

# March Meeting

**When:** 7:00 pm  
Monday, March 7, 2016

**Where:** Griffin School  
5001 Evans Avenue

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

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for March 7

- Q & A: New Fencing at IM Fields, by UT Representatives
- Presentation: Smart Trips Initiative to Reduce Traffic Congestion
- Presentation: Rezoning Area on 39th Street to MF, by 405 West 39th Street, LLC
- Vote: Small Lot Amnesty Loophole Resolution

**See You There!**

## It's My Park Day!

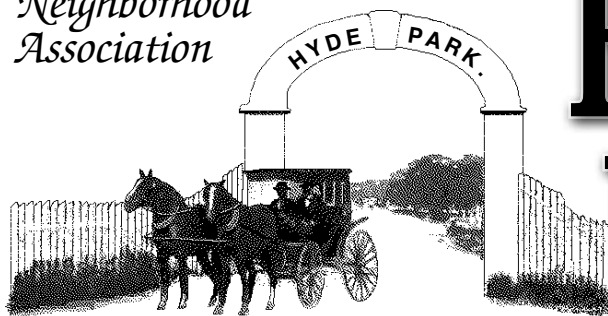
It's My Park Day, the annual park cleanup and landscaping event sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation, is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016. Friends, neighbors, and volunteers from around the Hyde Park area are invited to join in the activities at Shipe Park, 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue F, from 9 am to noon. This is a wonderful community event and a great way to get to know your neighbors through community service!

The Friends of Shipe Park, who organize the event annually for Shipe Park, are looking for hard-working volunteers who are willing to roll up their sleeves and get dirty for the benefit of the park! Look forward to aerating soil, adding mulch around trees, removing invasive plants, removing leaves from the pool area, aerating and fertilizing the field, spiffing up the playscape, and generally making the park beautiful.

Jack and Jill Nokes, Alison Young, Lisa Harris, Mark Fishman,

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## Fourth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble

Plan to attend the Fourth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble at Shipe Park on Saturday, March 26, 2016, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. This HPNA event is open to everyone in the neighborhood!

Special shout out to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and all the volunteers

from It's My Park Day for keeping Shipe Park looking so beautiful and getting it ready for this event.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Grande Communications, there will be popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy, free for all attendees! There is a bouncy castle for the little ones and an obstacle course for the big ones. Neighborhood resident Jeffrey Jester, Balloon Professor, will set up next to the concessions to make amazing balloon creations for all. Sparkles Costello, provided by Trinity United Methodist Church, will also be on hand to decorate faces with paint creations such as rainbow unicorns, tigers, monkeys, and butterflies.

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood or who have not participated in the past, an egg scramble is basically 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 approximately 10:45 am and be divided into three age groups: under 3 years old, 3- and 4-year-olds, and 5-year-olds and older. This year, there will be a maximum age limit of 8 years old for participation in the egg hunt. If your child is going to participate in the egg hunt festivities, please drop off one dozen plastic eggs filled with age-appropriate treats any time between Saturday, March 19 and Friday, March 25 in the bins marked by age group on the front porch at either 4307 Avenue F or 4402 Avenue F.



The 2015 Egg Scramble, photo by Lorre Weidlich

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## In Memoriam

Since our last Presidents' letter, our neighborhood has had to say farewell to two of our best loved neighbors. First, I.Jay Aarons passed away on January 18. I.Jay served many years as HPNA's treasurer and assisted with numerous other projects, including the Homes Tour. I.Jay was a man of great intelligence and kindness. His calm demeanor led the HPNA through many budget debates. He had a strong work ethic and an unmatched sense of duty. Even though he was seriously ill, I.Jay came to January's HPNA meeting to present the neighborhood's current budget. Within two weeks, he passed away. He was a true Texas gentleman. We will miss him.

The neighborhood also said goodbye to Carol Wyche, the beloved wife of George Wyche. She was a great neighbor and a wonderful person. We extend our deepest sympathy to I.Jay and Carol's families.

## PUDs and The Grove

City ordinances that regulate the development of Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) make it easier for developers to get PUDs approved on formerly state-owned land that has never been previously zoned. A \$500 million mixed-use development project called "The Grove" is seeking city approval to build on former state land near Shoal Creek and 45th street. The large size of The Grove develop-

ment has concerned many nearby neighborhoods, including Hyde Park.

Much of the west side of Hyde Park is bordered by land owned by the State and thus unzoned. If this land is ever re-developed, we think Hyde Park should have input in the zoning decisions, to ensure the new development does not negatively impact Hyde Park's quality of life. Much of Hyde Park's infrastructure was built in the 1930s, and the neighborhood's current roads and flooding systems can't meet the needs of increased development either in Hyde Park or in neighborhoods nearby. It is imperative that we maintain our ability to advocate for the neighborhood and ensure that neighborhood infrastructure can keep up with increased development. HPNA's Steering Committee recently posted a letter to the neighborhood list serve informing the membership of efforts to convince the City Council to treat approval of PUDs on unzoned and previously zoned property the same. We welcome neighbors' thoughts on this issue.

While The Grove development will not be contiguous to Hyde Park, it will impact our neighborhood with increased traffic along 38th and 45th streets. HPNA will continue to monitor the develop-

ment of The Grove and its impact on the neighborhood.

— Kevin Heyburn & Reid Long  
HPNA Co-Presidents

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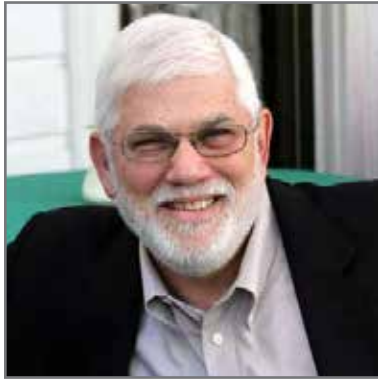
# In Memoriam

*Editor's Note: Hyde Park lost two friends last month, HPNA Treasurer I.Jay Aarons and long-time Hyde Park resident Carol Wyche. We mourn their passing and send our condolences to their families and loved ones.*

## I.Jay Aarons

"Whoever enjoys his life is doing the Creator's will." — Jewish proverb

On January 18, 2016, Hyde Park lost...well, how do you describe I.Jay Aarons? Hyde Park's ambassador to the world, the neighborhood's best citizen and most ubiquitous presence, our dearest friend, the sweetest guy you ever met? All that and more.



If you weren't friends with I.Jay, it's because you hadn't met him. I Jay was

ubiquitous, and friendship with I.Jay had no beginning and no end. It didn't begin with a bang; suddenly you just noticed he was in your life and you had known him forever, like family. He was the glue that bonded you to a million people, to a community, a real community, the one outside your door, the one that is Hyde Park, and Austin.

I.Jay gave of himself like few people ever do. He was thoroughly involved in his community as a leader, but never as a politician, though he had a gift for getting along with everyone. As a community leader, I.Jay served on the Steering Committee of the Hyde

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## Carol Wyche

Long-time Hyde Park resident Carol Jean Olson Wyche died on January 21, 2016, at her Avenue F home, after a two-year battle with breast cancer.

Carol lived a rich and multi-faceted life. She was



born in 1945 in Omaha, Nebraska. She attended Rice University, where she majored in German, and then spent two years in the Marines before coming to Austin to major in linguistics at the University of Texas.

She was a consummate teacher. Her belief that there was always

more than one way to learn something attracted students to her. She worked for the Austin State Hospital for five years as a special education teacher, home schooled her sister's two children, and taught English as a second language for several non-profit and for-profit organizations. She concluded her official teaching career at Huntington-Surrey School, a private day high school, where she taught German. At Huntington-Surrey School, her ability to mentor difficult students won her respect and admiration from her peers. Along the way, she acquired certifications for teaching Yoga and teaching the Usui system of Natural Healing.

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### Membership Information

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

### Submission Information

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at [lweidlich@grandecom.net](mailto:lweidlich@grandecom.net).  
*Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.*
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at [herzele@gmail.com](mailto:herzele@gmail.com).  
*All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.*
- Send your contributions to Kid's Corner to Jessica Charbeneau at [ppkidscorner@yahoo.com](mailto:ppkidscorner@yahoo.com).

### Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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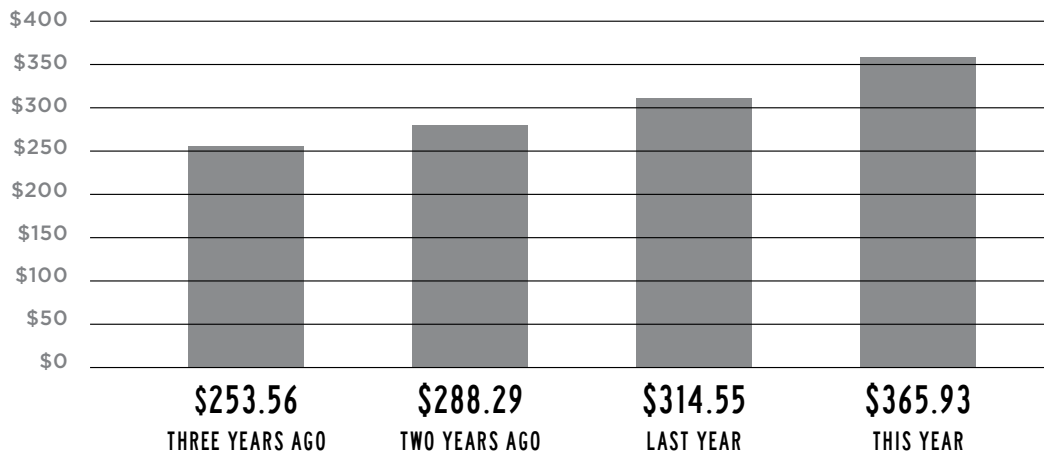
## SAM ARCHER

Until the 1880's, the Texas State Fair took place in Hyde Park. More than a century later, that same historic section of the city is once again attracting crowds as one of the most in-demand neighborhoods in all of Austin. I have lived in Hyde Park for 20 years and witnessed the area transform into a beautiful community that has seen a sweeping boost in property values and quality of life over the past decade. Whether you're looking to buy or sell a house here, my expertise and experience regarding the rich history of the homes in this classic Austin neighborhood will help ease the stress of the realty process. Contact me if you have questions or need any help planning your move.

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# The Arts in Hyde Park

## Nancy Mims at the Ney Museum

Striking floral panels by local artist Nancy Mims hung from trees on the grounds of the Elisabet Ney Museum during Valentine's Day weekend. The installation of *Nancy Mims: The Passed Looms Present* marks the first time the Ney has participated in the Print Austin celebration of the city's print art community, according to Museum Director Oliver Franklin.



Photo by Lorre Weidlich

The panels are among thousands of flowers photographed by Mims with her cell phone during regular walks through the Hyde Park neighborhood. Her goal was to capture blooms throughout the year at their brief "moment of perfection." Using standard cellphone applications, she infused each photo with a dramatic dark background. A textile designer, Mims began sending the photos to her fabric printer "on a whim," with instructions to make them bigger. She hung the resulting panels on a wall, but they felt stagnant. She decided to move her work outside.



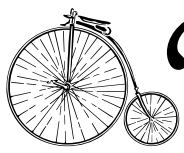
Mims explained, "for years I've wandered by the Ney and had visions of my art in the trees." She views the trees as her gallery walls and the wind as her collaborator, creating motion that brings the panels to life. As part of the installation, two large looms were constructed between trees and participants were invited to help reconstruct two of her photographs on a larger scale from fabric strips. Both weavings are on temporary exhibit on the Ney grounds north of Waller Creek, according to Oliver Franklin, who expressed enthusiasm for future outdoor art installations at our neighborhood museum.

For more information about Print Austin, go to [www.printaustin.org](http://www.printaustin.org).

— Susan Marshall



Photos above by Susan Marshall



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# SHIPE POOL

## VALUES WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC MEETING



### FEEDBACK WANTED:

PROVIDE INPUT AND IDEAS FOR SHIPE POOL IMPROVEMENTS!



### DIVE INTO DESIGN:

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DESIGN ACTIVITIES!



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The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking community input for Shipe Pool improvements. We will share information on the history of the park, the existing conditions and gather valuable feedback on pool facility programs you would like to see in the future!

If you are unable to attend the meeting, we still want you to be involved! Visit [austintexas.gov/shipepoolimprovements](http://austintexas.gov/shipepoolimprovements) to learn more about the project, participate in online surveys, watch recordings of public meetings and more!

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## Monthly Calendar March

- 4 — Recycling Collection
- 5 — It's My Park Day
- 7 — HPNA Meeting
- 10 — DRC Meeting
- 14 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 18 — Recycling Collection
- 26 — Egg Scramble

## Kid's Corner: Spring Break Staycation?

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](mailto:ppkidscorner@yahoo.com)

Here are some ideas to usher in spring locally with your kiddos during their week off. Happy Staycation!

Fun spots offering Spring Break camps and activities:

- Kidz Austin website has a long list of fun, [www.kidzaustin.com/campz/index.asp](http://www.kidzaustin.com/campz/index.asp)
- As does Austin Family's site, [www.austinfamily.com/spring-and-summer-camps-v2/](http://www.austinfamily.com/spring-and-summer-camps-v2/)
- Zach Scott is another option to enrich the week, [www.zachtheatre.org/education/camps](http://www.zachtheatre.org/education/camps)
- Go Zen at The Little Yoga House, [www.thelittleyogahouse.com/](http://www.thelittleyogahouse.com/)
- Playland Skate Center has extended hours during Spring Break, [playlandskatecenter.net/upcoming-events/](http://playlandskatecenter.net/upcoming-events/)
- There's always something happening at Café Monet for your little artist - and you, [www.cafemonet.org/](http://www.cafemonet.org/)
- A "mountain" right up the road at Mt. Playmore, [mt-playmore.com/](http://mt-playmore.com/)
- Check out Austin's newest trampoline park called Urban Air, [www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/trampoline-park-locations/austin-trampoline-park/](http://www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/trampoline-park-locations/austin-trampoline-park/)

And of course there are so many outdoor spaces to make you feel like you're getting away:

- Zilker Park, [austintexas.gov/department/zilker-metropolitan-park](http://austintexas.gov/department/zilker-metropolitan-park)
- Austin Nature and Science Center, [austintexas.gov/department/austin-nature-and-science-center](http://austintexas.gov/department/austin-nature-and-science-center)
- Zilker Botanical Garden, [www.zilkerbotanicalgarden.org/](http://www.zilkerbotanicalgarden.org/)
- Mayfield Park, [mayfieldpark.org/](http://mayfieldpark.org/)
- Mount Bonell, [austinparks.org/parks/Mount%20Bonnell/](http://austinparks.org/parks/Mount%20Bonnell/)
- Laguna Gloria at The Contemporary Austin, [www.thecontemporaryaustin.org/site-rentals/](http://www.thecontemporaryaustin.org/site-rentals/)



# Letters Dept.

## Letter to the Editor

January 29, 2016

I am rather fond of the Hyde Park moonlight tower, and I agree that it is hard to think that it might be a health risk (Letters Dept., *Pecan Press*, December, 2015, page 9). I strongly recommend a piece called "The end of night" by Rebecca Boyle, first published in the online magazine *aeon*. She writes that "a young but rapidly growing field of research suggests that night-time light itself is far more dangerous than the dark." The URL is [aeon.co/essays/we-cant-thrive-in-a-world-without-darkness/](http://aeon.co/essays/we-cant-thrive-in-a-world-without-darkness/).

Hyde Park is already fortunate in having a low level of street lighting, but the number of unshaded lights that burn all night in private houses cancels this benefit. It would I believe be a good thing if the bright illumination of the spire of the Hyde Park Baptist Church were switched off — especially for those who live close by.

— Galen Strawson  
3900 Ave G.

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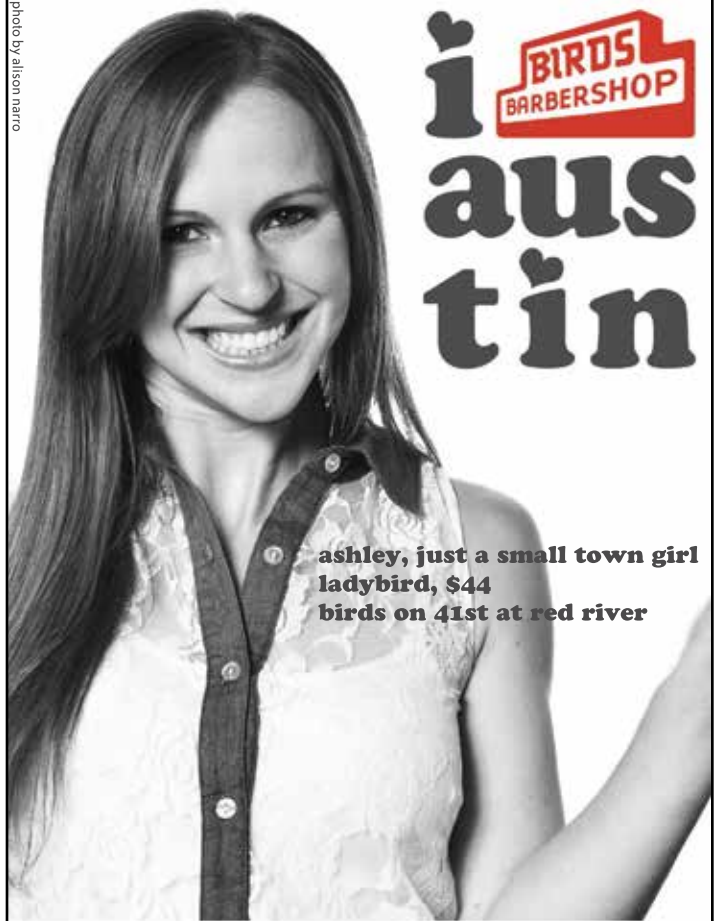


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As I join Landmark Properties, I will continue to work from my home, accessible to people who want to contact me by phone, cell phone or internet.

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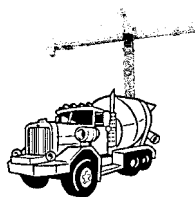
## LANDMARK PROPERTIES

## Resolution for Vote at the March Meeting

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association supports closing the Small Lot Amnesty loophole.

We do not support the use of Small Lot Amnesty to disaggregate a standard size lot into multiple sub-standard lots for the purposes of claiming amnesty. In its current form, Small Lot Amnesty is not being used as intended and provides an incentive to demolish older housing stock at the expense of affordability.

Closing the loophole will continue to allow owners of existing sub-standard lots to build upon and improve their properties.



## Hyde Park Egg Scramble... ...cont'd from page 1

Each age group will have its own area in the park, marked with colored flagging tape. The younger age groups will be hunting in the large flat field area of the park. The oldest age group will be hunting in the grassy area with trees across the bridge. The playground, swings, and basketball court will still be open to people not attending the event.

This year, two children's games will be added to the festivities: the Egg-and-Spoon Race and the Egg Toss. For interested children old enough to run and hold a spoon at the same time, eggs and spoons will be provided. Prizes for the winners! The Egg Scramble Bunny will arrive shortly thereafter to take pictures with families in the photo booth, provided by Carolyn Grimes of Coldwell Banker United, Realtors.

Special thanks to committee members Tim Luyet, Joanna Fitzgerald, Jennifer Suehs, and Sandy Kearns. Interested in volunteering? Please email Tim at [timluyet@hotmail.com](mailto:timluyet@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Sponsors for the event include Grande Communications; Trinity United Methodist Church; Carolyn Grimes of Coldwell Banker United, Realtors; Walgreens; Bounce Around Austin; Maury Sullivan and Todd Pruner; and Jeffrey Jester, Balloon Professor.*

– Michelle Rossomando

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# Hyde Park Contact Team Quarterly Meeting

## Minutes: Monday, January 25, 2016

Co-Chair, Jen Berbas, called the meeting to order.

Elections were held. The following candidates were nominated.

- Adrian Skinner and Kristen Remeza were nominated for co-Chair.
- Kathy Lawrence was nominated for Vice Chair.

These three were elected, 9 in favor and 1 abstention. There were no nominations from the floor for Secretary. The position will be elected at the next quarterly meeting in April. Mity Myhr agreed to serve until the next meeting. Thanks were extended to the previous co-Chairs, Adrian Skinner and Jen Berbas, and previous Vice Chair Lianna Mills for their service to the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Plan prioritizations were considered. The City of Austin requested that the Contact Team re-prioritize our development goals for the neighborhood. The City requested the top five Capital Improvement (CIP) items and the top five non-CIP items. The City asked that we not add any new items to the list submitted in 2000; therefore we identified items not already completed from the Neighborhood Plan.

Each CIP item was voted on individually, 11 in favor and 1 abstention.

### CIP Items

New CIP Priority Number	Priority	2000 Priority Number or Action Item Number	2013 Priority or Action Item Number
1	Complete the sidewalk system on at least one side of Caswell to link to Ridgeway Elementary School.	Action Item #24i, Plan page 27	
2*	Address erosion and flooding issues at 4500-4600 blocks of Speedway and Avenue D.	Priority #1, Action Item #65, Plan page 27	#1
3	Complete the sidewalk system on both sides of Duval.	Priority #5, Action Item #23b, Plan page 27	#2
4	Install additional lighting along the major pedestrian routes of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street (with tree trimming as needed).	Priority #6, Action Item #28a	#3
5	Install additional lighting along the major pedestrian routes of Speedway (with tree trimming as needed).	Priority #6, Action Item #28c.a	#4

\*Because of increased development on Guadalupe, there is increased flooding from the Triangle to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and along Avenue A.

The following items were accepted by consensus vote, 11 in favor and 1 abstention. They did not change from 2013.

### Non-CIP Items

1	Prevent the removal or demolition of historic structures.	Priority #2, Action Item #8
2	Develop a corridor plan through the future Smart Growth corridor planning effort for the Guadalupe corridor.	Priority #8, Action Item #50
3	Ensure that street trees can be planted and replaced without a license agreement and/or improve the ability to plant trees within the right-of-way.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Level Priority, Action Item #19
4	Change the speed limit on Duval Street to 30mph. This is a major route to the University of Texas and Robert E. Lee Elementary School and is heavily used by bicyclists.	4 <sup>th</sup> Level Priority, Action Item #32
5	Protect trees.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Level Priority, Action Item #69

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# This Just In: Hyde Park is Hot

According to the real estate website, Redfin, Hyde Park is the fourth hottest neighborhood in the country for 2016, behind Ukrainian Village in Chicago, Eastwood in Nashville, and Ericsson in Minneapolis. The qualities they cited as responsible for the popularity of their top ten neighborhoods were access to public transit, affordability, and charm. Redfin based its choices on growth in page views and favorites on its website. The median sale price they cited for Hyde Park? \$449,000.

From the description of Hyde Park by one of their agents, "Hyde Park is a quiet, tree-lined neighborhood with a mix of modern and classic Craftsman homes that suit many types of buyers. It has always been a popular neighborhood, but it has become even more competitive over the last few years due to the revitalization of the surrounding area. Austin's community college system recently purchased a nearby vacant mall and has developed a portion of the complex into a new campus, and will develop the remaining portion into private mixed-use space. As a result, new eateries, retail shops, bars and public spaces are cropping up in the area. Hyde Park residents are a short distance from the action, and still have the benefit of their subdued neighborhood to come home to."

To see the original article, go to [www.redfin.com/blog/2016/01/redfin-predicts-the-hottest-neighborhoods-of-2016.html/](http://www.redfin.com/blog/2016/01/redfin-predicts-the-hottest-neighborhoods-of-2016.html/).

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## Contact Team Minutes... ...cont'd from page 13

The occupancy limit policy was discussed. The CT debated supporting the occupancy limits as they are temporarily in place. Neighbors agreed that the smaller number of unrelated adults helps to prevent the demolition of smaller houses. The CT voted on the following resolution to be communicated to the city, 10 in favor and 1 opposed.

*The Hyde Park Neighborhood Contact Team supports maintaining the current occupancy limit of four unrelated adults per single-family zoned properties.*

The meeting was adjourned.

The next quarterly meeting of the Hyde Park Contact Team will be on April 25, 7:00-8:30 pm. All residents, renters or tenants, property owners, and business owners in Hyde Park are encouraged to become members of the Contact Team 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](mailto:myhr_steds@yahoo.com). If you are interested in serving as Secretary, please contact Mity Myhr with any questions and contact the new co-Chairs or Vice Chair to nominate yourself.*

— Submitted by Mity Myhr,  
Secretary, HPCT

## Word Find: Dog Breeds

by der Brat

S E E T H A T D O G S A R E U S  
M A L A M U T E B U F F E R R O  
A N T A C I D E L G A E B E E B  
S H I H T Z U A H A I L V E L O  
T S U C C O D A L L I E H O A X  
I P I N C H N N L M I R O O D E  
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G O L D M I N E A T E L A R D P  
B U L L M O O S E H U R T S I T  
O O P E K I N E S E L I G H T S  
G O D L L U B T E R R I E R A T

(The numbers in parentheses refer to the number of letters in the answer words.)

Clues:

1. Like someone from Kabul? (6)
2. Also called King of Terriers. (8)
3. Strong Alaskan. (8)
4. Types include English, French, German, Russian, Papillon. (7)
5. Isn't that Snoopy? (6)
6. A very impolite breed? (7)
7. ... but don't all dogs smell? This one's a pro at it. (10)
8. Tibetan Buddhist? (5,4)
9. Includes rat and bull types. (7)
10. Herder who lives on the edge? (6,6)
11. Lion of Beijing? (8)
12. Really big dog – Alpine type is extinct. (7)
13. Medium to large – sounds pugnacious. (5)
14. 'Speedy' ones from the south (of the border)? (9)
15. Fast as a bus? (9)
16. Medium-sized, pushed-in face. (7)
17. Also known as Chrysanthemum Dog. (4,3)
18. Carriage dog from Croatia. (9)
19. Gun dog that loves the water. (6,9)
20. Hotdog! (9)

Answers on page 17

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## It's My Park Day... ...cont'd from page 1

and Adam Wilson are this year's organizers. Lisa Harris ([ljharrisus@yahoo.com](mailto:ljharrisus@yahoo.com)) is the contact person for information. To register for the event, go to [www.givepulse.com](http://www.givepulse.com).

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# HPNA Minutes: February 1, 2016

Before the meeting convened, members enjoyed a potluck dinner and social time. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by co-President Reid Long at the Griffin School, 5001 Evans Avenue.

The first agenda item consisted of brief presentations by the seven declared candidates for the State Representative District 49 vacancy left by the retirement of Elliott Naishtat.

- *Gina Hinojosa*, a civil-rights and labor lawyer and the immediate past president of the AISD School Board, emphasized her interest in public education. She opposes school vouchers and supports an opt-out for public universities on the campus-carry gun law.
- *Huey Rey Fischer* stressed his experience working for progressive Democrats in the legislature and stated his intent to promote a proactive agenda that includes healthcare expansion and LGBT rights.
- *Aspen Dunaway*, a trial attorney, detailed his neighborhood roots and declared that his primary interests were rebuilding the middle class through property tax and student loan debt relief and the expansion of health care funding.
- *Heather Way*, a UT law professor with experience in community advocacy, described her main interests as countering right-wing extremism in the legislature, reducing the influence of interest groups, and addressing the growing economic divide.
- *Kent Johnson*, who described his experience as prosecutor, judge, and attorney, emphasized the need to find solutions to growth in Austin, such as integrated transportation, flexible employment, and support for commercial ride-sharing options. He opposes the use of local tax dollars to support other school districts.
- *Matt Shrum*, a former prosecutor now in private practice as well as a small-business owner, declared his primary interests as fiscal responsibility, public safety, transportation improvement, and economic growth. If elected, he wants to serve on the House budget committee.
- *Blake Rocap*, a public interest lawyer, emphasized that his ten years of experience working with the legislature enhances his ability to pursue an agenda that includes cutting property taxes, protecting the rights of public employees, and expanding early childhood education.

The second agenda item was consideration of a resolution to support the request for a zoning variance for development of a congregate care facility at the Triangle complex on 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Jeff Howard, an attorney representing the developers, who provided details of the proposed project at the January meeting, returned to HPNA to report additional revisions to improve drainage in response to members' expressed opposition to reducing impervious cover that will exacerbate neighborhood flooding risks. Mr. Howard stated that the revisions included the addition to the proposed building of a holding tank that would enhance drainage capacity to the level of 80% impervious cover. The resolution published in the

February issue of the *Pecan Press* was read and discussed. Several members requested amendments to the resolution to include more specific language about the drainage issue. The amendments passed unanimously with a vote of 28 in favor. The amended resolution reads as follows:

*The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association supports the request for The Village at The Triangle by W2 Real Estate Partners for a change in zoning and variance for impervious cover to build a congregate care facility on The Triangle property contingent upon the developers' maintaining runoff at an 80% impervious cover level and enhancing detention capacity to reduce the rate of discharge. This development represents a significant need in our community while using a smaller impervious cover footprint than other potential developments on the property.*

The resolution passed by a vote of 26 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

The third agenda item was a resolution on occupancy limits. Discussion was brief and no amendments were proposed. The resolution reads as follows:

*The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) supports maintaining the current occupancy limits of four unrelated adults in single-family zoned properties. The HPNA views the current occupancy limits as essential to maintaining affordable housing in the neighborhood because it removes the incentive to remove older, more affordable housing in favor of newer and more expensive housing stock. Furthermore, the current limit helps ensure that new housing stock is useful for all resident types rather than for a single segment of the residential population. Finally, the current occupancy limit of four unrelated adults has reduced incidents of excess trash, overflow street parking, noise disturbances, and the demolition of older homes.*

The resolution passed with a vote of 22 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

Announcements included concern about the movement of a perimeter fence at the UT Intramural Fields; it raised concerns about neighborhood access and excess water run-off. The upcoming Development Review Committee meeting agenda includes a proposed building project across from Baker School. Several upcoming Shipe Park activities include It's My Park Day (March 5) and a City Parks Department presentation on the new Shipe Pool design (March 23, Griffin School, 5:30 pm). Cap Metro provided handouts about its Smart Trips program to reduce traffic. Finally, a moment of silence honored recently deceased neighbors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

– Submitted by Susan Marshall  
Co-Secretary, HPNA



# Totally Smitten

Got to say, I am totally smitten,  
 Surrounded by youth and beauty,  
 Being, "Gramma,"  
 I am undone, totally.  
 Ben is my youngest boyfriend of all time.  
 Three and a half,  
 I came downstairs with a basket of laundry  
 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.

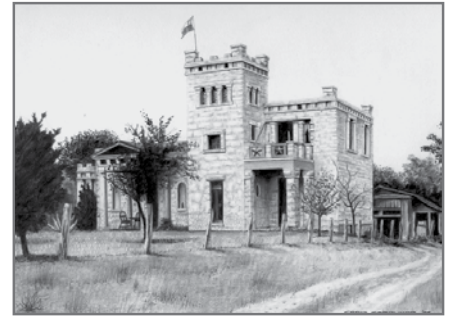
— Herzele, 06/13/15

# Dark

Stop all the clocks. Cut off the telephone  
 I do not want the outside streaming into  
 My cocoon, my sanctuary (not so merry-go-round)  
 Though it is not truly a sanctuary, but  
 I can close the door.  
 Let airplanes circle, moaning, overhead  
 Also intruders, though, often  
 I cannot distinguish an external droning  
 From the constant droning in my head,  
 Nor can I always distinguish the sounds of the AC  
 From rain on the tin roof, often this is a cause of dismay,  
 He was my north,  
 My south, my east and west,  
 I cannot look up, nor down  
 I cannot look around, without the surround of his  
 presence,  
 Even with him gone.  
 The stars are not wanted now, put out every one  
 I do not want the outside, streaming in through those  
 Oh, too shiny holes – the sun, that cannot be put out,  
 This light does not illuminate  
 It burns a cold burn, crossing my boundaries.

— Herzele, 7/23/09

February was such a great month at the Ney! What with the wonderful Nancy Mims' installation *The Passed Looms Present* and the events surrounding it, and then the Celebrate Urban Birds event, the Ney was a very busy, exciting place.



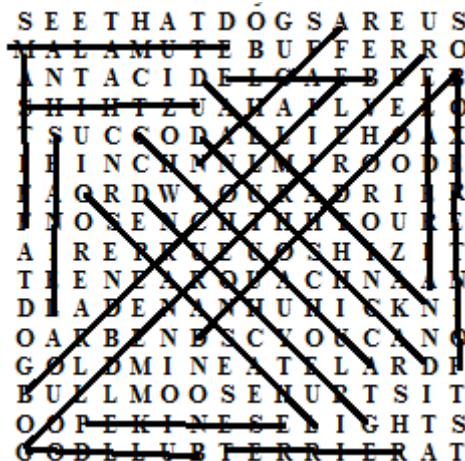
March will be a bit quieter, but there may be a surprise event and a very exciting art installation coming in, so keep your eyes on the Ney's Facebook page for more information!

Speaking of things coming up, be sure to put Ney Day on your calendar. It will take place all afternoon on Saturday, May 23. As usual, five all- or mostly-women bands will be featured, some of whom you will recognize, in a very interesting lineup. There will also be health screenings, activities, artisans, face painting, food trucks, and much more.

Finally, the landscape will start blooming in late March. Watch the Ney's Facebook page for a photo catalog of flowers that you will find on the site. There will also be nature tours, presented with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's staff, in April and May.

## Word Find Key from page 15

- 1.AFGHAN 2.AIREDALE 3.MALAMUTE 4.SPANIEL
- 5.BEAGLE 6.POINTER 7.BLOODHOUND 8.LHASA APSO
- 9.TERRIER 10.BORDER COLLIE 11.PEKINESE 12.MASTIFF
- 13.BOXER 14.CHIHUAHUA 15.GREYHOUND 16.BULLDOG
- 17.SHIH TZU 18.DALMATIAN 19.GOLDEN RETRIEVER
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## I.Jay Aarons...

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Park Neighborhood Association for as long as anyone can remember, and his towering presence and big smile were familiar fixtures at the annual Hyde Park Homes Tour. His faith was important to him, and he was long a part of Congregation Beth Israel, where he served as treasurer and board member. He also served as a board member of Shalom Austin/Jewish Federation.

I.Jay exemplified all that is best in people, and what we think of as best in Hyde Park: involvement in the lives of the people around you, giving of your time and energy, caring deeply, never uttering a cross or negative word about another being. He loved simple pleasures: word games, crossword puzzles, card games, where he was renowned for the complete inability to maintain anything resembling a poker face. I.Jay grabbed every opportunity he got to participate in theatre in college at Rice and here in Austin at Zach Scott, and there was nothing that he loved more than singing and dancing. If you saw I.Jay dance, then you saw I.Jay in his element. And, by the way, you saw a fabulous dancer.

More than anything, I.Jay loved his family. His newest role in life, being a grandfather, was his favorite, and to see him doting on his granddaughter, Emily, was to see a man in full. When Emily was present, I.Jay would be smiling. Emily sparked I.Jay to the last day of his life.

Just a week before he died and in a great deal of pain, I.Jay insisted on attending the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association meeting in order to present the 2016 budget. He got a standing ovation. Many of us couldn't believe that he would want to do that, in his condition, knowing that his time was limited. Many people's bucket list consists of climbing mountains and sailing the seas. I.Jay's bucket list was all about contributing to the community he loved and being with the family and friends he loved. In this, the things that matter, he may have been the richest man in the world, and we were very lucky to have him in our lives.

"Now cracks a noble heart. Goodnight, sweet prince..."

— Michael Crockett



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# Carol Wyche...

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Many knew Carol as a fiber artist, a member of both the Knitters and Crocheters Guild of Central Texas and the Weavers and Spinners Guild. She published her patterns through her own company, Firewheel Designs. She was a regular at Pioneer Farms, where she dressed in pioneer costume and displayed for tourists such traditional crafts as spinning wool into yarn, and she was the spinning instructor at a fiber arts studio in Wimberley.

Her facility with language and linguistics was another thing for which she was known. Nobody could beat her at Boggle; she not only knew more words than anyone else, she knew their derivations as well. Her friends note in awe that she filled in crossword puzzles in ink.

Carol and her husband George moved into their Hyde Park home on Avenue F in 1972. According to George, "We knew from the beginning we were blest with an ideal home in Hyde Park." Their son Geoffrey, born a year later, grew up in Hyde Park and attended the Austin Montessori School on Duval. The Wyche household was known for its parties, particularly on April Fool's Day.

Add to all that an unflappable nature and a cheerful disposition, and it's easy to understand why Carol will be missed by her Hyde Park neighbors.

— Lorre Weidlich

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