

October Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 5, 2009

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 5th

- ❖ Vote on the 2010 Steering Committee Officers and Members
- ❖ Vote on the 2009 Budget Amendments/Reallocations
- ❖ 2009 Fire Station Festival Update
- ❖ 2010 Homes Tour Update

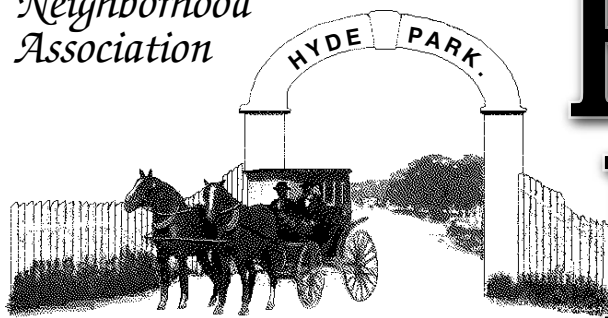
Shipe... It's Our Park!

While the recent September rains have helped us forget the brutal days of this past summer, it's worth remembering the beautiful site of Shipe Pool and the many families who enjoyed its cooling waters long after other neighborhood pools had closed for the summer. These bonus swims were courtesy of the Friends of Shipe Pool, made possible by donations from Hyde Park neighbors and led by neighbor Adam Wilson. Warm thanks for a cool pool to Adam and those who donated funds so we could all enjoy Shipe Pool until just before Labor Day.

Along the lines of the neighborhood effort noted above, some of you might have noticed that the grass at Shipe Park remained green and thriving/surviving, in the midst of the consensus choice as worst-in-recent-history summer. In contrast, many other neighborhood parks were not so fortunate and ended up brown and dusty (if not burnt to a crisp.) This, too, was no accident: the sprinkler system which was installed thanks to the contributions of Hyde Park neighbors and the HPNA worked its watery magic all summer long.

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35th Annual Fire Station Festival *Ready to Roll on October 25th*



Keep on Truckin'!: Looking Back on Last Year's Festival
(see photo essay pages 12, 13) Photos by Lorre Weidlich

Last year, the **34th Annual Fire Station Festival** was described as "The Best Ever," but I'm not so sure about that. You might not be sure either, if you overheard the plans the Fire Station Festival committee is discussing; and if those plans come to fruition, the **35th Fire Station Festival** may well be "The Best Ever" — Please come!

The traditional fabulously-fun Fire Station Festival honors and celebrates the partnership between Fire Station #9 and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA); the effectiveness and power of citizen involvement; and the stellar individuals who provide great service within our neighborhood. The Festival also marks the passing of the leadership torch from outgoing to incoming officers of our neighborhood association.

The Festival begins at 3:30 p.m. with a gathering at Shipe Park to form an eclectic parade planned by Jeff and Kate Baker, appealing to the child in all of us. Wear

your 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. Gather your friends, neighbors, and groups to march together. Prizes for costumes and decorations will be given in child, adult and pet categories. If you want to view the parade and cheer on the participants, find a prime viewing spot along the parade route traveling south on Avenue G from the park through the neighborhood,

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From the President's Desk:

Rain(!), and Other Matters

Hello Neighbors, I'd like to thank everyone who performed a rain dance last month – it seems to have worked! Nature took its toll on us, and we are not out of the woods yet, but hopefully things soon will look up. I know that we lost some trees, but hopefully they can be replaced. However, along with the recent drought, some of the man-made tree destruction that is now occurring in the neighborhood adds to the misery and sense of loss.

The next coming months should hold some very important events. For the past three years, Hyde Park has been working on its local historic district (LHD) project. Many neighbors have spent many hours on getting the required elements of the application together. And, we are almost there! Along

with the Hyde Park LHD, soon the Hegman LHD and Caswell LHD will be forthcoming. With these LHDs in place, I hope that neighborhood activism will not become complacent. There are many challenges that the neighborhood must still address and the Hyde Park Steering Committee is working hard to address these challenges as they come forward. I hope to see everyone at the next HPNA General Neighborhood Meeting

on Monday October 5th as we will be voting on the proposed slate of HPNA officers for 2010, and we will also vote on a number of other important neighborhood association-related items. See you there!

– David Conner
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Amendments to HPNA Bylaws to be Voted on at October Meeting

A vote is scheduled to be taken on the following proposed amendments to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws at the HPNA general membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 7, 2009, at Hyde Park United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 4001 Speedway, Austin, Texas.

There are no changes to the existing text of the bylaws. The proposed amendments are additions to existing bylaws X and XI. All additions are underlined.

X. OFFICERS

HPNA shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Each officer shall perform the duties of the office, as follows:

1. President: The duties of the President shall include presiding over meetings of HPNA and serving as a spokesperson for the association.
2. Vice President: The duties of the Vice President shall include performing the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of or at the request of the President. The Vice President shall have responsibility for planning and implementing programs for Association meetings.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting of the general membership. The Secretary shall maintain a current, accurate list of the committees of HPNA, together with the names and contact information of all committee chairs and shall cause this list to be published on HPNA's website and in *The Pecan Press*. The Secretary shall maintain the organizational records of HPNA.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records and banking accounts of HPNA, and conduct all associated activities, including reconciling banking records, billing and accounts payable. The Treasurer shall be responsible for production of a general financial summary at least quarterly, which summary shall be presented promptly presented to a general membership meeting of HPNA.

No member shall hold the same office for more than 2 consecutive terms, except that the office of Treasurer shall not be subject to the any limitation of terms. However, a member may again hold the same office for subsequent term(s). Any office may be filled by more than one person. Any vacancy that occurs during a term shall be filled by a candidate nominated by the Nominations Committee upon a vote of the Steering Committee.

In the event that a member who holds an elected office in the association fails to perform the duties of the office which the member holds, the member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Steering Committee. The member who is being considered for removal from office shall not participate in the removal vote. Three consecutive absences without advance notice to at least one officer shall be considered grounds for removal from office.



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On Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Travis County Master Gardner Association and the Travis County AgriLife Extension Service present the 2009 Inside Austin Garden Tour.

This 2009 Inside Austin Garden Tour features six central Austin gardens that are National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitats. This year's tour is focusing on how to design urban garden spaces that attract wildlife, using native plants and sustainable gardening practices. The event includes garden tours and educational seminars at each location, including: "Gardening to Attract Birds;" "Plant Magnets for Butterflies and Hummingbirds;" and "Using Native Plants in the Landscape."

Tickets for the 2009 Inside Austin Garden Tour are \$10 (or \$5 per garden) and can be purchased at any home on the tour. In addition, plants are available for sale on-site.

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Hyde Park Scholars Study Abroad

Two young women who grew up in Hyde Park are studying abroad: Phoebe Moore, daughter of Catherine and John Paul Moore of 3802 Avenue H; and Becca Durr, daughter of Robin and Ken Durr of 205 East 43rd Street.

In spring 2009, Phoebe graduated from the University of Texas with a B.S. with Honors. She majored in Education with a minor in Architecture. She has now been admitted to the prestigious Courtauld Institute of Art History, which is part of the University of London system. Her research will focus on British architecture from 1620 to 1820. In the spring 2008 semester, Phoebe also studied in England. She attended the University of Sheffield as an exchange student in a U.T. program.

Becca Durr is in her final year at U.T., where she is majoring in International Relations and Government. This fall semester she is serving an internship with the Scottish Parliament. Through the University of Edinburgh, she is participating in a five week indoctrination program in Scottish history and culture. She will then serve as an intern to a member of the Scottish Parliament. Her special interests involve health care and children's issues. She hopes to undertake research in these areas, traveling about the country as the tasks demand.

Both Phoebe and Becca are products of a Hyde Park childhood — congratulations to them and their justifiably proud parents!

— Mary Caroline George

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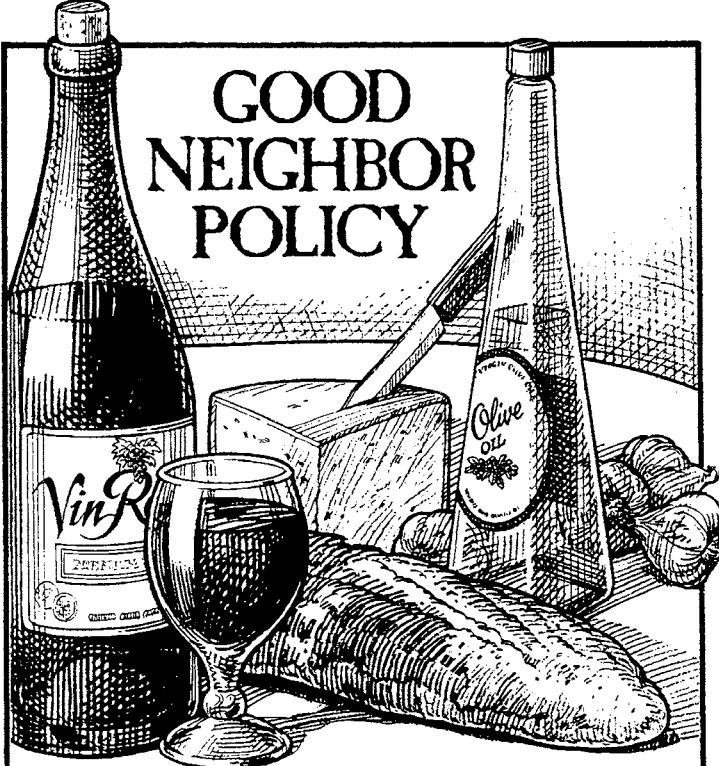
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These two projects remind us that we neighbors can be a part of the quality of life in Hyde Park and our stewardship of Shipe Park simply by caring and sharing our gifts. If you want to continue similarly admirable projects, consider the following:

- Work to improve Shipe Park by joining neighbors at the annual It's My Park! Day next spring (date TBD)
- Donate to the Austin Parks Foundation - Shipe Park Fund in your yearend giving. These funds will be used to make other improvements and/or to keep the pool open longer during the summer.

— Jack Nokes
4200 Avenue F

(Note: Neighbor Nokes was chair of the first-ever It's My Park! Day at Shipe two years ago, and has remained fully committed to the cause ever since.)



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October 2009



by Constable Bruce Elfant

Just over 20 years ago a friend of mine was severely beaten by her boyfriend. She didn't want to report it because she was convinced that the authorities wouldn't do anything and that it would further enrage her boyfriend. She did call the police, but they told her that if she wanted to file charges she would have to come down to police headquarters by noon the next day. Back then most law enforcement officials considered domestic violence to be a personal matter that did not merit police intervention.

This incident prompted me to join the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force that included police, prosecutors, judges and social service providers. Task force members had begun questioning the conventional wisdom and pushed for stronger domestic violence laws and police policies. Shortly thereafter, Austin became one of the first cities in the nation to implement a mandatory arrest policy when probable cause existed to link an individual to a domestic violence assault. In order to be eligible to be released on personal bond perpetrators had to agree to attend counseling classes. Almost overnight domestic violence arrests in Austin increased by 65%.

Congress proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month 20 years ago. Despite many new federal and state laws, multi-departmental collaborations and additional resources for outreach and shelters, domestic violence continues to be the leading cause of injury to women - more than muggings and auto accidents combined.

This year more than 4 million Americans will be victimized by domestic violence and about 17,000 will be killed. Children who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their partners. The annual costs of domestic violence are about \$6 billion. Unfortunately, domestic violence assaults continue to be among the most under reported crimes. According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, only about 25% of physical assaults, 20% of rapes and less than half of stalking cases are ever reported to police. Many victims are afraid to come forward and too many

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family members, friends and neighbors either fail to recognize or ignore signs that domestic violence has occurred. Domestic abuse does not have to be physical to be unhealthy. Threats and attempts at control are clear predictors of physical abuse.

When my friend needed help she had very few options. Today a large number of law enforcement, shelter and legal resources are easily accessible. The National Domestic Abuse Hotline, located in Austin and staffed 24-hours a day, can be reached at 800-799-SAFE (7233). SafePlace also can be accessed at any time at 512-267-SAFE (7233). A complete directory of domestic violence resources, including a series of brief videos in English and Spanish, is also available at <www.constable5.com>.



Gorilla Tactic: This creature was spotted recently in the vicinity of 42nd and Speedway, and is rumored to be planning a return visit to the neighborhood some time between now and October 31. Neighbors with knowledge of his whereabouts are encouraged to contact APD, and/or Animal Control. Photo by Jeff Ervin

Letters Dept.

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Dear Neighbors,

The city's directives for solid waste pick-up are to put containers on the curb, facing the street. However, alley side pick-up presents a different set of problems, particularly for a worker's ability get behind a container and maneuver it to the truck. An alley collection crew suggested it would be a big help to them if containers were turned so handles faced into the alley - or at least to the side. And, they asked that alleys be kept clean of junk, not just for access, but also for safety reasons.

So please, let's keep alley pick-up service by clearing out all the uncontainable stuff: used wood, pallets, PVC pipes and other materials reserved for the Large Item Pick-up days, which (they reminded me) are always from the front curbs of houses. Thanks

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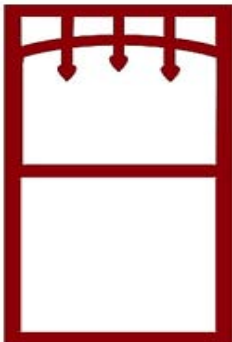
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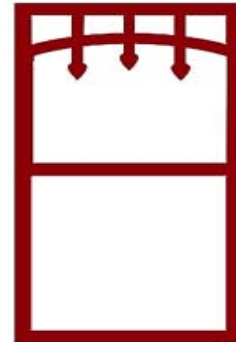
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In Memoriam: Bert Cromack

We are saddened to report the recent passing of long-time Hyde Parker and good neighbor and friend Bert Cromack of 4016 Duval. Bert was an active and enthusiastic member of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association -- for which, among other things, he did a stellar job over the years of storing our Homes Tour signs, and distributing and collecting them on the days of the Tour. On his frequent strolls through the neighborhood, he was never too busy to stop for a neighborly chat, which is why his walks seemed to cover relatively little distance, but all kinds of topics. Among the topics about which he was most passionate was the environment, as evidenced by the leadership role he played for many, many years with the Save Barton Creek Association. At home, he was a loving and loyal partner to his wife (and our former HPNA President) Celeste, and was most gracious about sharing her with the Association during the years of her presidential tenure. We join Celeste in mourning his passing, and in gratitude for having had him as a part of our lives for so long.



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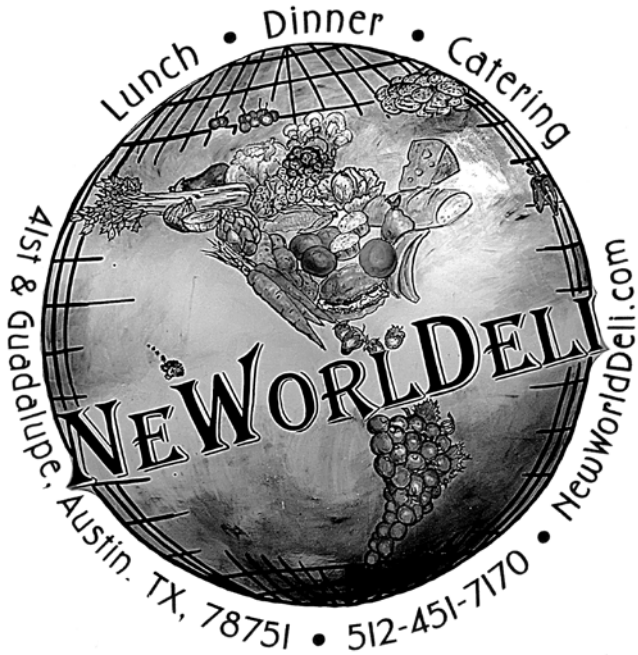
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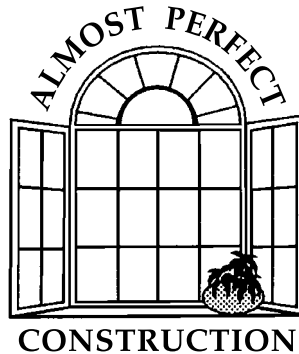


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35th Annual Fire Station Festival Rolls 3:30 pm on October 25th...

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back up Avenue F, and finishing at Fire Station #9. More details at <www.austinhdepark.org/fsfestival> .

At 4:00 p.m., be at the Fire Station (43rd and Speedway) to enjoy the music and setting Linda van Bavel and Lynne Hohlfeld have designed for you. Carol Jackson has new food and drink ideas to please our palates and complement the special dishes you bring to share. Joan Yamini is creating engaging activities for the children, thanks to generous funding by Grande Communications. Thank you, Grande! And how about the thought of your child, grandchild, or child-friend climbing in a fire truck? Touring the fire station? Creating a childhood memory to relate many years later?!

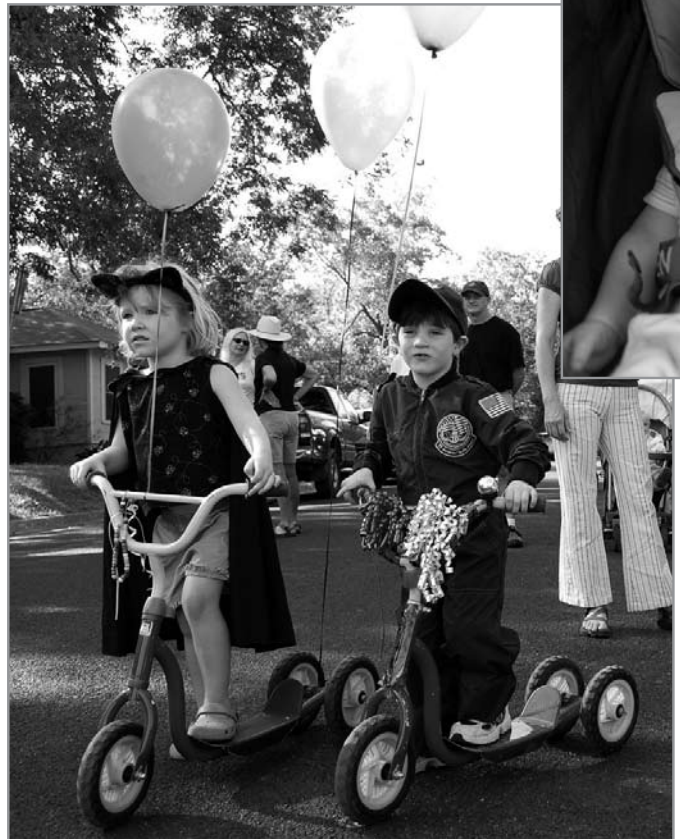
Our fire station has been saved at least twice by the kind of passionate and effective citizen involvement that is the *raison d'être* of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. Together, we make a difference in what happens in our neighborhood. To easily renew your membership, please bring a small amount of cash with you (standard dues are \$5/year, and for seniors, \$1/year). Representatives of HPNA will be available to assist you in re-registering your membership.

The HPNA "business" at the Festival will be led by HPNA President David Conner, and will focus on recognizing valuable volunteers, introducing the new leadership of the HPNA, and applauding elected officials in attendance. Last year the luminaries

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BELOW: Ready, Set.....Scooters at the Starting Line



All photos by Lorre Weidlich

Last Year's Festival



LEFT: Passing the Torch: Incoming and Outgoing HPNA Prez David Conner and Elaine Meenehan do a Banner Job of Leading Last Year's Fire Station Festival Parade



ABOVE: Petite Penguin and Big Bird Checking out the Costume Competition



LEFT: Boo! The Perkins/Dano Twins Get Ready for Halloween

BELOW: Laughing Leaders Lineup: Councilmember Sheryl Cole, U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett, HPNA Mayor-for-Life Dorothy Richter, and State Representative Elliot Naishtat



Mark Your Calendars!

The 35th Annual Hyde Park Fire Station Festival will be Sunday October 25th at 3:30 pm.

Childrens' parade, food, drink, music, and entertainment for the young at heart.



included Congressman Lloyd Doggett, City Council member Sheryl Cole, then-councilmember/now-mayor Lee Leffingwell, as well as State Representative Elliott Naishtat; and we expect a similarly stellar cast this year.

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 <deatonbednar@grandecom.net> if you have some spare time to help either before or on the day of the Festival. And as always, "day of" food contributions are gladly accepted on arrival to the Festival, and your help in breaking-down and cleaning-up after the event would also be most welcome.

On behalf of all the neighbors who are working so hard to ensure the Festival's success, we look forward to seeing you on the 25th! More information: <www.austinydepark.org/fsfestival>

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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@mail2sevenses.com> or 300-2228.

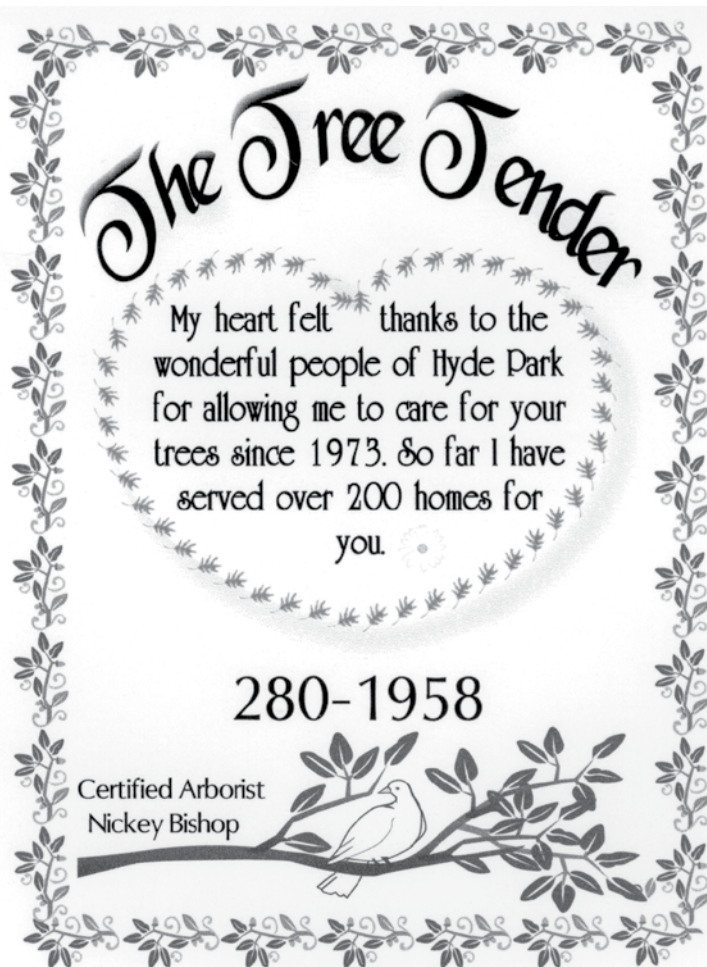
I'll keep my column short this month, because I am focusing my energies on working with Preservation Central to finish our Local Historic District Nomination form. If everything goes according to plan, by the time you read this, our nomination will have been delivered to the City of Austin Historic Preservation Office. Just now, I am in the midst of resolving any anomalies in the database. If you see a slightly demented-looking woman cruising slowly around the neighborhood, stopping to scribble information on a map of Hyde Park, you'll know I'm at work.

If any neighborhood in Austin is qualified for Local Historic District status, it's Hyde Park. 70 to 75% of our structures are contributing. That figure includes not only residences and businesses, but also a school, a fire station, a post office, a museum, a park pavilion, a moonlight tower, several bridges, and several churches.

Delivery of our nomination form does not mean our work is over; we are still in the process of collecting signatures of support. It will, however, show our intentions to the City of Austin. It is my hope that, with those intentions clearly indicated, the Historic Landmark Commission and the City Council will be more inclined to work with us in negotiating with people who want to demolish contributing structures and construct inappropriate ones.

I still need block captains. Email me to volunteer. The box on my front porch is still available (except during the rain!) for you to deposit your signed Statements of Support.

— Lorre Weidlich



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Dear Neighbors,

My husband and I moved to Hyde Park this year and feel like we have found our home. We discovered the pool and tennis courts at Shipe Park this summer (whew!) and enjoy all of the wonderful things that this neighborhood has to offer. I'd like to tell you about an organization that has been around for 25 years and is your neighbor too. NAMI Austin is the Austin affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and is nestled in a 4th story (donated) office at the Austin State Hospital just across Guadalupe. NAMI Austin is a grassroots organization of families, friends, and people living with mental illness dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI Austin offers support, education and advocacy through a volunteer network of members. When I say "mental illness," I mean depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, OCD, borderline personality disorder, and others. What I've learned since I've been involved with the organization is that it is okay to talk about mental illness — in fact, the more you talk about it, the more you realize just how prevalent it is in this world. An estimated one in four families is living with mental illness. Chances are, you someone affected by mental illness.

I'd like to let you know about NAMI Austin's only fundraiser — Saturday, October 10th is the NAMI Walks for the Mind of America. It is a 5K Walk from Auditorium Shores to the Capitol and back to raise awareness and to raise dollars for NAMI Austin to continue our mission. Beginning at 8AM on Auditorium Shores with live music and check-in, the Walk begins at 9AM. This is a family and dog friendly event and is rain or shine! Please visit the NAMI Austin website to learn more about this organization and to register online for the Walk. Our goal is to raise \$125,000 and to have 1250 Walkers this year. <www.namiaustin.org> <www.nami.org/namiwalks/TX/Austin> NAMI Austin phone number: (512) 420-9810

Thank you for reading this letter — and for being such great neighbors.

— Andrea Hunt

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: Sept. 14, 2009

Hyde Park Local Historic District Chair Lorre Weidlich opened the meeting with an update on the progress of this volunteer effort. She reported that the application is on track to be filed by the end of September.

It should be complete, except for all statements of support from landowners within the proposed boundaries. In August, the Austin City Council changed the Historic Landmark Ordinance, which action included changing the required landowner sign-off from 60% to 51%. Lorre estimates that the 51% support of landowners will be reached within the next two months. Two groups of block captains have been trained to answer questions and concerns, and to secure statements of support from landowners. For updates on the status of the progress toward a local historic district, to see the Design Standards, or download support statements refer to the website <www.austinhdepark.org/local_historic_dist.htm>

Barbara Kelly and Debbie Trammell from the **Austin State Hospital** came to talk about the role Austin State Hospital (ASH) plays in mental health care for people experiencing short term mental health issues. Currently, ASH has no residential care; it provides acute mental health care for patients in the area without insurance, including the homeless and jail referrals. Ms. Kelly and Ms. Trammell gave a taste of the **ASH Erasing Stigma, Changing Minds** program by guiding neighbors in attendance through a sensory exercise designed to give an idea of what it's like to do something as simple as carry on a conversation with another person while hearing voices. After the exercise, the ASH representatives led a discussion of attendees' reaction to the voices and how it affected conversations. Several questions were asked. Kelly and Trammell concluded by encouraging Hyde Park residents to visit the campus and to explore the many volunteer opportunities at ASH. Ms Kelly also thanked neighbors for donations, and encouraged additional donations. The facility can use any kind and size of gently used clothing, shoes and accessories like wallets. Each patient that is discharged is given a bag of clothing prior to release, creating a near constant need. Your donations will be appreciated and used. Donations should be delivered to the Community Relations Department. For more information about volunteers, donations, services, and where to drop donations, go to <www.ashvolunteers.org/wp/?page_id=2>

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Catherine Moore, member of the **HPNA Officer Nomination Committee** (other members of the committee were David Conner, Alan Marburger, and Grant Thomas) presented the slate for proposed election. Nominations for 2010 are: President: David Conner (returning) Co-Vice Presidents: Lisa Harris and Cynthia Majors Lyon Co-Secretaries: Sally Robey and Denise Girard (returning) Co-Treasurers: Carol Jackson (returning) and I. Jay Aarons (returning) Steering Committee (new 2 year terms): Wanda Penn, Dorothy Richter and Stan Kozinsky. Steering Committee (continuing 2nd year of term): John Paul Moore, Mark Fishman, Kent Risovi, and Paula Rhodes. Officer elections will be held at the October 5 General Membership Meeting.

– Denise Girard, HPNA Co-Secretary,
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Hyde Park Poets —

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— Nancy Taylor Day
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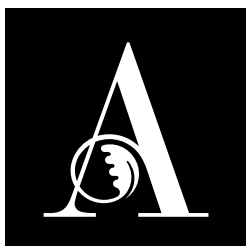


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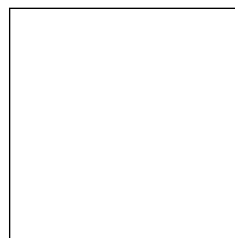
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