

October Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 2, 2006

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 October 2nd

- ❖ HPNA Officer Voting (a vote will occur)
- ❖ **Shipe Park** - Jill Nokes will request that HPNA adopt the park (a vote may occur)
- ❖ **Code Enforcement** - Paul Tomasovic of Solid Waste Services Code Enforcement Division will discuss code enforcement concerns
- ❖ **Traffic Circles** - Carol Burton will discuss beautifying the four HP traffic circles (a vote may occur)
- ❖ **Alley Maintenance** - Carol Burton will present a plan on cleaning and maintaining our alleys.
- ❖ **Tree Update** - John Paul Moore will give an update on the tree situation with Austin Energy.

See you there!

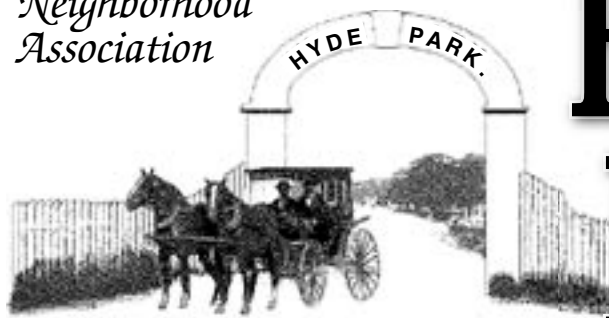
September HPNA Meeting Minutes

John Kerr called the meeting to order and announced that the **Nominating Committee** has only a couple of vacancies on their 2007 slate of officer nominees. They still need a co-secretary (especially during the legislative session when the other nominee will likely be unavailable). Among other non-elected positions still open are Homes Tour Publicity Chair, and a Homes Tour Brochure and Transportation Chair.

John Paul Moore, HPNA's representative on the **Citizens' Tree Trimming Task Force**, announced (as was published in the September *Pecan Press*) that on August 24, the Austin City Council said that if

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The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association



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Sunday, October 15th:

32nd Annual Fire Station Festival!

Come to the Hyde Park Fire Station Festival! On Sunday, October 15th, children and their friends, neighbors and parents will celebrate 32 years of successful partnering with our beloved Fire Station # 9 at Speedway and 43rd Street and to thank the Fire Fighters who keep us safe.



Fire engine fixation on Engine No. 9 during last year's festival

As is customary, the celebration will include a children's parade, food and drinks, music, and lots of entertainment for kids and the young at heart. The event will begin with the children assembling in Shipe Park at 1:30 p.m. to march in

the parade. As always, participants are encouraged to decorate bikes, trikes, strollers, and anything else that rolls, and to bring their pets. Dress in your most festive clothing! Musical instruments and other noise making devices are welcome! The parade route will commence around Ave G and

44th, head south on Ave. G, turn west at 43d, and end at the Fire Station where they will be greeted with much applause.

Your neighbors, friends and community leaders will be in attendance to celebrate with us. This event also marks the passing of the torch to new officers in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. The Festival is a highlight of HPNA's calendar year, so don't miss it, or your neighbors!

— Deaton Bednar
'06 Festival Coordinator

Volunteer to help! Contact:

- Carol Jackson to assist with food and beverages
<caroljackson@austin.rr.com>
- Carolyn Grimes to help with set up - <cgrimes2@austin.rr.com>
- Deaton Bednar with other activities - <dbednar@austin.rr.com>

HPNA Turns To Women, Following National Trend

BusinessWeek, Time and other national magazines have run cover stories on the surge of female achievement in the U.S. Back in the 1960's when I entered college, men surpassed women on all the SAT and achievements tests, and outnumbered women in enrollment.

No more. Now it is the women who have taken the lead. At the University of North Carolina, for example, 60 percent of the undergraduates are women. In law and medicine and even in business, women are becoming ever more influential and even dominant.

This is increasingly true of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. Our slate of nominees for the coming year is all female. Now we have the chance to make some real gains. Here is the slate of nominees:

We have probably never had a person better prepared to be president than Elaine Meenehan. She has served as executive vice president for the past year, which meant she not only had a chance to run Steering Committee meetings when I was out of town, but also was at almost every meeting I had to attend as president and received copies of virtually every email exchange I was a part of. She knows the issues and the people. Elaine first stepped forward to assume leadership of our anti-graffiti drive and did (and is still doing) a magnificent job. Keep Austin Beautiful recently recognized her achievement.

Jennifer Berbas, who will be making her debut with HPNA, lives north of 45th Street and west of Duval and has been nominated for vice-president for programs.

The big task of treasurer will be shared by two women who have been heavily involved in HPNA during the past year. After one year as a capable Association secretary, Denise Girard served last year as vice president for programs, arranging agendas for our monthly meetings and running them when I wasn't here. She will share the treasurer position with Catherine Moore, who labored long hours last year with her committee to create a new set of association by-laws. Catherine is a lawyer and will keep us out of hot water with IRS.

Two women will also likely share the job of secretary. Pam Whittington, a division director with the Public Utility Commission, served as a co-president of HPNA a couple of years ago. She has been active in working with neighbors to shape development in her part of Hyde Park, north of 45th and east of Duval. Wen-

dy Taddia, who has also expressed interest in serving as co-secretary nominated for the other co-secretary, is new to the neighborhood and eager to make a contribution.

Although several of the current officers will be returning, some will not. Special thanks go to accountant Carmin Way, who stepped in as treasurer when our financial decks were awash. She single-handedly recovered thousands of dollars in lost advertising

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revenue and straightened out our books. Sam Waring served as secretary and set the gold standard for writing meeting minutes of crystal-line clarity.

To achieve a modicum of balance, half of the Steering Committee nominees are males, including Stan Kozinsky, head of our Development Review Committee; William Cook, who established and moderates our Yahoo group, which now numbers some 430 people; and John Paul Moore, who did yeoman service in saving our trees from Asplundh chain saws this past year. Other nominees are

longtime activists in HPNA: Wanda Penn; Karen McGraw, who heads our planning team; and Doris Coward, returning for another term as head of the Membership Committee.

I encourage you to vote for all of these candidates, and to look for ways to contribute your special gifts to the good of Hyde Park.

— John Kerr
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(Editor's Note: This marks President Kerr's last "official" column, as he will soon be handing over the reins of HPNA leadership to Elaine Meenehan. A number of important and impressive things have happened during

John's two-year tenure – among them, securing funding for the long-overdue restoration of the Ney Museum; approval of NCCD status for the North Hyde Park neighborhood; encouraging less business and more pleasure at some (ie., December!) HPNA meetings; formation of the Citizen's Tree-Trimming Task Force, which successfully derailed Austin Energy's wholesale assault on our trees; and a thorough, thoughtful and also long-overdue revision of HPNA bylaws. Perhaps most importantly – and reflected in the number of (relatively) new names and faces moving into leadership positions in the Association – he has been instrumental in inspiring and encouraging newer residents to get involved and make a difference. For all of these reasons, and on behalf of a neighborhood where he has lived so long and done so much, we'd like to say, "Thank You, Mr. President!"

Dues? Due! Who? You!

Neighbors, just a friendly reminder: all Hyde Park Neighborhood Association memberships EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES Under the revised bylaws we have only one membership category: Individual. Dues are \$1 per year (October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. One vote per individual member. Voting rights continue for renewing members. New members have a 30 day waiting period before they may vote.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for membership, you must reside within the boundaries of HPNA or within 300 feet of the boundaries. The boundaries south of 45th Street are: Guadalupe to Duval 38th Street to 45th Street. The boundaries north of 45th Street are Guadalupe to Red River (excluding the intramural fields) and 51st Street to 45th Street.

OPPORTUNITIES TO RENEW OR JOIN:

1. October 2 HPNA Meeting, 7 p.m. at Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway.
 2. October 15 HPNA Fire Station Festival, 1:30 p.m. at 43rd and Duval Fire Station. This is our big annual kickoff event, so come on out, meet and greet and join up.
 3. Mail Doris Coward, Membership Chair with the completed membership form directly below.
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HPNA Membership Info
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❖
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Crime Report



by Carol Welder

I attended the Central West Commander's Forum on September 12th, where police invited citizens to ask questions and discuss their concerns. This is a valuable link for district representatives and neighborhoods.

Hyde Park is in District 3 & 4 that includes an area north of the river (excluding downtown & UT), west of IH35, south of Anderson Lane, east of City Park Rd., comprising about 1/6 of the city's population. There are 75 police officers assigned to varying shifts in this area. Commander Calvin Smith reported that there had been two bank robberies in our district, but both thieves were caught. He said that robberies typically involved alcohol. There were 34 residential burglaries and 31 non-residential burglaries last month. That was less than the two prior months. Smith said that police focus on areas where crimes are committed. Auto vandalism continues to be a big problem for our area because of a large population of students and small apartment complexes. Please remember to remove anything of perceived value from your auto and lock the doors. Thieves will break a window in order to steal CD's or small change.

There have been a number of emails circulating through the neighborhood yahoo group concerning the Bluebonnet Courts, auto vandalism, graffiti, cars parked in yards and too close to intersections, and the need for more police presence. I relayed these concerns to Officer Vargas. He assured me that police officers were monitoring the situation at the Bluebonnet Courts. He asked that I inform neighbors to call 911 to dispatch a police officer or 311 to file a report. Calling 311 is to file a report only, not to dispatch an officer. As to police presence, he said that there is officer presence, but sometimes in unmarked cars. Officer Vargas said that now that the weather is getting cooler, there will be more bicycle patrols.

We were given a Code Enforcement brochure that outlines various code violations and the process taken when a complaint is filed. Did you know that it is a code violation to have more than 2 garage sales in a year, to park within 30 feet of an intersection, or to have tree limbs which hang lower than 14 feet over the public right of way? If you see violations of the city codes, call 311 to file a report or 911 to dispatch an officer. Whoever is in charge of a property (owners, tenants, residents, etc.) is also responsible for keeping the property and any sidewalk, alley or street adjacent to the property free of violations. If we want to keep

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John Kerr announced that we did not get the Austin Parks Foundation grant for tree replacement in Shipe Park that was submitted by Jill Nokes and discussed at the August meeting. However, Larry Freilich has identified \$100,000 of mitigation money for the large power poles along Guadalupe and 38th street. The HPNA Steering Committee discussed possible uses for the money, and the **Beautification Committee** met immediately after the meeting to continue discussions.

The last item of the evening was the announcement of the Fall 2006-07 nominees for **2006-07 HPNA officers**. Nominating Committee members Susan Mofatt and Niyanta Spellman announced the following nominees: President, Elaine Meenehan; Vice President, Jennifer Berbas; Co-treasurers, Catherine Moore and Denise Girard; Co-Secretaries, Pam Whittington and Wendy Taddia.

Nominees for the Fall **2006-07 HPNA Steering Committee**: Two year terms: Stan Kozinsky, Karen McGraw, John Paul Moore; One year terms: William Cook, Wanda Penn and Doris Coward.

Elections will take place at the October 2 General Meeting and the officers will be inducted at the annual Fire Station Festival October 15, 2006.

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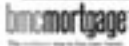
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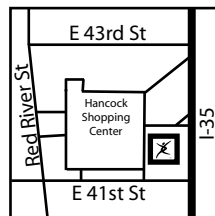


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Back in my childhood
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danced with the boys,
shoulders and hips
elegantly engaged,
the rhythm of steel balls,
slap of flippers and plungers,
boys so absorbed with whistles,
and bells, and numbers
they never saw me,
cheating not allowed

I watch the dances around me
girls as tough and tattooed
as those long-ago boys,
a certain balance, but
no one notices me still.
The big guys of both sexes
swaggering, engrossed
with righteous intent,
winning big their only joy,
fingers on the buttons,
cheating de rigeur

My dance, hips and shoulders,
middle-age side step,
life machine eats gold pieces
for taxes here, maintenance there.
the rhythm my pulse.
I waltz with my grandchildren
whose fingers paint innocent
skies and train wrecks,
my hope that what settles
in their DNA ,the old ways,
cheating not allowed

— Nancy Taylor Day
September 9, 2006

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Alone Again

I don't know what to do
So I do nothing

I don't know how to fill myself
So I am empty

I don't know how to entertain myself
So I am quiet

I don't know where to go
So I am still

Nothingness
Emptiness
Silence
Stillness

These are my partners now
My most intimate friends

And something powerful awakes and stirs
And moves toward me

— Lane Norton

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into the light. I resurrect Plato.
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on my forehead,
that damned golden rule whacks my fingers
when I hurt someone. I resurrect Jesus.
And even when I forget the play and the player,
my language flows freely from the Bard's
bountiful silo. I resurrect Shakespeare.
Then too I catch my parents, my sister,
building the cage for my language
You all hold my tongue captive.

Under your omnipresent oppression,
I'll never understand my propensity
for sass, backtalk, and downright contradiction.
When you find me in your face, be kind.
I'm trying to find my revolutionary voice.

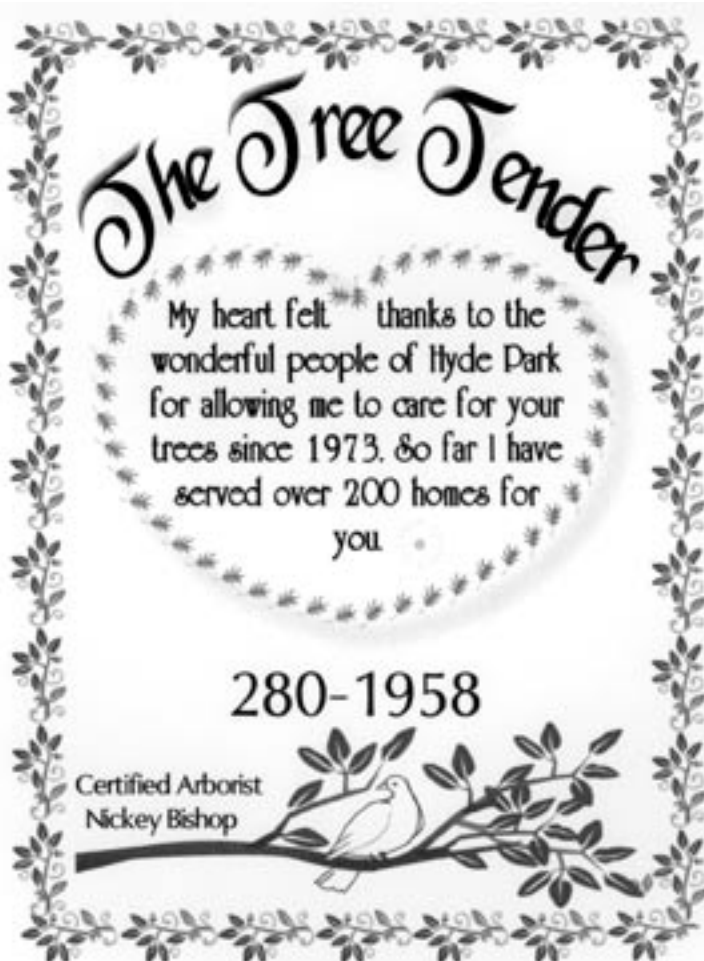
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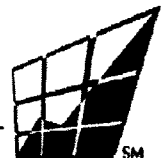
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sharing letters as conjoined
babies share hearts or lesser
organs
we guess, given devious hints
and abbreviations,
we guess and pencil in the
answers

On the page they grin back at us,
as if they had been waiting, invisible,
for our solution of lemon juice and
heat
and we feel a sense of satisfaction,
of being as smart as the creator,
of making it through
intact

On the page they depend
on righteous perfection,
exactitude, adhering to the
rule
we struggle, knowing that
in life, what is the intent may
not be the letter, may not
fit

On the page we erase,
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— Nancy Taylor Day
September 3, 2006

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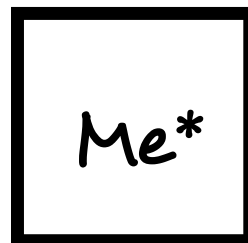
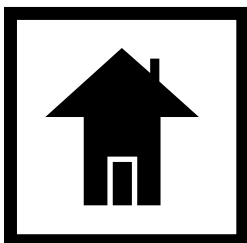
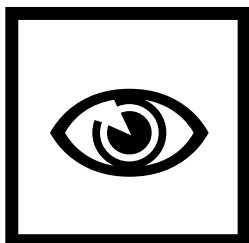
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"It's easy for identity thieves to put your data back together even from the scattered sectors and even if it seems the directory no longer exists." Green emphasized.

According to recent FBI testimony before Congress, identity theft is the fastest-growing crime, nationally.

"People need to understand, deleting stuff or reformatting the disk is not enough. Your data can still be retrieved. Until the sectors of the hard drive are 100% overwritten or 100% destroyed, your private information is still in there." Green pointed out.



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