

# May Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 7, 2012

**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 May 7<sup>th</sup>

### ❖ Reviving a Hyde Park Tradition – Pot Luck!

Hyde Park is more than a geographical area, it's a neighborhood. To encourage all of us to know our neighbors better, the Steering Committee has decided that for the next HPNA meeting, we're reviving a Hyde Park tradition: the pot luck dinner.

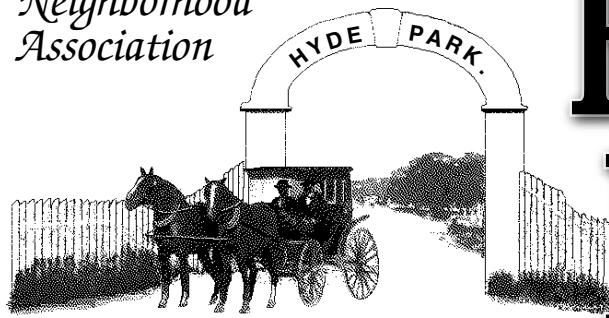
Please bring a dish to share to Trinity United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on May 7th. Children are encouraged, because the church has a small playground. The HPNA will provide paper plates, plasticware, and napkins. We hope to have music as well.

Come to enjoy the benefits of being part of the Hyde Park neighborhood – a chance to socialize, a chance for children to play together, a chance to enjoy a meal with your neighbors.

## Happening Around Hyde Park

- **Hyde Park Flea Market**  
Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 8:00-2:00 p.m. Hosted by Odyssey School and Red River Church, 4407 Red River Street. 512-472-2262 or <info@odysseyschool.com>
- **Noche Latina**  
Friday, May 4, 2012, from 5-7:30 p.m. A celebration of diversity and fundraiser for the Spanish Program Lee Elementary School, 3308 Hampton Rd. See page 14 for more information  
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## Neighbors Show Strong Support for Historic Hancock Golf Course

The recent strong show of support for continuing operation of Hancock Golf Course from the community in Hancock, Hyde Park, Eastwoods, and North University neighborhoods revealed glimpses into the rich history of this golf course and its close association with golf legend Harvey Penick.

Most of us have heard that Hancock Golf Course is reputed to be the oldest continuously operated golf course west of the Mississippi, a title claimed by some other western courses, the true facts of which can only be determined in the operational history of the courses involved. But there is ample evidence that the game of

golf has been played on this course longer than anywhere else in Texas.

Lewis Hancock, who had been Austin mayor in 1896-97, convened a meeting at the Driskill Hotel in 1899 to propose the course and was elected by the community leaders present to be the first president of the club. Hancock developed his interest in the game traveling in Scotland. He personally scraped the new course's fairways with farm implements. The course would become the first nine holes of the new Austin Country Club.

Harvey Penick, who would go on to be admitted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, coach champion University of Texas golf teams, mentor several other hall of famers and become a best-selling author, began his association with the course as a caddie at the club at age 8, a job he pursued until he was named club professional. The club elders held the position open for a month while they waited for Penick to graduate high school in 1923. He would hold this post for 50 years, until 1973.

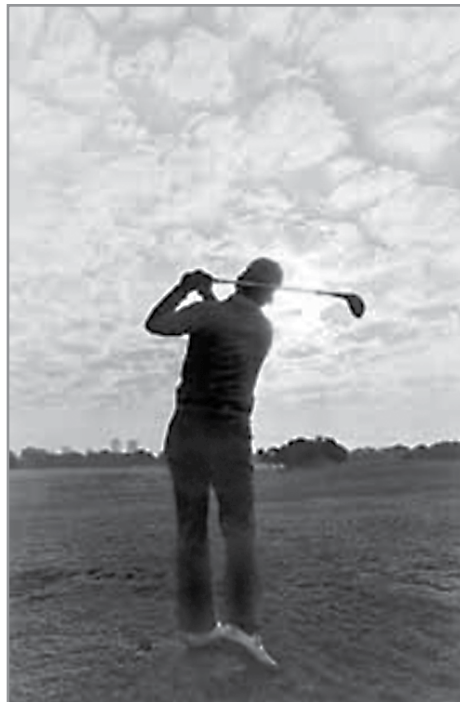


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# From the President's Desk:

A big thanks to Pete Gilcrease, Amanda Gereau, Doris Coward, Rhonda, Phillip and Isabelle Baird, and Annalisa Mayfield for participating in the Clean Sweep Hyde Park graffiti cleanup! I think we really made a dent in the graffiti in the neighborhood. Doris, Annalisa, and I worked mostly north of 45th St., the Bairds focused on Shipe Park and Pete and Amanda worked south of 45th St. Thanks also to Seth Johnson who was unable to come to the Clean Sweep cleanup but did some graffiti abatement later in the month.

Thanks also to Barbara Gibson for hosting another fun game night!

In April several neighbors asked me whether that month's *Pecan Press* issue contained an April Fools' joke. In case there are others who wanted to ask but didn't, yes, a prominent story in that issue was an April Fools' joke.

In April, Planning Commission finished their work on the city's Imagine Austin comprehensive plan. You can see the changes they made here: <[www.imagineaustin.net/planningcommission](http://www.imagineaustin.net/planningcommission)>.

The draft of the plan that incorporates the changes that Planning Commission made is not available on the city website at press time but it should be by the time that you are reading this. On May 24th, City Council will hold a public hearing on the plan.

Officer Joshua Metteauer recently contacted me to let Hyde Parkers know that Officer Roldando Gutierrez, who has been district representative (DR) for the area that includes Hyde Park, has moved to a different unit. They don't have a permanent replacement for him yet. Officer Metteauer will serve as our DR for the time being. APD also contacted me to let me know that a Commander's Forum for our area is coming up. It will be on Tuesday May 8th, from 6:30-8 PM, in the cafeteria of McCallum High School.

The crime and safety chair in our neighborhood is an important position that is currently vacant. The activities of past chairs have included attending commander's forums, writing crime and safety articles for the *Pecan Press*, recruiting and communicating with neighborhood watch block captains and communicating with the Austin Police Department. If you

would be interested in doing some or all of those things please consider serving as crime and safety chair.

After almost 20 years, Pam Dozler plans to retire soon from serving as area coordinator for *Pecan Press* distribution in the northwest quadrant of Hyde Park.

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HPNA is now on Facebook. John Paul Moore, John Williams and Lorre Weidlich administer that page. Run a search for Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in Facebook.

— Lisa Harris  
 HPNA President  
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## HPBC Acteens Rake & Bake Their Way Through Hyde Park

For several years now, the Acteens of Hyde Park Baptist Church have sponsored an event that the Acteens themselves invented: deliver beribboned bags of cookies on Friday evening to as many Hyde Park households as they can manage and offer to rake each yard (for free) the next day. "Rake and Bake" was held again this year on Saturday, April 21st.

The Acteens are young women in their teens and their mission is to grow in faith, in their relationships with each other, and in their connection to the wider world. Their mission and faith have taken them well beyond Hyde Park, in all kinds of projects, even to Worcester, MA, and eastern Europe in years past.

I have watched these girls put on the Rake and Bake for a couple of years now and one thing always impresses me: they come prepared with rakes, brooms, hoes, and those giant bags to put the leaves in. They really mean to do a good job! So if you were strolling around after that particular Saturday, and wondered why you saw so many leaf-bags lined up---well, that was the Acteens. Many thanks to each of them for hard work that made a difference.

— Mary Lou Serafine  
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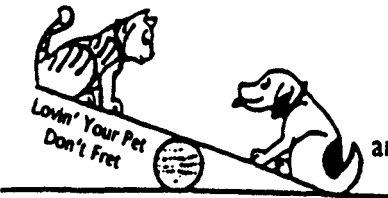
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## Hancock Golf Course...

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Penick, as coach of The University of Texas golf team from 1931 to 1963, mentored five World Golf Hall of Fame members including Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, and Mickey Wright and won 22 Southwest Conference championships.

By 1951, the Austin Country Club moved to another location and the City of Austin took over operation of the course. In 1959, after the City Council voted to sell the back nine holes of the course, east of Red River, citizens filed a lawsuit. District Judge Herman Jones ruled the council had overstepped its bounds and the sale should be subject to a vote of the citizenry.

Promised a five-year capital improvement plan of park and recreation facilities to be funded at least in part by the sale, Austinites approved the sale in an election February 10, 1962, by a vote of 18,712 to 3,828. The back nine property was developed as Austin's first shopping mall, the present Hancock Shopping Center. This would not be the last time neighbors were called to rally around the continued operation of the golf course.

Just as the Hyde Park Neighborhood was formed around our efforts to save the operation of the Hyde Park Fire Station and the continued presence of AFD Engine #9, the newly-formed Hancock Neighborhood Association led the charge against closure of the course in 1980. The Hyde Park and Red River neighborhoods joined with their Hancock neighbors to keep the course in operation despite operating deficits.

Later, a nonprofit organization named its campus off Ed Bluestein after Harvey Penick and the Austin Country Club moved twice more, to its current location off Loop 360. But the fact remains that what is now Hancock was Penick's home course and no other single course can claim Penick's 38-year active association with it as caddie, pro, coach and mentor.

Nearing the end of his life, Penick asked former Sports Illustrated writer, novelist, friend and confidante of Governor Ann Richards, the late Edwin "Bud" Shrake to help him write the lessons he had learned from a lifetime in the sport. Their collaboration became Harvey Penick's Little Red Book, published in 1992, which became the best-selling sports book in history. The book spent 54 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and sold 1.5 million copies in hardback and 200,000 paperbacks according to its publisher, Simon and Schuster, not counting four sequels, three published posthumously after Penick's death in 1995.

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Writer Robb Walsh recounts more of Hancock's history in a 1998 article for the Austin Chronicle. See <<http://tinyurl.com/HarveyPenick>>.

Walsh wrote, "I don't think many Austinites know that (Ben) Hogan and (Byron) Nelson once dueled on these greens or that the legendary gambler Titanic Thompson once made wagers here or that this is where Harvey Penick got his start."

The greens at Hancock were originally sand, Walsh reported, based on an interview with Steve Darby, who became Hancock's pro in 1981.

"Darby got a history lesson about the course from the late Harvey Penick a few years ago," Walsh wrote, quoting Darby. "It was Penick himself who designed and maintained the grass greens at Hancock. In those days, 'aerating' meant perforating the turf with pitchforks. There was some talk about tearing up the greens and starting over awhile back, Darby remembers. But they finally decided to leave the original greens in place. 'When we told Harvey, he was so happy, he got tears in his eyes.'"

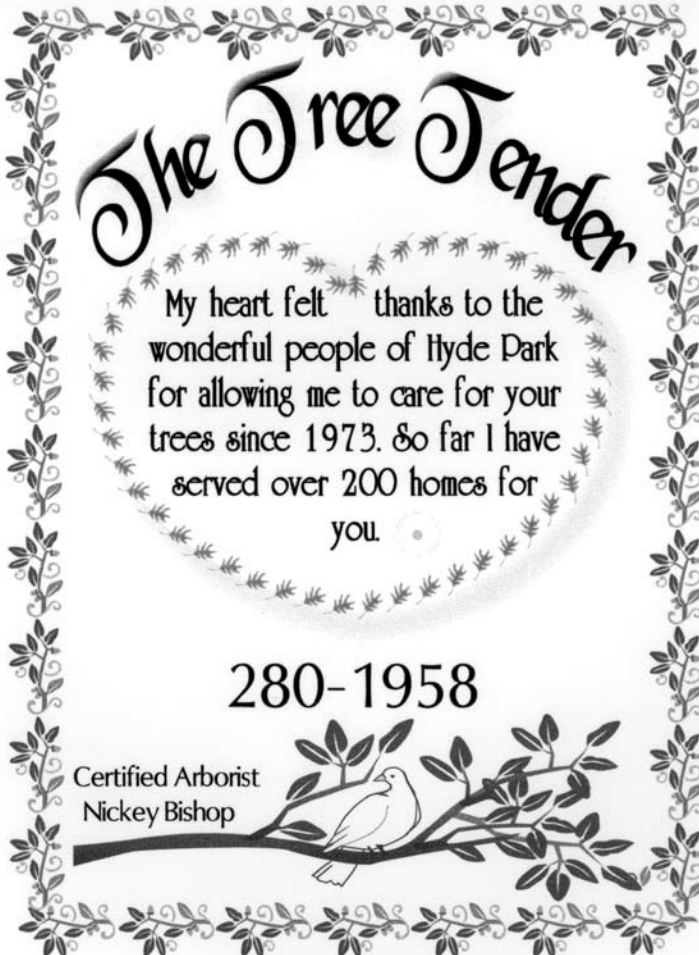
After the Hancock Neighborhood Association again voted to support continuing operation of the course, roughly 60 of Hancock's neighbors showed up at Hancock Recreation Center on a sunny Saturday afternoon March 24, 2012 to voice our overwhelming support for keeping the golf course in operation. Later, members of HPNA and Eastwoods NA adopted the same resolution as Hancock, expressing clearly the community desire to continue operating the course.

Recently, the discussion has shifted to a question of what the city can do to make it a better golf course, with more players, more rounds of golf played to support the course financially. City officials have pledged to concentrate on the history, youth programs, and natural beauty of the course in continuing to plot the way forward.

Many of us believe that an important step in attracting more players and returning Hancock to a paying proposition for the city golf fund would come from consistently pointing out that playing this course represents a chance to walk in the footsteps of a legend of the sport.

Note: More of the history about our neighbors to the immediate East in Hancock, and the source for much of these notes, can be found on the Hancock NA web site at <<https://hancockna.org>> and the Texas State Historical Association's online Handbook of Texas. I am grateful for this history and for the numerous neighbors who have added to the story after a shorter version was posted on a Hyde Park email list. Coverage of the latest on Hancock can be found on the Austin Chronicle web site at <<http://tinyurl.com/Hancockgolf>>

— John Paul Moore

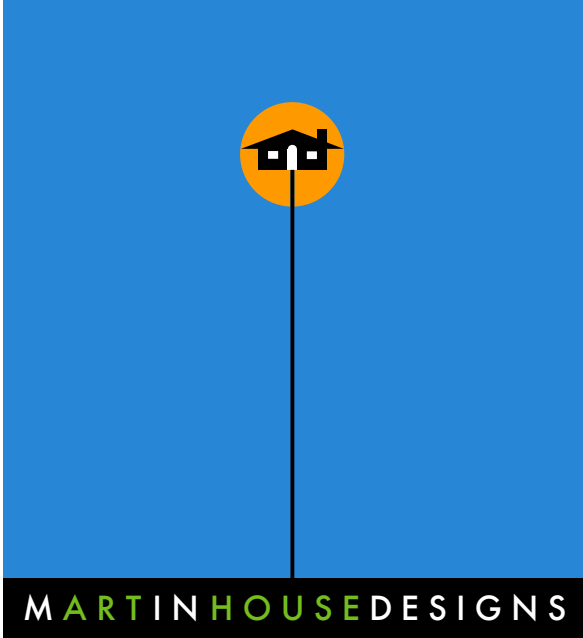


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# HPNA General Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by HPNA President Lisa Harris at 7:04 p.m. David Wahlberg briefly introduced himself and his campaign for 167th District Court Judge and asked residents to visit [wahlbergforjudge.com](http://wahlbergforjudge.com) to find out more.

The first item of business was a presentation by City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Golf Manager Kevin Gomillion on the future of Hancock Golf Course. Kevin started by mentioning the March



Kevin Gomillion, photo by George Wyche

24th community engagement meeting called by PARD on what to do with Hancock. Out of the 56 individuals that attended, the overwhelming majority want the space to remain a golf course, so the next issue is curbing the loss of money on the course. The Golf Division is different from the rest of PARD in that it receives funding from an enterprise fund, rather than

city general revenue (general fund). The enterprise fund must bring in money in order to spend money and out of the five municipal golf courses, Hancock is the only course losing money. The course is currently at a \$220,000 deficit.

One of the key issues discussed at the March 24th community engagement meeting was the cost of potable water and opportunity to switch to reclaimed water. The reclaimed water line has been completed and runs adjacent to the eastern edge of the golf course on Red River Street. The cost to make the transition is \$500,000 and the Water Utility Department has agreed to pay for the transition. Therefore, renovations are scheduled to begin in late June and hope to be completed by early August. The transition will end up saving the course \$60,000 per year, but another \$60,000 must be made up on increased course play. The March 24th meeting also asked participants to brainstorm ways to keep the course financially viable, which has led to some current research projects within the Golf Division, including (1) Working with a historian on possible historic designations or signage related to the historical significance of the course, (2) Possibility of food or alcohol sales on the premise - possibility of bringing in a food trailer, and (3) Increased Junior Program opportunities.

Those participants who attended the March 24th meeting received an email with a Six Step Action Plan: (1) Receive public feedback by mid-April, (2) Add feedback to master list by end of April, (3) Examine master list to determine suggestion categories in early May, (4) Pri-

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oritize an action plan by mid-May, (5) Forward the action plan to the public for feedback by mid-May, and (6) Incorporate feedback and proceed with the action plan by early June.

Mr. Gomillion then took questions from residents. He explained that Youth Corp is scheduled to complete the hike and bike trail around the course by late summer or early fall. He also stated that the Golf Division has discussed making more money by cutting the course to six holes and putting in a driving range, which is more profitable. Currently Hancock sees 15,000 rounds of golf per year and 28,000 rounds are needed per year to start making money. Mr. Gomillion next stated that the Golf Division will likely wait two years to see the effect of the new water irrigation plan on turf improvement. He also mentioned that the course's Recreation Center is funded by the general fund and fees garnered from the soccer fields go to this fund.

John Paul Moore expressed frustration that the course's trees have been starved and unnecessarily pruned by Austin Energy, which is contracted through Asplundh Tree Expert. Mr. Gomillion stated that tree plantings were planned for last summer but due to the drought this was postponed to this summer. The new water irrigation system will be geared towards both the greens and the trees. Currently, the trees on Peck are a priority, with Red River as a future item.

A motion was called by John Williams to continue the use of Hancock as a golf course. Michael Nill and Kevin Heyburn asked to amend John's motion to state continued use of Hancock as a golf course "for the two fiscal year period through October 2014." Discussion ensued but the amendment failed to pass. John Paul asked to amend John Williams' original motion to support the position expressed by Hancock Neighborhood Association (HNA). Lisa Harris read HNA's resolution and this was voted upon and passed.

Lisa Harris then stated a few announcements. First, Lisa invited people to sign the card to the Kansas City Hyde Park neighborhood. She also stated that letters were sent to the parole board discouraging them from releasing tire slasher Tommy Kelly and that interested residents can still submit letters. Finally, Lisa stated that ANC Central is meeting on April 3rd with City Councilmember Kathy Tovo as their guest.

Finally, Doris Coward gave an update on the Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative. After the March HPNA meeting, a follow-up meeting was called by residents to gather feedback to submit to the City. The individuals that attended this follow-up meeting stated that they liked the Fiskville Transit Oriented Development idea. They want the redevelopment initiative to lead to walkable and accessible spaces, and they emphasized that the City pay close attention to privacy safeguards in the plan's transition zones.

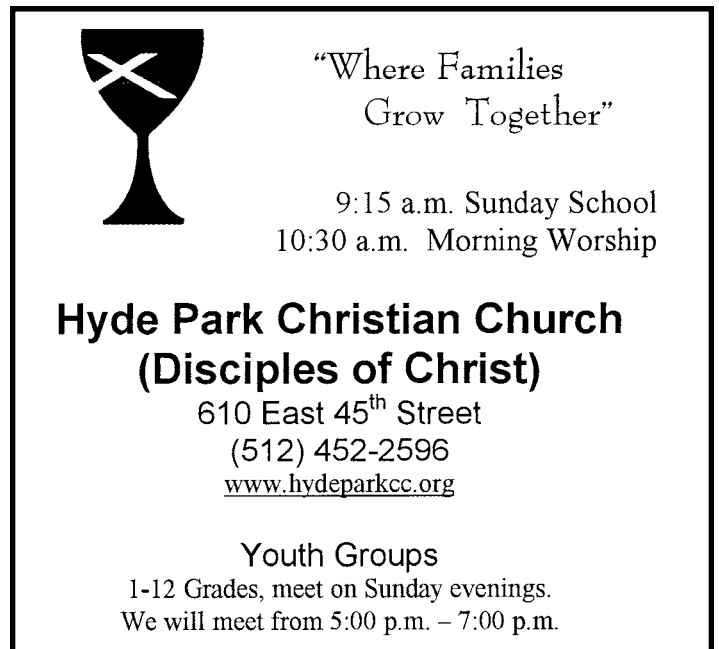
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

– Ashley Schweickart,  
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## Spring Update for the Ney Museum

The third year of a five year prairie restoration project at the Ney is showing progress, particularly in the areas closer to the museum itself. A mild and wet winter boosted seeding efforts to increase the native grass and wildflower diversity and we are now enjoying spring blooms and green grass sprouts. Many container grown species were added to the shaded and transitional areas (including Cedar Sage, Four Nerve Daisy, Winecups and Mealy Blue Sage) and to the entry walk gates planters (refreshed with native Rock Rose and Winecups).



Pecan stump left in place to protect stone wall.

The seasonal weather conditions that favor native prairie plant germination and growth also favor invasive species and that is being addressed by manual weeding by staff and volunteers weekly. We are making every effort to give our recent plantings a chance to grow and fulfill their promise of bringing the site back to a tall grass prairie; thanks to our supporters and those who have volunteered to help with the continuing work. Future workday opportunities will be posted on the listserve. Anyone interested in volunteering as a gallery docent or landscape helper please contact the Ney Museum for more information at 512-458-2255.

All tree replacements survived winter and are making new growth. PARD Forestry will do a spring evaluation of Museum trees to develop a plan for maintenance. Winter removals of a dead Pecan and invasive Black Locust were completed. The fence panels behind the museum were repositioned, opening that area for visitor and neighbor use.

The reroofing project is proceeding, with beginning construction this fall still in place. Specific dates for presentations and construction will be posted on the listserve once they are set.

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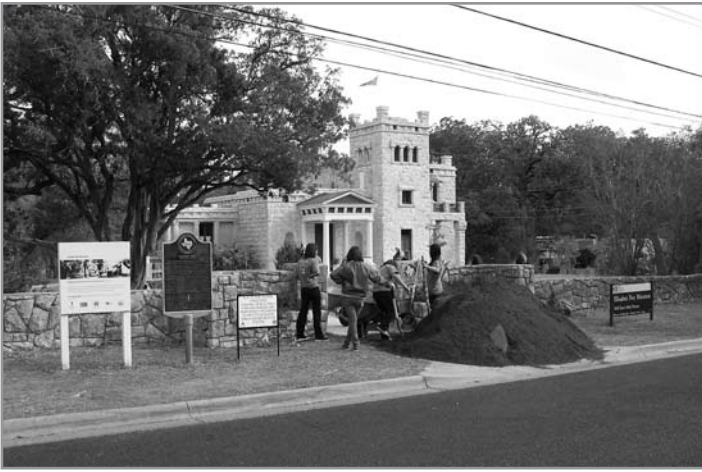


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If you have additional questions, please contact me, Margaret Russell, at 512-974-3867 or email <margaret.russell@austintexas.gov>.

– Margaret Russell

## Upper Airport Blvd. Initiative

The Upper Airport Boulevard Form-Based Code Initiative Advisory Group met on April 18th. Updates on proposed street designation maps and cross-sections that included bicycle and pedestrian connections were presented and discussed. Several neighborhoods reported on outreach roundtables designed to receive feedback from neighborhood residents.

All interested neighbors are invited to a Community Open House from 6-8 p.m. on May 9th at Workforce Solutions where there will be maps and posters showing the proposed draft framework. City representatives from the Planning and Development Review Department encourage attendance at the Open House where they can answer questions and receive community feedback. Check out the Airport Boulevard home page at <<http://airportboulevard.com>>.

Workforce Solutions is at 6505 Airport Blvd, Suite 101. This location is on the east side of Airport between Highland Mall Blvd. and Huntland Drive.

Also of interest to HPNA residents is the Urban Transportation Commission which at their May 8th meeting will review the Airport Boulevard Mobility Study Report for both the Airport Boulevard and Lamar/Burnet Corridors. Check for time and place for this meeting at <<http://www.austintexas.gov/utc>>.



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## Pecan Press Word Find 6

*“Texas Critters” by der Brat*

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

- Ours is the nine banded kind. (9) \_\_\_\_\_
- One might be in a pasture; 50,000 at UT. (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- It might be mistaken for a dog. (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- Resembles a pig. (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- It might warn you before attacking. (11) \_\_\_\_\_
- Call is not actually, “beep, beep” (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Here comes Peter ... (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Our state mimic. (11) \_\_\_\_\_
- Seen from behind, they are well-named. (4-5, 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Who dat masked critter? (7) \_\_\_\_\_
- If you feed them make sure some red is visible. (11) \_\_\_\_\_
- Pepe LePew with a Texas accent? (7,5) \_\_\_\_\_
- Vanishing River Cruise may show one.(4,5) \_\_\_\_\_
- Not native, large river rat. (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- Bland-looking but sly carnivore? (4,3) \_\_\_\_\_
- Perhaps true snow bird wintering from Canada. (8,5) \_\_\_\_\_
- Mistakenly called a chameleon. (5,5) \_\_\_\_\_
- Not really a sad bird. (4,3) \_\_\_\_\_
- Furry-tailed tree rat? (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- See you later ... in the swamp. (9) \_\_\_\_\_



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Interested in renting a table? Call or email and we'll hold one for you – payment is due by May 1, 2012. Make checks out to Odyssey School.

Almost have enough stuff to hold a garage sale, but afraid it's not worth the trouble? Remember that there's strength in numbers! Odyssey and Red River Church will handle the advertising and marketing; all you have to do is rent the table and bring your stuff! (Oh, and take home whatever's not sold – but there shouldn't be much of that!)

Are you an artist or craftsperson? Last year we had over a dozen artists selling everything from jewelry to photographs to paintings and more. Not sure you have enough stuff to justify renting a table? Consider teaming up with a friend or co-vendor. You can use the space underneath, in front of, and around your table for bulkier items. (Please note: you may not set up a second table!)

This is a very fun event – last year, even despite morning rain, we had well over 400 people come through. Odyssey School will have food and drink available for purchase, and there may even be some live entertainment! (If you're interested in playing, let us know!) Come out, support a great cause, and get a look at some great Flea Market bargains!

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**ROOF** Look for missing, broken or cracked shingles. Keep trees and shrubs that are close to the roof cut back to allow for proper ventilation and to prevent future damage.

**PAINT** If wood is left exposed, it can rot. Check for chipped and cracked paint, scrape off any failing paint and sand it down so there are no rough edges. After prepped, apply primer and then paint. Also, don't let dirt build up on your exterior - a good power washing can make your house look bright and new.

**TREES & SHRUBS** Keep branches cut back 7 feet from your roof and siding to prevent mold and mildew buildup. Trim out of control vines that can crack siding and allow moisture and pests inside your home.

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The male is asking for money up front. In some cases, he continues to ask for more money to cover alleged material costs and labor. Sometimes he overcharges for a completed job. In other cases, he receives payment up front and never completes the work. The male is targeting the older residents.

Residents and business owners are reminded:

- Never pay up front for any work until it is completed. A legitimate company can purchase their own materials without charging you before work begins.
- Get a service contract in writing, with an itemized listing of material and labor cost.
- Before work is started, contact the Better Business Bureau and check the complaint history of any company.
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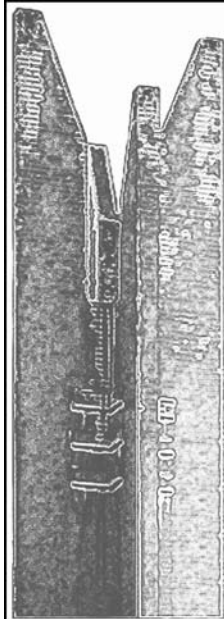
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I once picked a rock  
And from beneath it,  
A cave tasted light in shock  
And the fresh breath of its mouth did greet me  
And somehow its teeth did entreat me  
So I let myself be swallowed,  
Presuming its stomach to be hollowed  
But with its hunger also mine,  
Enough to be eaten so as to dine  
Caused such a sweet irony  
That ironically inspired me  
To venture down  
To its tummy-bottom sounds  
And blindly cast aside,  
The notion that it was the rock  
Who picked  
I

— David Cashwell

## From Where The Poem Comes

And so from where does the poem come?  
From within,  
or without?  
Does it come from the river,  
when it flows?  
Leading to an ocean.  
That descent into the far and deep dark  
Does it push forth,  
so much like the tree?  
Gripping with all its might.  
That ascent into the crafty far and deep dark  
And what of such basic things,  
basically being The Without?  
What of such basic things,  
basically being.  
Basically being such basic things?  
For the river and the tree are The Without,  
If the river and the tree are not within  
And so it is that grip,  
As we flow;  
Ascending,  
Descending  
that makes the within  
So deep  
So dark  
that makes the within  
so deep and dark  
without The Without  
that makes the within  
The Without  
that makes us all  
so far from the deep and dark  
that takes us all  
to the far and deep dark.  
It makes us all from where the poem comes

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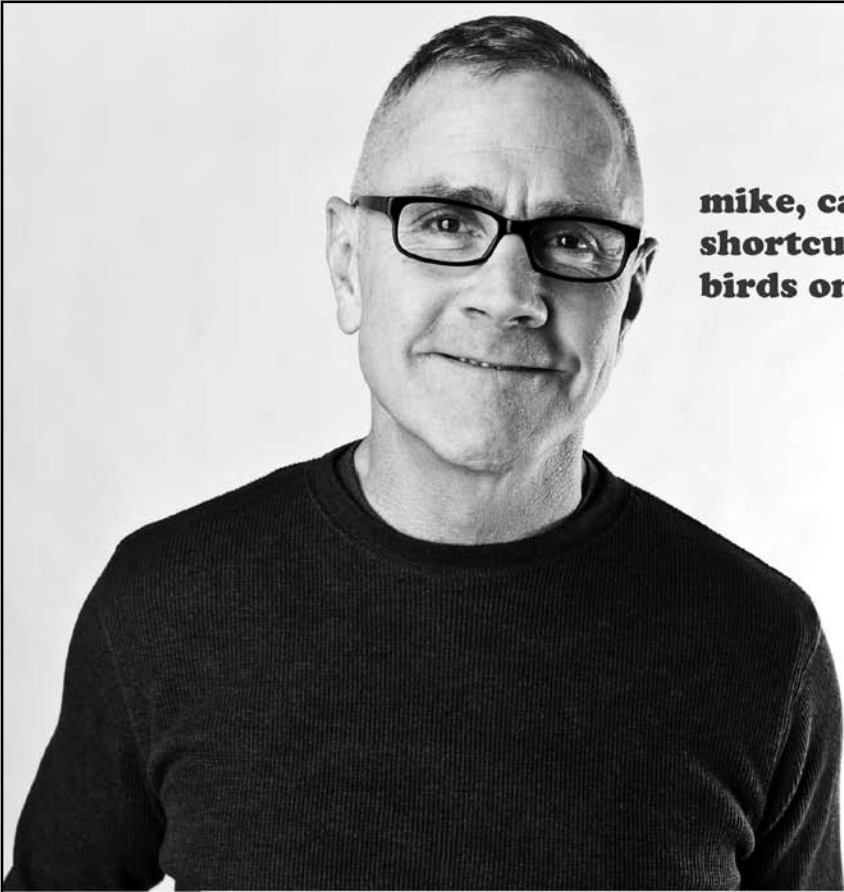


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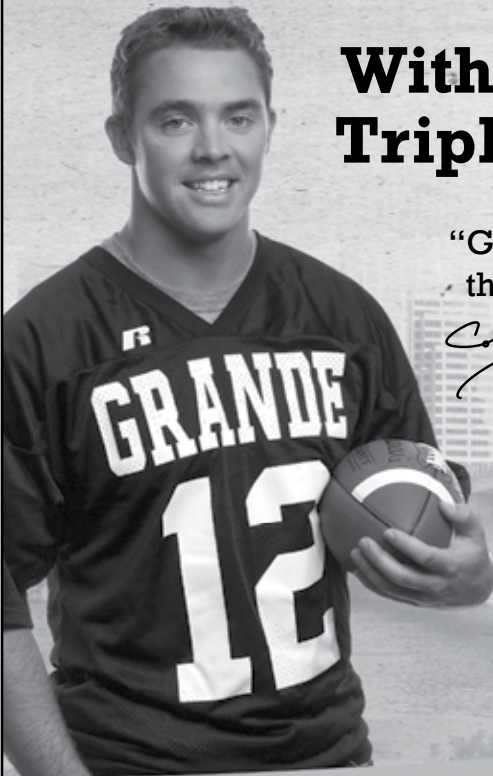




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High-end renovation of 1922 Craftsman bungalow. 4BR, 3BA, 3LIV plus screened-in porch. Gourmet kitchen, downstairs master suite & guest bedroom.

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**4610 SPEEDWAY**

Adorable 1940s brick cottage adjacent to U.T. intramural fields. 2BR, 1BA, updated kitchen & bath. Large fenced yard with wet weather creek along back.

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Listed at \$629,000



**3500 TOM GREEN ST.**

Charming 1938 Colonial Revival home on corner lot. Updated kitchen & baths. 3-4BR, 3.5BA, 2LIV, plus detached 1BR, 1BA garage apartment.

Listed at \$699,000

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