

March Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 1, 2010

Where: Hyde Park United
Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

Who: YOU and your neighbors

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for March 1st

- ❖ Dual Language Program at Ridgetop: Joaquin Gloria III, Principal, Ridgetop Elementary School.
- ❖ Foundation Communities Projects: Christopher Alberts, Volunteer and Special Projects Coordinator, Foundation Communities.
- ❖ It's My Park! Day.
- ❖ Homes Tour.

Heritage Tree Ordinance Wins Passage!

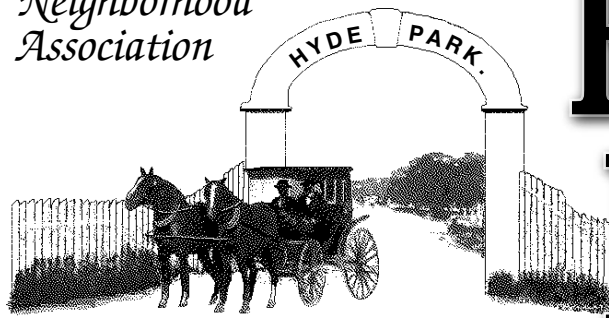
The Austin City Council spoke with one voice February 10, 2010, in unanimously adopting a new Heritage Tree Ordinance to offer greater protections to those trees that make the most valuable — and irreplaceable — contributions to our environment and quality of life. The new ordinance, for which enforcement and mitigation provisions remain to be strengthened and recommended to

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Mark Your Calendars: It's My Park! Day 2010 Saturday, March 6th, 1-5 pm



Historic, indeed! Original photo on which HPNA logo is based. (Photo courtesy of Linalice Carey, long-time Hyde Parker and founder of the Hyde Park Theatre). See Local Historic District articles, pps. 4 and 5.

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 fourth annual clean-up and landscaping day at Shipe Park located at 44th and Avenue F. Last year, about 150 volunteers from ages 3 to 86 joined in the fun to improve our park.

On Saturday, March 6th, from 1-5 p.m., 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 playscape, and generally making Shipe Park a better place.

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>. You may also contact Alison Young, the 2010 Shipe It's My Park! Day

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From the President's Desk:

Energy Conservation, Anyone? Everyone!

Hello Hyde Park Neighbors! As winter passes, then spring, summer, it may be beneficial to present some of Austin Energy's Green Building Program incentives and rebates for homeowners.

Some of the popular rebates and incentives are:

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In addition, Austin Energy offers free home-energy improvements to customers with low to moderate incomes. Austin Energy can provide materials for and installation of:

- Attic insulation
- Minor duct repair and sealing
- Caulking around plumbing penetrations

- Weather stripping around doors
- Solar screens

I surely hope, as we all probably do, the Summer of 2010 will not be as brutal as last year!

I'd also like to mention that the 2010 Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour plans are gearing up. The committee will be seeking out volunteers soon, so look for more information on this.

Hope to see you at the March neighborhood meeting!

— David Conner
HPNA President
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Hyde Park Homes Tour 2010

The 2010 Hyde Park Homes Tour is set for Fathers' Day weekend, June 19 and 20. We have secured some of our homes and the Austin State Hospital to be part of the tour. In addition to our homes, this year we are adding the element of Hyde Park gardens. If there is a special or unique garden that you think you should be part of this part of the tour, please contact Barbara Gibson at <beegee4110@gmail.com>. Those of you who have volunteered in the past, please consider helping with this, our largest fundraising event, again this year. It is a tremendous opportunity to give back to our neighborhood, meet other Hyde Park residents, and learn about our shared history. Please help us to make it a success once again!

— Barbara Gibson, 2010
Homes Tour Chair

Heritage Tree Ordinance Wins Passage...

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the council by the Planning Commission, will require administrative variance requests before trees with a diameter of greater than 24 inches in a list of native species can be removed. And the proposed removal of trees of these species with a single trunk diameter of greater than 30 inches will require a public hearing before the land use commission.

Adoption of the ordinance marked the culmination of four years of steadfast leadership from Mayor Lee Leffingwell. The Mayor duly acknowledged the essential role of his aide, Nancy Williams, who worked tirelessly with Hyde Park and other neighborhood and environmental groups to develop the ordinance. Hyde Park remembers that it was then-Councilman Leffingwell who stepped forward in January 2006 to help outraged central city neighbors in Hyde Park, Hancock and Eastwoods neighborhoods stop an ill-advised and over-reaching effort by Austin Energy to unnecessarily remove or radically alter trees that were anywhere near its overhead electrical lines. Leffingwell's efforts led to formation of the Tree Task Force chaired by neighbor and now-Hancock Neighborhood Association President Carolyn Palaima in February 2006, and to recommendations for strengthening Austin's landmark Tree Protection Ordinance.

We should not forget that the original tree protection ordinance was passed with the leadership of Margaret Hoffman, and our own Dorothy Richter, who positioned herself between earth moving equip-

ment and the magnificent pecan tree on the grounds of the Hyde Park Fire Station, in the early 1980's. After a false start last year resulted in a city staff-developed proposal that would have actually weakened current protections, Leffingwell led the Council in abandoning that attempt and creating a new working group of stakeholders to work on a new, better draft. This new draft was then reviewed and strengthened by a number of citizen boards and commissions, most notably the Urban Forestry Board, Environmental Board and Planning Commission.

Starting with the full set of these recommendations from these citizen bodies, and still another staff-developed draft ordinance, Council members made several amendments, each strengthening the proposal:

— Council member Chris Riley successfully moved to extend crucial protections to multi-stemmed trees and all Austin oak trees with greater than 24-inch diameter trunks. Riley also added a provision authorizing city staff and the Urban Forestry Board to expand the list of protected species in the new ordinance. (Trees of all species with trunk diameters greater than 19 inches have some protection under the city's current ordinance. The new Heritage Tree Ordinance extends greater protection to a list of native Texas and adapted species including all oak varieties, pecan, Texas madrone, bigtooth maple, Texas ash, bald cyprus, American elm, cedar elm, Arizona walnut and eastern black walnut.)

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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment		2009-10 Membership	HPNA Membership Info
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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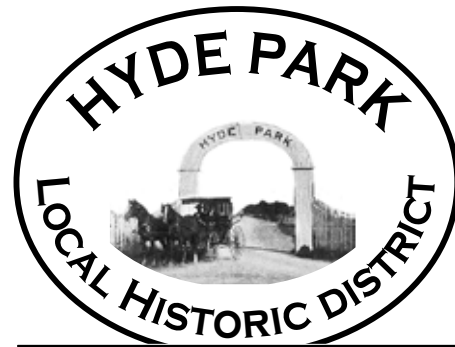


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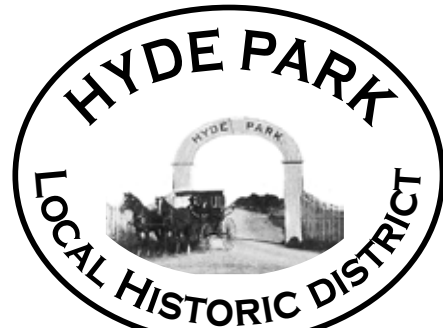
The Local Historic District Corner

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@mail2sevens.com> or 300-2228.

As our signature collection winds up and we move on to the City of Austin process, we want to recognize all those people who have supported the Hyde Park Local Historic District with their signatures of support.



★ **FOUNDER** ★



★ **SUPPORTER** ★

Robin Silberling, Hyde Park website and graphics maestro, has designed a Hyde Park Local Historic District emblem based on our famous stone gateway. These are being printed as window decals. The first 100 support signers - the Hyde Park Local Historic District Founders - will receive decals that identify them as Founders; the remainder of signers will receive Supporter decals.

To receive your Supporter decal, sign your Statement of Support and deliver it either to me, Lorre Weidlich, or to David Connor, HPNA President. Join us in securing the future of Hyde Park.

— Lorre Weidlich, Hyde Park Local Historic District Chair

What's in a Local Historic District?

At its core, the proposed Hyde Park Local Historic District is about community. The tie that binds us together as a community is the history of Hyde Park, its architectural fabric and patterns. The historic district calls us to the recognition that our common heritage is worth preserving; to make a space within our individuality give to each other and those who come after us by supporting the creation of the district.

I am fortunate to understand the proposed local historic district from the perspective of having spent the past 4 years volunteering with development and historic preservation efforts in Hyde Park. Working with neighbors, developers and Austin's Historic Landmark Commission process brings me to the thoughts I share here.

Recent studies of architecture and urban living underscore how we create the built environment, and then the buildings themselves shape us and affect our creativity, our individualism, our neighborliness.

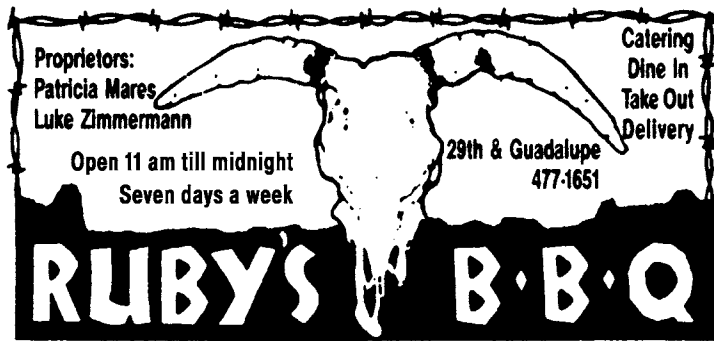
Huff Was Right! Many of us it were attracted to Hyde Park by the old houses and the promise of a real neighborhood. Since 1891, Hyde Park has sheltered Austinians with collars both blue and white. It has been the home of seamstresses, bookkeepers, clerks, printers, artists, artisans, writers, professors and professionals. Generations of children have grown up here with their names known to the neighbors. Passersby are greeted on the street from broad porches. We wave or chat at the Fresh Plus, Avenue B Grocery, Julio's, New World Deli, Quack's, Shipe Park and as we bike or walk dogs.

The late Poet Laureate of Hyde Park, Albert Huffstickler, said it best:

"Whether you are sitting in front of the bakery drinking coffee or walking the evening or standing on your front porch watching the night come in, you're surrounded by this deep sense of place, of being in a neighborhood, of being spoken to, recognized when you walk down the street, of meeting faces that lack that closed city look that is part of so many areas as crime and distrust grow. People still recognize and greet each other here and give each other the benefit of the doubt because we're all part of the neighborhood. You can't put a price on that, not in these times."

The sense of community we enjoy is rare and sought after. In his book *Outliers*, Malcom Gladwell reports a study of the small town of Roseto, Pennsylvania, which defies the conventional medical

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Crime Report



by Carol Welder

I attended the APD Commander's Forum on February 2nd along with several other Hyde Park neighbors. Council Member Sheryl Cole was in attendance to address the group regarding low income housing. After her presentation, she stayed and listened to concerns about recent break-ins. As always, the police tell us to stay alert, call in any suspicious person and/or activity, and lock our doors and windows. There continues to be the problem with tires being slashed. This is a very costly crime of opportunity, so if there is any place to park your car besides on the street, I would encourage you to do it. Some tips to protecting your vehicle from a break-in are: Lock your car; Park in a well-lighted area; Don't leave valuables or accessory cords in plain view; Don't leave mail in your car; Lock your glove box and keep garage door openers with you; Don't have identifying information on your keys; and Be aware of who might be watching if you hide something under your seat or in your trunk. To prevent vehicle theft, you may want to check into options such as kill switches, wheel, tire and hood locks, and alarm systems. This will also save you money on your insurance plan.

There has been an increase in residential burglaries, especially in the Allandale neighborhood. Someone asked about off-duty officers being hired to patrol neighborhoods. This may be an option and worth looking into. The Constable's Office and the Travis County Sheriff's Department could be a source, if our neighborhood association is interested. The Austin Police Department will come out and assess your home on how secure it is. Some tips for protecting your home against burglary are: Don't tell anyone that you do not know well that you will be out of town; Check references on service people who come to your house; Make your house look occupied; Don't hide your keys outside; Know who is at the door before opening; Children should not open the door by themselves; Keep doors, gates and windows locked; Have your house well-lit; Keep shrubbery to a minimum around doors and windows so as not to provide cover; and Secure doors with at least a 3" screw in the door frame and with a Charley bar and pin on sliding glass doors.

These are all good ideas, but it's up to each of us to make sure that we have done everything possible to protect ourselves and our families. The police need our help. We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. Officer Kelly LaHood, Hyde Park's District Representative, asks that we call 311 or 911 to report any suspicious person or activity. There have been door-to-door salesmen coming around



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lately and some neighbors think they could be casing properties for a later break-in. If you suspect this, call 911 and please get a description of the person, a license plate number, the color of the vehicle or any other information that might be helpful. Also some neighbors have put up No Solicitation signs, and have found them helpful. Another idea, for those who live on the alleyways, is to post a No Trespassing sign on your fence or gate. If someone is caught on your property, a posted sign could help send them to jail. If you have any questions or concerns, call Officer Kelly LaHood at 974-5833 or email her at <Kelly.lahood@ci.austin.tx.us>.

Neighborhood Involvement is the first defense. We know what goes on in Hyde Park and what is out of the ordinary. You can help the police save time, money and energy by watching and reporting unusual activity. Trust your instinct. Have a wonderful spring and remember to keep your yard tools, sheds, garages and gates locked. It's the crimes of opportunity that happen most.

— Carol Welder, Chair, HPNA
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Heritage Ordinance Wins...

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– Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez saw to it that every attempt by Austin Energy to carve out exemptions for itself from the Heritage Tree Ordinance protections was removed from the proposal before passage.

– Council member Laura Morrison plugged a vaguely worded potential major loophole in the staff draft with a verifiable standard that ties proposed removals to the “maximum provision of ecological services.”

– Council member Randi Shade took Morrison’s proposal a step further and added consideration of a tree’s cultural or historic value in weighing requests for removal. This provision could prove pivotal in historic Hyde Park.

– Council member (and Hyde Park resident) Bill Spelman added a provision requiring monthly reports of Heritage tree removal activity by the City Arborist to the Urban Forestry Board.

– Council member Sheryl Cole joined in unanimous passage of the amended measure.

This unanimous action would not have been possible without the strong involvement of scores of Hyde Park neighbors who wrote letters and attended meetings in support of stronger protections. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and Austin Neighborhoods Council adopted resolutions in support of stronger protections and worked with representatives of other groups including Save Our Springs Alliance, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance and Austin Sierra Club.

Success has many mothers and fathers, but the ordinance benefitted from the leadership of citizen board and commission members who deserve special mention:

– Urban Forestry Board chair Keith Babberney and members Shannon Halley and Peggy Maceo, who held a special meeting to go line by line through the proposal and offered detailed recommendations for improvement based on their unique perspective and expertise;

– Environmental Board Chair and North University neighbor Mary Gay Maxwell, who personally chaired a subcommittee of the board that held several meetings, calling on the expertise and input of all the stakeholders to understand the key environmental factors at work in the observation that Austin’s tree canopy can be preserved but can never be replaced.

– Planning Commission Chair Dave Sullivan, subcommittee chair Jay Reddy and member Danette Chimenti. It was Chimenti whose detailed work on the ordinance in the Planning Commission led to her successful motion to recommend significantly stron-

ger protections in the ordinance, including a public process that would have brought greater citizen oversight to the process.

As did virtually every board and commission who reviewed the measure, the Planning Commission recognized the need for much stronger enforcement of both the new Heritage Tree ordinance and the current one. The full practical effect of these measures, both now under review and already adopted, will be clearer as the Codes and Ordinances Committee of the Planning Commission continues the important reworking these provisions for later recommendations to Council. While the ordinance left out much of the greater citizen oversight for which we advocated, and still provides appeal rights to those who want to remove trees but none to those who want to preserve them, it is a definite step in the right direction and sends a clear signal that Austin wants these trees protected. We will of course need to stay vigilant to protect the trees of Hyde Park, but we have the clear, unanimous sentiment of the Mayor and City Council to help us continue fighting to save them.

— John Paul Moore, Chair, HPNA
Tree Preservation Committee

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wisdom that human longevity is mostly in our genes. The heart attack rate in Roseto was roughly half that of the United States. The death rate from all causes was 30 to 35 percent lower. After eliminating all other variables, scientists concluded Rosetan longevity was a product of their community life: "...people walking up and down the streets, sitting on their porches talking to each other..."

Diversity Preservation Zone. Historic districts, as opposed to unfettered development, actually promote diversity. Consider Fletcher Place Historic District in Indianapolis, which remains 30% more diverse than other neighborhoods in the same city by economics and race, as well as by renters and owner occupants.

Historic districts are consistently more diverse in terms of race, occupations, age and educational levels than other neighborhoods. The wide range of size, character, quality, style and price points of a historic district is the reason, according to Don Rypkema, author of *The Economics of Historic Preservation*.

Hyde Park contains houses of many different time periods and styles (grand Victorians, bungalows, English cottages, small folk Victorians, post World War II homes), as well as apartments, condominiums, churches, commercial buildings, park and museum. It is possible to rent a studio apartment or to buy a 4 bedroom home. Diverse housing stock attracts a diverse population.

Cookie Cutter-Free Zone. The shortest path to cookie cutter sameness would be to leave Hyde Park without a historic district and subject to the winds of economic fate. Unprotected, Hyde Park could quickly assume the monotony of the suburbs, subject to the whim of the highest bidder and the latest fad.

Hyde Park's design standards recognize that change will happen. They guide the inevitable change within the historic context of Hyde Park, honoring the patterns that have built this sense of community.

As design standards go, those proposed for the Hyde Park Local Historic District are not actually particularly strict. They focus on maintaining our historic peaked roofs, livable front porches, sidewalks and trees. The standards apply only to the exterior of buildings, and primarily seek to preserve the streetscape -- the way the building looks as it faces an adjacent street.

They also encourage green building. The City of Austin's ordinance provides financial incentives to encourage maintenance and remodeling of both residential and commercial structures through city property tax abatements.

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The Unsung Heroes of Survival. The beautiful old buildings you see every day have survived through the cycles of development boom and bust through the efforts of volunteer neighbors under the umbrella of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, founded in 1974 for the very purpose of protecting these old buildings.

Those who labor today to prevent the destruction of our neighborhood have joined the efforts of many who have come before, investing thousands of hours of their lives protecting Hyde Park through research and education, attending countless hearings, committee and developer meetings and discussions. Many have given generously of their time and talents in years of staffing Historic Homes Tours and raising money to keep our neighborhood strong. Still more have been good stewards of their old houses, restoring and maintaining them for the enjoyment and inspiration of the future.

Your Challenge: As development pressure grows, it is no longer feasible to protect Hyde Park's houses one at a time at the expense of our greatest resource, the energy of our people.

Each neighbor within the district now faces the ultimate question of community:

Can you find time and space in your busy life to consider the proposal for the creation of the Hyde Park Local Historic District?

It matters. If you can answer yes, sign the Statement of Support now.

— Catherine Moore

For more information, forms or to arrange pickup of your signed form contact:

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Letters Dept.

Blowers: From Bad to Verse?

Dear Editor,

Here's my take on the blower non-controversy:

It was the power blowers they wanted to kill,
Brought conversations about cats to a complete standstill.
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While holding their noses,
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— Eugene Cuny,
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HPNA Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2010

President David Conner introduced the first speaker, who asked that we consider voting for **Olga Seelig**, Democrat, for Judge of the Travis County Court at Law 3. To find out more about her candidacy, go to <www.OlgaSeelig.com>.

Next, David introduced **City Councilman Chris Riley**, who asked questions of the audience about their desires for **redevelopment of Airport Boulevard** from I-35 to Lamar Blvd. He wants to present the desires of our neighborhood as the Comprehensive Plan for Austin moves forward. His goals are to orient it toward becoming a more pleasant place. He said it is difficult to redevelop along corridors due to present zoning regulations that are based on use of buildings. He is interested in considering Form-Based Codes which would focus on the shape of the built environment instead of the use. This approach could make the area more pedestrian-friendly. Doris Coward expressed concern that walking to Airport Blvd. is not presently safe. Karen McGraw expressed concern that the infrastructure on Airport needs attention and funding, especially since the train runs parallel to it. Chris reminded all that his office is open to us by email or a personal visit from 2 to 4 PM on Fridays.

John Paul Moore announced the **Heritage Tree Ordinance** will be discussed by City Council on Thursday, February 4, at 6PM. He encouraged all neighbors to support the proposed ordinance.

Constable Bruce Elfant reminded all that the constitutionally mandated national **census** will occur April 1 as it does every ten years. There will be only ten questions this year, and the information gathered will only be used for census purposes. Census results will determine how 400 billion dollars is spent and for possible redistricting. Please respond to the census forms and be counted.

David introduced neighbor **Michelle Lee** who is the new Chairman of the **Sidewalk Committee**. She asked for input from all about the needed improvements. She believes we need better sidewalks to provide a place for healthy exercise. Her email is listed in the *Pecan Press*.

Neighbor Mark Fishman reminded all of **It's My Park! Day on March 6**. There will be a committee meeting on Saturday, February 6.

Neighbor Catherine Moore announced that the power poles on 38th Street are being rented to Cellular phone companies for the installation of their arrays. If this continues to be allowed, they may be everywhere soon. The Board of Adjustment is fighting this decision. She also informed all that the **Hyde Park United Methodist Church** will be closing on June 1, 2010. The Methodist District will determine the future use of the building.

David announced that the **Development Review Committee** will meet at 6:30 PM, February 3, to review the David Weekley designs for homes at 4400 and 4402 Avenue F. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

– Sally Robey, HPNA Co-Secretary
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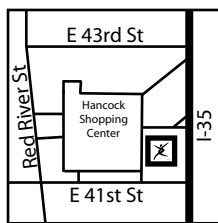




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Sponsored by Friends of the Parks of Austin, **Trowel & Error** will feature Cindy Arredondo, succulent specialist, discussing *Gardening in an Arid Jungle*, Carolyn Williams, master gardener, who will lecture on *Repeat Bloomers for Months of Color*, and Amy Crowell, landscape designer and author, whose topic is *From Container Vegetables to Perennial Edibles: How to Grow Food in Small Spaces*.

Not to be missed will be the legendary raffle of "garden goodies". Everyone goes home a winner! It's a wonderful way — **rain or shine** — to spend a morning learning how to add color into your landscape while relaxing among gregarious peafowl, towering palms, flowering trees, and ponds filled with lilies.... and for only a \$5.00 donation!!

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Hyde Park Poets — Yielding

Standing in the middle of Hyde Park's traffic circle, a slide show speeds past, houses undone, redone for homes' tours, new paint inside and out, new foliage, summers brown, springs brilliant, swirling memories of bakeries and chilies, a scorched vegetarian eatery, undone, redone, phone lines once buzzing await the few lingering notes while on every corner electronic calls of animals, classical music, and odd laughter alert us to our social popularity, or the sadly missed call, easily redone, all done, the years, like so much confetti, fall upon us, bits of sorrow, bits of progress, bits of celebrated joy

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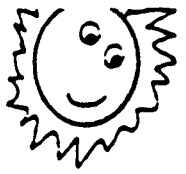
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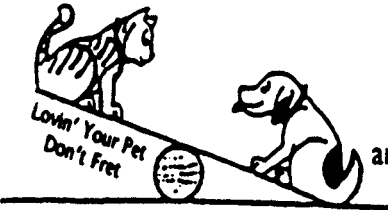
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photo by Blake Gordon

Many of you are already familiar with *floodlines* 'sightings' over the years – sunbathers at the Shippe House, the 'running of the brides' at HP Presbyterian Church, the lemonade stand on Avenue B – now is your chance to participate in the final performance! All ages welcome and no experience needed, but you need to be available for:

- One, 3-hour Rehearsal, between March 26-April 9, 2010;
- the *floodlines* Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, April 10, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and
- the *floodlines* Performance, Sunday, April 11, 2010, 12:00-4:30 p.m.

To learn more, please attend the Actor Information Meeting, Wednesday, March 3, 6:00-7:00 p.m., New World Deli, 4101 Guadalupe and/or email Marissa Flores, Stage Manager, <mailto:marisflor59@gmail.com>

If you'd like to learn about our floodlines 2010 "Adopt A Vignette" program, please contact Ann S. Graham, Hyde Parker and *floodlines* Production Coordinator (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010) at <mailto:annsgraham@gmail.com> or 512 914 8096.

Tickets for the final performance of *floodlines* will go on sale on March 8th at <www.nowplayinggaustin.com>. 36 seats are available at \$33@.

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onto sky, a crisp horizon,
a few real mountains
buttoning the western edge
to heaven and fierce storms,
after all that we washed ashore
from the very sea that had
abandoned the land,
we came by boat from the
southeast, discovered this land,
trod on foot from the north
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— Nancy Taylor Day
February 11, 2010

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Listed at \$650,000



4507 Avenue D

Updated Hyde Park cottage with large screened back porch
2BR, 2BA and 1Liv
Listed at \$385,000



5108 Martin Avenue

Beautiful 3BR, 2.5BA home with 1BR garage apartment
Listed at \$479,000



4404 Avenue F

Rare opportunity - vacant residential lot across from Shipe Park & Pool
Listed at \$299,000

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