LW:** In 1996, Laylan Copelin at the *Statesman* was writing about scandal after scandal at Cap Metro. The Legislature ended up firing the entire board, creating a new one of five elected members and two citizens at large. My thought was that if Austin was to be a great city, it had to have great transportation. I was also thinking it would be misery to take this job on, and I hesitated to the very last minute to apply. Shortly after doing so, though, I became chair of the board for 11 years up to 2008.

**PP:** After serving as the board chair, you submitted a resignation letter in which you wrote, "I see a growing understanding that transit is about land use and how we shape a different future from business as usual." Can you elaborate on that?

**LW:** To me, we had to envision the future, do a virtual flyover over central Texas, 20 or 30 years hence. It was not hard to imagine the growth. You could see the choking traffic coming. Having a university, capitol, and emerging downtown all in close proximity made Austin unique, and linking those up by rail to my mind would have helped bring badly needed transit to Austin. In 2000, though, the light rail proposal failed to pass, losing by an average of just one vote per precinct. To this day I still regret that I was not able to provide the level of leadership needed to accomplish passage. Its passage would have had a dramatic impact on traffic and land use and would have contributed to Austin's becoming a grown-up modern city. We did however pass the commuter rail in 2004 by a substantial margin.

**PP:** Without specific training and experience, how did the path to teaching open up for you.

**LW:** That's another one of those stories. When I recovered from meningitis, I was invited to substitute teach a summer class in the graduate business school at UT. As it turned out, I was voted best teacher in the business school for that summer and was invited back, and the awards and teaching continued. A few years later, I met Ronnie Earle, the longtime district attorney in Austin, who told me his dream was to teach a course on community in Plan II, the liberal arts honors program at UT. I offered to help him with that, suggesting we approach UT to co-teach such a course. And so it happened. Eventually Ronnie had to bow out, and I remained and reshaped the course, which I've continue to teach to the present as a Senior Research Fellow.

**PP:** Can you tell us a bit about that course?

**LW:** It's called Pathways to Civic Engagement, and it's all about using the imagination to create solutions, opening up the lens through which we see possibilities for improving the civic community. One of those lenses is entrepreneurship. For example,

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civic engagement can happen when a group of people says it would like to have new urbanism up the street at the Triangle in lieu of a sea of asphalt and big box stores. Or create unique partnerships to save Westcave Preserve where I chaired for over 30 years. Or join with other neighbors to keep garbage pickup in our alleys so as to preserve our alleys. Or create a political movement to Save Our Springs. In my class, I can bring to bear all my experiences in helping my students explore solutions. My focus is on issues like health care, education, and the way we design our places, anything that has social justice implications.

**PP:** *You're now 72 and given your impressive list of accomplishments, I can't imagine you without goals for the future.*

**LW:** For the next 20 years plus I hope to continue to be biking along Avenue H and Tom Green, on my way to and from teaching my class at UT.

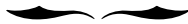


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People with nothing to do  
are dangerous.  
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significant leak in the pool plumbing. Other neighborhood pools across town are closed at press time because of a citywide shortage of lifeguards. Maintenance issues have caused periodic closures of Shipe pool over the last few years.

In 2011, Shipe was tagged by PARD for permanent closure to meet the budget gap the city was expecting (fortunately that was averted and the pool remained funded and open during the summer season). And this year, in the city's aquatics assessment, Shipe pool was judged to have less than five years of life left given the age and condition of its infrastructure. The city's final assessment report is set to be released this summer, and it will be the basis for a long-term plan for city pools in Austin.

The key questions on the table are (1) As a community, do we want to make neighborhood pools like Shipe and others a priority or would we rather close them in favor of new, larger regional pools with more capacity and amenities? and (2) If we do want to sustain neighborhood pools, how do we increase funding to the Parks and Recreation Department to rebuild and maintain them?

For a number of reasons then, this summer is a critical time to advocate for our neighborhood park and pool—and all neighborhood parks and pools. Among the best ways to get involved in this advocacy:

- Come to the Shipe Pool Party on July 12—we will speak volumes with our numbers that day!
- Connect with Friends of Shipe Park via our website ([www.shipepark.org](http://www.shipepark.org)), FaceBook ([www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofshipepark](http://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofshipepark)) and the Yahoo group listserv ([http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Friends\\_of\\_Shipe\\_Pool](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Friends_of_Shipe_Pool))
- Tell your city council members how important Shipe Pool is to you and your family ([www.austintexas.gov/mail/all-council-members](http://www.austintexas.gov/mail/all-council-members)).

Thank you for being engaged and involved in the important advocacy needed at this time to keep the park and pools available for our community!

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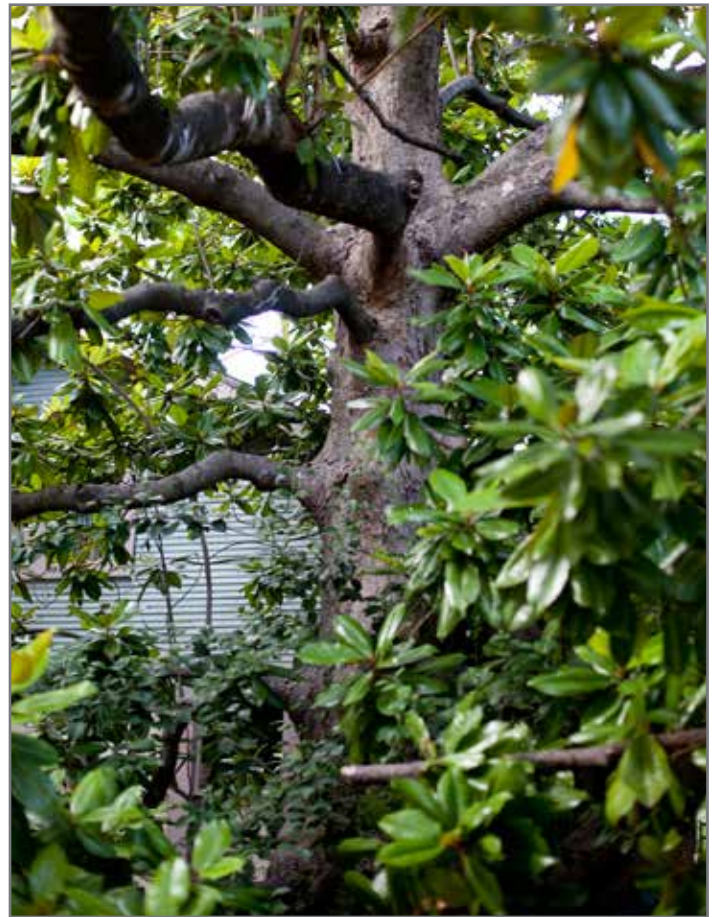


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How these trees were able to thrive, even with the house being vacant and abandoned for over 15 years at one point, only became known in the year 2000 when an underground spring on the property was discovered. In October of that year, it rained virtually every day resulting in the buckling of the front porch. When a plumber was called to find and fix the leak that was causing the buckling, he informed the Burtons that the cause was no leak, but an underground spring that had been recharged because of the heavy rains. A fan has been installed under the porch for use in periods of heavy rains, but the magnolia and catalpa trees, green and healthy, just keep getting bigger and bigger. This is a site to check out and behold!

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AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$263.06	\$289.17	9.93%
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# HPNA Meeting Minutes: June 2, 2014

Lorre Weidlich, co-president of HPNA, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The first order of business was a proposed resolution consisting of a membership-requested letter to Austin City Council in which the city was asked avoid in the future the kind of zoning errors made during the permitting process for The Adams House Bed & Breakfast. A motion to accept the draft resolution was seconded and time was provided for a reading of the resolution. A proposed amendment to change the tense of the word "supports" to "supported" passed by a majority vote with one no vote recorded. An amendment to remove "precedent" language in favor of "and should not be used by the City of Austin as a reason to grant future variances" was also passed. Finally, a requested amendment to change references of "The Adams House" to the address of the property also passed. The final amended text of the resolution passed by a vote of 20-0-3 and can be found at <http://www.austinhypark.org/2014/06/hpna-resolution-june2014>.

Kathy Lawrence led the second order of business: a discussion of infill tools focusing on reduced lot sizes for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). In April, neighbors heard a presentation at the Hyde Park Contact Team meeting related to the city infill tool that allows ADUs on lots larger than 5750 sq.ft. Larry Gilg provided a summary of the Contact Team meeting discussion. (The minutes of the meeting were summarized in June's *Pecan Press*.) The primary motivation to modify the neighborhood plan to allow ADUs on smaller lots is to help homeowners stay in their homes. Neighborhoods continue to lose longtime residents to gentrification and increasing property taxes. There is a need to ensure that measures are in place in any adopted plan that would prevent developers from building inappropriate structures.

Sharon Brown shared her thoughts on some questions about what this could mean for Hyde Park. "We all want what's best for the neighborhood. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan identifies areas for density such as along the Guadalupe Corridor. Would accessory dwelling units on smaller lots bring new unwanted stealth dorms and duplexes? How will ADUs positively impact affordability? Who will benefit the most from them?"

Mike Wong from the Northfield Neighborhood Association presented information about the challenges ADUs and other city infill tools have created for our neighbor to the north. Noting a difference in housing stock age and type, Mike provided an inventory of infill tools adopted in Northfield: small lot amnesty, cottage lots, secondary apartments, and corner stores. Presentations by city staff about infill tools were misleading in their representation of the types of units that would be built under infill. Developers took advantage by purchasing many affordable lots in the neighborhood, tearing down the primary structure and creating undesirable development.

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One of the concerns cited about small lot amnesty involves modified row houses with inadequate parking since small lot amnesty allows .65 floor-to-area ratio (FAR) instead of .40 FAR. Kathy Lawrence posed the question, "What should we do to make this work for us?" Mike Wong answered, "Make occupancy limits permanent and potentially lower. Owner occupancy might also help in the first generation. Increase homestead rights to encourage owner occupancy and discourage sale for profit to developers. Add protections into the neighborhood plan. Create a nonprofit redevelopment corporation that promotes the type of development the neighborhood wants and create well-defined design standards."

The discussion about ADUs ended with affirmation that the conversation would be ongoing and participation from all neighborhood stakeholders ensured. Hyde Park Neighborhood Association members and residents at large were reminded of the Contact Team meeting voting requirements: you must attend at least one Contact Team meeting within the prior 9 months to be eligible to vote at the next Contact Team meeting, with only one vote per household permitted. More information is available on Contact Team Yahoo group postings (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/HydeParkContactTeam/info>).

– Submitted by Artie Gold  
& Adrian Skinner,  
HPNA Co-Secretaries

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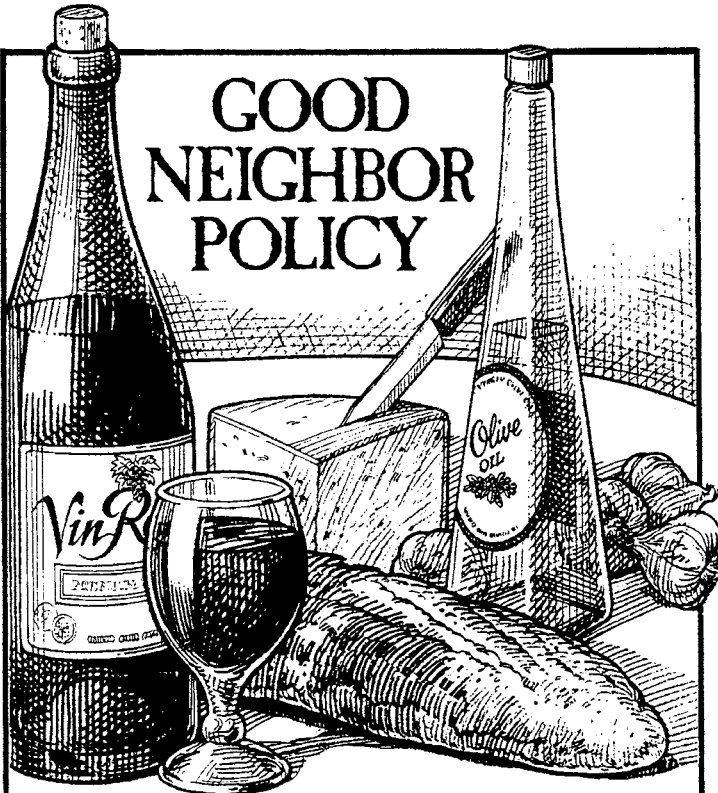
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for the following nine months and you will receive agendas of upcoming meetings, so you can attend those that announce votes on topics that concern you. For another thing, because the constituencies of the two groups differ, it is possible for the HPNA and the Hyde Park Contact Team to come down on different sides of the same issue.

The best thing that you, as a concerned Hyde Parker, can do is to become a voting member of both groups and attend meetings for both groups. It is the only way to be sure that you have a say in any and all issues that arise in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

– Kevin Heyburn & Lorre Weidlich,  
HPNA Co-Presidents



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# Around & About the Avenues

**New Hyde Park Community Garden To Serve Those in Need:** The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in partnership with the Trinity United Methodist Church has developed a plan to operate a community vegetable garden on church grounds aimed at providing folks in need with fresh, healthy produce. A grant has been applied for from the City of Austin, Office of the Mayor's "Love Your Block, Austin!" program, to get the project off the ground. The Hope Food Pantry, currently operating at the church, will distribute the food. Opportunities for volunteer participation in the project will be announced in time for the first planting in the fall. For more information contact Mark Fishman of the HPNA's Park & Public Space Committee at [mlfishman@gmail.com](mailto:mlfishman@gmail.com).



**Celebrate the New Trail at the Ney:** The last few months has seen the creation of the Western Trail addition to the Elisabeth Ney Museum's Historic Landscape Recreation. Connecting an opening on Avenue G near the Waller Creek Bridge to a spot along the carriage drive in front of the museum, this trail allows visitors a first-hand experience of the landscape, a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. Residents are invited to a gathering on Thursday

July 17 at 1:00 p.m. to thank the many parties involved in its creation: the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association; Friends of Shipe Park; Boy Scout Troop 1936, sponsored by the First English Lutheran Church and its supporters; new Eagle Scout Sean O'Connor; The Texas Conservation Corps, a Division of American Youth Works; and of course the Austin Parks Foundation, which funded the majority of the work. Refreshments will be served.



**Graffiti Patrol:** This group conducts quarterly graffiti clean-ups in Hyde Park as a group, with several members also doing considerable work on their own. Thanks are owed to George Wyche, Liz Lock, Doris Coward, Adrian Skinner and Kate Musemeche for participating in cleanup efforts on March 29 or May 17 or both. Those interested in participating in the future should contact Lisa Harris at [ljharris@yahoo.com](mailto:ljharris@yahoo.com).

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- 7 — HPNA General Meeting
- 7 — Bulk Collection Begins
- 11 — Recycling Collection
- 14 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 25 — Recycling Collection
- 28 — Contact Team Meeting

## Hyde Park Poets —

### You Can't Swing a Dead Cat *(response to R. Haas)*

These are the dog days  
 Don't cats lie around, prostrate from the heat?  
 We do not have cat days  
 Cat houses, cats eyes, catsup  
 No cat days

Mist rising from soaked lawns  
 Well, cats would not lie around on a soaked lawn  
 Especially if the mist would rise  
 Blurring sight in a cats eyes

Whatever it is would spur a change  
 In literature that spans a range  
 Of time and custom that oft depends  
 On adages, old saws, and phrases  
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 Let a sleeping dog lie, tethered, or not

The end of day unties what those of us who choose  
 To let the animal lie, or not  
 Would you tie up a cat?  
 No wonder they have not days,  
 Merely lives

Who said to my child: "let's play...  
 Must not have been having a cat  
 or dog day.

— Herzele  
 07/29/13

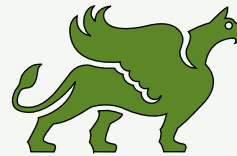


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