

October Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 6, 2008

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 6th

- ❖ Election of 2008-09 HPNA Officers and Steering Committee Members (*vote will be held*)
- ❖ Planning for Fire Station Festival and Walk Through the Avenues

See you there!

Minutes of the September 2008 HPNA General Meeting.

The September 8, 2008 HPNA Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Elaine Meenehan.

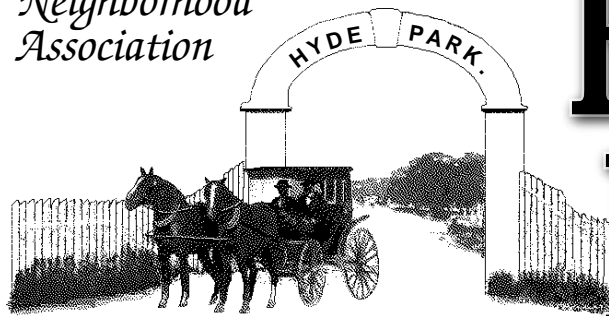
The first item on the agenda was a report from the Development Review Committee (DRC) about the **4213 Avenue G, Bradford-Norha House**. The owners have requested a demolition permit for the house. The DRC has done additional research to support the historic importance of this house to the neighborhood. Hannah Wiseman and Mary Caroline George presented photographs and information supporting the historic zoning. Among the criteria that the Bradford-Norha House meets are the following: Over 50 years old; retains the integrity of mate-

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Tuesday, October 7:

Hyde Park to celebrate 25th Annual National Night Out crime prevention initiative with "A Walk Through the Avenues" (see Crime Report, page 14)

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October 26th: 34th Annual Fire Station Festival!

This fabulously fun Fire Station Festival honors and celebrates the partnership between the fire station and the HPNA, the effectiveness and impact of citizen involvement, and those who provide great service within our neighborhood. It is also the occasion where the leadership torch is passed from past to future officers of HPNA. Our fire station has been saved at least twice by the spirit of citizen involvement that is the *raison d'être* of our neighborhood association. Together we can and do make a difference in what happens in our neighborhood; come together and celebrate that difference!

The Festival begins at 3:30 with a gathering at Shipe Park to form the traditional and eclectic Children's Parade that will appeal to the child in us all. Wear that Halloween costume. Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons, pets, vehicles, movable objects, and yourselves. Bring musical instruments or noisemakers to play along with the marching band or your own drummer. Get your friends, neighbors, and groups to participate. Prizes will be given in several categories. Jeff and Kate Baker are pitching in to make this year's parade spectacular! If you don't want to be in the parade, find a prime viewing spot. The pa-



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rade travels south from the park through the neighborhood and finishes at Fire Station #9.

When you see the tents east of the fire station, you'll know you're at the right place. At 4:00 p.m., there will be food, music, family friendly entertainment, tours of the fire station, information booths, and prizes for costumes and decorations in child, adult, and pet categories at the festival. As usual, lots of good folks are helping out: Linda van Bavel and Trina Flores are arranging music and a setting to facilitate our celebration; Carol Jackson is making sure we have plenty to eat and drink; Joan Yami is planning engaging activities for the children; while outgoing HPNA President Elaine Meenehan is making sure that our HPNA program is true to the spirit of the event. And...Libby Malone let us know that our good friends at Grande Communications are do-

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From the President's Desk:

Thank You, Neighbors!

It's hard to believe that it's been two years since taking over this post. But alas, all good things must come to an end. This month we will be voting on new officers for the HPNA. I believe a great team has been assembled and I know that the neighborhood is in good hands.

I would like to first thank all of people who have come before me and who have put in countless hours on behalf of the neighborhood. Without these people, the neighborhood would not be what it is today. But more specifically, I would like to thank those who have volunteered this past year to help protect, improve and serve our community. This is in no way an exhaustive list, but I would like to personally thank the following people:

I, Jay Aarons, Deaton Bednar, Jennifer Berbas, David Conner, William Cook, Celeste Cromack, Larry Freilich, Eileen Geneviro, Jim Geneviro, Lisa Harris, Stan Kozinsky, Sharon Majors, Alan Marburger, Karen McGraw, Catherine Moore, John Moore, Michelle Paris-White, Wanda Penn, Dorothy Richter, Andrew Shea, Grant Thomas, Nick Van Bavel, Lorre Weidlich, Carol Welder, Pam Whittington, Hannah Wiseman.

It was a pure joy to work on behalf of Hyde Park with you and I personally thank you.

— Elaine Meenehan
 HPNA President
 <elaine.meenehan@gmail.com>

Festival in a Nutshell:

What: Hyde Park's 34th Annual Fire Station Festival

When: Sunday, October 26, 4-6 p.m., gathering at 3:30 at Shipe Park.

Where: Shipe Park (44th and Ave F) to Austin Fire Station #9 (43rd and Speedway)

Why: Celebrate our citizen involvement and our Fire Station #9

More information: <www.austinhydepark.org/fsfestival>

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Community Reflections: The Meenehan Years

At the Fire Station Festival on October 26, HPNA President Elaine Meenehan will bring to a close two years of dedicated, inspired and inspiring leadership when she hands over the presidential reins to David Conner. As she prepares to do so, we think it appropriate to take a moment to reflect on the many positive and noteworthy things that have occurred during her tenure. The list of highlights would include, though by no means be limited to:

- a Preservation Award from the Austin Heritage Society, celebrating Thad Avery's restoration efforts at 42nd and Guadalupe;
- launching of the ongoing Local Historic District initiative;
- stalwart neighbors bonding together in a limited partnership to save and restore the Schenken-Oatman House at 311 W. 41st;
- also on 41st, Grande Communication's sponsorship of a highly successful HPNA fundraiser at Nick and Linda Van Bavel's beautifully restored home;
- the "It's My Park!" Day Shipe Park cleanup attracting scores of volunteers, and joining the likes of the above-mentioned Festival, the annual Christmas/Holiday Party, and the Homes Tour as an annual highlight on the HPNA calendar;
- saving of lots of old trees all over the 'hood, and planting of lots of new trees at Shipe;
- after years of "Alley Cats" volunteer efforts, the City's assumption of responsibility for ongoing maintenance of Hyde Park's alleys;
- approval and funding of a Comprehensive Restoration Plan for the Ney Museum;
- Hyde Park's continued designation as "Best Neighborhood" in the *Austin Chronicle's* annual "Best of Austin" awards;
- and perhaps most importantly, the emergence and engagement of a new generation of leadership for the Association.

Of course, Elaine can't and wouldn't take individual credit for all of these accomplishments and plaudits. But what she CAN take credit for is managing to personify and nurture the kind of spirit that made them possible – a spirit that was captured quite nicely in her column on "The Meaning(s) of Community" in our October '07 issue: "To be a member of the community, we have to start by being part of the community... We'll either live together, or die alone."

Clearly, and in no small degree thanks to her efforts and example, we are living together in community. And so, on behalf of a grateful neighborhood which she has served so well, we'd like to say, "Thank You, Madame President!"



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nating \$500 towards fun at the Fire Station Festival for children's activities. Yea Grande! And how about the thought of your children and grandchildren climbing in a fire truck - be still my beating heart!

Oh and, bring a small amount of cash with you, since there will be HPNA membership renewals. It is easy to remember to renew your HPNA membership each year at the Festival - - and extremely important that you DO remember!

Rain or shine, we will be there. Please join us in celebrating our fire station family, our neighbors, and our new officers in HPNA. All of the organizers are looking for volunteers, so email us at the address below if you have some spare time to help either before or on the day of the festival. And of course food contributions are gladly accepted on arrival to the festival as always.

– Deaton Bednar, HPNA Social Chair
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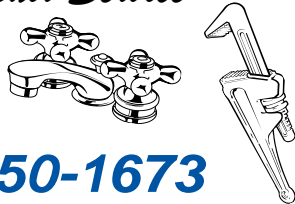
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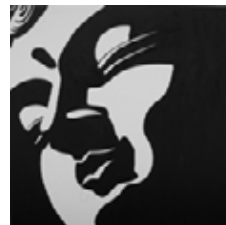


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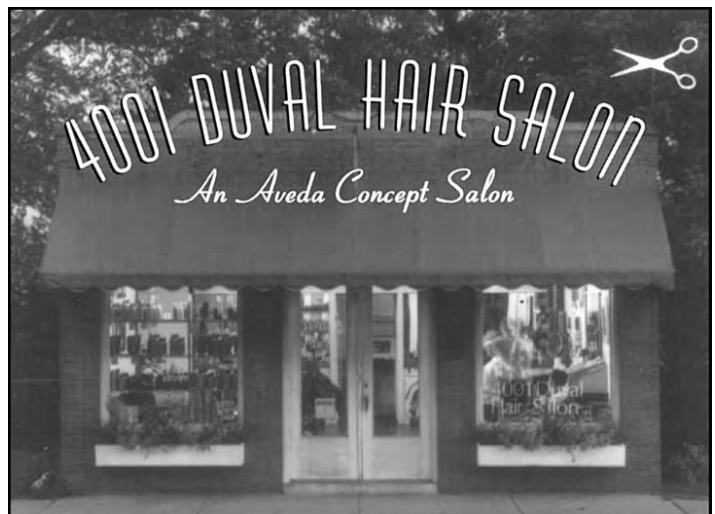


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rials and design; has characteristics of a recognized style and type of architecture; has association with significant person(s) -- specifically, Dewey Bradford, who was a friend of Lyndon Baines Johnson and other politicians, and who served on the Texas Fine Arts Commission. The report emphasized that demolition would change the character of the area. Long-time neighbors and noted architectural historians Peter Maxson and W. Eugene George also worked on the research for this report.

Next on the agenda was a report from the **Nominating Committee** made by Chairman Alan Marburger. Other committee members were Grant Thomas, Catherine Moore, Michelle Paris-White, and Elaine Meenehan. The following is the slate of officers nominated by the committee:

- **President** • *David Conner*
- **Vice President** • *Michelle Paris-White*
(nominated from the floor)
- **Co-Treasurers** • *I.J. Aarons and Carol Jackson*
- **Co-Secretaries** • *John Williams and Kristen Remeza*
- **Homes Tour Chair** • *Barbara Gibson*
- **Steering Committee Members:**
First Term • *Mark Fishman and Cynthia Lyon;*
Second Term • *Stan Kozinsky, Dorothy Richter, Wanda Penn, and John Paul Moore.*

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by **Officer A.J. Rodriquez, Hyde Park's area representative for the Austin Police Department.** Officer Rodriquez gave an update on criminal activity in the area and steps being taken to deal with such activity. He mentioned that there were increased patrols in the area, including bicycle patrols. He emphasized the importance of reporting suspicious activities as well as crimes. Rodriquez said the next Commander's Forum would be September 16 at McCallum High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Carol Welder, who serves as HPNA's Crime and Safety Chair in Hyde Park, encouraged people to sign up to be a block captain in the **Neighborhood Watch Program.** If you're interested in organizing crime prevention efforts on your block, Carol can be contacted at <cjwelder@msn.com> or 459-6205. She also urged people to participate in the **25th Annual National Night Out, Tuesday, October 7.** There is more information about those activities on page 16 of this newsletter.

Catherine Moore encouraged people to take part in the **Walk for PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease)** on September 20, 2008. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

– *Celeste B. Cromack, HPNA Co-Secretary*
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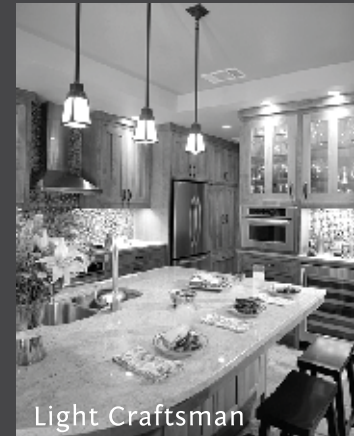
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An Update and a Reminder

The Designs Standards Subcommittee presented its first complete draft of the Design Standards to the Steering Committee and the Development Review Committee on September 8 and received some highly useful feedback. The LHD Workshop is scheduled for October 6. Pizza will be provided. We encourage all Hyde Parkers to attend. About a week before the workshop, the Design Standards will be posted online and a notice will be sent to the neighborhood list-serv. We encourage you to read the suggested standards in advance and bring your questions and feedback to the workshop.



Lynn Osgood Makes a Point at Recent LHD Meeting.
(photo by Lorre Weidlich)

This month's column was written by Lynn Osgood, who conducted the presentation on September 8 and will be leading the workshop on October 6.

Story of... well, not exactly agreement

Over the past year the Historic District Design Guidelines Committee has been working together to complete the first draft. The effort has been educational and inspiring, but it has not been smooth. As we set off to bring the work we've done to our neighbors here in Hyde Park, we want to tell a brief story of how the guidelines came to be. It's not the typical story of a like-minded group of folks working together on a common cause. In fact, it's been more of the opposite.

The work began in 2007 when Michelle Paris-White (graciously and unwittingly) volunteered to head up the group and sent out a general call for interested parties. From the beginning, Michelle knew the group needed to have representatives from not only the historic preservation side of the story but from developers, architects, homeowners, and builders.

If I described our first few meetings as "argumentative" I would be generous. It was anything but a meeting of like minds, and it took us about three meetings to figure out what on earth it was that brought us all together in the first place. Through our "discussions" we came to understand that we each cared deeply for our neighborhood, and that we all

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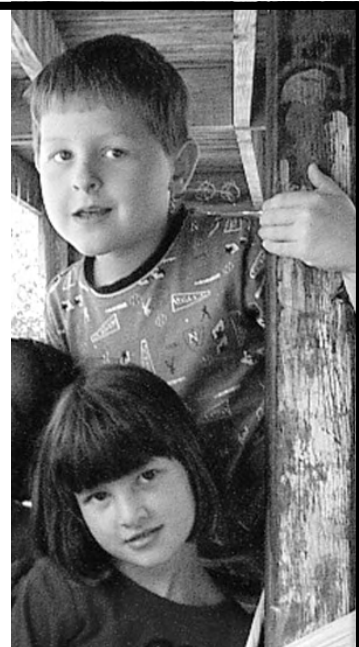
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LHD Corner...

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did not want any more houses to be torn down.* That was it. In terms of historic styles, sustainable design, or design ingenuity, we all brought different ideas. That small core of an idea, "prevent tear-downs", became our mantra. As we created the guidelines and fought along the way, we always returned to that one point.

What evolved through these meetings was a set of design guidelines that worked within and not above the existing design guidelines for the neighborhood. Our group was most fortunate to follow after years of initial work had been put together. Our goal has been to create a series of guidelines that derives from that work and that carries the minimum amount of restriction to maintain the physical and spatial integrity of our neighborhood while at the same time providing a legal framework that will make it nearly impossible to tear down an existing structure.*

We realize that good design cannot be dictated by any law or any set of guidelines and that often such efforts can have the opposite effect of creating derivative faux-history. Here in Hyde Park we have rich history; we want that history to continue to inform us and to continue to grow, both in story and in the form of the buildings and neighborhood.

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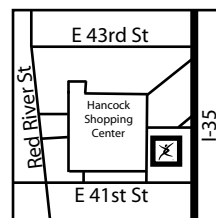


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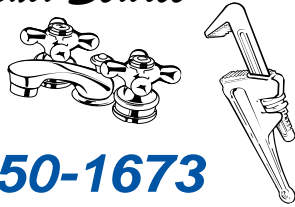
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Crime Report



by Carol Welder

Hyde Park is planning a *Walk though the Avenues* in support of America's Night Out Against Crime. **The 25th Annual National Night Out**, a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, has been scheduled in Austin for **Tuesday, October 7, 2008**. Mark your calendars now. **Neighbors who want to participate in the Walk should report to Shipe Park at 6:30 pm. After visiting with each other and hearing from APD crime prevention representatives, off we'll go for a communal stroll – be sure to bring flashlights!**

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods *celebrate* NNO with a variety of events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police and sheriff departments, flashlight walks and youth programs. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable way to promote getting to know your neighbors better.

Hyde Park's Neighborhood Watch will have a meeting in September with block captains and APD to discuss a recent assault/rape, *eggings* of people, cars and property, and what we can do to assist the police in capturing these criminals. We will also discuss National Night Out activities planned for the neighborhood. If you would like to know more about the Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact me at <cjwelder@msn.com>. Since inception, over one year ago, we have more than 45 block captains who have helped to raise awareness of crime and its prevention. The yahoo list serv has been valuable in communicating incidents and trends which help us all become more alert. Thanks to all of you who have reported crime and are maintaining a vigilant watch. Re-

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♦♦Local Leaders Dept.: Elsewhere in this issue (page 3) is a richly-deserved message of thanks to outgoing HPNA President Elaine Meenehan. But the appreciative message should not stop there, as there are a number of other HPNA officers who will be stepping down in October, and have also served the Association with considerable dedication and skill. Among them are outgoing Vice-President Jennifer Berbas (to be succeeded by Michelle Paris-White); Co-Secretaries Pam Whittington and Celeste Cromack (Kristen Rimeza and John Williams, successors); Co-Treasurer Lorre Weidlich (Carol Jackson, successor); and Steering Committee members Rob Clinchard, Alan Marburger, and William Cook (Mark Fishman and Cynthia Lyon, successors). To all of these fine folks (and their successors), we'd like to say, "Well done, and many thanks!"



♦♦Hyde Park: YUM! As many neighbors may already know, *Austin American-Statesman* food critic Dale Rice recently decamped for College Station (why he would relocate to such a place is beyond our ken, but we'll withhold judgment). Anyway, before he left, Mr. Rice devoted a column to his Top Ten All-Time Austin Foodie Favorites that he would miss the most; and we're pleased to report that no fewer than three of his faves had a distinct Hyde Park connection -- namely, Hyde Park Bar and Grill's legendary french fries; Texas French Bread's equally legendary Hyde Park Fudge Cake; and the likewise legendary Reuben Sandwich at Ne-WorlDeli. So, thanks for the kudos, Mr. Rice, and please come back and visit if you ever get tired of the "cuisine" in Aggieworld!



♦♦Local Landmarks Dept.: And, while we're on the subject of food, we're also pleased to report that in the 9/12/08 issue of the *Austin Chronicle*, an article entitled "Austin Landmarks on the Menu: Nineteen Restaurants -- more than a thousand years of history" included among those landmarks our very own Avenue B Grocery. And we quote: "...the tiny Avenue B Grocery (4403 Ave. B, 453-3921, <www.avenuebgrocery.com>) in Austin's first suburb is Austin's longest-running grocery at roughly 100 years of age. Current owner Ross Mason stocks a select grocery inventory and sells delicious, hand-made sandwiches with a free side of Hyde Park neighborhood history. He dreams of reaching the same sales volume enjoyed by the small neighborhood grocery outlets in the new downtown loft developments." Good on ye, Ross, and may your next 100 years be every bit as noteworthy!



♦♦Before/After Dept.: If you subscribe to the HPNA newsgroup, you may already know that long-time resident and noted photographer Carol Cohen Burton of 4200 Avenue G — mindful of the myriad dramatic and lovely transformations of Hyde Park's housing stock that have occurred since the neighborhood's renaissance got underway in the late 1970's — has initiated an effort to create a "visual archive" of those transformations. So if you live in, and/or near, a home that has undergone such a transformation, and you have before/after photographic evidence of what that transformation has wrought, Carol would love to hear from you at <sky2wash@austin.rr.com>. Our thanks to Carol for launching this initiative, and thanks as well to all those neighbors whose loving labors it means to celebrate.

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Old Guy on a Bike

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Oh, almost forgot. I'm that old guy, Merle Franke on Avenue D.

(Note: Mr. Franke was a former, and the first, President of the HPNA; he also served as editor of this newsletter until November of 1979, when the current editor succeeded him.)

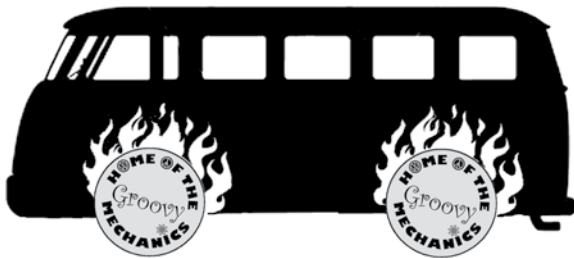
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The Austin City Council will consider historic zoning for the century-old Bradford-Nohra house at 4213 Avenue G on the October 16 agenda as of press time. The case will come before the City Council after extensive consideration by both the Historic Landmark Commission and the Planning Commission as required by Austin's 3-step decision-making process.

The case was set in motion when an application for demolition of the house was made by Sylvia Dudley, Trustee for her mother, Mrs. Helen Nohra, owner and resident of the house since the 1940s. Austin's ordinances require the review of all demolition requests for property located in a National Register district -- in this case, the Hyde Park National Register of Historic Places District. Although no plans have been presented to the city government, Mrs. Nohra's family has stated their plans to build duplexes on the property after demolition. On July 28, the City of Austin's Historic Landmark Commission recommended historic zoning for the house by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Consideration of the case then passed to the City of Austin's Planning Commission, which on September 9 also recommended historic zoning for 4213 Avenue G by a vote of 7-1 with Commissioner Clint Small dissenting.

When the Historic Landmark Commission staff reported their lack of success in finding sufficient information about the original structure or the Bradford family, a team of Hyde Park residents, led by lawyer Hannah Wiseman and architectural historian Mary Carolyn George, pitched in and gathered abundant materials. The house was occupied by the Bradford family -- civic, cultural and business leaders in Austin for many decades, with Dewey Bradford its best-known and most colorful member. Dewey Bradford was art advisor to President Lyndon Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird Johnson, spanning his vice presidency as well as their years in the White House. Both as owner of the Country Store Art Gallery and the Bradford Paint Company, Dewey nurtured the careers of many artists, including and notably Porfirio Salinas, who painted Texas and southwestern subjects. Bradford was appointed to the first Texas Fine Arts Commission. His earlier accomplishments included

designation as an All-Southwest Conference Longhorn, a World War I Marine, and silent film actor. As a preservationist, he purchased and restored the Shot Tower, a downtown Austin landmark now lost but long known as Bradford's Alley.

By locating Dewey's niece, Annie Bettie Herren of Williamsburg, Virginia, Hannah Wiseman was able to obtain many photographs of the Bradford-Nohra house before alteration, as well as detailed information about the family's history. Mary Carolyn and her husband, architect Gene George, provided architectural analysis of the last remaining Neo-Classical house in Hyde Park. The HPNA's Development Review Commission distributed packets containing this information to the Landmark and Planning Commission staff and commissioners and made presentations at each commission meeting.

– Submitted by
Catherine Moore and
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Bradford-Nohra Home, 4213 Avenue G, circa 1937
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and otherwise gets us moving.
She is dreaded over all other
days; she is cursed and would
be avoided, but Monday is
as constant as sunburn in
summer and frostbite in
winter, certainly more. She
will arrive in her organized
splendor, picking up the slovenly
refuse of the weekend, stacking,
sweeping, calling us out of
reverie. I know her; we are
pals, Monday and I, my having
chosen a skewed work schedule.
Monday comes with options
for me, an entire menu, not
all appetizing, like the once in
ten years colonoscopy, or
getting three non-compliant
cats into carriers for the vet.
But, Monday and I get on
nicely; we chat and laugh, make
jokes. Those who think she is
humorless, a Nazi Day, well, they
don't know her. The government
has tried to improve her image,
almost as good as an advertising
campaign these Federal Mondays,
when everyone employed thus gets
an extra weekend day. Monday and
I have our opinions about that!
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Hyde Park bungalow-style duplex with 2BR, 2BA and 3BR, 2BA.
Listed at \$539,000



For Sale

4602 Avenue G

New Arts & Crafts home, ±3,400 sq. ft. per builder. 4BR, 3BA & 3Liv. Garage.
Listed at \$869,000



For Sale

4706 Evans Avenue

Classic 1940s traditional with recent master suite addition. 3BR, 2BA & 3Liv.
Listed at \$449,000



For Sale

608 West 31½ Street

Convenient location near UT. Many recent updates. 2BR, 2BA and 1Liv.
Listed at \$419,000



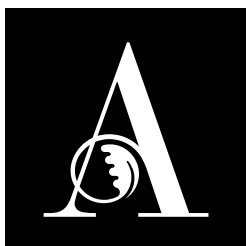
For Sale

4113 Avenue F

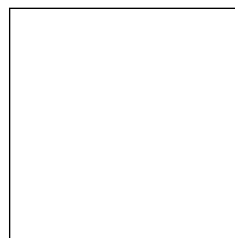
New construction in the center of Hyde Park historic district. 4BR, 2.5BA & 2Liv
Listed at \$799,900

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