

June Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 7, 2010

Where: New Location
Groups for the Elderly cafeteria
3710 Cedar Street

Who: YOU and your neighbors

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for June 7th

- ◆ City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program
- ◆ County Commissioner Eckhardt on Ideas for Improving Tax Appraisals
- ◆ Rehab Hospital at the Triangle (possible vote)
- ◆ Homes Tour

The Rainforest Partnership Story

(Note: The May 18th edition of the American Statesman included a lengthy and highly complimentary feature about our neighbor Niyanta Spelman's stellar work with the Rainforest Partnership, which she described as her "...finally getting to do what I've wanted to do all my life." We invited Niyanta to tell neighbors more about the nature and purpose of that work, and this is what she was kind enough to send us:)

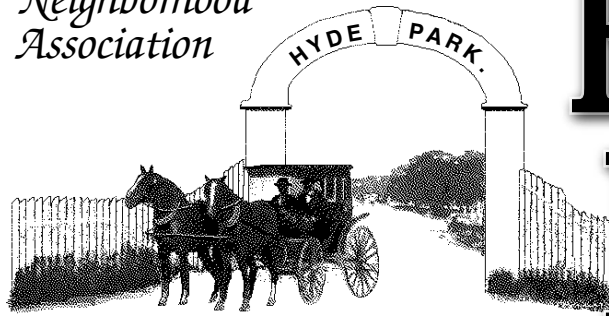
"Destroying rainforest for economic gain is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal."

I can't take credit for this line — it's from E.O. Wilson, the famous Harvard ant and termite expert. But I wish I could, because it captures the essence of what I do as well as anything.

Rainforests are Leonardos: beautiful, complex, and still only semi-explored. Just as authors write best-sellers about new meanings found in *The Last Supper*, biologists are finding new species in rainforests all the time. The steady destruction of rainforests means the steady destruction of those species. Some

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What Secrets Lie Within? Find Out at Our 2010 Homes Tour!

Father's Day weekend 2010, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is once again hosting its annual **Hyde Park Homes Tour**.

This year we will be revisiting one of the original institutions of Austin, now known as the Austin State Hospital. From east to west, guests will enjoy the surprises to be found in the houses on this year's tour. Can you guess which location hosted a video for Willie Nelson? Do you know where you can find design and architecture from a New York designer? Which home features landscaping from street to street particularly suitable for croquet and bocce?

The tour runs June 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on June 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. You may purchase your tickets in advance at HydeParkHomesTour.org or at the Fresh Plus at 43rd and Duval. Advance purchases are at a discount. Tickets may also be purchased during tour hours on the grounds of Austin State Hospital in front of the Main Building. This stately and elegant structure, formerly known as the Texas State Lunatic Asylum, is the third oldest public building in the state of Texas. Parking at the beginning of the tour is plentiful.



Inside the Austin State Hospital: If you crave more inside views, you'll need to attend the Homes Tour. (See Homes Tour Preview of Homes, page 11)

We provide transportation for tour visitors, complete with local volunteer storytellers of the history of Austin's first subdivision and oldest neighborhood. Numerous guests have reported that riding our buses with the narrators alone was worth the price of the tickets.

Each house is populated with docents to give you background on the houses and their secrets in ad-

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From the President's Desk: _____

Oil, Vey!

Hello Neighbors, as we watch the BP oil spill in the Gulf Coast area turn into an environmental disaster, I am in New Orleans visiting my family. During this oil spill event, my father and I reminisced how "back in the day," before the quick car oil change facilities were around, we would change the oil in our cars ourselves. However, there was no convenient place to get rid of the used motor oil. I remember how I would watch our neighbors dump the used motor-oil in the street drain or dig a hole in their backyards and pour the oil in the hole and bury it. We did not think anything about it. Not today, though.

As I watch the BP oil disaster unfold on the news, and I as see the many military trucks on the local highway, it reminds me of the natural disaster in New Orleans five years ago. Hopefully, five years from now this man-made disaster will just be a passing thought and everything will be returned back to normal.

Meanwhile, the City of Austin has disposal sites for motor-oil. The following link provides more information: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/zerowaste_recycling_motoroil.htm

Getting back to HPNA items of interest, June 2010 will be quite an eventful month for the neighborhood. Our annual Homes Tour will occur on Father's Day Weekend and our Local Historic District Application will be under consideration by city staff. I want to thank both the 2010 Homes Tour Committee and the Local Historic District Committee for their able handling of these responsibilities.

See you at the Homes Tour!

— *David Conner*
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Rain Forest Partnership...

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experts have calculated that we lose over 100 species – most of them undiscovered – every day due to rainforest destruction.

Deforestation accounts for nearly one-fifth of all greenhouse gas emissions – more than all the emissions associated with all the world's cars, trucks, planes, boats, and trains combined. Tropical rainforests, which provide breathable air and habitats to many species, cover about 6 percent of the Earth's surface. This is less than half of the area they covered 100 years ago. Every year, we lose an area the size of Nicaragua, Costa Rica and El Salvador to deforestation. At this rate of deforestation, we would lose the remaining tropical rainforests in only 40 years. To do something about such a colossal problem, we started Rainforest Partnership in December 2007 as an Austin-based, Hyde Park-based (initially) nonprofit organization.

Deforestation unfortunately makes economic sense for many small communities in the Amazon basin. With few options for livelihood, clearing trees for cattle ranches or cacao plantations is profitable in the short term. Rainforest Partnership (RP) works to provide alternative economic options to Amazon residents so the rainforest can be preserved. We partner with local communities using a bottom-up approach to develop sustainable economic alternatives that match the local rainforest, customs and skills.

Our first project was in Mushuk Lacta de Chipaota in Amazonian Peru, an indigenous population of about 1,000 with nearly 15,000 acres of community-owned, bio-diverse land and forest. The community's primary source of income came from the piassaba palm, a 30-foot palm that produces leaves with stiff, wiry fibers used to make brooms. People normally harvested the fiber using a non-sustainable method that killed the trees. After years of harvesting, the nearest palms were at the farthest reaches of their forest. The harvesting was also illegal, as the fiber was used for commercial purposes and was done in the buffer zone of a national park (a protected area).

Rainforest Partnership's Peruvian-based team of forestry engineers and ecologists worked with the community to develop a management plan to provide

Chipaota with a steady income that does not involve depleting their rainforest. Now the community has almost 9,000 acres protected under this management plan that provides a steady and predictable income for the community from legal and sustainable harvest of the palm fiber. We also helped the community create a business entity with 40 families.

We are now also working in Sani Isla, Amazonian Ecuador and Pampa Hermosa in Central Peru. We have been involved in Pampa Hermosa since 2008, working to improve infrastructure to bring ecotourism to their cloudforest. We plan to begin the first phase of the project this summer. And in Sani Isla, Ecuador, we are partnering with the non-profit Conservación y Desarrollo to help women to use natural resources from the rainforests such as seeds and fibers to create hand-crafts to sell locally and beyond. This project is not only economically and environmentally beneficial, but allows women to earn an income for the first time, something that the community itself supported.

Through partnering with these communities, we are helping the communities conserve their forests while using their resources in sustainable, profitable ways. We, and they, are doing this for us all. It is up to all of us here in Austin, and in the US, to support these communities as if they were in our own backyards. What happens to the rainforests of Ecuador and Peru affects us all. And we must work together as a global community to reduce further deforestation of these rainforests, so they do not begin to disappear in the next few decades.

E.O. Wilson, who knows his way around a rainforest, also said that slashing and burning of our rainforests has created "the greatest extinction since the end of the age of dinosaurs." Every year, we lose tens of thousands of species due to rainforest destruction. Let's make sure humans are not one of them.

For more information about our partner communities, us or our work, please visit <www.rainforestpartnership.org>.

– Niyanta Spelman



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Crime Report



by John Kerr

Hyde Park Block Captains Meet New APD Representative; Discuss Tire Slashings, Other Crime- Related Issues

On Monday, April 26th, HPNA Crime and Safety Chair Carol Welder hosted a Block Captain meeting at her home. We were introduced to Nicole Gray, our new APD representative. Officer Gray had good news and bad news about the prime suspect in the recent spate of tire slashings in the area. She said he is in jail now, so we can relax for while. She said APD is "pretty confident" that the suspect (we have been advised not to divulge his name) is responsible for all the tire slashings lately in Hyde Park. This behavior has been going on for years, and authorities believe that the individual is mentally ill. The bad news is that it won't be long before he's on the street again, and it is virtually impossible to arrest him for tire slashing unless he's caught in the act. And even if he's caught, it would be hard to prosecute him for other tire slashings, which, taken together, would constitute a felony. So it would be just one more misdemeanor, a short jail stay, and then back on the street again. She said that although she is not allowed to give out updated information on the suspect, all of this information, including recent mug shots, is available through open records requests. She said APD will make available to us a map of Hyde Park showing the date, time and location of previous tire slashings. This will help those who want to install surveillance cameras. She said that to adequately cover the street side of your car it may be necessary to install a camera across the street at a neighbor's tree or house. Virtually all tire puncturings have been on the street side rather than the curb side. The suspect is a transient, thought to be sleeping behind one of the buildings on the east side of Guadalupe. Officer Gray said although it against the law to camp out on private property, the rules for making arrests are rather stringent. For example, building a fire would be proof of camping out. But apparently just sleeping somewhere is not considered camping out. She said some business owners are enablers of transients, feeling sorry for them and giving them food and other support such as letting them sleep on their premises at night.

Door kick-ins and burglaries were also discussed. These usually take place during he day. Officer Gray said anything that provides you privacy also provides

a hiding place for burglars. For landscaping, she suggested low-profile, sticky shrubs and bushes, such as rose bushes. She also suggested keeping blinds shut so that thieves are not tempted to break in. "Most crimes are crimes of opportunity," she said. She added that all night lighting is a deterrent. Gray said a home's security is only as strong as its weakest link. Kick-ins have been shattering the door frame. Hardware on the door frame should be secured by screws at least 3" in length. Home alarms systems are a strong deterrent. Some people don't have systems but put the signs up anyway. She said cars should be left "as empty as they were on the car dealer's lot." She warned about leaving accessory cords exposed, which suggest cell phones, GPS devices or other items are inside. In some neighborhoods, neighbors form Citizens on Patrol and walk through the neighborhood at various times, adding another deterrent. A neighbor told of a recent kick-in on Towne Park Trail. The burglars stole a number of items from the townhouse, but found the keys and stole the car, which was found a few days later with young men in it. The neighbor asked if the young men were the burglars. Gray said it wasn't clear; it may have been a "crack car." She said in exchange for a rock of crack cocaine, people will let their drug dealer have the use of their car for a few days.

Finally, Gray urged people to call 911 if they see something suspicious. She told of one man who finally called police to report a burglary, but the thieves had fled by the time the police got there. The man said they had tried to kick in the door for nearly 10 minutes before they got it open. Obviously, he should have called as soon as he saw them kicking the door. She also asked us to be systematic when observing a suspected perpetrator. "Go head to toe, getting as much detailed information as possible." She said descriptions such as "a white male in bluejeans and white t-shirt" aren't very helpful. But details, such as a New York Yankees cap, red hair, etc. really help the police. She reminded the block captains that APD offers free security checks to anyone who requests one. Requests may be made to her. One block captain said she put a sign on her fence: "My rottweiler can make it to the fence in 3 seconds. Can you?" Gray said it helps if you have a big dog, and not a golden retriever "who will lick you to death." She has 2 German shepherds. Still, signs that read "Beware of the dog" offer some deterrence, especially if the would-be burglar can hear a reasonably deep-throated and intimidating bark.

Officer Gray's telephone number is 974-5241, and her email address is <Nicole.Gray@ci.austin.tx.us>.

– John Kerr

(Thanks to John for guest-writing this month's Crime Report, and to all the Block Captains who attended the meeting on the 26th – Carol Welder)

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HPNA Meeting Minutes: May 3, 2010

For the first time in many years, HPNA's monthly meeting was not held in the Hyde Park United Methodist Church, because it is closing. Instead, Hyde Park neighbors met in the Austin Groups for the Elderly building at the SW corner of 38th and Cedar Streets, where HPNA now rents office space. Although not within the boundaries of Hyde Park, the building borders the neighborhood and is a great facility that offers many services, including computer classes.

President David Conner opened the meeting by introducing neighbor Kat Craft, who is working as Director with **Exchange Artists** to develop a site-specific theater project to take place at the Ney Museum for three weeks in the fall. In order to raise funds for this event, she announced that a Garden Tea Party will be held May 23rd from 2 to 5 PM on the grounds of the Ney. She specifically said that both events will use the gravel paths and/or the field behind the Museum, not the inside space. You may read about the progress of the Exchange Artists on the production at <www.futureremnants.wordpress.com>.

Lorre Weidlich, Chair of the **Local Historic District Committee**, announced that the application for the LHD was filed the previous week with the City of Austin. The Committee is now working on the presentation to the Historic Landmark Commission. They are still recruiting support from Hyde Park property owners, although support from several local businesses put the support of property owners over 51%.

For the main topic on the agenda, David introduced Officer Nicole Gray from the **Austin Police Department** to discuss the recent rash of tire slashings in the neighborhood. She explained that it is necessary and very difficult to catch the perpetrator in the act at night. Her suggestions included investing in night vision cameras in the areas the slashings have taken place, calling APD (911) immediately with any sightings of suspicious activity, and establishing a neighborhood night patrol. Neighbor Nick Van Bavel suggested an intervention approach through the mental health unit of APD, since they know the suspected perpetrator. Lisa Harris suggested providing a proba-



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tion officer, since the suspect has been incarcerated in the past. Sally Robey asked Officer Gray to be sure that the APD contacts the HPNA the next time he is arrested so that HP neighbors can appear and speak at his arraignment and request strict probation with mental health care. Another suggestion was for APD bicycle patrols in the alleys and areas he is known to frequent. Officer Gray will gather research on the suspect and provide it for consideration at the Steering Committee meeting on May 10, 2010.

President Conner gave an update on the plans for this year's **Homes Tour on June 19 & 20**. The tour will begin at the main building of the Austin State Hospital. Five neighbors have kindly volunteered their homes for the tour, there will be bus service around the route, and many volunteers are needed to serve as docents in the homes and at ASH. The Kickoff Party for the home owners and committee was held on May 2nd at Deaton Bednar's home.

The President also announced that the **HPNA meetings will continue to be held at the AGE building** until further notice.

— Sally Robey, HPNA Co-Secretary
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The Local Historic District Corner

The Saga of Castle Hill

Not every neighborhood working on a local historic district is fortunate to have a neighborhood association to support the effort. Castle Hill, a small area in Old West Austin, has been on its own. Its neighborhood association, the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association, has remained neutral. Nonetheless, through an intense grassroots effort, Castle Hill filed its application to become a local historic district just before Hyde Park filed its application.

Blanco Street was working its way toward becoming a local historic district when neighbors on adjoining blocks said, Hey, how about our block? Our street? Before long, there was enough interest to expand the proposed local historic district to include Baylor Street and the intersecting streets of West 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. The name of the proposed district was changed to reflect the inclusion of the former Texas Military Institute, and the nomination was filed with the city of Austin.

Unfortunately, the suddenness of the nomination became a problem. While the city put the Castle Hill LHD on the Historic Landmark Commission agenda and sent notices of the public hearing, some people within and around the proposed district complained that they had not been notified in a timely way. The public hearing was postponed and the city scheduled several meetings to enable neighborhood input. The public hearing was rescheduled for May 24. By the time you read this, it will be over and I will have attended as an observer and supporter.

How does Castle Hill's situation affect us here in Hyde Park? We hope its effects will be minimal. Most significantly, because the city lacks the resources to handle two LHD applications at the same time, it has slowed us down. We were hoping for a May public hearing; it appears now that our public hearing will be in June. Other than that, our situation is completely different from that of Castle Hill and we have emphasized that point to the city. The Hyde Park Local Historic District has been in progress for more than three years, and our education efforts have been consistent.

At this time, I don't have a definite date for our public hearing in front of the Historic Landmark Commission, but when I do I will see that it is posted on the Hyde Park Notice list. In the meantime, I remain available to answer questions and accept additional Statements of Support.

*Lorre Weidlich, Chair,
Hyde Park Local Historic District*

Writer's note: This column will appear regularly while the Local Historic District project is underway. If you have any questions or concerns about local historic districts that you would like addressed, please get in touch: <lweidich@mail@sevensseas.com> or 300-2228.



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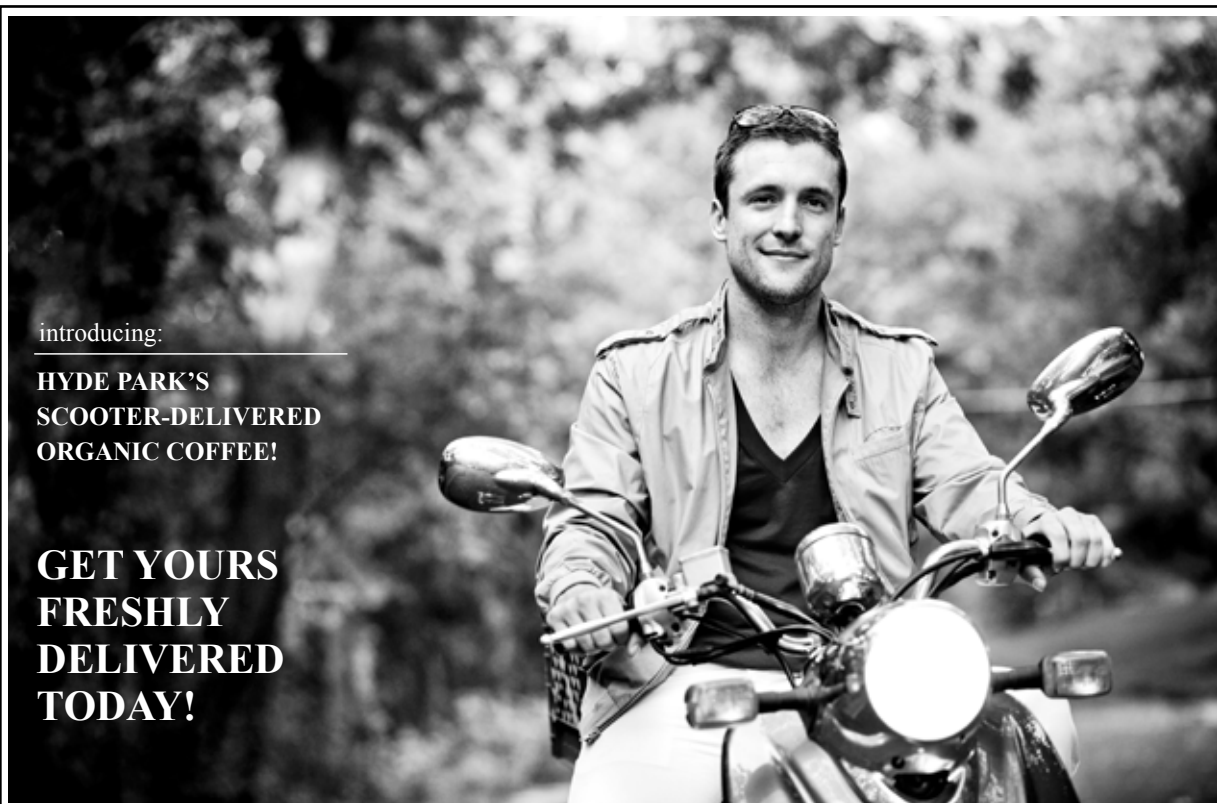


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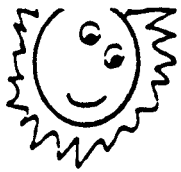
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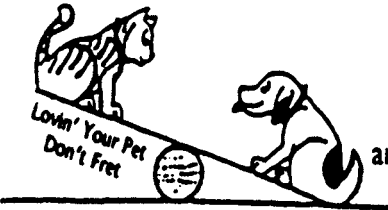
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Homes Tour 2010...

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dition to our guidebooks, which serve as your ticket. In addition to the houses, the narrators, and an artists' fair, we also have music to entertain guests of the tour.

Please let your friends, relatives and neighbors know about this event. It is a great way to spend Father's Day Weekend. Whether you are a house hound, a history buff, a lover of neighborhoods that function as a community, or like hearing entertaining stories, the Hyde Park Homes Tour is for you. Find what lies within and join us.

For our neighbors, please refrain from yard/garage sales that weekend and tidy up for the weekend. It is the polite thing to do. It is also a great opportunity for your entrepreneurs to get their start with lemonade stands; people love to have a cold drink as they go from house to house. If you want to volunteer, please contact John Williams <jawilli@grandecom.net>. As always, we need the entire neighborhood to make this year's tour a success. For financial donations or advertising, please contact Carolyn Grimes at 512-343-2528 or email her at <cgrimes2@austin.rr.com>. Remember, our volunteers will get to enjoy the tour at no charge.

– Barbara Gibson, 2010 Homes Tour Chair <bg@ghrdlaw.com>



Hyde Park Homes Tour 2010 Preview: Starting Point for the Tour, the Austin State Hospital. Photo by Carol Burton

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Dear Editor,

We wanted to send our sincerest thanks and gratitude out to Hyde Park residents for welcoming us so wholeheartedly into the neighborhood. On opening day in February, we weren't sure we'd make it! But folks encouraged us on by bringing cards, champagne, a service bell, and more (even the manual calendar that sits on our register!). As new business owners, we barely had time to eat, but more good people brought food (still warm fresh baked bread, a steak, sandwiches, soup, and cake). Thank you Hyde Park! You rock! We hope to serve you for years to come and appreciate the hearty welcome.

Regards,

— Kendall and John Antonelli
Antonelli's Cheese Shop,
43d/Duval



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Neighborhood Partnering Program: Matching Grants for Neighborhood Improvement Efforts

Do you have ideas for improving Hyde Park? Are there broken sidewalks you would like to see fixed? Is there a place you think that a tree should be planted? Do you have ideas for improving Shipe Park?

The city is launching a Neighborhood Partnering Program, and public works staff will attend our June meeting to tell us about how the program works and how neighbors can apply for the matching grants. A similar program in Seattle has been used to "build new playgrounds...; create new parks; reforest open space; plant street trees; develop community gardens; restore streams and wetlands; create murals, banners and sculpture; install kiosks; equip computer centers; renovate facilities; build traffic circles; pilot community school programs; document community histories..." (Jim Diehrs, Neighbor Power: Building Community the Seattle Way, University of Washington Press 2004, page 55. I recommend that book for a wealth of detailed examples of how this sort of program can be used. I think my favorite is the Fremont Troll, unquestionably one of the most unique projects, which turned a liability (an area under a bridge that was a magnet for illegal dumping) into a neighborhood landmark.) The Austin program is brand new, so there are not yet any completed projects here to look at; but there are details of the program on the city's website at <www.ci.austin.tx.us/publicworks/downloads/npp_program_document2.pdf>

It is also worth noting that our neighbor, Councilmember Spelman, working closely with Councilmember Sheryl Cole, led the effort to get this program established.

— Lisa Harris, HPNA Co-Vice President



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— Nancy Taylor Day
May 17, 2010

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lies on the table, two more
tangerines, a banana, a
used tea bag, pen and
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fast of some sort, the jays
satisfied with peanuts

— Nancy Taylor Day
May 11, 2010

Vintage Properties Available



508 Texas Ave - One-owner family! This 1935 storybook Tudor style brick house has two bedrooms, one bath, wood floors under carpets, all with the charm of grandmother's house, at the corner of Texas and Liberty Streets. Four blocks to Lee Elementary, 10 to UT. **\$429,000**



4311 Avenue F - Vintage 1922 bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new foundation, updated electrical and plumbing, updated kitchen, formal living and dining, large master (could be family room); rear deck and storage building that is potential studio. Near Shippe Park, Hyde Park amenities. **\$439,000**



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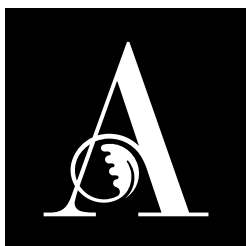
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