

# February Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 7, 2011

**Where:** Trinity United Methodist Church  
4001 Speedway

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

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for February 7<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Justice of the Peace Herb Evans - Field Release Citation Program
- ❖ Heather Freeman - Crime and Safety Update
- ❖ John Spence - Transportation Committee Update
- ❖ Mark Fishman - Shipe Park, It's My Park! Day
- ❖ David Conner - Homes Tour Update

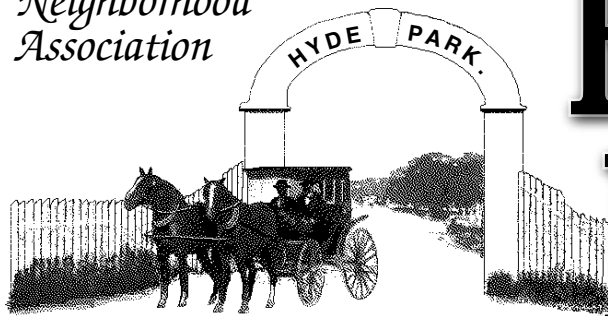
## Austin Marathon: Rolling Road Closures and Prime Viewing for Hyde Park

On February 20, 2011 the LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon will take place on the streets of Austin. An estimated 20,000 runners and 20,000 spectators will take part in the Marathon and Half Marathon and participants will travel from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. The 2011 LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon will benefit 26 local charities through the "26 Miles for 26 Charities" program for the fourth year; last year the program raised over \$900,000 for local charities.

The race will begin at 7:00am on N. Congress Ave near 16th Street and conclude with a post race area located between 6th and 11th street on historic Congress Ave. Runners will be on the roads in various parts of the city until

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## Mark Your Calendars: It's My Park! Day 2011 Saturday, March 5th, 1-5 pm

As part of Austin Parks Foundation's *It's My Park! Day*, Hyde Park neighbors, friends, and volunteers from around the city will participate in the annual clean-up and landscaping day at Shipe Park, located at 44th and Avenue F. Last year, over 200 volunteers of all ages joined in the fun to improve our park.



Stan Kozinski applies some sparkle to the Shipe Park archway during a previous It's My Park! Day.

On Saturday, March 5th, from 1-5 pm. we will continue to improve the park by spreading mulch, removing invasive plant species and debris, aerating and fertilizing the field, beautifying the interior pool areas, spiffing up the play-scape, and generally making Shipe Park a better place. Hosted this year by the "Friends of Shipe

Park," we will also have an info booth for the recently approved public art project - a ceramic mosaic mural to be installed on the pump house wall of Shipe Pool. Contact Pascal Simon at <pascalmsimon@yahoo.com> .

### HOW TO VOLUNTEER

You can help build upon last year's successful efforts by registering to volunteer online on the Austin Parks Foundation web site at: <www.austinparks.org>. Anyone able to bring snacks or treats will be most welcome. You may also contact this year's Project Leaders, Phillip and Rhonda Baird, at <phillipdbaird@gmail.com> or Mark L Fishman, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association's Shipe Park Committee Chair at <mlfishman@gmail.com>. They will be happy to sign you up.

### FREE T-SHIRTS & LIVE MUSIC

All volunteers who are pre-registered will get a free T-shirt, so be sure to register early and indicate your size.

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# From the President's Desk:

A big thanks to John Spence for volunteering to lead the new Transportation Committee! Several volunteers joined the committee in January, but there's plenty of room for more. This committee will focus on areas that concern the transportation interests of its members. These can include sidewalks, bike lanes, parking problems, crosswalks, traffic signals, traffic problems, transit and anything else that relates to getting around the neighborhood on foot or via any sort of vehicle. John's counterpart in Hancock, Steve Goldsmith, contacted me recently and proposed that our neighborhoods coordinate efforts on shared transportation issues.

Still on the subject of transportation, in my January column I mentioned that Jaree Freeman was organizing a meeting regarding traffic issues on 51st Street, particularly between Duval and Airport. Brent Adair assisted in organiz-

ing the meeting, which included city staff, residents of numerous affected neighborhoods and Councilmember Riley, and took place on the afternoon of Thursday January 20th and will be further described in a separate article.

At the January meeting we approved a budget that includes substantial funding for collecting evidence to convict the tire slasher so he will stop puncturing tires in the neighborhood. Thanks to Heather Freeman and to everyone who has volunteered to participate on this task force. If you are not yet on the task force but would like to be please contact Heather. The task force is working on many issues, and many hands make light work.

Since efforts to convict the tire slasher have been unsuccessful, in part due to inadequate non-circumstantial evidence, I recently contacted our new APD District Representative, Rolando Gutierrez, to find out whether you need to be present when a property crimes technician or a patrol officer comes to collect evidence from your vehicle. You do not. So if you need to be at work or school before anyone arrives to collect evidence, and if you can use another means to get to work, leaving your car at home that day so evidence can be collected, that could really help the effort to convict this vandal. Also, if you have a flexible work schedule or are retired and would like to be on a list of people who have offered to give neighbors rides to work on the days their tires get damaged, please let Heather or me know.

I am pleased to report that the Austin Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee has approved sending the Resolution Regarding the Local Historic District Application Process (the resolution which was printed in the January *Pecan Press*) to the ANC general membership for a vote. On non-emergency matters ANC resolutions are considered at two successive general meetings. At the first meeting they are introduced and briefly discussed, and at the second meeting they are voted on. (This is so that

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ANC representatives can consult their associations about the resolutions before voting on them.) The Resolution Regarding the Local Historic District Application Process was introduced at the January 26th ANC general meeting and will be voted on at the February 23rd meeting.

And last but not least, we have decided to follow the lead of several other neighborhood associations and make signs announcing general meetings that can be put out a few days before the meeting. Twelve signs have been printed, and hopefully, you will have seen one by the time you read this.

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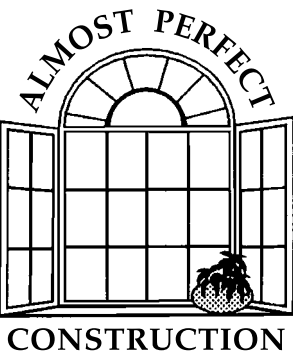


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## Austin Marathon...

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2pm. "Rolling road closures" will be in effect, reopening after the runners have passed.

The route utilizes Congress Ave., South 1st St., Cesar Chavez St., Winsted Ln., Enfield Rd., Exposition Blvd., 35th St., Bull Creek Rd., Shoal Creek Blvd., Great Northern Blvd., Foster Ln., Arroyo Seco, Woodrow Ave., 51st St., Duval St., MLK, San Jacinto Blvd. and other local roads. (See the map on page 5 [opposite] for marathon route details.)

On Sunday, February 20th, the following roads in your area will close to traffic by 6:00am and reopen on a rolling schedule based on the location of the last runner. All roads should reopen by 2:00pm.


- A small stretch of Guadalupe St., between North Loop Blvd. and 51st St., will be closed to traffic.
- 51st St. between Guadalupe St. and Duval St. will be closed to traffic.
- The southbound lane of Duval St. between 51st Street and San Jacinto Blvd will be closed to traffic. The northbound lane will maintain vehicle traffic.
- During the event access in and out of the Hancock area will be available via Red River, IH-35, Duval north bound, 38 th Street, as well as side streets that do not cross the race route. All signalized intersections along the race route will be staffed by officers of the Austin Police Department to assist with access in and out.

A comprehensive traffic control plan, which has been approved by the City of Austin Right-of-Way Management, will be used to position barricades along the route as well as officers of the Austin Police Department. City of Austin required public notice signs will go out along the route, 14 days prior to the event along with letters to business and residences.

Also, residents can always call 311 if they are stuck in a long traffic line or are encountering any other problem related to the race on Sunday February 20th.

If you have any further questions please visit [www.youraustinmarathon.com/course](http://www.youraustinmarathon.com/course) to see detailed course information and maps or email us at [road.closures@youraustinmarathon.com](mailto:road.closures@youraustinmarathon.com)

— Christina Conklin  
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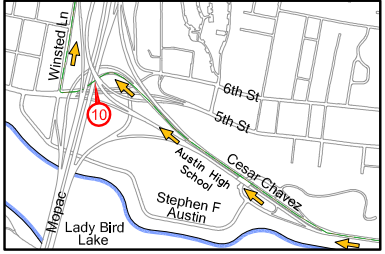


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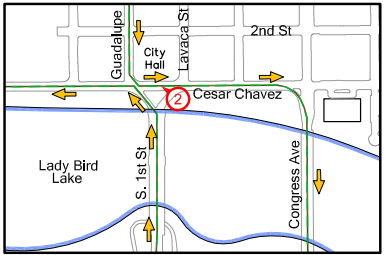
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 Half Marathon - 7:00am First Wave  
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 Finish Line - Congress Ave and 10th St

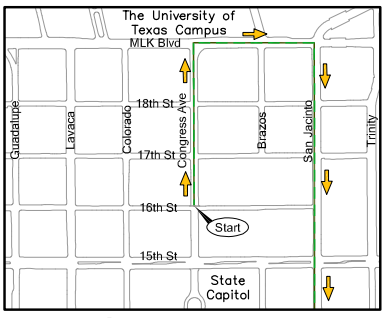
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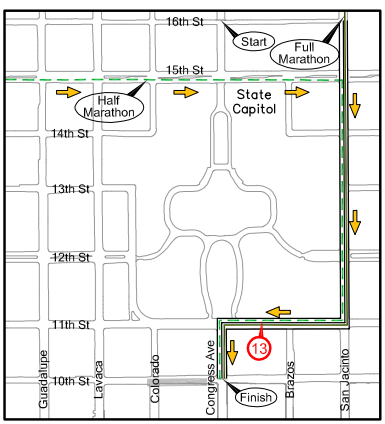
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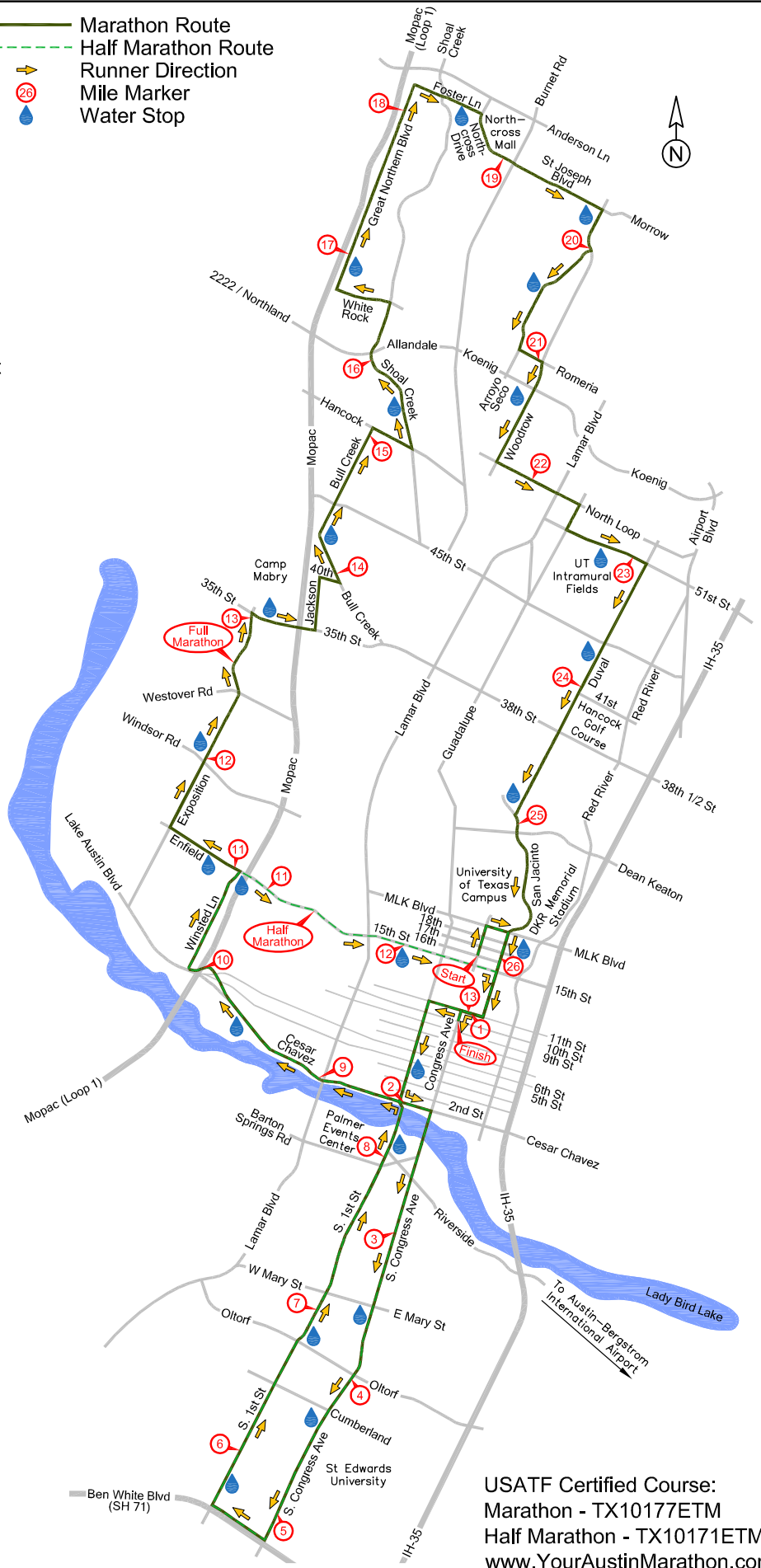
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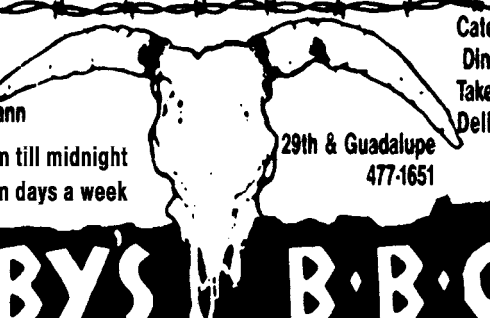
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### Another View on the Ney Landscape Debate

Many Pecan Press readers are weary of the Elisabet Ney Museum landscape debate, but I would like to offer another perspective that I don't recall being verbalized.

I did my graduate work in architectural history at the University of Virginia, and our department chair oversaw architectural issues at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello nearby. At the U.Va., people discussed Mr. Jefferson as if he were likely to walk into the room at any minute, and there were regular editorials in the student newspaper about what he would have thought of specific changes to the University grounds he designed. As students, we logged in a great deal of time at Monticello, and were privy to many philosophical discussions on its significance, the documentation and how best to interpret it to the public. In addition, I have had occasion to revisit Monticello annually for most of the past 35 years, and have seen a great many changes in that time.

Monticello has had various uses since 1826 - a silkworm farm, a site for rowdy student parties, a home, a museum, etc. For longer than the Jefferson ownership it was held by the Levy family, led by Uriah Levy, the first Jewish Navy officer, and his nephew Congressman Jefferson Levy, both of whom saved Monticello when it was endangered. Since 1923, the property has been owned by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, which particularly in its early days created a beautiful if not particularly accurate picture of Monticello.

In recent years, the house has changed to reflect its documented appearance, as Mr. Jefferson would have known it. The front hall went from a lime green color to a pale salmon, and Native American and prehistoric artifacts from the Lewis & Clark Expedition and elsewhere that would have been anathema to 1920s taste have been restored. Most recently, the dining room had its Wedgwood blue paint replaced by the eye-opening egg yolk color chosen by Mr. Jefferson. The kitchen has also been restored, and much attention given to the position of enslaved persons and other workers at Monticello largely ignored for the previous 75 years.

One could make an argument for interpreting Monticello as an EVOLUTIONARY property, with silkworms, Levy portraits and furnishings, popular 1920s Georgian Revival colors, keeping the early Foundation 'improvements.' Indeed, many accomplished and significant people left their mark on Monticello in the 150+ years after Mr. Jefferson's death.

But when all is said and done, Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States, author of the Declaration of Independence, founder of the University of Virginia, a very talented architect, etc. etc. is the figure of transcendent significance associated with Monticello. Others who figured in the history of the property are quite rightly addressed in the fine new interpretive center. Mr. Jefferson's mountain now largely reflects its appearance as he knew it, which seems the highest and best use of one of the most distinctive and important homes in the land.

What does that have to do with the Ney Museum property? Formosa, as Miss Ney called her studio/home, is not Monticello and Ney is not Jefferson, but the interpretation issues are very similar. The case has seemingly been made that the cast of characters associated with Formosa since Miss Ney's death in 1907 are of greatest importance. Indeed, there were many noted men and women who with the best of intentions embellished the grounds of the property as a suburban home. It became a conventionally fashionable, eclectic 20th century landscape.

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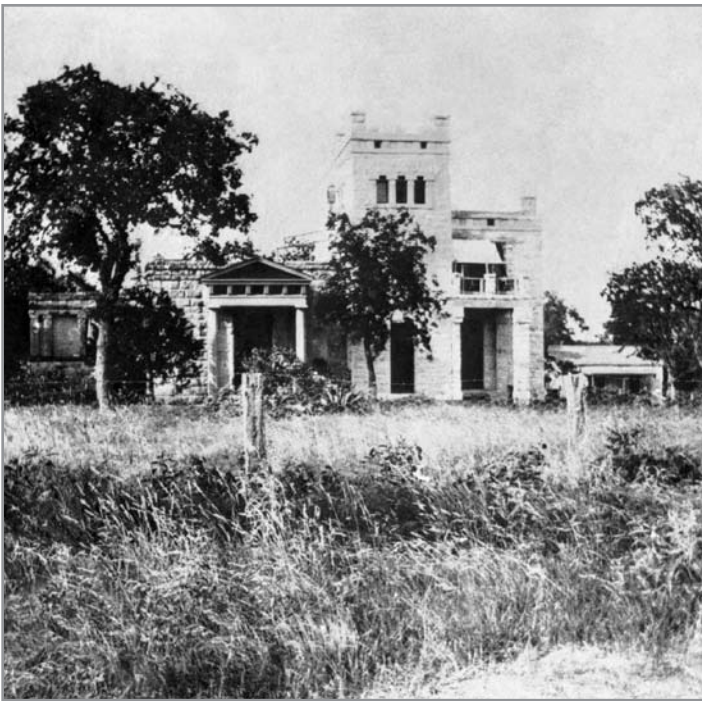
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Yet at the end of the day, it is Elisabet Ney who is the person of transcendent importance associated with this historic site. She was an internationally recognized sculptor, surely the best known woman in Texas in the arts in her lifetime. She has been the subject of numerous biographies, and men and women draw strength today from her brilliant statuary, her intelligence, independent and often subversive perspectives on life. Her statues of Houston and Austin are Texas' two heroes in the U.S. Capitol, and she numbered many of the greatest Texans of her day among her friends and admirers, who paid homage to her at her beloved Formosa.

Are there noted figures of the century since Ney's death who shaped and preserved the Ney grounds? Unquestionably, though most have closer ties with other sites. Their invaluable contributions can be made known to visitors by photographs, literature and interpretive panels, as at Monticello.

But I cannot agree with the suggestion that the newer vision of Formosa is more important than Miss Ney's. I would not recommend demolishing the stone wall in front of the house, although it is a confusing interpretive element. But I like the restored, natural landscape. We're a neighborhood of reasonably well-manicured lawns and flower beds, and it's refreshing to find the rougher, more rural 1908 appearance, when the property was at the northern edge of the city (then with a population 27,000).

A year ago, had Miss Ney returned from the dead, would she recognize the grounds of her beloved home, her "idyllic existence... surrounded by the unspoiled beauties of nature"? Well, yes and no. Today would she feel at home there? I say YES, and to me that is progress. The extended acreage is gone, along with outbuildings and the barn for her beloved horses Pasha and Asta. But our wonderful neighborhood castle again evokes the its historic character, in an open prairie setting with wildflowers.

Miss Ney was not one to shy from controversy or challenging those who knew her to think independently. The modernized landscape was easy to accept, while the restored landscape takes more reflection. But the short answer to "Why are the Ney grounds so rustic?" is "Because that's the way she liked them."

Thanks for your consideration.

— Peter Flagg Maxson

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## It's My Park! Day 2011...

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### CREW LEADERS NEEDED

In addition to general worker bees, organizers are looking for people willing to serve as crew leaders for activities including: sign-in & refreshments table, creek clean-up, plant maintenance/removal, spreading mulch, etc. Send Phillip and Rhonda an e-mail if you are interested in serving as the leader of one of these activities on the day of the event.



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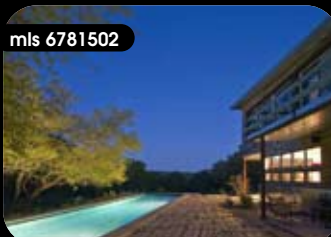


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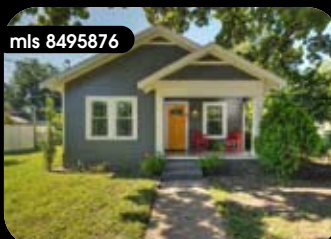
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### New APD District Representatives and Website

Dear Neighborhood Leaders,

Check out the new website and information about the APD District Representatives, effective Jan 2, 2011:

[<www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/district\\_representatives.htm>](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/district_representatives.htm)

- What they can do for neighborhoods
- What each Region's area of command is
- How to reach them
- Each Region's Commander's Forum calendar, etc.

This re-org may mean some neighborhoods have a new District Representative. For many neighborhoods, the people haven't changed, but the resources on the website are greatly enhanced. Either way, I would suggest you forward your Region's information and link to your respective Neighborhood Associations and put it in your newsletters. Many neighborhoods have a very close working relationship with their DRs, and I'd invite them to share some of their successes here.

To quote the new APD DR website:

The District Representatives' purpose is to designate an officer assigned to an area as a liaison between the community and the police department to assist the community in solving neighborhood problems. The District Representatives are called upon to do a myriad of activities which include, but are not limited to: enhancing patrol efforts, attending neighborhood association meetings to provide input or answers, attending school functions to educate children about safety and crime prevention, assisting the community in solving non-emergency problems and helping the community become self-reliant.

Below is my rough estimate of the four DR regions' geographic areas. Click on each one's link to see their maps with sub-districts, staff contact information, HQ locations, and helpful links to other City Departments as well as CLASP [<www.claspatx.com>](http://www.claspatx.com), the citizen-led partnership with APD that posts stuff to ANCTalk occasionally:

Region 1 [<www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/region1.htm>](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/region1.htm) - includes, but not limited to: Downtown, North to Research Blvd, part of North East, most of West Austin

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Region 3 [<www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/region3.htm>](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/region3.htm) - most of East & South East Austin

Region 4 [<www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/region4.htm>](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/region4.htm) - most of Austin South of the Colorado River

Questions? Call your District Representative!

— Carol Gibbs  
CoA Neighborhood Advisor  
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Into the shadows I bound,  
But the sun still finds me!

By the water,  
Under a bush,  
But the sun still finds me!

Down the street,  
Under an umbrella,  
But the sun still finds me!

Up the driveway,  
Under the car,  
But the sun still finds me!

Up the steps,  
Under the porch,  
But the sun still finds me!

Through the door,  
Into the kitchen,  
But the sun still finds me!

Up the stairs,  
Into the closet,  
But the sun still finds me!

“Bored“ I say,  
“Me too” sun says,  
Maybe later we will,  
Continue our game of,  
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— Isabelle Mohr, Avenue C  
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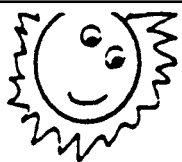


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## Shipe Park Mosaic Expands!

The mosaic mural planned for the pump house wall of Shipe Pool is gaining momentum! Friends of Shipe Park, the group leading this project, is eager to expand its scope beyond the three foot high mural originally conceived and to create a colorful glass and tile mural that will cover the entire wall!



Future Home of the Shipe Park Mosaic Mural

Our ability to complete the mural will depend on the grassroots support of neighbors who like the idea of an iconic, permanent art installation in the park. In addition to the \$8,000 Austin Parks Foundation (APF) grant, we received a \$10,000 pledge from a very generous individual to match new donations which will complete the funding needed for this project!

Please support this effort today by making a tax-deductible contribution to the “Shipe Park” fund at the Austin Parks Foundation. To make a donation, go to [www.austinparks.org/member.html](http://www.austinparks.org/member.html), then click the link under “Gifts to Special Funds” and make sure to select “Shipe Park” on the donation form. We will also accept donations of flat glass and/or tile and volunteer effort going forward. Please let us know if you’re interested in being involved by contacting us at [shipemosaic@griffinschool.org](mailto:shipemosaic@griffinschool.org).

We’re really excited about the community-building opportunities within this process and by the chance to create something really grand and beautiful in our park! If your family has benefited as much as mine from the playground at Shipe; if you rely on the cool waters of the pool as a refuge from the heat of summer; if you enjoy the all benefits of the great community asset that Shipe Park is for all of us, please help in this effort!

Thank you for your support!

– Adam Wilson for Friends of Shipe Park  
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## Urban Roots Encourages You to Join Their CSA!

Some of you may have seen films like Food Inc. and Fast Food Nation and learned that we could stand to make some improvements within America's food system. Maybe you read Michael Pollan's *Omnivore's Dilemma* and discovered how a single person really can create positive change in our current food system by eating more locally sourced fruits and vegetables that are grown sustainably.

One way to a healthier diet, a stronger relationship with the folks who grow your food, and a healthier planet is to join a local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program in your community. A CSA program is sort of like having a fresh fruit and vegetable subscription to a farm. Once you're a CSA member, you can enjoy a weekly, bountiful share of seasonal produce from a local farm and pick up your share directly from your farmer at the farmers' market. This way you always know exactly where your food is coming from, how it is grown, and you get the opportunity to eat different kinds of produce as new seasons come and go.

One CSA program in Austin from the Urban Roots Farm not only provides its members with weekly shares of delicious produce, but Urban Roots is also a youth development program of a local non-profit called YouthLaunch. Urban Roots uses sustainable agriculture as a means to transform the lives of young people as they work to increase the access of healthy food in Austin. When you join the Urban Roots CSA, you are supporting a wonderful program for young people in your community in addition to enjoying all of those nutritious fruits and vegetables.

Joining the Urban Roots CSA program is easy! You can sign up online when you visit [www.urbanrootscsa.kintera.org](http://www.urbanrootscsa.kintera.org) <[www.urbanrootscsa.kintera.org](http://www.urbanrootscsa.kintera.org)>. If you have any questions about the CSA program, please call Urban Roots at 512-473-9820. The Urban Roots CSA has a convenient pick-up location near Hyde Park at The Austin Farmers' Market at The Triangle (45th & Lamar) on Wednesday evenings! As a member you will also receive a weekly newsletter with recipes and tips on how to prepare the vegetables in your share. If you love to cook or if you're looking into trying your hand at preparing and sharing healthy meals with your friends and family, CSA newsletters will be a fun and informational resource for you.

You really can bring about positive change in our food system, and everyone at Urban Roots would love to have you participate in their great CSA program as a step in the direction to make that change by eating some farm fresh food!

– Ashley Carker,  
Americorps VISTA with Urban Roots



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*Valerie Mansbendel Home Available*



Last year's Hyde Park Homes Tour featured the home of Swiss Woodcarver Peter Mansbendel, on the corner of Avenue F and 39th Street. That same craftsmanship is evident in this house, built in 1934 for Valerie Mansbendel and her husband William T. Williams, Jr., as a wedding present from her father Peter Mansbendel and his wife Clotilde Shipe Mansbendel, who lived next door, and the bride's grandparents, Adele and Monroe Shipe, who lived a block away at Avenue G and 39th Street. Shipe had developed Hyde Park in 1891 as the first planned development in Austin and he named this particular area "Shadow Lawn," as marked by still-present concrete benches.

The interior of the home is enhanced by Peter Mansbendel's design and carvings. Perhaps the most unique feature of the home is the carved stone portraits of Valerie and Bill built into the facade of the home.

"This home holds within it a history of much fun and many happy memories, and the special feeling of knowing it was unique. Family next door and friends who came for short visits, and others for long ones, made it a very special place to grow up," said Mansbendel granddaughter Valerie Williams Brown.

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Discussion and approval of the annual budget.

Discussion of transportation issues and appointment of committee chair.

Discussion of Austin Marathon and related street closures.

Presentation by League of Bicycling Voters.

Presentation by Bick Brown (owner of Hyde Park Bar & Grill) on traffic calming and the pedestrian experience at 43rd St retail center.

Presentation by chair of Shipe Park Committee on Pump House Wall Mural at Shipe Park.

— *Rich MacKinnon,*  
*HPNA Co-Secretary*

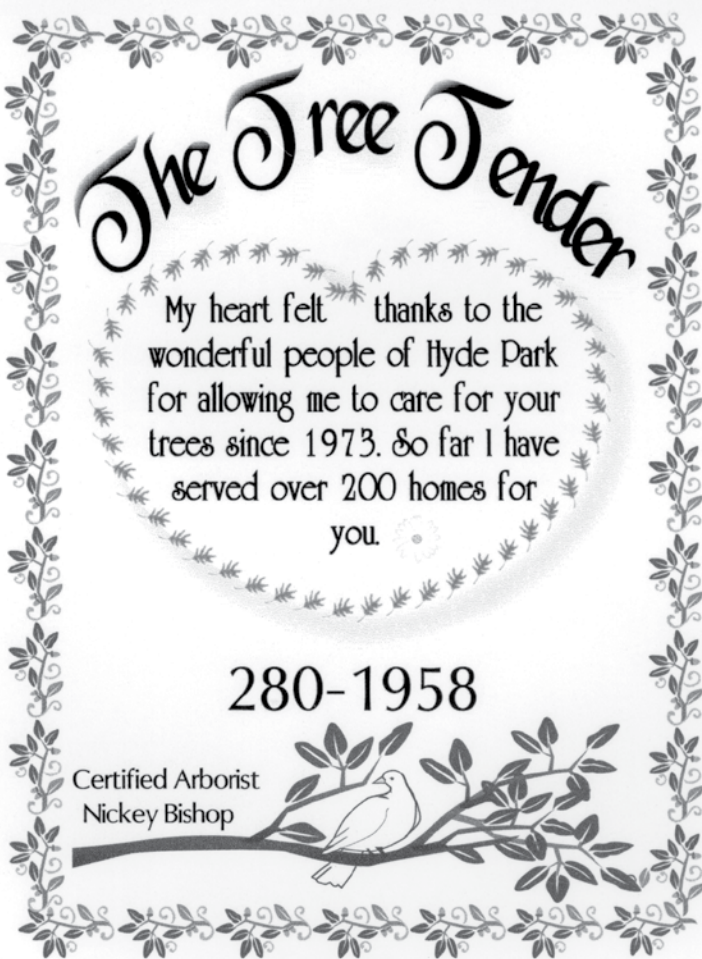


## Hyde Park Poets —

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It was like  
an electric shock.  
It was like  
dying and being  
born again  
into nowhere.  
It was like  
not remembering  
who you were  
but remembering  
you were someone  
but not at  
the moment.  
It was like  
never having been  
but knowing it.  
It was like  
the beginning  
of the end and  
the end of the beginning  
jammed together.  
It was like  
being dead  
and knowing it.

— *Albert Huffstickler*  
*October 2000*




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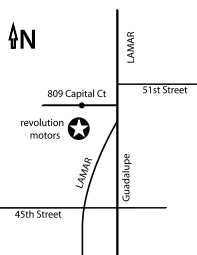
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I'll be all yesterdays.

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when a poor man dies.  
We hide our poor  
like a dirty secret.

Trees and flowers:  
souls balm.

Nameless fears  
are the worst.  
I think I'll  
name this one  
George.

My soul is  
a bumblebee  
defying aeronautics  
lifting  
lifting

It was a grudge  
too heavy to hold.

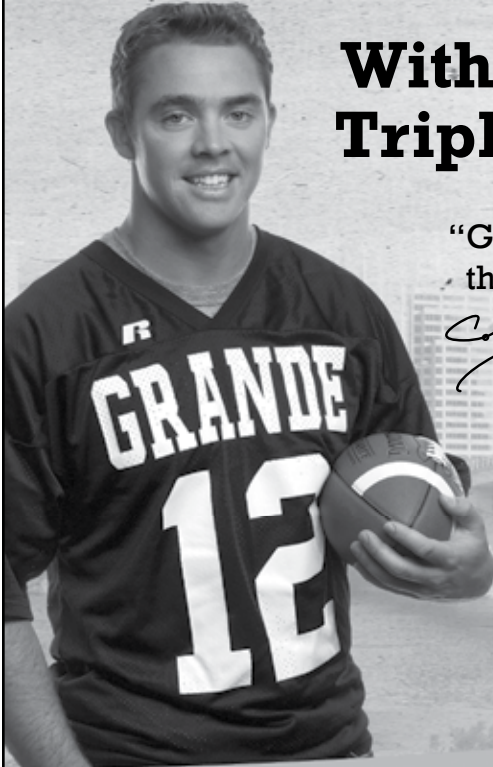
That thing in me  
that soars  
someday  
soon will  
soar away.

Soul-dead  
he waits for death.  
Will it be a surprise?  
No way.

September night.  
Warm. No breeze.  
Autumn dallies  
on the threshold  
like a dream not  
ready to be dreamed.

That dream  
followed me into daylight,  
sits across from me  
while I drink my coffee,  
silent, observing,  
telling me nothing.

— *Albert Huffstickler,*  
*October 2000*



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