

February Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 4, 2013

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 Feb 4th

- ❖ 10-ONE Citizens Redistricting Process - presented by Steven Aleman
- ❖ It's My Park Day - update

All Hyde Park residents are welcome.

It's Shipe Park Day 2013:

Sat., Mar. 2 • 11-3 p.m.

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 Street and Avenue F. Every year, hundreds of volunteers of all ages join in the fun to improve our park.

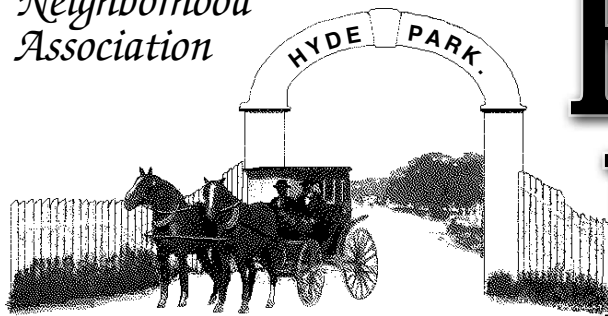
On Saturday, March 2nd, we will gather at Shipe and work on needed efforts to improve and beautify the park. We will be aerating and weeding tree beds, spreading mulch, removing invasive plant species and debris, aerating and fertilizing the field, beautifying the interior pool areas, spiffing up the playscape, and generally making Shipe Park a better place. This year, in addition to the work at Shipe Park, we will be working on various projects at the Elizabeth Ney Museum next door.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Registering to volunteer online on the Austin Parks Foundation website at austinparks.org. Anyone able to bring snacks or treats will be most welcome! Contact Project Leaders, Rhonda Baird

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Basics of the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

On March 2, 2012, the Austin City Council unanimously approved a *Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance*, which will take effect in March 2013. The ordinance regulates use of the types of bags that can be distributed by business establishments in Austin and encourages a shift to reusable bags. The proposed ordinance does not eliminate all plastic or paper carryout bags.

Beginning March 1, 2013, businesses will be required to provide reusable bags at checkout.

Options include:

- Plastic bags: 4 mil in thickness or greater with handles
- Paper bags: made of 40% recycled content with handles
- Cloth or another type of reusable bag made out of durable materials

Customers also may bring reusable bags from home.

The following bags are exempt from the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance:

1. Laundry, newspaper, and waste bags:

- Bags used for laundry dry cleaning bags, door-hanger bags, newspaper bags
- Packages of multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste

2. Pharmaceutical and veterinarian bags:

- Bag must be made of paper and used only for prescription drugs or other medical necessities.

3. Restaurant bags:

- Restaurant bag must be made of paper for take-away food. Single-use plastic bags are only allowed if necessary to prevent moisture damage, such as transportation of soups, sauces, salad dressing, and other liquids.

4. Non-Checkout Bags:

- Bags used inside the business to contain bulk items, to wrap frozen foods, to prevent moisture damage, and to contain unwrapped foods such as baked goods (i.e. produce bags)

5. Charity Nonprofits:

- Bags used by a nonprofit or other hunger relief organization to distribute food, clothing or other household items.

This ordinance does not impact your current home garbage and recycling practices for City pick up of trash and recycling.

NOTE: The ordinance does not require businesses to charge a fee for reusable bags. Whether commercial stores choose to charge for their new reusable bags or bags meeting the criteria set by City Council's ordinance is a business decision the stores will make.

From the Co-Presidents

We hope the New Year has gotten off to a great start for everyone! There has already been a lot of HPNA activity in January, including approving the 2013 budget, discussing how HPNA will handle development issues in the future, and planning for some springtime neighborhood events.

You may have noticed the construction of the new green space that the City is installing at the northeast corner of 38th and Duval. This project should be completed around the beginning of February when the City will turn the maintenance over to the Hyde Park and Hancock neighborhoods. The story of this green space begins with Albert Huffstickler, known to many as the "Bard of Hyde Park." Mr. Huffstickler was a long time resident of the neighborhood and he worked at the Perry-Castaneda Library at The

University of Texas from 1973 until his retirement in 1990. For most of his life he wrote poetry, publishing hundreds of poems in journals and small presses, or publishing in his own Press of Circumstance, for which he also provided the cover art. Many neighbors recall visiting with Mr. Huffstickler at one of his neighborhood hangouts like Quack's on 43rd Street or at Dolce Vita on Duval, where he would write poems, work on his charcoal drawings, or visit with neighbors. Ever since he passed away in 2002, neighbors have been thinking of ways to honor him.

A few years ago, City funding became available to construct a green space at a small strip of City property at the corner of 38th St. and Duval. In a joint neighborhood agreement between HPNA and Hancock NA, the City agreed to construct the green space in 2011 and construction began in November 2012. Since this will officially be a "green space" and not a park, the agreement with the neighborhoods and the City are that after construction the City will hand over all maintenance to Hyde Park and Hancock. Former HPNA President Lisa Harris and former HPNA Steering Committee member John Paul Moore were instrumental in working with the City to come up with a design and in working with our Hancock neighbors on the joint agreement for ongoing maintenance that will be necessary to keep the space well watered, mowed, and trimmed. The name Huffstickler Green became an obvious choice for this new green space in honor of the man that so many neighbors know as the Hyde Park poet laureate, and for whose poems have appeared countless times in the *Pecan Press*. We will soon be announcing a date for the opening of Huffstickler Green when we plan to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony.

As a reminder, the LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon will be held on Sunday, Feb

17th, and similar to previous years, part of the race route will be through Hyde Park. Runners will go along 51st St. and then turn south on Duval and run through Hyde Park on their way to the downtown finish line. Please remember to make plans well ahead of Sunday, Feb 17th if you need to get out of the neighborhood on that morning or early afternoon, especially if you need to cross Duval. Ari Witkin with the LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon is available as a neighborhood liaison to help answer questions about traffic and to provide guidance for neighbors trying to get in and out of the neighborhood.

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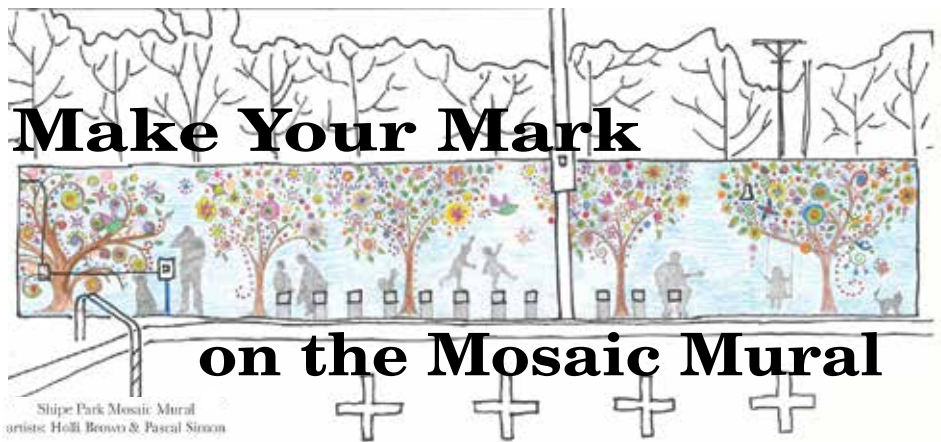
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Another springtime event to look forward to is the Hyde Park Egg Scramble in Shipe Park on Saturday, March 30th. Event Chairpersons Michelle Rossomando and Tim Luyet are looking for volunteers to help with the set up and clean up on the day of the event. Please contact Michelle at <mrossomando@grandecom.net> or Tim at <timluyet@hotmail.com> if you can volunteer for the Egg Scramble this year. We look forward to restarting an older Hyde Park tradition this spring! Finally, we are looking for a Homes Tour Committee Chair for the 2013 tour, and it is never too early to start planning for another successful tour, which will likely be held again in the fall.

– John Williams
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HPNA Co-Presidents



Friends of Shipe Park invites you to make your mark on the Shipe Park Mosaic Mural! On Sunday, Feb 3rd noon-3 p.m., we're hosting another community mosaic workday. Individuals, whole families, and kids are welcome to create a small but magical element to add to this grand and permanent art installation!



- What: Shipe Mosaic Mural Community Workday
- When: Sunday, Feb 3rd, noon-3 p.m.
- Where: Griffin School Art House, 5000 Martin Ave. in North Hyde Park
- More info: <www.shipepark.org>
- RSVP: <shipemosaic@griffin-school.org>

The mural will be completed this spring so this may be your last chance to add your fanciful flower or bird, or leaf to the canopy of dreams and on the Shipe Pool pump house wall. Join us!

| Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment | 2012-13 Membership | HPNA Membership Info |
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| Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be notified via email of HPNA meetings and events. Email _____ Dues (per person) <input type="checkbox"/> Standard - \$5/year <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen- \$1/year <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Date _____ <i>All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.</i> | Bring to an HPNA meeting, or send to: HPNA Membership P.O. Box 49427 Austin, Texas 78765 Make checks payable to HPNA. | 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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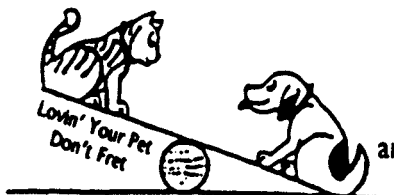
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HPNA Meeting Minutes: January 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. As the first order of business, Co-Treasurer I. Jay Aarons and Finance Committee Chair David Conner were introduced and presented the proposed 2013 HPNA budget. The proposed budget and proposed spending approval levels of HPNA officers was distributed to attendees. Both revenue and expenses in different line items were described. The two major sources of revenue are the *Pecan Press* and the Hyde Park Homes Tour.

A subcommittee was formed to address advertising issues related to the *Pecan Press*. They will meet with the advertising professional that works with HPNA on *Pecan Press* ad sales and develop ideas to potentially increase revenue. Different ideas with regard to lowering printing expenses were also discussed.

The Hyde Park Homes Tour generated approximately \$5,000 in 2012. This positive result was attributed to both the change of date with cooler weather and the reduction from a 2-day to a 1-day event. It was reported that the HPNA Steering Committee will make a strong effort to repeat the event in 2013 as a 1-day event in the fall. There was also discussion about how to more appropriately recognize and express gratitude for event sponsors.

There was a request made by a neighbor to add \$250 to the budget for landscaping care within the four Hyde Park traffic circles as part of the 'Pool/Park/Public Spaces' budget. Wanda Penn proposed the amendment, David Conner accepted the amendment, and it was seconded by I. Jay Aarons.

The extraordinary expense line item entitled 'Preservation/Legal' was discussed. It was discussed that in the past neighbors have had to pay City fees to attempt to get enforcement of inappropriate development in the NCCDs and this would be an expense the fund could cover. Additionally, neighbors mentioned that often the City is more responsive to attorneys and that the fund could cover the cost of an attorney writing a letter to the city.

The 2013 HPNA budget was voted on. Eighteen voters approved the budget with one abstention and none opposed.

It was explained that HPNA officer spending approval levels are also voted on with the HPNA budget. The spending approvals pertain to the President, Vice President, Homes Tour Chair, Treasurer, Committee Chair and Steering Committee positions. Karen McGraw moved that we approve spending levels and Wanda Penn seconded. Seventeen voters approved the spending levels with one abstention and none opposed.

The next item discussed was the HPNA acceptance of a Steering Committee Resolution regarding development near McCallum High School. The Co-President Ashley Schweickart read the resolution, which was printed in the December issue of the *Pecan Press*. Dorothy Richter made a motion to change "Steering Committee" to "Hyde Park

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Neighborhood Association" in two places. Wanda Penn seconded the amendment. Mike Pikulski made a motion to remove "for the proposed project" from the third paragraph of the resolution. Karen McGraw seconded the amendment. Fifteen voters approved the budget with no abstentions and none opposed.

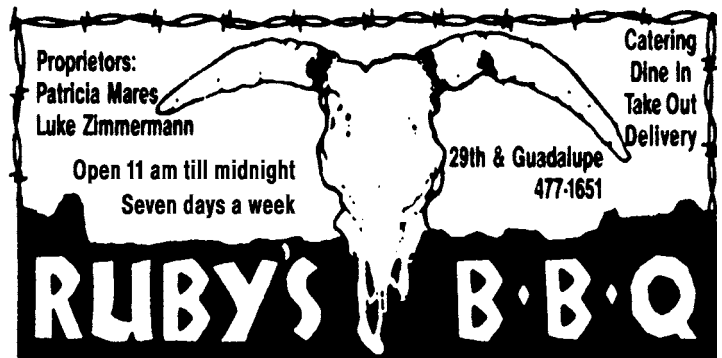
An announcement was made regarding the Citizens Redistricting Commission, which is empowered to establish the boundaries of the 10 new council districts for the City of Austin. Individuals have until February 22, 2013 to submit an application to become a member of the Commission. More information can be found on the City's redistricting website at <www.austintexas.gov/department/10-one>.

An announcement was made that on January 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. a meeting would be held by a committee on Texas streams. The agenda would be about how to make Texas waterways less polluted and would take place at One Texas Center in Austin.

A final announcement was made that the next Hyde Park Contact Team meeting would take place on January 28th at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

— *Mike Pikulski &
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This study has been approved by The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Review Board.



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Valentine's Day Succulent Arrangement Workshop

Griffin Gardens, the community gardens at the Griffin School in North Hyde Park, is offering a workshop on succulent plants on Saturday, February 9th at 10 a.m. We welcome neighbors to join us for a morning of cactus-cousins, coffee, and community connections.

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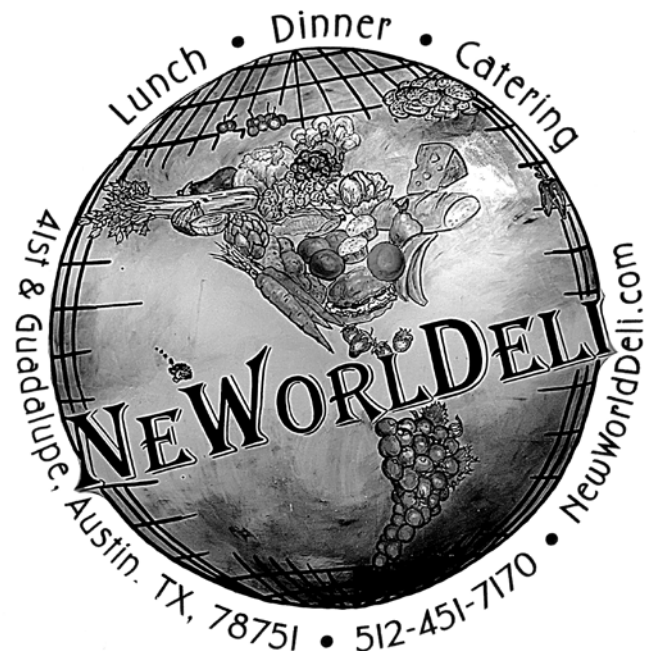
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Clues: [# in parentheses is # letters in answer words]

1. Checkers fan. (4,5) _____
2. The two with the same first and last names. (6,4) _____
3. Last name shared by two - but not first names. (9) _____
4. A big man in the White House. (4) _____
5. Teapot Dome ring a bell? (7) _____
6. Middle name is same as Mohammed's grandson's. (6,5) _____
7. Bully for one #3. (8) _____
8. Tried to start up a league of nations. (7,6) _____
9. Had a “stain” on his Presidency. (4,7) _____
10. Well-known for his silence. (8) _____
11. The civil engineer having shanty towns named after him. (7,6) _____
12. Was never elected to the Presidency. (6,4) _____
13. Ironically his name sounds like a sci-fi weapon. (6) _____
14. First two names of guy elected the most. (8,6) _____
15. Served on a nuclear submarine. (6) _____
16. The first President born in Texas. (10) _____
17. Would have been better off not visiting Buffalo. (8) _____
18. Would have been better off not visiting Texas. (4,7) _____
19. Second President born in Texas. (6,7) _____
20. Did not lose to Dewey. (6) _____



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Answers for Word Find #11

1. Dick Nixon; 2. George Bush; 3. Roosevelt; 4. Taft;
5. Harding; 6. Barack Obama; 7. Theodore; 8. Woodrow Wilson;
9. Bill Clinton; 10. Coolidge; 11. Herbert Hoover;
12. Gerald Ford; 13. Reagan; 14. Franklin Delano;
15. Carter; 16. Eisenhower; 17. McKinley;
18. Jack Kennedy; 19. Lyndon Johnson; 20. Truman.

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