

# March Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 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 Mar 4<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Presentation by HEB on City's New Single Use Bag Ban - Leslie Sweet, Director of Public Affairs
- ❖ Presentation by RedLeaf Properties & ACC on the Highland Mall Redevelopment Plan

All Hyde Park residents are welcome.

## Shipe Park Day: Y'all Come and Help



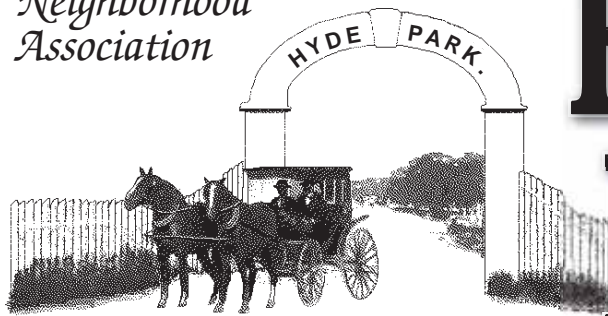
A handful of unidentified elves help keep Shipe Park's playscape spiffy during 2012's cleanup effort on It's My Park Day.

Bring the whole family to Shipe Park on **Sunday March 2nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Together we will improve & beautify our neighborhood jewel, Shipe Park. We'll have plenty of tasks for everyone and it'll be fun too. Anyone able to bring snacks or treats will be most welcome!

Want to lead a team or have questions? Contact Project Leaders, Rhonda Baird <rhondabaird@gmail.com> or Mark Fishman <mlfishman@gmail.com>

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## Huffstickler Greening

Named for the late Bard of Hyde Park, Albert Huffstickler, what had been an eyesore on city-owned property at 38th and Duval has been freshly landscaped and will be dedicated with a ceremony tentatively set for the weekend of April 13-14.

Representatives of the City of Austin and its contractors reviewed the project and handed over maintenance responsibility to the Hyde Park and Hancock Neighborhood Associations February 1. Pending finishing touches including signage and placement of several more limestone blocks to prevent the tract from again becoming an illegal parking lot, the two associations have set a tentative date for the official dedication of Huffstickler Green for the weekend of April 13-14.



Pictured at the hand-off, from left, Phil Grimley, irrigation contractor; Jan Cross, representing Hancock NA; John Williams and Ashley Schweickart, co-presidents, Hyde Park NA; Michael Biechlin, Hancock neighbor who contributed the landscape design of the green; John Eastman and Jenny Glaess, City of Austin Public Works department, and Eduardo Valenzuela, construction coordinator. Photo by John Paul Moore.

# From the Co-Presidents



The groundhog failed to see his shadow this February, signaling that an early Spring is upon us. And around Hyde Park, spring has certainly sprung! And with it come a host of springtime activities, some old and some new.

First, an annual tradition every March is the coming together of volunteers to celebrate It's My Park Day, or as us Hyde Park neighbors know it, It's Shipe Park Day. On Saturday, March 2nd, from 11am to 3pm, Hyde Park neighbors, friends, and volunteers will participate in the annual clean-up and landscaping day at Shipe Park, coordinated through Friends of Shipe Park and hosted by the Austin Parks Foundation. This year, in addition to the aerating, weeding, mulching, fertilizing and beautifying work at Shipe Park, we will be working on

projects at the Elisabet Ney Museum next door. Anyone interested in volunteering for It's Shipe Park Day can sign-up online at: <[www.austinparks.org/its-my-park-day.html](http://www.austinparks.org/its-my-park-day.html)>. Additionally, we'd like to welcome the new Museum Coordinator Oliver Franklin and look forward to working with him on this effort and future efforts.

Second, a brand new (or some say newly revived) spring event is happening this year – the Hyde Park Egg Scramble! Held on Saturday, March 30th, from 10:30am-12:30pm, this event is a traditional Easter egg hunt, with parents providing the plastic eggs filled with treats for their child's age group. Beyond the egg hunt, there will be a bouncy house and refreshments for participants. Volunteers are needed and interested neighbors can email Michelle at <[mrossomando@grandecom.net](mailto:mrossomando@grandecom.net)> to help out.

Finally, this spring an opportunity is being presented by the Outreach Committee for neighbors to take part in a Neighborhood Outreach Survey. The purpose of this online survey is to determine ways to facilitate and enhance increased community connection, as well as providing a forum for residents to provide feedback. An article by Committee Chair Larry Gilg about the survey, including the link to take the survey, is included in this issue of the Pecan Press.

Switching gears, we also wanted to bring to the attention of Hyde Park residents, the growing problem of stealth dorms and in particular, how these stealth dorms can impact the safety of our children. Through communication with our partners in the Hancock Neighborhood, we were made aware of three proposed duplex buildings to be constructed across from Lee Elementary School. Along with Hancock, Eastwoods and

North University Neighborhoods, we have collectively requested a safety study by the City's Public Works Department, given the capacity of each duplex to house six unrelated individuals and eighteen parking spaces accessed from a single-entrance, dead-end public alley, and the high volume of child pedestrians commuting to school via roads with no sidewalks.

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# Upper Airport Boulevard Form-Based Code (FBC) Initiative Update

The Upper Airport Boulevard FBC Initiative extends from Lamar Boulevard to IH-35. The initiative includes 51st Street from Caswell to the Mueller Community, <www.muelleraustin.com> and 46th Street from Bennett to IH-35. The former Highland Mall property (now belonging to Austin Community College) and the Travis County Complex are two large developments along the corridor. The Capital Metro Redline Station at Highland Mall and the proposed Middle-Fiskville Station will serve students, county employees, and nearby residents.

During 2011 and 2012, the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department Urban Design Division Airport Boulevard Planning Team brought together corridor business owners, users, neighbors, and developers to help guide a vision for making this three mile corridor a more dense mixed-use urban space that would be transit, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly. Numerous opportunities for public engagement resulted in a Vision for how future development can occur along, and adjacent to, this part of Airport Boulevard. This Vision is informing a FBC of various character zones and elements of design along the corridor.

The Airport Boulevard Planning Team continues working with cross-departmental City Staff and the Consultant, Gateway Planning Group from Dallas, to finalize a first draft of the Upper Airport Boulevard FBC for public review. Following their comprehensive review, a uniform draft will be presented to the Advisory Group (AG) in April and to the larger community through neighborhood roundtables in May and June. A Community Open House will follow in late summer.

Visit <www.airportboulevard.com> for further information about the initiative and to sign up for project updates from the Planning Team.

Visit <www.gatewayplanning.com> for information about Gateway Planning Group, which specializes in the

production of Form-Based Codes based on comprehensive community Visions, and has documented projects all over the country.

— Doris Coward, HPNA representative to the Airport Boulevard FBC Initiative Advisory Group.

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## HPNA Meeting Minutes: February 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Co-Presidents Ashley Schweickart and John Williams asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

The order of business was changed so that shorter items were presented first and those representatives could then leave the meeting. Rhonda and Phil Baird, of Friends of Shipe Park were joined by Oliver Franklin, Director of Shipe Museum, presented on this year's It's My Park Day event and updated members on ongoing activities and improvements. The annual It's My Park Day cleanup and landscaping at Shipe Park will occur on March 2, 2013, from 11am to 3 pm. This is a day of raking, mulching, dirt spreading and grass planting, and "there will be something for everyone to do" from youngest to oldest. While food, snacks, drinks and sun blocker will be provided, each volunteer should bring drinking water, tools and gloves. Anyone can register to volunteer for the event through the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) website: <[www.austinparks.org/its-my-park-day.html](http://www.austinparks.org/its-my-park-day.html)>. Neighbors who register in advance receive a free t-shirt.

Next, Oliver Franklin described how this year's It's My Park Day is bringing Shipe Park and the Ney Museum back together. Park volunteers will be able to make the grounds of the Ney clean and visitor-ready by painting the bridge and clearing the creek of debris. There will be a sign up table on the grounds where neighbors may meet the Ney Museum staff. Further efforts to assist neighbors in getting acquainted include a "mixer" to be held in the coming weeks. Lisa Harris mentioned that she is leading a graffiti abatement program in the area of the Ney. Mr. Franklin concurred that he would like to work with the neighborhood to address this problem.

The next order of business was the program from Steven Aleman, past president of the Austin Neighborhoods Council. He gave a power point presentation explaining the Independent Citizen's Redistricting Commission (ICRC), and the 10-1 Ordinance, which was passed in November. This ordinance changes the present City Council system from six at-large council positions to 10 single member districts.

Persons may apply to become ICRC Commissioners until February 22nd at 5 pm, by filling out the application forms on the City Auditor's website at <[www.austintexas.gov/search/site/10-one](http://www.austintexas.gov/search/site/10-one)>. The specific criteria, interpretive guide and applications may be found there, along with other information. Narrative statements will accompany each appli-

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cation. The Auditor's Office will eliminate those applicants deemed ineligible. Selection will begin by no later than May 2013 and result in a pool of 60 applicants. Each City Council member may then strike one name from the pool. Then eight names will be drawn at random as the first eight Commissioners, and those first eight persons will examine the remaining applications and select the remaining six Commissioners to complete the full commission of 14 citizens.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

— *Mike Pikulski &  
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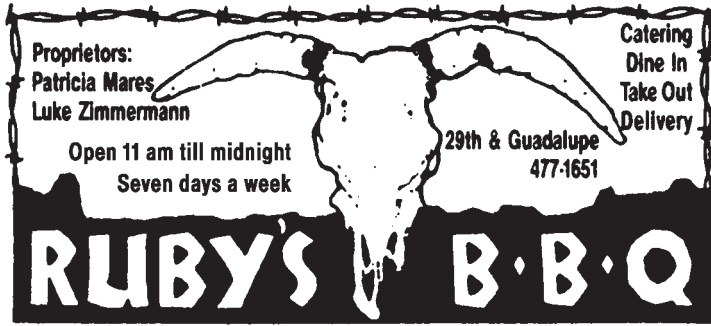


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*This study has been approved by The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Review Board.*

## Hyde Park Egg Scramble: You're Invited!

Please mark your calendar for the 2013 Hyde Park Egg Scramble at Shipe Park on Saturday March 30th, 10:30am-12:30pm.



This HPNA sponsored event is open to everyone in the neighborhood! This is the first year that HPNA is organizing and hosting this event at Shipe Park.

It is modeled after a similar event hosted by the Mueller Community at Ella Wooten Park. There will be many fun events including egg hunts and a bounce house. Refreshments including popcorn and snow cones will be served. The bounce house and refreshments are free to all Hyde Parkers who attend the event.

You may be asking yourself, "What exactly is an 'egg scramble' anyway?" It's basically a traditional Easter egg hunt; the only difference is that you provide the eggs yourself for your child's age group. Here's how it will work. The egg hunt will be divided into the following three age groups: under 3 years old, 3 & 4 year olds, and 5 years old & up. If your child is going to participate in the egg hunt festivities, please drop off 1 dozen plastic eggs filled with age appropriate treats any time between Saturday, March 23rd and Friday, March 29th in the bins on the front porch at the following houses:

- Rossomando/Williams House at 4307 Avenue F  
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- Luyet/Cabada House at 4809 Eilers

Each age group will have its own area marked in the park with colored flagging tape. The younger age groups will be "hunting" in the flat sports field area of the park. The oldest age group will be "hunting" in the area outside the log cabin and pool area. The playground, swings, and basketball court will still be open to everyone not attending the Egg Scramble event.

We still need people to sign up to volunteer to help with the event! Volunteer jobs are for set up and clean up as well as making popcorn and snow cones. Questions, comments, or interest in volunteering please email Michelle at <[mrossomando@grandecom.net](mailto:mrossomando@grandecom.net)>. Mark your calendars now for what we hope to be a new tradition for our neighborhood!



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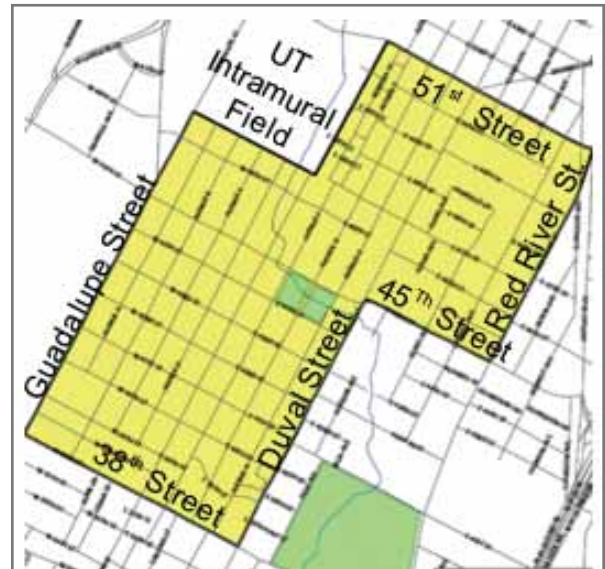
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 We will meet from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

# Hyde Park Neighborhood Outreach Survey Now Available Online

The Hyde Park Outreach Committee was formed to help foster community and engagement of Hyde Park residents. One of the first tasks we have undertaken is to develop a neighborhood outreach survey that will help us understand community members' interest in participating in neighborhood activities, as well as their expectations for interactions with their neighbors and neighborhood association. We are hopeful that the results of the survey will help us to develop programs and projects that will meet those expectations.



Boundaries of Hyde Park for the purposes of this survey.

Everyone who lives within the boundaries of Hyde Park is eligible to complete a survey. The survey is online <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HydeParkOutreach>>, and should take only a few minutes of your time. It is secure, anonymous and no personal information will be gathered. I urge you to be complete the survey, be candid and use the free-form fields to express your point of view. The survey will remain on-line and active through the month of March.

If you would like to request a paper copy of the survey to complete, please contact Larry Gilg at <[lgilg@grandecom.net](mailto:lgilg@grandecom.net)> or 512-452-0077.

— Larry Gilg  
 HPNA Outreach Committee





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# In Memoriam: Eugene George

Eugene George, one of Hyde Park's shining lights, passed away on January 16, 2013

at the age of 90. Eugene was a

leading architect in the historic preservation movement. He was a Professor Emeritus from the University of Texas at Austin, having taught for years at the UT School of Architecture and Architectural Engineering Department. In October

2012, he was awarded a Presidential Citation from the Texas Society of Architects.

Many Hyde Park residents will remember his 20-year-long construction of El Naranjal, the house at the corner of Avenue G and 44th Street. It was a painstaking project; one resident compared it to "reverse archaeology." Gene and his wife Mary Carolyn never actually lived in El Naranjal, but renovated and moved into the cottage next door to it. Gene and Mary Carolyn were the first to sign in support of the Hyde Park Local Historic District.

Gene will be missed by his neighbors, friends, students, and all who benefitted from his experience, support, and knowledge.



Eugene George's long-term restoration project El Naranjal (The Orange Grove), photo by Lorre Weidlich



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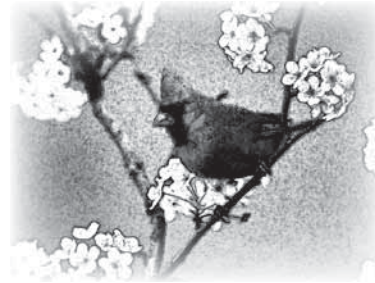
# Hyde Park Poets —

## April Second, Hyde Park

When April second spreads a flowery skirt,  
doves fling cushions of sound in every street.  
Who could fault this lush propensity  
to sell your soul in song for some fair mate?

If red-birds and lantanas don't suffice,  
the air itself crochets our minds with lace.  
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## New Resident Welcome Packets

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Outreach Committee will begin distribution of a new resident packet this month. The packet pulls together materials that will be of interest to new homeowners in Hyde Park. The packet will include information on HPNA, City of Austin programs such as recycling, copies of the Hyde Park Walking Tour brochure, a list/map of interesting places and small local businesses in the neighborhood, and best of all, several of the local merchants have contributed a coupon that can be redeemed for merchandise or services at their business.

**We want to recognize those local businesses who contributed to the initial packets:**

- Hyde Park Bar & Grill**
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Our goal is to provide opportunities for all businesses in Hyde Park to participate in the future by providing samples or coupons of their business or service.

An additional task for this project is to develop a version for new resident renters in the neighborhood as the next step. An abbreviated version of the packet will be made available to property managers and owners of multifamily rental properties in Hyde Park.

My thanks to the committee for all their work on this, especially David Perkins and John Cooper - this would not have gotten off to such a quick start if not for the efforts of these volunteers. The new resident welcome packet was something that several people mentioned would help newcomers get acquainted and feel welcome in Hyde Park. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Outreach Committee welcomes all who live in Hyde Park to participate in our projects. Meetings are open and dates/times/locations are listed on the Hyde Park Listserv - or contact me directly for more information.

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Steinways, floating down Shoal Creek,  
but I'll never complain about rain.

A thunderstorm transforms  
dry sand into a garden, brief but flamboyant.  
My eyes melt into multiple green tints.  
Plants preen themselves,  
and ask like a reappearing lover,  
where have you been?  
I was waiting for you all the time.

— Elzy Cogswell

## The Plainsong of Rain

Words offer obfuscation,  
scuttle into darkness, hide from light.

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