

August Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 1, 2011

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
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Note: HPNA general meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month.

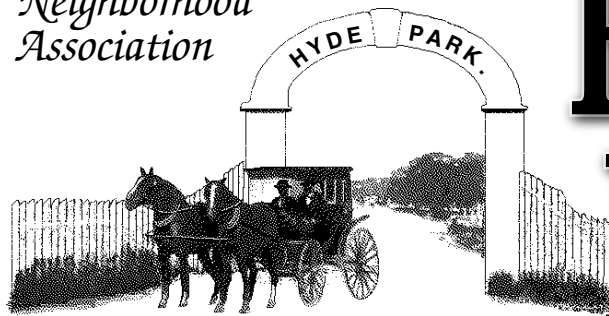
HPNA General Meeting Agenda for Aug 1st

- ❖ The Austin Independent School District's Nicole Conley-Abram, Chief Financial Officer and Paul Turner, Executive Director of Facilities, will be on hand to speak about the district's budget situation and the status of the Baker School building.
- ❖ Friends of Shipe Park- update about the pool's the mosaic, and next steps in the city's budget process
- ❖ 3801 Duval Pocket Park update
- ❖ *Pecan Press*, Homes Tour, and Membership committees- Call for volunteers

Help Wanted Dept.: *Pecan Press* Seeks Editor

After serving ably as *Pecan Press's* Interim Editor since last December, Sarah Sitton plans to step down from that post when her professorial responsibilities at St. Edward's resume in the fall. For his part, long-time Editor Grant Thomas has some other responsibilities and priorities, and feels that after 31 years of his editorial service, it is time for some new blood and a fresh perspective with the newsletter. Consequently, there will soon be a vacancy in the editorship of the *Pecan Press*, and interested neighbors are encouraged to apply for the position by contacting Sarah <sarahs@stedwards.edu> and/or Grant >hgthomas@youthlaunch.org>. Key qualifications would include (but not be limited to) some degree of journalistic ability, and a genuine interest in and love for the neighborhood. Contact us!

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In Memorium: Celeste Cromack

We are saddened by the passing of Celeste Cromack. Celeste Bright Cromack was born and raised in Troup, Texas. She graduated from North Texas College for Women (now Texas Women's University) about 1961 and moved to Austin to teach English at McCallum High School.

She and Bert met on a blind date. After they married they lived on West 22nd Street for years. Later they lived on McCandless Street under the old Mueller flightpath.

When Bert got his M.S. in about 1972 they moved to Douglas, Arizona. She did not work when they lived there. When the EPA closed the Bisbee mine in the early 1980's Bert and Celeste moved back to Austin.

Celeste went back to work but left teaching, working instead for the City's street and bridge department. They bought the house on Duval and Celeste became very involved in HPNA. She served the association in many ways over the years, including as president, as homes tour house captain and most recently (in 2008) as co-secretary. In

the 1980's Celeste and Bert were an important part of the River City Coordinating Council, an umbrella group of neighborhood and environmental organizations.

Celeste was treated for bone cancer around 2000 and retired from the City for health reasons in about 2002. Celeste was a very warm and kind person. Bert's passing in 2009 was hard for her, but generally she was a very cheerful person. She is survived by an

older brother who lives in San Antonio and by Bert's brothers. Her two cats have found a good home with a neighbor.

This article incorporates information provided to me by Dr. Edward Kluth, Wanda Penn, George Wyche and Bruce Elfant.

— Lisa Harris



From the President's Desk:

I'm sad to report that Sarah Sitton is retiring from editing *Pecan Press* after this issue. I greatly appreciate the wonderful work she has done and her patience with the times we have submitted content very close to or on the deadline. Grant Thomas has decided his 31 years (!) as editor is a long enough run. If that isn't a record for length of time editing a newsletter it should be! So, as was noted in the July issue, we need a new editor. The September issue will be put together in the middle of this month. If you are willing and able to serve as editor please let me, Grant or Sarah know. Of all of the volunteer roles in HPNA there are few whose work is as appreciated as the *Pecan Press* editor.

The first part of the Shipe Park mosaic mural was installed on the poolhouse wall (facing Avenue F) in early July. It is gorgeous. If you haven't seen it yet I encourage you to go to the park to see it! See my photo of it on page 3.

Speaking of the park, Austin City Council is scheduled to hold budget work sessions on August 17th and 24th. The budget for the next fiscal year will be read and adopted September 12th-14th. The city also is soliciting budget input online at <www.austintexas.icanmakeitbetter.com>

The proposed menu of potential budget reductions, which can be found on the city website at <www.ci.austin.tx.us/budget/11-12/downloads/budget_reduction_2012.pdf> includes closure of several city pools, including the pool and the kiddie pool at Shipe. Happy Harris has been putting together a proposal that Council fund the pools in the 2012 budget so that a working group or task force (possibly under an umbrella other than the city to spare the city the expense of hosting it) will have time to develop recommendations about how the city can put in place mechanisms for funding pool operations and maintenance so the threat of closure of one or more public pools doesn't arise every year. Council appears to be receptive to doing so, but obviously public support for this approach will help improve its chances of being implemented.

The city's Imagine Austin comprehensive planning process continues. You can find it on the web at <www.imagineaustin.net>

Imagine Austin events in August:
Wednesday, August 3rd, 11:00 AM Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force Steering Committee meets at City Hall, Room 2016
Monday, August 8th, 6:00 PM Comprehensive Plan Citizens

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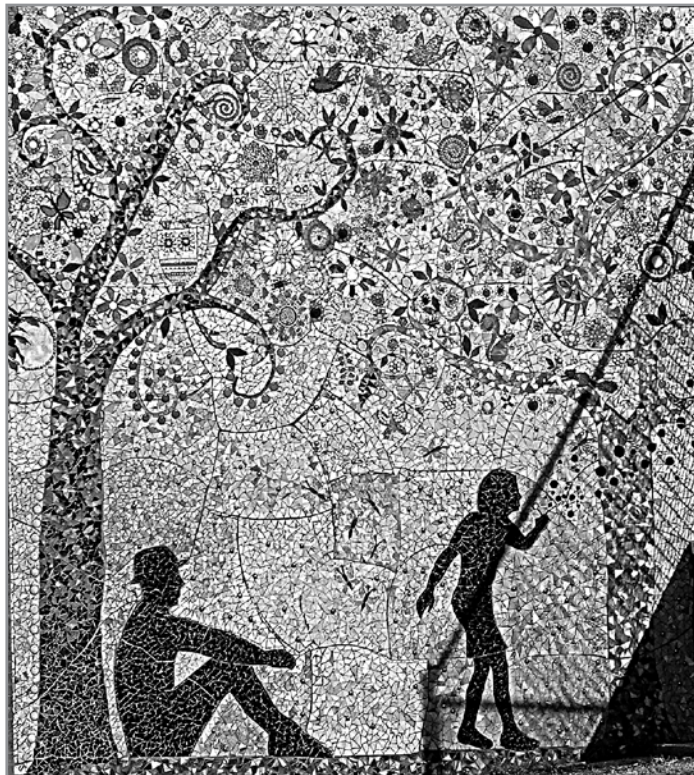


Advisory Task Force Analysis Committee meets at City Hall, Executive Session Room.

Tuesday, August 9th the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force hosts two panel discussions, location to be determined:
5:30 PM Development over the Edwards Aquifer
7:00 PM Connecting southwest SH-45
Thursday, August 11th the Imagine Austin working groups hold their final meeting. After that city staff will finish the first draft of the comprehensive plan. In September and October the city will present that plan to the public for input.

Finally, a few words on volunteer leadership positions that are

membership chair so the Genevros can retire from that responsibility. We also could use an Austin Neighborhoods Council representative and chairs for the transportation and graffiti committees. Also pretty much all committees in the association could use additional volunteers. And it's only a couple months until we will nominate and elect our officers and steering committee for the next year. Carol Jackson has been a wonderful co-treasurer but is ready to let someone else take over after her term ends, so please consider running for that position or for one of the other leadership positions in our association. We live in a wonderful neighborhood, but you can help the association make it even better!



The Shipe Park mosaic mural, photo by Lisa Harris

open in HPNA. In addition to needing an editor, we need a new

— Lisa Harris
 HPNA President
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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment		2010-11 Membership	HPNA Membership Info
Name _____ Phone _____			All memberships expire on September 30th of each year. ✦ Membership in HPNA is open to all residents aged 18 years or older who reside within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of the designated boundaries. ✦ 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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Term Limits for Steering Committee

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) proposes for consideration the institution of term-limits for the SC members elected at-large from the HPNA membership. While historic preservation is more secure with the Local Historic District designation in place, many other challenges and adventures lie ahead for our neighborhood. New members and leaders are needed to continue to move our neighborhood forward while preserving the past. The purpose of the institution of term-limits is to provide additional opportunities for members to participate in leading our neighborhood.

The bylaws may be found at <<http://www.austinydepark.org/about/test/>> under Quick Links. Questions pertaining to this proposed amendment may be addressed to Deaton Bednar, 512.371.3762 or <deatonbednar@grandecom.net>.

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- Submitted by Deaton Bednar.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the BYLAWS OF HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, effective December 4, 2009, Article XVIII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS, this notice is to publish the exact wording of a proposed change to the bylaws in the *Pecan Press* at least 30 days prior to the October 10, 2011, general meeting of the membership of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, which will be referred to in the remainder of this Notice as "HPNA."

The proposed amendment is to Article XI. Steering Committee. The intent of the proposed amendment is to limit the number of consecutive terms that may be served by Steering Committee members elected at large.

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XI. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee shall be the principal representative, governing, and policy-recommending body of HPNA. Actions of the Steering Committee shall be governed by the will of the membership as expressed at general and special membership meetings.

The Steering Committee shall be comprised of the officers of HPNA, the immediate past president of HPNA and six current voting members of HPNA who are elected at large for a 2-year term. These six positions will be staggered so that three positions are filled each year at the same time officers are elected. ~~There is no term limit on how long a single person can hold this position.~~ A revised list of the members of the Steering Committee will be listed in the *Pecan Press*, web site, and email list each year.

The voting members elected at large may be re-elected; however, a voting member elected at large shall not serve in excess of two consecutive full two-year terms. The two consecutive two-year term limitation for voting members elected at large shall not prevent the election of such persons from further service as a voting member of the steering committee after an absence from that committee for two or more years. Serving more than one year of a two-year term is treated as a full two-year term for the purposes of term limitation. Serving one year or less of a two-year term is not a full two-year term for the purposes of term limitation.

In the event that the Steering Committee position of the immediate past president of HPNA is vacant, an additional member shall serve on the Steering Committee in the place of the immediate past president. If the position is vacant at the regular time for the election of officers, it shall be filled in accordance with the terms of these bylaws for the election of officers. If the vacancy occurs during a term, it shall be filled by a candidate nominated by the Nominations Committee upon a vote of the Steering Committee.

The President shall serve as chairperson of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall meet at least at a standing time and day to be determined annually by the Steering Committee. Notice shall be given by e-mail or telephone to all Steering Committee members.

The Steering Committee meetings are open to the all members of HPNA, however, only Steering Committee members can vote on issues.

The Steering Committee can appoint any ad hoc committee or positions such as chairs. All appointments shall be announced to the next meeting of the general membership, as well as on the official announcement e-mail list and in the *Pecan Press*.

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Remembering Celeste Cromack

We are greatly saddened by the recent passing of long-time friend and neighbor Celeste Cromack – who, along with her beloved late husband Bert, lived for many years at 4016 Duval. Celeste was not only a wonderful person, a kindly soul and a quietly sardonic wit, but also a model citizen. Indeed, she served as HPNA President from October 1980 to October 1982, and under her leadership, neighborhood revitalization efforts accelerated in dramatic and impactful fashion. The following reprint from the November 1982 issue of *Pecan Press* highlights many of the noteworthy events and accomplishments during her tenure.

Thank You, Madame President

As the presidency of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association passes into the capable hands of Ruthe Reeder, it is an appropriate time to reflect on the tenure of her predecessor in that office, Celeste Cromack. Celeste has served as president of HPNA since October of 1980, and the other day we leafed through back issues of the *Pecan Press* to refresh our memory about what has happened in and to the neighborhood since that time. The list of events and accomplishments is impressive, indeed. Included among them are the following:

- Extension and formalization of HPNA boundary line
- Restoration of street sweeping services in the neighborhood
- Deletion of the “transitional use” provision of the city zoning ordinance
- Shipe Park Playscape Project
- Revision and amendment of HPNA bylaws
- Streamlining of meetings format and committee structure in HPNA
- Austin Heritage Society’s Appreciation Award to HPNA for its preservation efforts
- Ney Museum Renovation Project
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Pilot Recycling Project
- Saving the Barker House at 3215 Duval
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Nor have these been the only signs of a neighborhood's restoring itself to full vitality. Under Celeste's leadership the neighborhood sustained its "unbeaten" record on zoning issues posing a threat to residential stability; regular neighborhood cleanup campaigns were conducted; a vigorous membership drive was undertaken; traditional yearly events such as the Fire Station Festival and the Christmas Reception were kept alive and well; the annual Homes Tour became the premier event in Hyde Park, and swelled our already-healthy treasury; and the Shipe and Woodburn Houses, perhaps the most significant landmarks in the neighborhood, felt the healing touch of restoration. During that time as well, more and more neighbors came to play a more and more active role in the affairs of the neighborhood and the broader community, and Hyde Park residents were found on the rosters of at least the following organizations: Police/Community Relations Advisory Council; Citizens Task Force for Resource Recovery; Travis County Historical Commission; Austin Heritage Society; Austin Tomorrow Ongoing Goals Committee; Historic Landmark Commission; Board of Adjustment; Urban Transportation Commission.

Of course, Celeste would be the last to suggest that she has been responsible for all that has happened during her term. On the other hand, we would be the first to suggest that it has been her example that has set the tone for so much of the progress we have seen. Quietly, competently, doggedly, and — despite a tendency towards strict treatment of vacationing newsletter staffers — kindly, she has helped to articulate and realize our dream of what this neighborhood can be.

We recall a phrase from the Bible pertaining to the identification of the faithful: "By their fruits shall ye know them." Reviewing the fruits of President Cromack's tenure, it is clear that her faith in us and our neighborhood has been strong indeed. For all of us, Celeste, we thank you.

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Hyde Park Remembers Celeste Cromack

As Hyde Park residents contemplated the recent passing of Celeste Cromack, folks on the Hyde Park email listserve submitted individual narratives of their interactions with Celeste. Here are those impressions.

I'm very pleased to count Celeste Cromack as a friend. We chatted over the fence or on the streets while Kate and I walked the dogs - at least three or four times a week. We talked about the dogs, what was blooming in the garden, neighbors, our daughter - all the good neighbor stuff. You could never meet a more cheerful person. She never once mentioned to me what was so crippling her body in recent years - she just kept walking. I can think of no braver person I have had the privilege of knowing. She will be missed.

— Jeff Baker



Celeste was one of our best presidents. She also worked with me when I was the election judge for our precinct. She was a big help with that too.

I didn't see her as much after she went to work for the city. However, I did see her quite a lot after she retired. She was a good friend.

She was helpful with the Local Historic District.

I miss her.

— Sharon Majors



I first met Celeste in 1980, shortly after I bought my first house on 44th Street and went to my first HPNA meeting. She was so gracious and friendly, and I knew from that instant I had moved to the best neighborhood. I would see her around the neighborhood occasionally, and then several years ago when I moved to Duval/40th area, I saw her more frequently as we often met up on our daily walks. It was always such a joy to see her and visit with her. She and my dog Clio struck up quite a friendship, as well. Celeste was unfailingly cheerful and upbeat. I will miss our walking conversations.

— Cynthia Beeman



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In the early 90's my family and I lived across the street from Bert and Celeste Cromack. On summer evenings I would step out with a beer in one hand and a watering hose in the other about the same time that Bert stepped out of his house for a cigarette. We had many wonderful conversations—mostly about politics and religion—on those hot summer evenings. The bus stop was right in front of our house and that's where you'd see Celeste going to and coming from work every day. She believed in using public transportation and leaving this planet as green as we possibly when we leave. Even though my family moved to Avenue H in 1993, the imprint of friendship was made between my family and the Cromacks. I knew that even if I didn't get a chance to have frequent front yard chats with Bert, I could always count on seeing him on election night at the Travis County Democratic Headquarters or for one the many election night parties at Scholz's. And, when Celeste was out on her daily walk through the hood, she always wanted to know the latest news about my kids. The last time we chatted, which was the week before she died, she was excited to learn that my little six year old girl who lived across the street in the early 90s now had a baby of her own.

I have two very specific remembrances of Celeste. One was just after Bert died. Celeste called me and said that even though Bert didn't have much to do with organized religion, he often said to her that if he ever did go to church, it would be to Trinity UMC (where I'm the pastor). So, she told me that she had gone through Bert's clothes and she'd like to donate them to Trinity's Homeless Ministry, which serves breakfast down under the bridge at I-35 and 7th St each Sunday morning. She figured that while we're giving away food, there surely must be some homeless men who could also use tall-sized jeans and flannel shirts. She thought Bert would like the idea that his closet was emptied out to help clothe the homeless on cold nights. My other specific remembrance is just how courageous Celeste was in fighting cancer. She was determined to beat it and she did. She also knew that she didn't want to go through that kind of fight again if it ever returned, which is also a courageous decision. Every time I saw her walking the Avenues with her decaying hips and quick gait, I knew that I was witnessing the life-energy of a courageous woman.

Thank you Celeste, for your warmth, your compassion, your liberal politics, your friendship, and your determination to take the next step in times it would have been so much easier to give up. You are remembered and loved. Your imprint is a permanent fixture in Hyde Park and in the hearts of those of us who were blessed to be your friend.

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Around 2000 or 2001 a few Hyde Parkers living with cancer would get together for lunch about once a week, and Celeste was one of us. It was always a joy to see her.

— Inga Marie Carmel



Celeste Cromack was the most humble and unassuming person I have ever met. Her contributions to our community are hard to surpass. She was a beacon of warmth and sincerity, when others around her were driven by political ambitions. She truly was an example of sanity in the mist of chaos.

— Alan Marburger



I don't remember when I first met Bert and Celeste, but it seemed like we always knew them since the time we moved to Hyde Park in 1994. We'd visit with both Bert and Celeste when they walked together or at the Fire Station Festival or at HPNA meetings. We shared having been (co-)President of HPNA, and alas, as Marie referenced, we shared having been part a community of Hyde Parkers who had gone through or were living with cancer. Celeste always had a kind word and would engage in patient conversation, but never focused on herself, always wanting to know how YOU were. I miss both Bert and Celeste and their being a part of this strong community.

— Ann Graham



I met Celeste because I responded to her request for someone to take over the mailing for *Pecan Press* and distributing the newsletter to volunteers East of Duval. I recall that she had been volunteering for umpteen years and needed to be able to take care of her ailing husband. She was so accommodating and helpful- it made the transition a breeze! I feel blessed and fortunate to have known such a kind woman who obviously loved her family & neighbors dearly.

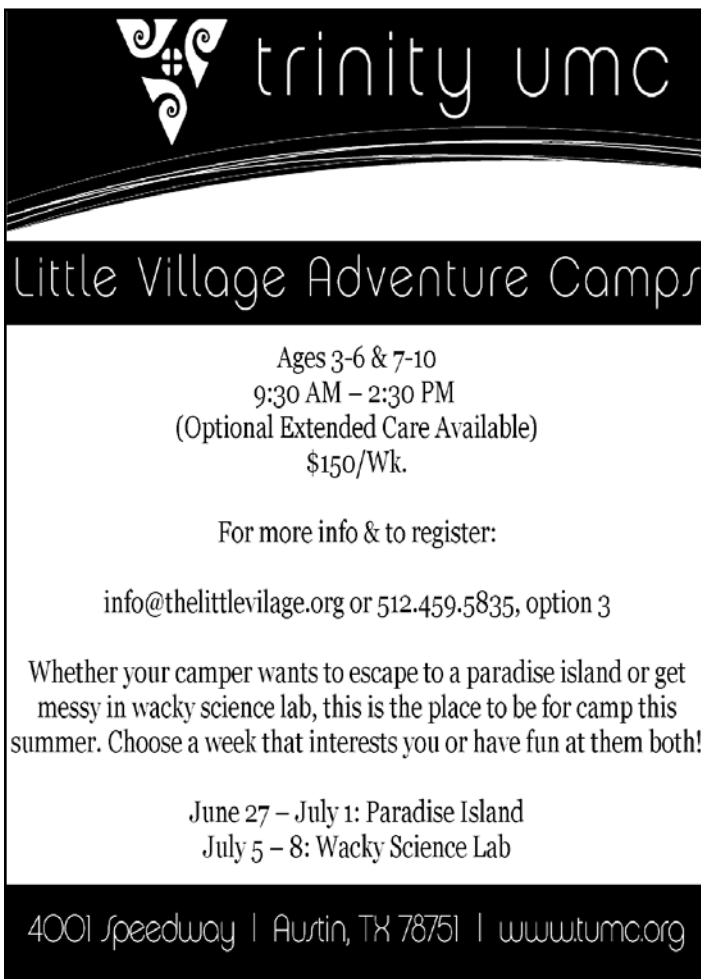
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I first met Celeste in 1968 while I was working at UT's Dept. of Zoology. My boss was soon to be physicist Edward Kluth whose long time friend, co-ABT, was Bert Cromack. Being young and not flush with cash DOES push people together AND we partied together. The Cromack's lived just north of 45th then, but had lived lots of places since Bert had grown up in Austin.

I remember being so surprised when she took on the role of HPNA president. We all get a chance to blossom, she was just ahead us a bit.

Celeste and Bert moved to Douglas, Arizona after Bert finished his degree. We visited them on our way to California and dropped off a six-pack of Lone Star. They moved back to Austin a few years later and took up residence there on Duval. Celeste took a job with the City of Austin. She got run over by a city bus (probably hurt more than when I got run over in Munchen by a taxi that jumped a corner) and I'll send a photo of just a few years ago when we were present for the first opening of the downtown Pfluger Bridge.

— George Wyche



Celeste was one of the first people I met when I moved to Hyde Park. Shortly thereafter she invited me to attend my first HPNA meeting which I'm not sure I ever thanked her or forgave her for. She was a truly special person and I was fortunate enough to call her my friend.

— Elaine (Meenehan)
Valentour



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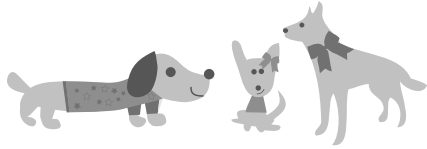
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Grady Stockman: Hyde Park's Legendary Locovore Celebrated in Song

Dear Neighbors,

I read an article in the April issue of the *Pecan Press* about an amazing fellow named Grady Stockman who was hunting and living off the land in Hyde Park. I was writing a song every day as part of a writing challenge, so that day I wrote about Grady. Last month I contacted the PP Editor asking for help in connecting with Grady. I wanted to make sure he was OK with the song. It turned out that the article was a fictional piece which explains why I could not find Grady anywhere in cyberspace except in the PP. I was slightly disappointed that Grady was not real but relieved I would not offend anyone with my song. It was fun to write and it is fun to sing. I invite my Hyde Park neighbors to come and hear it at my next New World Deli gig on Thursday, August 4th from 7:30-9:30 pm.

Thanks for creating such a wonderful character!

– Sue Young
<www.sueyoungmusic.com>

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Hyde Park neighbors will be pleased to learn that this house at 3820 Avenue F has a new owner, David Conner, former President of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and chair of the 2011 Hyde Park Homes Tour.



David is already using his talent and skills to do needed repairs to the house, which was built in 1934 by Peter Mansbendel for his daughter Valerie. Few changes are planned because David respects the integrity of the house, but he is busily bringing new vitality to the historic interior and exterior to make it shine.

A neighbor asked David why he didn't pay someone to paint the house, and he said "because this is the way I bond with my house. This way I know every inch of the house and what it needs." I wish every old house could have an owner who loves it the way David does this one and that every buyer could be as happy with their new home as David is with his!



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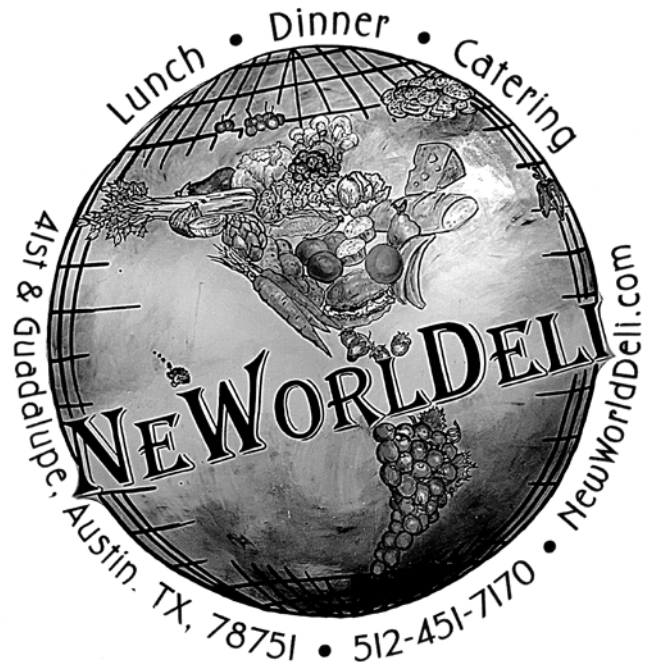
Ride east, hot, shady.
 Glorious day lingers,
 though my days speed by.

— George Wyche
 June 9, 2011

Authors Note: This haiku came to me last June 9 as I was commuting home from work. It was just AFTER I took a photo at Avenue A and 44th looking east.

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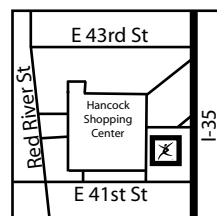
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HPNA General Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2011

President Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. She then immediately adjourned the meeting. Whereon, everyone visited and ate ice cream.

New Basketball Backboards and Hoops at Baker Center

Recently, four new basketball backboards and hoops with nets were installed at Baker Center at 3908 Avenue B to replace the broken and unusable backboards and hoops. We want to make people aware that these basketball courts in the parking lot of Baker Center are available for use. This is a positive improvement for the neighborhood and offers the residents of Hyde Park the opportunity to have an additional place to exercise and have a healthy lifestyle. There are many people to thank beginning with Curt Shaw (Director of the Construction Management Department with the Austin Independent School District), who primarily made this happen as well as the AISD employees who did the actual work to install the new backboards. In addition, Lisa Harris, Ann Graham, Karen McGraw, and Paul Kamprath contributed. Many thanks to all of these people. For those of you who wake up early and go out in the morning, be sure to shoot hoops before the cars start to park. On evenings and weekends, the courts are usually open. You can still see the free throw and foul line stripes on the pavement but they need touching up. If you know of anyone who can repaint them, your assistance would be appreciated.

– Paul Kamprath



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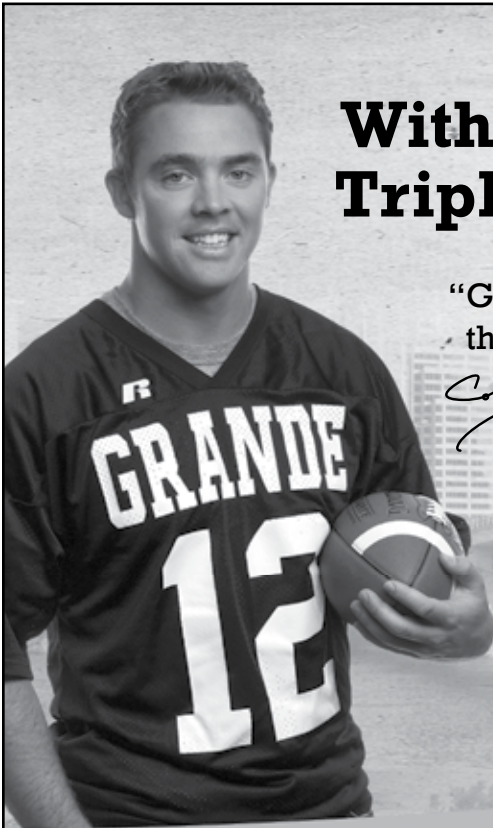
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