

December Meeting

No General Meeting for December!

We'll see you at the Volunteer Party, December 6, 2015, 5 to 8 pm, at the Elisabet Ney Museum!



Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour 2015

The fall weather was perfect and the crowds were plentiful for the 39th Annual Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour and our "Celebration of Small Houses" on Sunday, November 8.

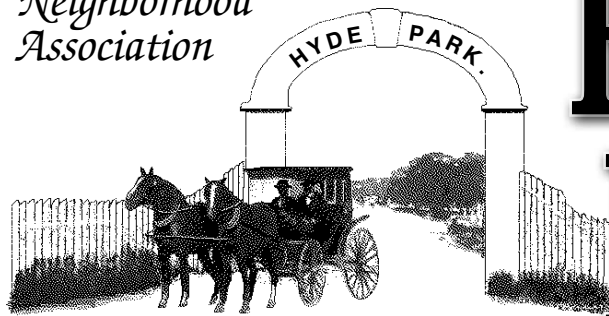


Tourists In and Out at the Avenue A Cottage, photo by Lorre Weidlich

Docents greeted over 500 tour guests with biographies of prior homeowners, photos and videos of former and recent construction, restored vintage dollhouses, and beautiful homes filled with

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The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association



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Hyde Park Volunteer Holiday Party

In true Hyde Park tradition, the 2015 Holiday season will get a jump-start with the fun, festive neighborhood party the HPNA sponsors every December. This year, it'll take place on Sunday, December 6 between 5-8pm. It'll be held at the Elisabet Ney Museum at 44th Street and Avenue H (across from Shipe Park). Please note that if it rains, the party will be moved to the Griffin School, which is located at 5001 Evans Avenue.

Inside the museum, Hyde Park families will enjoy an array of light finger foods, good wine, and music. Outside, partygoers will find there's plenty of delicious hot cocoa being served.

This year's highlight will be a wonderful clown to engage younger children with a fun performance and the creation of customized balloons by request. Festive holiday face painting will also be part of this sure-to-be-enjoyable family program. Other activities will be available for older children as well.

Neighbors and their friends are also invited once again to decorate the ever-popular "Wish Tree" with personalized wishes for the New Year. There'll be tags for the whole family to write on and ribbon to tie all those good wishes to the lovely tree located inside the museum. If you can't make it to the party, remember everyone in Hyde Park is invited to bring their families to the Museum any Wednesday through Sunday from 12-5pm. You're all welcome to write out your wish tag, then tie it to our "Wish Tree" from December 5 through the first week in January.

In the spirit of the season, all parties are asked to consider bringing an unwrapped gift for the kids at the Helping Hand Home for Children. This wonderful facility provides children who have suffered abuse and neglect with treatment and housing in a nurturing and healing setting. Gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, and Toys R Us are always welcome to



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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association relies on volunteers, especially when organizing big events, such as the Fire Station Festival, the Historic Homes Tour, and the Neighborhood Holiday Party.

As we are entering the season where gifts are exchanged, we would like to thank those in recent months who have already given great gifts to our neighborhood. First, we'd like to thank Linda Van Bavel and her huge group of volunteers who put together a very successful Fire Station Festival. We are grateful for all of our sponsors and especially our neighbors, the fire fighters. Together they help make our festival a big success. Also, we'd like to send a special thank you to June Spikes and her group of volunteers from Hyde Park Baptist Church who managed many of the booths this year.

Next, a big thank you goes to Carolyn Grimes, our hard working chair of this year's amazing Historic Homes Tour. She spent months selecting homes, working on publicity, and reaching out to volunteers. The result was one of our most successful tours. Lorre Weidlich donated her wonderful doll house collection, which drew gasps of delight from many on the tour. Our thanks goes to the

homeowners who loaned us their homes for the day, to the researchers, to photographer Rice Jackson, the house captains, the docents, the folks who ran the headquarters, and to our great sponsors this year, especially Suzanne Pringle, Lin Team, Lucien, Stirling & Gray, CG&S Design, and Carolyn Grimes. Also our thanks goes to supporters Heidi Bojes, Karin Wilkins, Susan Moffat and Nick Barbaro, Cindy & John Beall, Chad & Kori Crow, and Zeke Barbaro. Finally, a special thank you to neighbor Sarah Cook, who came up with the idea of celebrating small houses for the homes tour.

The Holiday Party will be this Sunday, December 6 at the Elisabeth Ney Museum from 5-8pm. Joan Burnham and her crew of volunteers will be working hard to give the neighborhood the gift of the best holiday party ever. We hope to see you there.



Science Jumble Key... ...from page 19

Key:
 VISCOSITY
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 PHYSICAL CHANGE
 ELEMENTS
 VALENCE ELECTRONS

Riddle answer: PERIODIC TABLE



Monthly Calendar December

- 6 — Volunteer Party, Elisabet Ney Museum
- 11 — Recycling Collection
- 14 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 26 — Recycling Collection

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gift. Another suggestion would be books that have directions to make things like paper airplanes, Origami creations, or paper animals. Small Lego sets, toy cars, Barbie dolls and their clothing also make great gifts.

This wonderful party is always the highlight of the HPNA year. As usual, it will be a very special occasion for neighbors and friends to relax, socialize, and enjoy our wonderful Hyde Park Community. If you haven't already done so, please consider joining the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. Dues are just \$5 a year or just \$1 a year for seniors 65 and older. Renewing your



membership — for those who are already members — is another important option.

We'd like to give special thanks to the Hyde Park residents whose hard work makes this wonderful family event possible. Also an extra thank you goes to our event co-host, the Elisabet Ney Museum, for so generously opening its doors for this event and for gracing our community with such wonderful art and sculpture.

For more information, email Joan Burnham at jgiburnham@gmail.com. We are also welcoming additional volunteers to help us with this momentous celebration.

— Joan Burnham



Membership Information

- Membership in HPNA is open to all residents 18 years or older residing within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of its boundaries.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
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Submission Information

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@grandecom.net.
Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.
All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.
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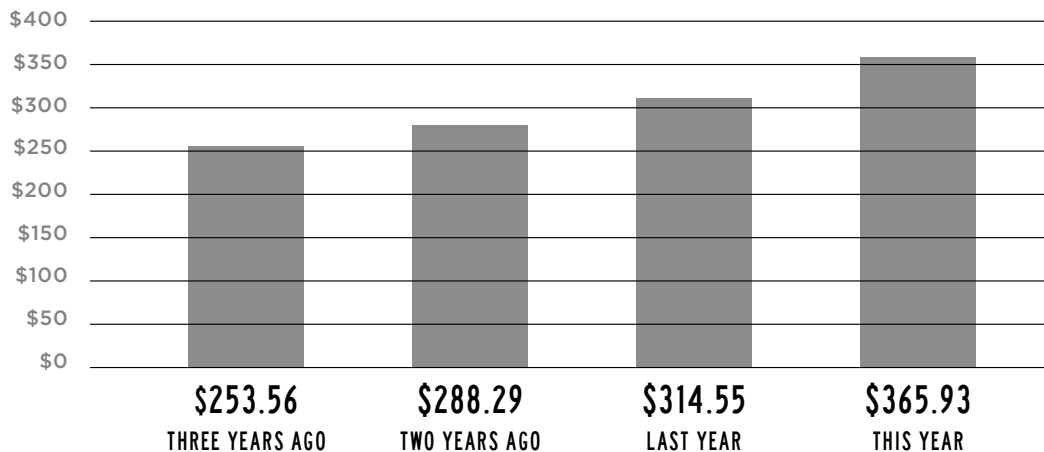
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whimsy and creative design inside and out. Not only did we have more guests than recent years, we also had a 46% increase in ticket sales over 2014, the vast majority of which came from outside the neighborhood.



Docent Herb Dixon Greets Tourists, photo by Lorre Weidlich

Special appreciation goes to the homeowners and residents of our seven small homes on this year's tour:

- Tim and Amie Vetscher of 4005 Avenue A
- Clay Smith of 4109 Avenue A
- Carolyn McFarland and Jeanne Kirksey of 4413 Avenue A
- Wanda Penn, Cindy Smith and Rick Clemons of 405 W 41st Street
- Alan and Giovanna Cooke of 405 W 43rd Street
- Joan Dentler of 202 W 44th Street
- Dixie Jordan of 4304 Avenue D

Your homes are fabulous and represent how important small homes are to the historic and contemporary fabric of Hyde Park.

Volunteers play an essential role in the success of the tour each year, and this year 89 neighbors were involved in various ways. Of those, special recognition goes to:

- Small House Theme: Sarah Cook
- House Selection Committee: Joe Bedell, Sarah Cook, Lorre Weidlich, and Carolyn Grimes
- House Captains: Adrian Skinner, Sarah Cook, Chad and Kori Crow, Karen Saadeh, and Kevin Heyburn

- Tour booklet: Lorre Weidlich, Amie and Tim Vetscher, Clay Smith, David Conner, Katie Vignery, Reid Long, Jessica Charbeneau, Kristen Remeza, Lloyd Cates, and Zeke Barbaro
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 - Volunteers: John Williams and the many docents who helped make the tour successful
- Finally, we are already starting to plan for our 40th tour, which will take place in November 2016. We want to make that tour extra special, and your suggestions are very welcome.

– Carolyn Grimes,
Homes Tour Chair



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HALLOWEEN IN HYDE PARK



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It was expected that some of the displays would comment on local and national events.

The darkness made photography difficult, but the *Pecan Press* put together a few images so readers could catch a glimpse of the fun.



Hyde Park Neighborhood Contact Team Minutes: October 26, 2015

Co-Chair Adrian Skinner called the meeting to order at 7pm at Trinity Methodist Church.

Outreach to Hyde Park Neighbors

A subcommittee has formed to reach out to under-represented groups in the neighborhood. Mity Myhr, Dwayne Barnes, Rachel Kitko and Michael Nill met in August to discuss options. The group is seeking to have more apartment renters join the meetings and provide feedback. The group also discussed organizing an online questionnaire that could be sent out to the neighborhood. They would like to see input on issues as they come before the Contact Team, such as the updating of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in the Neighborhood Plan in January. Mity Myhr is consulting with the neighborhood staff at the City for best practices for reaching out to apartment renters, as fliers and other similar efforts have not proved successful in the past. The Contact Team (CT) was supportive in general to the proposals. Some suggested setting percentage goals so that we may measure success.

If anyone would like to join the subcommittee, please contact Mity Myhr.

Bylaws Voting

As announced, the CT considered the work of a subcommittee that has been meeting since last winter to review and revise bylaws.

The only new additions to the bylaws were changes and requests made by City staff. The City asked that the CT not include the Waller Creek development (between 49th and 51st) and provided a map of the CT borders.

In addition, the City asked for a few small wording changes in the Preamble and in Section 4 on voting. Following questions and discussion, voting was held to accept the changes requested by the City. 14 voted in favor, 0 voted against, and 0 abstained.

There was also discussion about voting, which included requests to remove limits on who can vote and the one household member voting limit.


To change bylaws, a two-thirds majority vote is needed. The proposed changes did not pass after 8 voted in favor, 5 voted against, 1 abstained.

Sidewalks

Amber Novak and Bill Bradley asked for CT support as they seek to ensure the safety of pedestrians by completing sidewalks on at least one side of the Caswell and Eilers Streets. Adding these sidewalks would particularly help school children at Ridgetop Elementary.

These streets are currently on the CT's list of priority CIP projects presented to the City two years ago.

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The CT will reconsider our projects at the January meeting and the CT agreed to organize a subcommittee to help follow up on the sidewalk priorities.

Members also recommended that they work through Council Member Kathy Tovo's office. She has already held an information meeting about sidewalks, particularly those that connect to schools. Members recommended persistence in regularly reminding Council and other City officials of these sidewalks.

City Council Discussion on Contact Teams, Update

Theresa Griffin attended one of the recent City-sponsored meetings for Contact Teams. Council Member Renteria has asked the Planning Office to review policies, effectiveness, and compliance with City rules governing Contact Teams. To this end, the City sponsored two recent stakeholder meetings and sent out a survey (posted to the HPNA listserv) in order to collect data to be presented at the January 2016 City Council meeting. It is unclear what the goals or outcomes are of this process, so the CT should pay close attention and participate in the survey.

The CT then adjourned at 8:30pm. The next regularly scheduled CT meeting will be January 26, 2016. All residents, renters and tenants, property owners and business owners in Hyde Park are encouraged to become members of CT and participate in discussions. An agenda will be posted two weeks before the meeting.

Corrections or additions to the Minutes should be forwarded by email to Mity Myhr, Contact Team Secretary, at myhr_steds@yahoo.com.

— Mity Myhr

Letters Dept.

Nov 3, 2015

Moonlight tower a health risk? Alarmism? Monk parrots relocating? Is this a joke?

There are many health risks, too numerous to list here with a 500 word limit. But a moonlight tower? Seriously? I have lived in Hyde Park for 18 years and at 4209 Avenue B for eight years. All I have to do is look out my back window and I marvel at the moonlight tower on Speedway and 41st Street.

As a self-employed gardener in Hyde Park for 14 years, I am outside frequently. To hear and have the opportunity to see the magical beauty of the Monk parrots is another marvel of our neighborhood. According to research, the parrots have been established at Intramural Fields for 30 years and 300 have been counted by Dr. Janet Reed.

What a privilege to live in a community filled with history. All we have to do is open our eyes and ears. Let's appreciate our history and not consider the parrots a "nuisance." How dark and sadly silent Hyde Park would be without these two icons of Hyde Park history.

— Cynthia Janis
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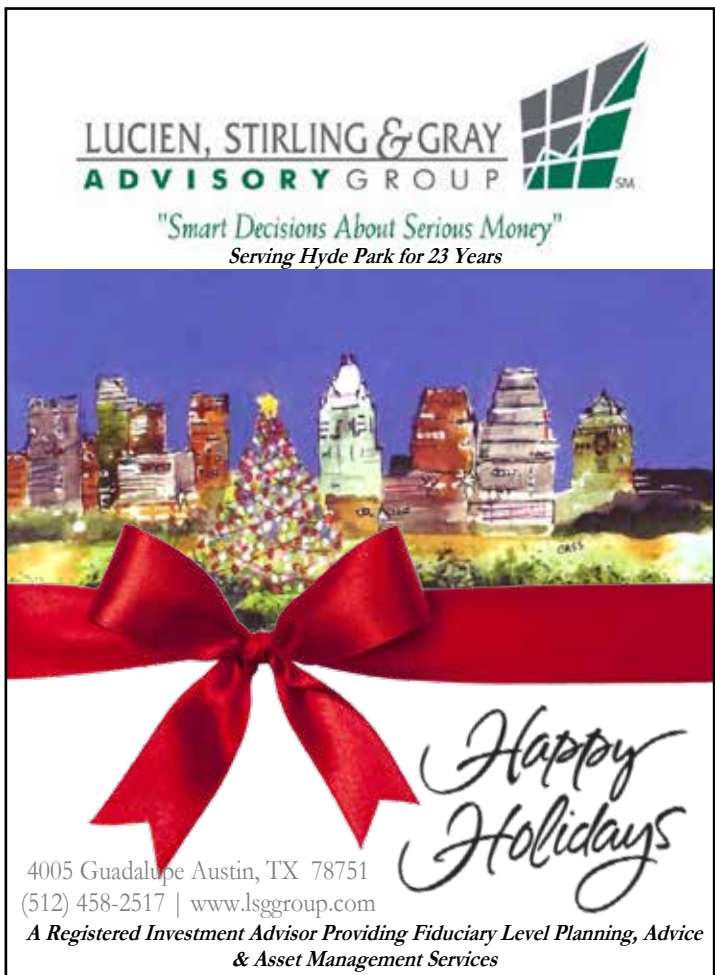
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HPNA Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2015

Before the meeting was called to order, members enjoyed a potluck meet and greet. Co-President Reid Long called the monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to order at 7:24pm in the Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Jim Walker, the Director of Sustainability at the University of Texas at Austin. He discussed the Campus Master Plan, which was completed in 2012, addressing its potential impact on nearby neighborhoods such as Hyde Park. Mr. Walker acknowledged that neighborhoods feel transportation pressure from student commuters and that the Master Plan includes the reduction of cars on campus. The University is replacing parking lots with buildings, primarily for offices, classrooms, and lab space. A member mentioned her observation of student commuters parking in Hyde Park to catch shuttle buses. Mr. Walker replied that his office might be able to work with Capitol Metro to assess the magnitude of this issue. He emphasized that college administrators nationally are increasingly aware that off-campus housing presents student safety issues and is not conducive to undergraduate academic success. He stated that only 18% of U.T. students live on campus, which is below the national average. However, the only U.T. housing under construction is 700 graduate student units in the Blackland neighborhood. The Campus Master Plan contains no specific goals for the percentage of undergraduate students residing on campus and no specific plans to construct additional undergraduate housing.

The University does have a goal of reducing water consumption by 40% by 2020. Complaints about campus water waste can be reported at 512-471-2020. Mr. Walker can be contacted at jim.walker@austin.utexas.edu.

The second speaker was Carolyn Grimes, who reminded members of the upcoming Hyde Park Homes Tour on Sunday, November 8. She appealed for volunteers to serve as docents, noting that in exchange for two hours of service all volunteers receive a free tour ticket.

The next speaker was Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, who discussed two issues of concern to HPNA: Short-term Rentals (STR) and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). After reviewing the differences between Type 1 (owner-occupied STR) and Type 2 (full-time STR), Ms. Tovo explained that Type 2 STRs are the current focus of proposed City Council amendments. A Council vote is scheduled on November 12 to finalize the proposed amendments, which include a one-year moratorium on new STR permits, a requirement that services advertising vacation rentals collect city hotel taxes, and restrictions on large STR gatherings. Regarding ADUs, Ms. Tovo reported that the Council will vote on November 19 to finalize into law amendments reducing restrictions on ADU construction. The proposed amendments include a reduction in lot size for ADUs from 7000 to 5750 square feet, removal of the driveway placement requirement, and the eligibility of lots zoned SF2 for ADU construction. If voted into law, these amendments will apply to all city properties that can now build ADUs and will override all neighborhood plans, including that of Hyde Park. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo reminded members that the time has

passed for public hearings on this issue, and interested residents should contact Council members to voice their opinions on the proposed amendments.

The final agenda item was announcements from the floor. In addition to upcoming HPNA committee meetings, the following announcements were made:

- Members were reminded that the position of Social Chair is still vacant.
- Thanks were offered to the organizers and volunteers of the recent successful Fire Station Festival.
- The growing rat problem around Duval and Avenue H was noted, with the suggestion that HPNA may need to contact the city for action.
- The HPNA holiday party is scheduled for December 6 from 5-8 pm.

Reid Long adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

– Artie Gold and Susan Marshall
HPNA Co-Secretaries

News from the Ney

The Elisabet Ney Museum is seeing another wonderful year come to a close. From Ney Day to Polkapocalypse to summer camps, it's been a great one. The installations of temporary sculptures by Jennifer Chenoweth and Jack Sanders have added their magic to the beautiful landscape. Mary Helen Spence, the Elisabet Ney Museum's Writer in Residence, also left her intellectual mark.

2016 promises to be another busy and exciting year. New outdoor installations on the north side of the property, the landscape in bloom this Spring, more events, and collaborations are all in store.

The Holiday Party hosted with HPNA comes soon, and many of the artists that have made this year special have been invited to the party as well. The Wish Tree tradition will continue this year. The tree is officially up and waiting for your thoughts throughout the month of December.

Jack Sanders' piece "Construction Event," the geodesic ball on the corner of 44th Street and Avenue G, will remain till mid-January due to the attention it's been getting. It's a part of the Drawing Lines program, highlighting arts symbolic of the new 10-1 district structure of the City Council. Its civic engagement is a unique addition to the landscape and one that we think the ever-engaged Elisabet would have found amusing. Look for special lighting for the Holidays.

As always, the museum and its staff is grateful for your support and participation, and looks forward to a great year to come!

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Around & About the Avenues

Save the Date. Please mark your calendar for the Fourth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble at Shipe Park on Saturday, March 26, 2016 10:30am-12:30pm. This Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) event, sponsored by Grande Communications, is open to everyone in the neighborhood! There will be popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy as well as many fun activities including egg hunts, a bounce house, and a balloon twister – all free to Hyde Parkers who attend the event! For those new to the neighborhood or those who haven't participated, an egg scramble is a traditional Easter egg hunt; the only difference is that you provide the eggs yourself for your child's age group. The egg hunt will start at 10:45am and be divided into the following three age groups: under three years old, three and four year olds, and five years old and up. If your child is going to participate in the egg hunt festivities, please drop off one dozen plastic eggs filled with age appropriate treats anytime between Saturday, March 19 and Friday, March 25. These can be dropped off in the bins marked by age group on the front porch at the following houses: 4307 Avenue F or 4402 Avenue F.

Questions, comments, or interest in volunteering, please email Tim at timluyet@hotmail.com.



Huffstickler Honored. Hyde Park poet Alfred J. Huffstickler will be honored on the anniversary of the eve of his birthday on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 7:00pm at Malvern Books at 613 W. 29th Street. There will be a reading of Huff's poetry, birthday cake, and shared stories of his days in Austin and in Hyde Park. Everyone is invited.



Pecan Press Guest Editor. This issue of the *Pecan Press* features guest editor Hannah Deal. Hannah is taking a course in Technical Editing at The University of Texas, and she offered her services to the *Pecan Press* as part of her course work. She performed comprehensive editing on the submitted material and was happy to engage in a dialog with the regular editor about aspects of grammar, punctuation, and style. We thank Hannah for her help with the issue.



Graffiti Patrol on the Prowl. Did you know the HPNA has a Graffiti Patrol? For years, we've been privileged to have the Patrollers remove or paint over the graffiti that they can reach. They report the remainder to 311. Lisa Harris, George Wyche, Claire de Young, and Sumit Guha took advantage of the good weather on November 1 to do some significant graffiti cleanup, primarily on Duval north of 45th Street. We appreciate the time and energy they put into making Hyde Park a cleaner, less scribbled environment.

More About the Sculpture at the Ney. Our October "News from the Ney" column described the sculpture at the corner of Avenue G and 44th Street, a construction by Jack Sanders of Design Build Adventure. The untitled piece is part of the Drawing Lines project, a public-private partnership between the City of Austin and architecture and planning firm GO Collaborative. The Drawing Lines project is actually the brainchild of Hyde Parker Lynn Osgood. Lynn was the subject of a recent article in *The Daily Texan*, published November 4, 2015, in which she explained the genesis of her idea. We quote from the article: "Austin was in the midst of a political shift, as the city prepared to abandon its system of electing city council member at-large... Osgood, an urban planner, wondered: 'How can public art help us through these political changes?' ... Osgood said although the project centers around a political event, the artworks themselves are not political. She said she believes this is a reason that people are able to connect with the work. 'I think that the response has been positive because no one is coming out and taking a position... What (the artists) are doing is reacting authentically to individual people and certain circumstances within the district, and creating an artistic response to that.'"



Hyde Park Poets — Shattered Dreams

He taught her how to survive shattered dreams.

How did he do that? Did you ask?
Did he say, "This is what you do
When all your dreams fail to come true?"
Did he point to an alternate path,
When you were overcome with wrath?
Did he hand you a packet of glue
When the sole came off of your dancing shoe?

Somehow, I do not believe
That any of these scenarios are true
He picked up all the shards
Of his mirroring of you
And rearranged and filed,
And salvaged the memories
Entrusted to you and packed them
In his knapsack and left you
With the realization that whatever has transpired
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— Herzele

04/26/2015 in response to Alyce's poem.

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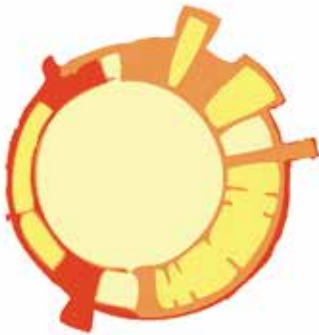
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Kid's Corner: Winter Break Survival Guide

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, kid's drawings, stories, comics, songs, poems, what have you! ppkidscorner@yahoo.com

It's a joy to have the kiddos off from school, and boy are they thrilled to be free of scholastic responsibilities! Yet, there are those "I'm bored" and "they're driving me bonkers!" moments. What to do? Well, here are some Kid's Corner tips to help you survive and enjoy Winter Break.

1. Start a snowball fight with jumbo marshmallows, recycled paper balls, and/or socks wound up tight. (Remember to dispose of "snowballs" responsibly!)
2. Write thank you notes for holiday gifts or make thank you video segments and send with the touch of a button.
3. Ice skate at Whole Foods on Lamar or Chaparral on Anderson Lane. Then see #4.
4. Enjoy hot cocoa at Quacks.
5. Brave the cold, bundle up and go for a walk around the neighborhood or hike around town. Then, see #4.
6. Enjoy the warmth, don't bundle up and go for a walk around the neighborhood or hike around town. Then, see #4 and substitute accordingly.
7. Bake and deliver cookies for holiday gifts to friends and neighbors.
8. Host family night with games, reading or a movie.
9. Check out Pinterest for any number of holiday crafts, such as making cut-out snowflakes, your own snow globe or ginger bread house. Or, pile the dining room table with craft supplies galore and set the kids free to create!

~~Repeat~~~Repeat~~~Repeat~~~Repeat~~

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Exploring Hyde Park

The Electric Trolley System

At 4pm on February 26, 1891, the Austin Rapid Transit Railway Company, under the leadership of Col. Monroe Shipe, ran its first electric trolley car from Congress Avenue to Hyde Park.

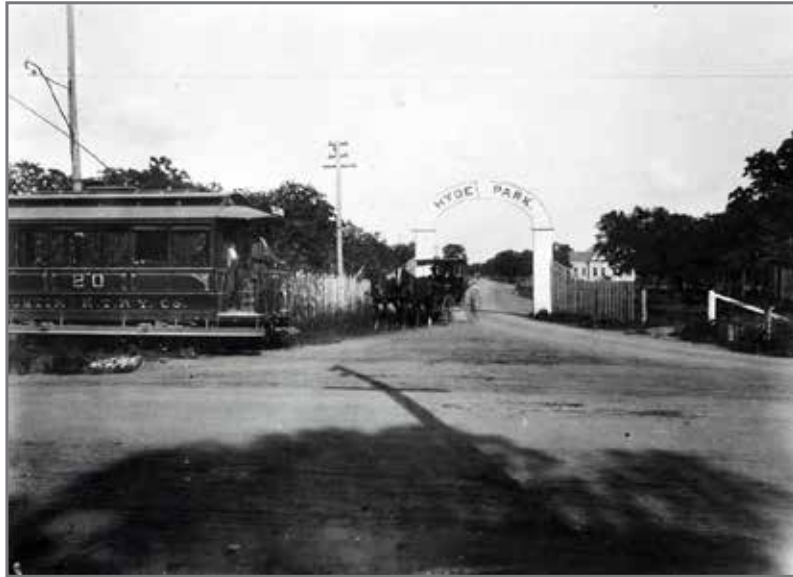
It was not an easy achievement. Col. Shipe had secured his franchise in 1890. Launching it required not

all over the United States toward the end of 19th century. Rapid and convenient electric streetcars allowed city-dwellers to live much further from their jobs than had previously been possible, contributing to a shift in housing patterns and a greater separation between home and workplace." (Bruce Hunt, "Austin's First Electric Streetcar Era")

From the beginning, the electric trolley system encountered its share of problems. On April 20, 1891, less than two months after its launch, heavy rain caused muddy tracks and a disruption in the current. Several cars jumped the tracks as a result. It took two days to restore the system.

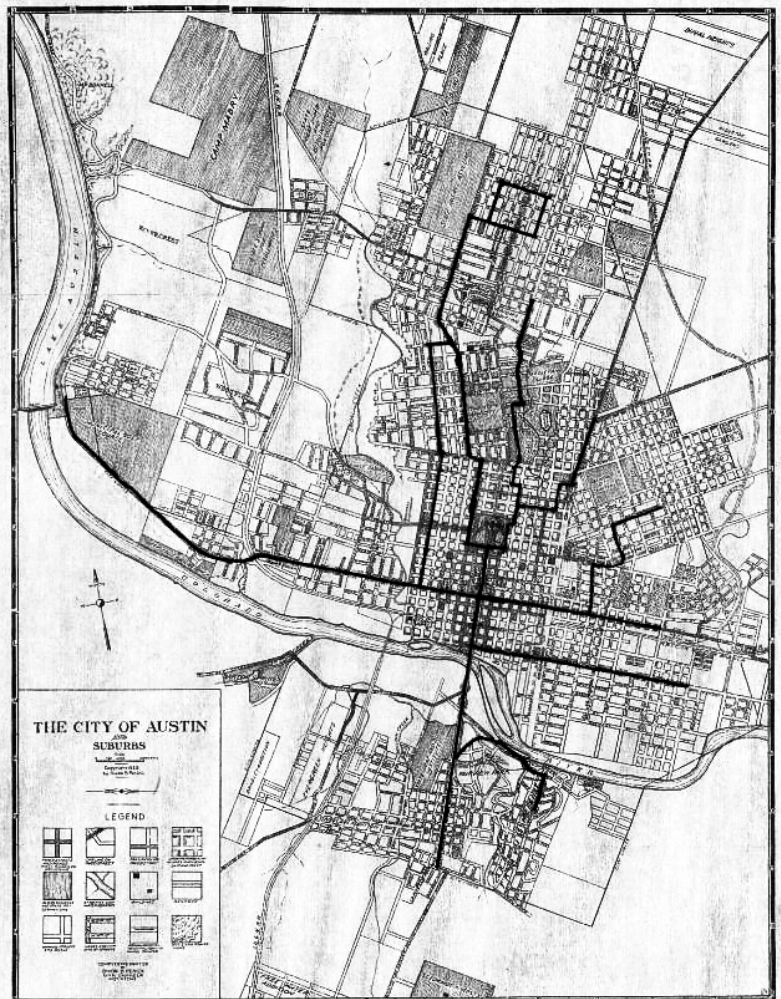
However, unexpected developments at the Austin City Railroad Company proved advantageous. On May 9, 1891, a fire in its stable

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only the purchase of the trolleys, but also the construction of five miles of track up to and around his new Hyde Park subdivision. Most significantly, it required working around the blocking efforts of Shipe's rivals, the Austin City Railroad Company, with its mule-drawn streetcars. Shipe's initial franchise limited him to laying track only on streets without any existing track. In his words, "But my rivals went about laying small stretches of track on so many streets - just to keep my line off of them - that I prevailed upon the council to amend the franchise and permit me to lay a track on Congress Avenue and 6th Street as well." (*Annals of Travis County and City of Austin*, cited in "Austin's Streetcar Era" by A.T. Jackson) Shipe's franchise was given a ten-month deadline, which it barely met. The Austin Rapid Transit Railway Company launched the first streetcar only 1 hour and 44 minutes before it ran out of time.

Shipe's tracks ran up Guadalupe to 40th Street, where they turned east to Avenue G; ran up Avenue G to 43rd Street, where they turned back west; and came south on Avenue B to complete a circle through Hyde Park. To entice travelers to visit the area, he created a pavilion and lake in the area where Baker School now stands. "With its tree-lined streets and carefully planned amenities, Hyde Park was a classic streetcar suburb, of a kind that began to appear



killed more than thirty mules and burned sixteen cars. Two weeks later, stockholders of both streetcar companies met and the two companies merged, with plans to put in an expanded electric streetcar line. Austin City Council cooperated, withdrawing earlier restrictions that interfered with such a merger. On October 25, the last mule-drawn streetcars ran on 6th Street. By December 4, the expanded electric streetcar line was up and running. Then on December 23, 1891, Monroe Shipe resigned from the streetcar business to devote himself full-time to real estate.

The Austin Rapid Transit Railway Company never really flourished. In 1899, a powerhouse breakdown led to a streetcar tie-up. The destruction of the Austin Dam and powerhouse in 1900 left not only the streetcars without power, but also the city without lights. Austin Rapid Transit Railway Company responded by building its own powerhouse and returning to business nine months later. In 1902, after years of loss, the failing company was sold at a public auction to its own president, who bought it back for 20% of its debt. In May, a new company, the Austin Electric Railway Company, absorbed the old one. Improvements and extensions ensued. Still, even though the length of track reached 23 miles at its peak, the electric trolley system never made significant income. By 1939, bus routes covered more miles than trolley routes.

On February 7, 1940, the trolley system reached the end of its line. More than 500 people took a sentimental journey from one end of Austin to the other. A crowd also gathered at 6th Street and Congress Avenue to bid the trolleys goodbye. Mayor Tom Miller officiated, pointing out, "Austin's early expansion had largely followed the streetcar routes." (Austin Statesman, February 7 and 8, 1940, cited in "Austin's Streetcar Era" by A.T. Jackson) People with ties to the system, including Glen Shipe, son of the late Monroe Shipe, were introduced to the crowd. Older citizens were invited to reminisce about their experiences with the trolleys, both mule-drawn and electric. Austin streetcars now belonged to the ages.

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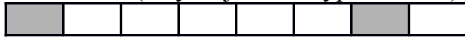
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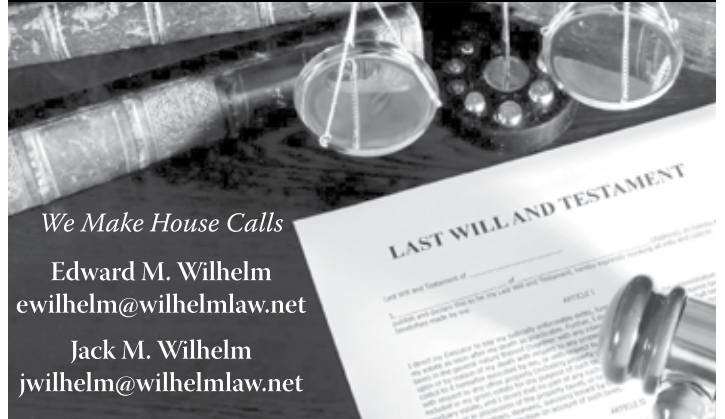
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